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On the cover: The Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund aims to reduce poverty and foster economic and social development.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
DMC	developing member country
EAKPF	Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund
FLFP	female labor force participation
FRTI	Financial Regulators Training Initiative
ICT	information and communication technology
SDCC	Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department
TA	technical assistance
TFP	Teach for the Philippines

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Fruit sellers in Ha Noi. The Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund was established to help achieve development goals and poverty reduction.

The Government of the Republic of Korea recognizes the value of information and communication technology and knowledge transfer in effectively reducing poverty, which laid the groundwork for the establishment of the Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund (EAKPF). This Annual Report 2019 is the 13th report and presents the fund's background, rationale, implementation progress, plans, and achievements since its inception in 2006.

In 2019, the Government of the Republic of Korea approvals reached \$12.20 million for 21 technical assistance (TA) projects. Of these approvals, 17 were for knowledge and support TA projects for \$10.25 million and 4 were for transaction TA projects for \$1.95 million. Two-thirds of these approved projects were in the infrastructure, finance, and health sectors.

Government approvals in 2006–2019 total \$71.08 million for 140 projects. Eighty-five of these projects have been completed and financially closed, 77 of which have completion reports. Of those with completion reports, 65 projects were rated either highly successful or successful. Majority of EAKPF-funded projects are regional in scope. The Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department (SDCC) received the greatest number of approvals.

The approvals were largely in the infrastructure, public sector management, and finance sectors.

An organizational realignment took place in April 2019 where the functions and responsibilities of the Office of Cofinancing Operations were split between the Strategy, Policy, and Partnerships Department and SDCC. The administration of EAKPF falls under the responsibility of SDCC.

Also in 2019, the Government of the Republic of Korea through EAKPF pledged a grant of \$5 million to promote ocean health through the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Catalytic Green Finance Facility.

Moving forward, EAKPF will focus on (i) proactively supporting ADB operations as a key trust fund, (ii) strengthening the utilization of Korean development knowledge, (iii) enhancing visibility to raise awareness of the fund's development contributions to ADB's developing member countries and its achievements, and (iv) improving fund application management through continuous improvement of the online application portal and performance monitoring by introducing simplified semiannual progress reporting.

EAKPF AT A GLANCE

EAKPF Approvals by Sector (2006–2019)

EAKPF = Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund, ICT = information and communication technology, M = million.

Source: Fund Monitoring Database.

EAKPF Approvals by Region (2006–2019)

EAKPF = Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund, M = million.

Source: Fund Monitoring Database.

BACKGROUND

Overview

Recognizing the value of information and communication technology (ICT) and knowledge transfer in narrowing the digital and knowledge divide to achieve development objectives and poverty reduction, the Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund (EAKPF) was established in June 2006 by the Republic of Korea as a single-donor trust fund administered by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The 2019 EAKPF annual report is the 13th since the fund's inception and covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2019. This annual report presents the background, performance, activities, and plans of the fund to date.

Objectives

The fund aims to contribute to poverty reduction and foster economic and social development process in ADB's developing member countries (DMCs) through its two windows: the e-Asia Program and the Knowledge Partnership Program.

The e-Asia program will help DMCs strengthen their capacities to maximize the use of ICT in the development process, while the Knowledge Partnership Program will help DMCs strengthen their capacities through sharing knowledge and experiences. In 2017, the fund expanded its scope to include all sectors.

Scope and Activities

The fund will finance components of investment projects, stand-alone grant-financed activities, technical assistance (TA) operations, and any other activities which may be agreed upon by the Government of the Republic of Korea and ADB.

The fund will support (i) concept development of potential ADB projects by enhancing readiness, capacity building, policy advice/dialogue, and pre-feasibility studies; (ii) preparation of ADB projects through feasibility studies; (iii) policy reform and institutional capacity building; (iv) studies, research, and analytical work; (v) dissemination, networking, and cross-learning; and (vi) innovative approaches promoting high-level technologies and ICTs.

Higher priority will be given to (i) transaction technical assistance which prepares, enhances readiness, develops capacity, and/or provides policy advice for ADB-financed projects; (ii) projects that utilize human resources, expertise, capital, and technologies in the Republic of Korea, or have potential to be carried out in collaboration with the country's Economic Development Cooperation Fund and Knowledge Sharing Program; and (iii) projects with potential to raise the Republic of Korea's visibility.

EAKPF supports the seven operational priorities of ADB's Strategy 2030¹ through its support toward promoting the use of ICT and technologies, creating and disseminating policy consultations, and building capacity and developing institutions.

¹ ADB. 2018. *Strategy 2030: Achieving a Prosperous, Inclusive, Resilient, and Sustainable Asia and the Pacific*. Manila.

EAKPF Application and Approval Process

ADB = Asian Development Bank, EAKPF = Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund, GOK = Government of the Republic of Korea.

Eligibility

All ADB DMCs are eligible for funding from EAKPF. The fund supports regional and country-specific initiatives.

To be eligible for funding, proposals (i) should be conceptually, programmatically, and procedurally aligned with the ADB country partnership strategy or the regional cooperation strategy; (ii) should be in line with ADB's ICT policy and strategies, particularly for ICT projects; (iii) should be discussed with key country stakeholders; (iv) shall use expertise from the Asia and Pacific region to the extent possible; (v) will encourage contributions, either in kind or in cash, from DMCs that will benefit from activities financed under the fund; (vi) will be encouraged to collaborate with international development partners; and/or (vii) may provide cofinancing opportunities with the Republic of Korea and its other funding agencies if the fund will be used for preparing investment projects.

Processing of Grant and Technical Assistance Proposals

The Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department (SDCC) is responsible for technical, financial, and implementation aspects of the EAKPF following the realignment of the Office of Cofinancing Operations in April 2019.²

Funding applications are submitted online through the EAKPF project application and monitoring portal.

In processing funding proposals, SDCC carries out the following functions: (i) receiving funding applications; (ii) consulting with project officers; (iii) screening and reviewing funding proposals; and (iv) consolidating, submitting to, and coordinating with the Government of the Republic of Korea on the evaluation and approval process.

The review process takes 15–20 days, and funding applications are submitted and processed quarterly by batch. Batch applications typically open in January, April, July, and October. The Government of the Republic of Korea reviews the proposals and makes its decision within 45 calendar days from submission of batch applications.

² ADB (Strategy and Policy Department; Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department; and Budget, Personnel, and Management Systems Department). 2019. Proposed Realignment of Office of Cofinancing Operations and Transfer of Financing Partnerships Responsibilities and Roles. Memorandum. 4 April (internal).

Promoting technology. The Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund supports projects that promote technologies and facilitate creation and sharing of information and knowledge.

Contributions of the Government of the Republic of Korea

Established in 2006 with an initial contribution of \$20 million, the Government of the Republic of Korea has since made additional contributions to the EAKPF of \$6.37 million in December 2010, \$6 million in October 2011, \$7.85 million in November 2012, \$8 million in November 2013, \$8 million in November 2014, \$1.2 million in December 2015, \$14.50 million in December 2016, \$15 million in November 2017, \$15 million in November 2018, and \$16.54 million in December 2019. Total contribution received from the Government of the Republic of Korea amounts to \$118.46 million.

Commitments and Financial Status

As of 31 December 2019, EAKPF approvals have reached \$71.08 million comprising \$69.58 million for 137 TAs and \$1.50 million for 3 grants. Fund balance for new commitments as of 31 December 2019 is \$52.94 million. Details of EAKPF's financial position as of end of 2019 are presented in Appendix 1.

2019 FUND OPERATIONS

Approvals

Of the 26 funding applications received in 2019, 21 obtained the approval of the Government of the Republic of Korea amounting to \$12.20 million. Eighteen of these TA projects have been approved by ADB, while three are awaiting approval. Most of the approvals were toward knowledge and support TA (17) followed by transaction TA (4).

In September 2019, the Government of the Republic of Korea approved funding of \$120,000 to strengthen operational support and communications for EAKPF. Categorized as a direct charge to the fund, this amount will be utilized for activities aimed at promoting the fund and disseminating its performance and achievements.

The list of EAKPF approvals for 2019 is in Appendix 2.

Geographic Distribution

Twelve (12) of the 2019 approvals were regional in scope. The remaining were for Azerbaijan (2), Mongolia (2), India (1), Kazakhstan (1), Pakistan (1), the Philippines (1), and Viet Nam (1). Azerbaijan and Pakistan are first-time EAKPF DMC recipients.

Sector Distribution

There had been eight approvals under the infrastructure sector (covering transport, energy, water, and urban infrastructure and services); three each under finance and health; two each under public sector management, multisector and ICT; and one under education.

ADB Department Distribution

Majority of the approvals in 2019 had been for TAs under the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department (SDCC) (7), followed by the Central and West Asia Department (4), Southeast Asia Department (3), Pacific Department (3), South Asia Department (2) and East Asia Department (2).

Activities in 2019

On 22 April 2019, then ADB President Takehiko Nakao approved the realignment of the Office of Cofinancing Operations by transferring (i) its partnership and relationship management and resource mobilization roles to the Strategic Partnerships Division, a new division in the Strategy, Policy, and Partnerships Department, and (ii) its responsibilities in the administration of trust funds and project-specific cofinancing, and information management to the Partner Funds Division, a new division in the SDCC. This realignment allows for comprehensive operational resource planning, a one-stop shop approach to trust funds, a “One ADB” approach to partners, and better access to financing partnerships data. Under the new arrangement, the technical, financial, and implementation aspects of the EAKPF fall under the purview of SDCC.

In May 2019, the Government of the Republic of Korea through EAKPF pledged a \$5 million grant for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Catalytic Green Finance Facility, with emphasis on projects to promote ocean health.³ Through the facility, the government financing will support the implementation of ADB’s new Action Plan for Healthy Oceans and Sustainable Blue Economies.

³ The ASEAN Catalytic Green Finance Facility was launched in April 2019. It is part of the ASEAN Infrastructure Fund, a regional financing initiative established by ASEAN governments and ADB in 2011 and administered by ADB.

In August 2019, the EAKPF introduced its project monitoring and application portal, an online tool for the submission and review of fund applications. The system, which includes quick reference guides for

navigation, allows for online submission of project documents and delivers an end-to-end solution to managing EAKPF fund applications.

Sector Distribution (number of projects)

ICT = information and communication technology.

Geographic Distribution (number of projects)

ADB Department Distribution (number of projects)

CWRD = Central and West Asia Department, EARD = East Asia Department, PARD = Pacific Department, SARD = South Asia Department, SDCC = Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, SERD = Southeast Asia Department.

2006–2019 FUND OPERATIONS

Approvals

Since its inception in 2006, the EAKPF received a total of 172 funding proposals, 140 of which were approved amounting to \$71.08 million. The Government of the Republic of Korea declined 25 applications, while 7 were either cancelled or withdrawn by the project team. ADB approved 137 of the government-approved proposals.

Of the cumulative EAKPF approvals, \$69.58 million went to finance 137 technical assistance, while \$1.50 million financed three grants. The full list of EAKPF-funded projects for the period 2006–2019 is presented in Appendix 3.

Portfolio Performance

As of 31 December 2019, there are 53 active projects in the EAKPF portfolio. Three government-approved projects are pending ADB approval.

Eighty-five projects have been completed and financially closed, with 77 (91%) projects having completion reports. Based on the completion reports, 24 (31%) projects were rated highly successful and 41 (53%) were successful. Eight completed and financially closed projects have yet to prepare completion reports as of end 2019.

Geographic Distribution

More than half of EAKPF approvals since the fund's inception were regional (78) in scope. The DMCs with the greatest number of EAKPF approvals were Mongolia (13), Bangladesh (7), the Philippines (6), the People's Republic of China (5), and India (5). The rest of the approvals were distributed across Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Solomon Islands, Tajikistan, Thailand, Uzbekistan, and Viet Nam.

Sector Distribution

The largest share of the EAKPF cumulative approvals were for the infrastructure sector (35),⁴ followed closely by public sector management (30), finance (20), multisector (19), ICT (11), and education (10). The rest of the approvals were distributed among health (8); industry and trade (5); and agriculture, natural resources, and rural development (2).

ADB Department Distribution

SDCC received the most number of funding approvals (38), followed by Southeast Asia Department (29), South Asia Department (21), East Asia Department (21), Central and West Asia Department (9), and Pacific Department (5). Seventeen approvals were for various ADB departments.

⁴ Includes transport, energy, water, and urban infrastructure and services.

Geographic Distribution (number of projects)

DMC = developing member country.

Sector Distribution (number of projects)

ANR = agriculture, natural resources, and rural development; ICT = information and communication technology.

ADB Department Distribution (number of projects)

CWRD = Central and West Asia Department, EARD = East Asia Department, PARD = Pacific Department, SARD = South Asia Department, SDCC = Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, SERD = Southeast Asia Department.

FEATURED PROJECTS

Promoting Smart Drinking Water Management in South Asian Cities (TA 9048-REG)

Sector: **Water and Other Infrastructure and Services**

Amount: **\$1 million**

Countries: **Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka**

Source: ADB. 2015. *Technical Assistance for Promoting Smart Drinking Water Management in South Asian Cities*. Manila.

Asia, home to half of the world's megacities, is seeing rapid urbanization with small and medium-sized cities growing at a faster rate than larger ones. Asia's urbanization is expected to continue to increase from 59% in 2014 to 78% by 2050,⁵ which requires more efficient and effective ways of providing basic urban services, including drinking water supply.

The Promoting Smart Drinking Water Management in South Asian Cities TA was designed to improve urban drinking water supply services targeting the cities of Dhaka and Khulna in Bangladesh, Thimphu in Bhutan, Chennai and Jaipur in India, Kwasoti in Nepal, and Colombo in Sri Lanka.

The EAKPF partners with ADB in enhancing capacity of water utilities in the identified South Asian cities, aiming to raise operational efficiency and financial sustainability through developing operational efficiency improvement plans, implementing knowledge-building and skills development programs on smart drinking water management and technologies, preparing financial sustainability improvement plans, and introducing new drinking water contract modalities.

Harnessing Korean technology and expertise, the Korea Water Resources Corporation (K-water) serves as the TA's technical and training partner tasked with developing tailored training programs and conducting exposure visits in the Republic of Korea to introduce and

Drinking water. ADB and the Government of the Republic of Korea support enhancing urban drinking water supply services in South Asia (photo courtesy of video featuring TA 9048-REG).

Smart water management. K-water provides technical inputs and training in smart water management.

showcase the latest smart drinking water management technologies to nominated water utilities staff.

Activities in Kwasoti and Jaipur are ongoing as well as diagnostic assessment and pilot testing of applications of smart devices. The TA is expected to be completed in December 2020.

⁵ United Nations. 2014. *World Urbanization Prospects*.

Teach for the Philippines (TA 8695-PHI)

Sector: **Education**

Amount: **\$500,000**

Country: **Philippines**

Source: ADB. 2018. *Technical Assistance Completion Report: Teach for the Philippines in the Philippines*. Manila.

Recognizing that better teacher quality is key to improving students' learning outcomes especially in functional literacy, ADB through the EAKPF supported the Teach for the Philippines (TFP)⁶ in the implementation of a strategy to recruit new teachers and provide them with training in modern pedagogical techniques and the use of appropriate technology.

Against the set outputs, the TA helped strengthen TFP's Summer Institute by adapting the Teach for All teaching as leadership framework to the Philippine context, redesigned a gender-responsive programming and training curriculum, and launched the Transformational Leadership Continuum via an online learning management system; developed an interactive online system to support TFP's teacher fellows and served as an accessible online platform to support and assess pre- and in-service training; procured 142 tablets for the use of TFP fellows to introduce information and communication technology (ICT) in the classroom among their co-teachers; and established a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation system for TFP's teacher training programs.

Rated highly successful, the TA achieved and even exceeded all its expected outputs. At the time of TA closing, the intended increase in learning outcomes in functional literacy among students in schools supported by TFP have yet to be assessed. Nevertheless, TFP clearly has made considerable progress toward its long-term goal of building a network of alumni who will grow into future positions that impact education reform.

Of the total headcount for Alumni Program of 210 participants, 32% joined the government, 26% went to teaching roles, and 15% assumed corporate positions.

Teacher and students. Enrollment rates are high in the Philippines, but so are the dropout rates, especially among the poor and disadvantaged groups.

Teaching programs. TFP also supports further learning. A teacher fellow teaching in one of TFP's partner schools.

For Annika Lawrence, education specialist at ADB, "This long-term vision and the theory of change of TFP to have a cadre of professionals with a strong background in education as they progress through different career paths is what can have a lasting impact in the Philippines' education system."

⁶ TFP is a nongovernment organization in the Philippines and a member of the Teach for All network across 34 countries.

Information and Communication Technology for Development Initiative Facility in Asia and the Pacific (TA 8813-REG)

Sector: **ICT**

Amount: **\$1.5 million**

Countries: **Regional**

Source: ADB. 2020. *Technical Assistance Completion Report: Information and Communication Technology for Development Initiative Facility in Asia and the Pacific*. Manila.

ADB recognizes the role of ICT in promoting inclusive growth in the Asia and Pacific region. However, the lack of adequate enabling environment such as ICT infrastructure, policy and regulatory environment, and sufficient government support and capacity hampered opportunities for ICT to contribute to the development of ADB's developing member countries (DMCs). TA 8813-REG aimed to help DMCs maximize the use of ICT in development activities and improve the capacity of governments to identify and prepare ICT projects.

The TA provided support to DMCs through ADB's operations departments by funding activities that helped operations departments improve project design, by integrating innovative digital technology components in projects, mobilizing experts, conducting capacity-building activities, and establishing knowledge partnerships.

With substantial funding from the EAKPF, the TA was completed in December 2019 with a highly successful rating. Among the TA's accomplishments were the establishment of ADB's Advisory Group in Digital Technology for Development; organizing capacity-building and knowledge-sharing events including the Digital Development Forum, regional and in-country workshops on topics such as smart city, ICT for energy, water supply and waste management, ICT in education, e-commerce, tech start-up support and livable cities; and production of knowledge products such as reports on *Identity for Development in Asia and the Pacific* (published in 2016), *Public Internet Center for Rural Development* (published in 2017) and *Embracing the e-Commerce Revolution in Asia and the Pacific*.

Digital development. Panelists and experts gather at the Digital Development Forum held at ADB headquarters in September 2019.

Discussions. A participant raises a point during the workshop on Tech Start-Ups Support Program in Asia held in Seoul in April 2019.

The TA highlights partnership and extensive collaboration with Korean institutions: National Information Society Agency, Korea Local Information Research and Development Institute, G-Best Water Research Center, Seoul Urban Solution Agency, Seoul Global Center, Korea Health Industry Development Institute, Korea Water and Seoul Business Agency, Wastewater Works Association, and Seoul Housing and Communities Corporation.

“The TA was implemented by the expert group on digital technologies in ADB, and was flexible in terms of target countries and topic areas so that the TA could be more relevant to, and was able to effectively respond to, a variety of demands from DMCs,” stated Seok Yong Yoon, principal public management specialist for e-Governance in ADB. “In addition, the TA was implemented with a high degree of support from the governments and stakeholders. All the technical inputs and activities under the TA were well-received and incorporated in ADB projects.”

Economic Analysis for Gender and Development (TA 8620-REG)

Sector: **Public Sector Management**

Amount: **\$500,000**

Countries: **People's Republic of China, India, Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Pakistan**

Source: ADB. 2016. *Technical Assistance Completion Report: Economic Analysis for Gender and Development*. Manila.

Based on empirical studies, gender inequality often relates to uneven development outcomes, and addressing gender-related issues can have a significant effect on the efficiency and welfare aspects of policy interventions.

TA 8620 was developed on request by the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family of the Republic of Korea to provide support for quantifying the cost of gender inequality in terms of foregone output growth to support policy formulation in selected DMCs: the People's Republic of China, India, the Republic of Korea, Indonesia, and Pakistan. An assessment of the female labor force participation (FLFP) rate and identifying trends, characteristics of individuals, and factors affecting FLFP in the selected DMCs aided in the identification of existing issues, data gaps, and outlining tools to increase FLFP according to country context.

Supported by the EAKPF, a major output of the TA, the Asia Synthesis Report, outlined some key constraints on FLFP in the select DMCs, and from which three ADB working papers and two reports on FLFP were generated. The TA provided inputs to the Seminar on Gender Equity during the ADB Annual Meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan in 2015, and to the Asian Development Outlook Update 2015 on Enabling Women, Energizing Asia.

The model and results of the analysis were disseminated not only to the selected DMCs, but also served as discussion platform for stakeholders within ADB (gender experts and economists) and outside of ADB (government officials and researchers) through various workshops.

Vocational education. The study recommended the provision of appropriately designed vocational education and skills to open opportunities for good jobs.

Female participation. According to the EAKPF-sponsored study, higher female labor force participation can enable faster economic growth.

ADB principal social sector specialist Sakiko Tanaka recalled, “the project design was smooth as the demand on gender and economic analysis was clear from the participating countries. However, as we have a handful of experts working for the TA, it was challenging for us to coordinate all researchers’ schedules to organize workshops and put together the research outputs. But as results of a good collaboration between Korea University, JFK school and ADB, we could overcome such challenges during implementation. The implementation period was kept as planned.”

Strengthening Support for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Financial Regulators Training Initiative (TA 7805-REG)

Sector: **Finance**

Amount: **\$500,000**

Countries: **Regional**

Source: ADB. 2016. *Technical Assistance Completion Report: Strengthening Support for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Financial Regulators Training Initiative*. Manila.

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Financial Regulators Training Initiative (FRTI) was established in 1998 to build expertise of financial supervisory and regulatory authorities in the Asia and Pacific region with the aim to enhance stability of the region's financial sector. The APEC FRTI has been supported by ADB since its inception and has served as its secretariat.

TA 7805, ADB's third support to the implementation of APEC FRTI, helped revise the FRTI strategic plans, upgrade training programs, conduct international seminars on financial market supervision and regulation, develop case studies with regional content and perspectives, and upgrade the Advisory Group website.

"FRTI served as a conduit, with funding support from EAKPF, through which Korean development knowledge on financial supervision and regulation was disseminated among DMCs in the region," recalled Hoe Yun Jeong, who previously served as FRTI secretariat manager in ADB. "Specifically, the program invited Korean resource persons from multiple institutions such as Financial Supervisory Service, Bank of Korea, Korea Capital Market Institute, Korea Exchange, and Korea Investors Protection Foundation, among others, to various training workshops."

Under the TA, 5 Advisory Group meetings and 41 upgraded training seminars and conferences matching the changing environment and demands, have been

Financial sector training. The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Financial Regulators Training Initiative trains financial and regulatory authorities to enhance the region's financial sector.

delivered. The APEC FRTI website was further improved to allow distinctive access levels and information to Advisory Group participants making available access to presentation materials, information, research papers, and networks to programs attended.

"The FRTI is specifically focused on the Asian context. Its curricula and course materials were updated with regional case studies by regional financial supervisory authorities and institutions building on the international best practices in banking supervision and securities regulation," Jeong added.

APEC FRTI seminars have grown from 9 in 2010 to 13 in 2014, while the average number of trained participants has increased from 49 in 2010 to 54 in 2015. This has broadened the pool of potential resource persons from the region as well as encouraged member countries to provide both financial and logistical support to the training seminars.

WAY FORWARD

Farming. A vegetable farmer waters his plants in the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

EAKPF will play a more significant role in supporting ADB's operations in response to the needs of the region through harnessing Korean development knowledge and technology in ADB projects that it finances.

EAKPF will continue to promote awareness through outreach to regional departments and close consultation with project officers. As part of the efforts to raise visibility and promote the accomplishments of the fund, videos featuring innovative and highly successful EAKPF-funded projects will be produced, annual reporting of the fund will be improved, and knowledge-sharing activities to disseminate EAKPF's operations and experiences will be conducted.

For efficiency and to effectively monitor progress, EAKPF will move toward semi-annual reporting for all ongoing EAKPF-funded projects using simplified progress report format. The EAKPF online application system will continue to undergo improvements to strengthen fund applications management.

These are all efforts to promote the Republic of Korea as an active partner in development and poverty alleviation in the Asia and Pacific region, and the fund's accountability to the government and its citizens.

APPENDIX 1

Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund Status of Grant

Statement 1

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
ADMINISTRATOR FOR
E-ASIA AND KNOWLEDGE PARTNERSHIP FUND
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
CHANNEL FINANCING AGREEMENT

STATUS OF GRANT
As of 31 December 2019
(Expressed in Thousands of US Dollars)

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION COMMITTED		118,794
Exchange gain (loss) on contribution received		(340)
NET CONTRIBUTION AVAILABLE		118,454
Interest income - cash in bank	205	
Interest income - investments	3,856	
Gain (loss) on foreign exchange transactions	(0)	4,061
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE		122,515
Amounts utilized for:		
Project expenditures (Statement 2)	(40,746)	
Contributions to ADBI	(7,400)	
ADB service fees	(2,023) ^{b/}	
Salaries and benefits	(667)	
Financial expenses	(8)	(50,844)
UNUTILIZED BALANCE		71,671 ^{a/}
Outstanding commitments	(16,837)	
Reserve for ADB service fees	(842) ^{b/}	(17,679)
UNUTILIZED BALANCE		53,992
Approved projects not yet effective		
9906/MON: Improving Transport Services in Ger Areas	(500)	
9938/MON: Methane Gas Supply Chain Development Master Plan	(500)	
Reserve for ADB service fees	(50) ^{b/}	(1,050)
UNCOMMITTED BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR NEW COMMITMENTS		52,942

0 = less than \$500

^{a/} Represented by:

Cash in bank	5,256
Investment	66,319
Accrued interest	31
Interfund receivable	80
Interfund payable	(169)
Advances	154
	<u>71,671</u>

^{b/} Represents five percent (5%) and two percent (2%) of project expenditures/outstanding commitments for Technical Assistance and Grants, respectively.

APPENDIX 2

2019 Fund Operations

Facilitating Knowledge for Innovation and Technology Cooperation to Accelerate Development

TA 9943-REG

(IND, INO, PHI)

Multisector

Amount: \$750,000

Based on a study, developing countries have experienced slower efficiency gains and technology absorption that could undermine their progress on the Sustainable Development Goals. ADB can help these developing member countries (DMCs) by providing opportunities to increase their absorptive capacity to the right technology.

The technical assistance (TA) expects the DMCs' capacity enhancement to adopt innovation and technology advancements in development priorities through two outputs: (i) knowledge immersion in developing member countries and (ii) dissemination of replicable practices and lessons.

Strengthening the Implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana

TA 9980-IND

Health

Amount: \$500,000

To improve health sector outcomes, India is pursuing a multistakeholder engagement in the design and delivery of an inclusive and pluralistic health care system, including PM-JAY (Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana). The TA aims to sustain the initiatives in redefining India's health care system under PM-JAY by drawing from global best practices in digital solutions and financing, including from the experiences in the health system reforms in developed countries, and strengthening capacity in developing and managing an integrated, efficient, and modern health care system.

This TA is designed to achieve the universal access to equitable, affordable, and responsive quality health care through four outputs: (i) formulation of recommendations for digital solutions to improve the operational efficiency of PM-JAY implementation, (ii) development of innovative models of financing and service delivery, (iii) development of framework and strategies to strengthen states' capacity for implementation, and (iv) development of framework and strategies to strengthen private sector response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

Strengthening Social Protection in the Pacific

TA 9963-REG

(COO, FIJ, FSM, KIR, NAU, NIU, PAL, PNG, RMI, SAM, SOL, TON, TUV, VAN)

Health

Amount: \$500,000

Under the increasing poverty, social exclusion, and vulnerability in the Pacific, the TA is designed to address piecemeal and weakly targeted social protection measures, and expand social protection systems to promote sustainable support for the vulnerable. It will offer broad support to meet the distinct needs of the region by focusing on social insurance, social assistance, and active labor market programs.

This TA expects to strengthen social protection systems and programs in selected Pacific DMCs through three outputs: (i) identification and prioritization of gender-responsive social protection policies and investments, (ii) improvement in capacity in building social protection systems and delivery of social protection services for vulnerable groups, and (iii) strengthening of social protection partnerships and production and sharing knowledge products among Pacific DMCs.

Fostering Development of Local Technical Start-ups

53416-001-AZE

Information and communication technology

Amount: **\$500,000**

The Government of Azerbaijan recognizes the importance of digital development and views tech start-ups as a driving force for the country's information and communication technology (ICT) sector and digital transformation, and as a source of innovative solutions and productivity growth in the economy. However, the tech start-up growth is slow because of the lack of knowledge, digital literacy, and awareness, together with the regulatory gaps.

This TA is designed to strengthen local capacity for effective start-ups facilitations through the following three outputs: (i) strengthening of enabling environment for regional technical start-ups, (ii) improvement of institutional set up for tech start-ups development in the regions, and (iii) development of knowledge partnerships.

Promoting Action on Plastics Pollution from Source to Sea in Asia and the Pacific

TA 0044-REG

(INO, MYA, PRC, THA, VIE)

Water and Other Urban Infrastructure and Services

Amount: **\$500,000**

Marine plastic pollution is an enormous and growing problem, and largely resulting from unsustainable production and consumption patterns and poor or insufficient integrated solid waste management (ISWM) systems. For DMCs, ISWM is expensive and prioritized below other competing development needs. The marine plastic pollution problem requires an immediate and significant expansion in effective ISWM, including reduce, reuse, and recycle, and these changes require planning and policy reform; investment in infrastructure, technologies, and systems; and strong partnerships, knowledge, and financing. The TA focuses initially on Southeast Asia, targeting DMCs for support based on potential impact and demand.

This TA is expecting enhancement of DMC action to address marine plastic pollution through three outputs: (i) support for plans and policies to address marine plastic pollution; (ii) support for plastic pollution reduction investments; and (iii) improvement of knowledge, regional cooperation, and financing for marine plastic pollution solutions.

Green and Innovative Finance Initiatives for Scaling Up Southeast Asian Infrastructure

(Supplementary Financing)

TA 9621-REG**(BRU, CAM, INO, LAO PDR, MAL, MYA, PHI, SIN, THA, VIE)****Finance**Amount: **\$1.5 million**

As the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals highlight the urgent need for sustainable and climate-proofed infrastructure development, the financial needs and gaps are rising. In order to support Southeast Asian countries to overcome the various challenges in developing a scale of bankable projects, the TA aims to integrate capacity and institutional building at government levels with development of practical innovative finance structures and demonstration of such structures in selected projects for future replication.

This TA is designed to achieve improved capacity of Southeast Asian governments to use innovative finance structures in developing green and bankable infrastructure projects that can attract private capital and/or management through three outputs: (i) development of innovative finance models and mechanisms for infrastructure in Southeast Asia, (ii) development of innovative finance pilot transactions, and (iii) development of sustainable approaches for the green and innovative finance initiative.

Protecting and Investing in Natural Capital in Asia and the Pacific: Subproject - Bird e-Sensitivity Mapping for the Asia Region**TA 9461-REG****(IND, SRI, THA, VIE)****Energy**Amount: **\$500,000**

The Asia and Pacific region are highly dependent on natural capital. However, the region is experiencing severe declines in natural capital that threaten to constrain future economic growth. To cope with this situation, TA 9461-REG aims to achieve increasing commitment of developing member countries to invest in natural capital through the following four outputs: (i) establishment of business case for natural capital investments, (ii) preparation of investments in natural capital, (iii) enhancement of capacity to address illegal wildlife crime, and (iv) strengthening knowledge and capacity for natural capital investments.

As a subproject to TA 9461-REG, this TA is designed to support, develop, and disseminate a bird e-sensitivity map and associated guidance identified under output.

Developing the Insurance Sector for Sustainable and Resilient Society in Asia and the Pacific**TA 9917-REG****(BAN, FIJ, PAK, PHI)****Finance**Amount: **\$500,000**

The insurance and pension industry serves a critical role in protecting households and businesses against a widening range of risks. This TA will carry out cross-sector and thematic regional studies on the widening “protection gap” (the gap between the amount of insurance and/or pension coverage that is economically beneficial and what is purchased), and how the development of insurance and pension markets in ADB’s DMCs can help in closing this gap.

This TA expects innovative insurance solutions expanded through the following three outputs: (i) delivery of analytical studies on insurance and pensions solutions; (ii) demonstration of the use of new technology for developing innovative insurance solutions; and (iii) improvement in capacity of national and regional policy makers, insurance supervisors, and other insurance industry stakeholders.

Using Digital Technology to Improve National Health Insurance in Asia and the Pacific

(formerly Supporting Digital National Health Insurance Management Systems in Asia and the Pacific)

TA 9967-REG

(ARM, BAN, MON, PHI, VIE)

Health

Amount: **\$1 million**

Countries across Asia and the Pacific are strengthening national universal health coverage (UHC) strategies, driven by the need to support economic and human capital development. The TA will help ADB's DMCs achieve UHC by supporting the development and adoption of digital national health insurance (NHI) information systems.

This TA is designed to improve the management of NHI in selected DMCs through three outputs: (i) assessment of national health insurance information systems of selected developing member countries, (ii) improvement of NHI insurance information systems of selected DMCs, and (iii) strengthening capacity to implement and maintain the national health insurance information systems for universal health coverage.

Integrated and Innovative Solutions for More Livable Cities

(formerly Enhancing Capacities of Cities to become More Livable through Integrated and Innovative Solutions)

TA 9919-REG

(Regional)

Multisector

Amount: **\$500,000**

Urbanization is among the most significant global trends; however, at the same time, cities face challenges such as infrastructure deficits, environmental stress, and violence. The TA will support the efforts of ADB's DMCs to build livable cities that are green, competitive, inclusive, and resilient by applying innovative and integrated solutions in project development, design, and execution.

The TA's outputs include (i) developing plans for enhancing livability in select cities, (ii) supporting ADB's projects incorporating integrated and innovative urban solutions for selected cities, and (iii) improving knowledge and capacities of select cities on livability.

Improving Transport Services in Ger Areas

TA 9906-MON

Transport

Amount: **\$500,000**

Mongolia has experienced rapid urbanization and it caused in-country migration from the countryside to informal settlements on city periphery known as *ger* areas. This TA will build the capacity of the Governor's Office of Capital City, Public Transport Service Department, bus companies, and Ulaanbaatar Smart Card Company to improve the

accessibility and quality of public transport services in the Chilgeltei corridor of the northern *ger* area. It will engage civil society and the community to encourage necessary behavior change to improve the overall project outcomes.

This TA expects as outcome an improved access to public transport services for residents, particularly vulnerable groups, in *ger* areas through the following three outputs: (i) development of predictive bus information service and effective customer feedback mechanism, (ii) improvement of capacity of the executing agency and bus companies, and (iii) support for behavior change and community engagement.

Promoting Digital Technologies for Sustainable Development

TA 9946-KAZ

Public Sector Management

Amount: **\$500,000**

Kazakhstan is seeking to transform its economy and improve people's living standards by promoting the use of ICT. This TA will complement Kazakhstan's efforts to improve peoples' quality of life and promote sustainable economic development through the improved use of digital technologies. Its expected outcome is promotion of innovative high-level technologies.

The TA will support the following three outputs: (i) identification of opportunities and obstacles to adopting selected digital technology solutions; (ii) improvement of capacity of local government stakeholders to promote high-level technologies; and (iii) analysis of the feasibility of digital technology solutions in select areas for sustainable development.

Preparing Urban Development Projects

(formerly known as e-Vehicles for Last-Kilometer Connectivity in Pakistan under the Peshawar Sustainable Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Project)

TA 9839-PAK

Transport

Amount: **\$450,000**

The TA facility will support preparatory activities for ensuing projects and innovative aspects of ongoing projects in need of further preparatory activities. This TA will support investment projects which will comprise the subsectors of (i) urban transport; (ii) urban water, sanitation, and flood control; (iii) solid waste management; (iv) low-income housing; (v) cultural heritage restoration; (vi) tourism development; and (vii) ICT.

It will deliver three outputs: (i) preparation of feasibility studies and investment plans, (ii) completion of due diligence for ensuing projects, and (iii) strengthening project management and urban service delivery capacity.

Strengthening Knowledge Partnership to Support Project Development

TA 9798-REG

(BAN, BHU, IND, MLD, NEP, SRI)

Transport

Amount: **\$500,000**

South Asia is the fastest growing region in Asia. However, the region continues to face development challenges posed by the remaining infrastructure deficit, rapid pace of urbanization, and climate change. This TA responds to the needs of South Asian DMCs for innovative technology and cross-cutting solutions to address challenges by focusing on knowledge transfer from selected agencies in the Republic of Korea.

Its outcome will be an increase in the pipeline of projects with innovative technologies and cross-cutting solutions, while its outputs include (i) preparation of analytical studies on innovative technologies and crosscutting solutions on areas of priority, and (ii) enhancement of knowledge on innovative technologies and cross-cutting solutions.

Methane Gas Supply Chain Development Master Plan

TA 9938-MON

Energy

Amount: **\$500,000**

As air pollution is one of the most serious issues in Mongolia, the Government of Mongolia set the target to reduce air and environmental pollution by at least 50% by 2025. The TA will support Mongolia's energy policy to mitigate air pollution, and ensure a reliable, clean, and secure primary energy supply.

This TA is designed to increase readiness for investments in methane gas supply infrastructure through the following outputs: (i) preparation of methane gas supply chain development strategy paper, (ii) preparation of prefeasibility study report on prioritized methane gas infrastructure projects, and (iii) enhancement of capacity in methane gas supply infrastructure.

Strengthening Tax Policy and Administration Capacity

TA 9799-AZE

Public Sector Management

Amount: **\$500,000**

To lessen fiscal dependence on oil revenues in Azerbaijan, the government has focused on strengthening tax policy and administration capacity in non-oil sectors and has implemented several tax reforms. This TA assists the Ministry of Taxes and the Ministry of Finance to strengthen tax revenue administration and policy analysis capacity to mobilize domestic resources. The TA will provide services and operational support to help both ministries design tax administration and policy reforms.

The TA's outputs are (i) strengthened human resource and organizational performance management; (ii) improved taxpayer services; (iii) improved taxpayer compliance by dealing more effectively with serious incidents of noncompliance; and (iv) enhanced fiscal management through improved fiscal modeling.

Financial Inclusion Framework Strengthening**TA 9166-PHI****Finance**Amount: **\$500,000**

Despite the impressive growth of microfinance and a recognized development framework for inclusive finance globally, financial inclusion in the Philippines remains low. The TA aims to identify sector-wide binding constraints to formulate effective assistance and support government's efforts to expand financial inclusion, by strengthening the policy and regulatory framework to promote financial services for the country's unserved and underserved population.

This TA will support the following outputs: (i) assessment of financial inclusion framework to formulate effective assistance; and (ii) improvement of policy and regulatory framework to promote savings and credit.

Digital Development Facility for Asia and the Pacific**TA 9794-REG****(Regional)****Information and communication technology**Amount: **\$500,000**

The Strategy 2030 of the ADB recognizes the promotion of innovative technology as one of its guiding principles for operations and is committed to "proactively seek ways to promote the use of advanced technologies across its operations and provide capacity building support to developing member countries (DMCs)." In this regard, the TA aims to build the foundation for a comprehensive plan of actions to scale up ADB's digital technology interventions in the implementation of Strategy 2030.

This TA will support ADB's DMCs by (i) identifying digital development opportunities, (ii) enhancing design quality of digital technology components in selected projects, and (iii) improving the capacity of DMCs through knowledge activities. Through the TA, digital components will be included in more ADB projects, the design quality of the projects will be improved, and better outcomes from the use of digital technology will be realized.

Strengthening Domestic Transport Connectivity in the Pacific - Vanuatu Inter-Island Shipping and Support Project (VISSP)-Upgradation of South Paray Wharf, Port Villa**TA 9331-REG****(SOL, TON, VAN)****Transport**Amount: **\$500,000**

The Vanuatu Inter-Island Shipping Support Project is designed to help the country upgrade its port facilities and expand shipping services to remote islands. However, due to faulty engineering design carried out under the project, the ongoing works were suspended. ADB mobilizes additional resources required to complete the project as originally envisaged and the TA will provide project preparatory support.

The TA will support the following three outputs: (i) detailed engineering design, (ii) procurement support, and (iii) capacity assessment of implementing agency in project implementation.

Strengthening Education in the Pacific Region

(formerly Open, Flexible, Distance Learning Resources Repository for the Pacific Region)

TA 9645-REG

(Pacific DMCs)

Education

Amount: **\$500,000**

While Pacific DMCs have made significant progress toward universal access to primary education, student learning outcomes remain poor. The TA will (i) support Pacific DMCs in addressing the perennial challenges in improving the quality of education through enhanced regionalism and mutually beneficial partnerships with regional institutions; (ii) develop and expand access to a regional repository platform and learning management platform for open, distance, and flexible learning; and (iii) support small assessments, studies, and exchanges to expand knowledge development and program development in the region.

Specifically, the Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund (EAKPF) financing will support the development of quality e-learning resources in Fiji, which will be easily assessed and usable from all Pacific countries' ministries of education.

Smart and Efficient Lightning Project

53333-001-VIE

Energy

Amount: **\$500,000**

Viet Nam is one of the most energy and carbon-intensive economies in Asia due to its high reliance on fossil fuels. Concerns over rising energy prices and greenhouse gas emissions led the government to take action to improve energy efficiency. The TA aims to support enhanced enabling environment for promoting energy efficiency investments in the public sector and for developing public-private partnership (PPP) markets.

The TA will provide (i) preparation of a replicable lighting project in selected cities and provinces including the use of appropriate financing mechanisms such as PPPs, (ii) policy and regulatory support to enable scale-up of energy efficiency investments, and (iii) capacity building and awareness raising for stakeholders.

ARM = Armenia, AZE = Azerbaijan, BAN = Bangladesh, BRU = Brunei Darussalam, CAM = Cambodia, COO = Cook Islands, FIJ = Fiji, FSM = Federated States of Micronesia, IND = India, INO = Indonesia, KAZ = Kazakhstan, KIR = Kiribati, LAO PDR = Lao People's Democratic Republic, MAL = Malaysia, MON = Mongolia, MYA = Myanmar, NAU = Nauru, NEP = Nepal, NIU = Niue, PAK = Pakistan, PAL = Palau, PNG = Papua New Guinea, PRC = People's Republic of China, RMI = Marshall Islands, SAM = Samoa, SIN = Singapore, SOL = Solomon Islands, SRI = Sri Lanka, THA = Thailand, TON = Tonga, TUV = Tuvalu, VAN = Vanuatu, VIE = Viet Nam.

Source: ADB technical assistance reports and EAKPF application of the respective projects, as applicable.

APPENDIX 3

2006–2019 Fund Operations

Project Title	Project No.	Department	Government Approved Amount ('000)	Government Approval Date	ADB Approval Date	Status	TCR Rating
Armenia							
Institutional Modernization to Improve the Business Environment in Armenia	7414	CWRD	500	25-Jun-08	8-Dec-09	Closed	HS
Azerbaijan							
Fostering Development of Local Technical Start-ups	53416-001	CWRD	500	22-Jan-20			
Strengthening Tax Policy and Administration Capacity	9799	CWRD	500	30-Jul-19	10-Sep-19	Active	
Bangladesh							
Knowledge Solutions for Inclusive and Sustainable Development	9602	SARD	500	27-Aug-18	1-Oct-18	Active	
Southwest Transmission Grid Expansion Project	0590	SARD	500	8-May-18	31-Jul-18	Active	
Human Resource Development for Information Technology Engineers - supplementary (formerly Information Technology Parks for Employment and Innovation)	9160	SARD	500	1-Jun-17	25-Jul-17	Active	
Enhancing the Institutional Capacity of the Anti-Corruption Commission	9285	SARD	300	19-Dec-16	15-Dec-16	Active	
Supporting Third Capital Market Development Program	8994	SARD	300	5-Jun-15	20-Nov-15	Active	
Enabling Poor Women's Benefits from Enhanced Access to Energy in Hatiya Island	8927	SARD	500	30-Jan-15	10-Jul-15	Closed	LS

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Project Title	Project No.	Department	Government Approved Amount ('000)	Government Approval Date	ADB Approval Date	Status	TCR Rating
Improving Public Administration and Services Delivery through e-Solutions	8283	RSDD	500	22-Nov-12	14-Dec-12	Closed	PS
Bhutan							
Developing a Revenue Administration Management Information System – supplementary	7881	SARD	150	5-Jun-15	5-Aug-15	Closed	S
Developing a Revenue Management Information System (RAMIS)	7881	SARD	500	14-Jul-11	6-Oct-11	Closed	S
Cambodia							
Capacity Development in the Electric Utility Industry	9736	SERD	500	27-Aug-18	23-May-19	Active	
Fourth Greater Mekong Subregion Corridor Towns Development Project	0593	SERD	500	8-May-18	1-Aug-18	Active	
Tonle Sap Technology Demonstrations for Productivity Enhancement	7305	SERD	500	14-Jul-08	1-Jul-09	Closed	PS
Financial Sector Program II Implementation (original proposal: Implementation Support for the Computerization of the National Bank of Cambodia)	4999	SERD	500	23-Jan-07	06-Dec-07	Closed	HS
India							
Strengthening the Implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana Knowledge Support and Technical Assistance	9980	SARD	500	22-Jan-20	14-May-20	Active	
Supporting Logistics Sector Development	9555	SARD	1,000	12-Jul-18	01-Aug-18	Active	

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Project Title	Project No.	Department	Government Approved Amount ('000)	Government Approval Date	ADB Approval Date	Status	TCR Rating
Supporting the Preparation of the Comprehensive Master Plan for the Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor	9446	SARD	1,600	2-Nov-17	07-Dec-17	Active	
India Municipal Finance Study	7334	SARD	500	3-Aug-09	24-Aug-09	Closed	PS
Deploying Innovative Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for Supporting e-Governance in Assam	4989	SARD	500	18-Oct-07	15-Nov-07	Closed	PS
Indonesia							
Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Development Project in Indonesia	7939	SERD	500	10-Dec-09	25-Nov-11	Closed	S
Strengthening Indonesia's Economic Early Warning System (old name: Fostering Knowledge Partnerships to Strengthen Indonesia's Economic Early Warning Systems)	7338	SERD	500	29-May-09	21-Aug-09	Closed	S
Kazakhstan							
Promoting Digital Technologies for Sustainable Development	9946	CWRD	500	31-Oct-19	5-Feb-20	Active	
Kyrgyz Republic							
Business Process Reengineering and Change Management for Tax Administration Modernization	4940	CWRD	500	6-Apr-07	14-Jun-07	Closed	PS
Lao People's Democratic Republic							
Piloting Community e-Centers for Better Health	7058	SERD	500	21-Aug-07	29-Jan-08	Closed	PS
Mongolia							
Improving Transport Services in Ger Areas	9906	EARD	500	31-Oct-19	10-Dec-19	Active	

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Methane Gas Supply Chain Development Master Plan	9938	EARD	500	30-Jul-19	26-Dec-19	Active	
Strengthening the Supreme Audit Function	9731	EARD	500	17-Jan-19	8-May-19	Active	
Energy Storage Option for Accelerating Renewable Energy Penetration	9569	EARD	500	8-May-18	21-Aug-18	Active	
Ulaanbaatar Pro-Poor Urban Redevelopment Support System for Ger Areas	9421	EARD	500	1-Jun-17	6-Nov-17	Active	
Supporting Financial Sector Development and Stability	9180	EARD	300	31-Aug-16	26-Sep-16	Closed	HS
Intelligent Transport Systems Development for Mongolia	9131	EARD	500	19-May-16	1-Jul-16	Closed	HS
Strategy for Northeast Asia Power System Interconnection	9001	EARD	500	8-Sep-15	27-Nov-15	Active	
Government Bond Market Development	7971	EARD	500	2-Nov-11	14-Dec-11	Closed	S
Public Transport Information and Communication Technology	7556	EARD	500	22-Jan-10	29-Jun-10	Closed	S
Capacity Building Program on Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)	7365	EARD	500	21-Jul-09	22-Oct-09	Closed	
Road Database Development Using Geographic Information System (GIS)	7297	EARD	500	8-Apr-09	9-Jun-09	Closed	PS
Customs Modernization Project (formerly: Institutional Strengthening for Customs Modernization)	0070	EARD	500	12-Nov-06	20-Dec-06	Closed	HS

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Project Title	Project No.	Department	Government Approved Amount ('000)	Government Approval Date	ADB Approval Date	Status	TCR Rating
Myanmar							
Design of e-Governance Master Plan and Capacity Review in ICT institutions of Higher Learning	8398	RSDD	500	5-Jun-13	4-Jul-13	Closed	HS
Nepal							
Knowledge Transfer for Public Procurement in Nepal	7111	SARD	500	11-Apr-08	31-Jul-08	Closed	S
Pakistan							
Preparing Urban Development Projects (formerly known as e-Vehicles for Last-Kilometer Connectivity in Pakistan under the Peshawar Sustainable Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Project)	9839	CWRD	450	30-Jul-19	29-Oct-19	Active	
Philippines							
Financial Inclusion Framework Strengthening	49386-001	SERD	500	30-Jul-19			
Teach for the Philippines	8695	SERD	500	20-May-14	7-Aug-14	Closed	HS
Strengthening Knowledge-Based Economic and Social Development	8164	SERD	500	2-Aug-12	14-Sep-12	Closed	LS
Consumer Protection in a Competitive Electricity Market with Open Access	8073	SERD	500	10-Dec-09	16-Apr-12	Closed	U
Computer Access Mentorship Program—a Public-Private Partnership for Enhancing Education Quality	7513	SERD	500	21-Jul-09	12-Apr-10	Closed	HS

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e-Tools for Community Focused Urban Poverty Reduction in the Philippines (Capacity Building for Housing Microfinance - Supplementary)	4293	SERD	500	11-Apr-08	27-Jun-08	Closed	PS
People's Republic of China							
Supporting Project Preparation - Supplementary (Subproject Xiangtan Low-Carbon Transformation Sector Development Program in Hunan)	9437	EARD	500	29-Nov-18	8 May 2019	Active	
Policy and Capacity Building for Elderly Care	9585	EARD	350	3-Sep-18	10-Sep-18	Active	
Supporting Project Preparation (Subproject- Guizhou Gui'an New District New Urbanization Smart Transport System Development)	9437	EARD	500	8-May-18	6-Aug-18	Active	
Jiaozuo National Pilot Project for the Standardization of Public Employment Services (Supplementary)	9114	EARD	200	18-Dec-17	6-Jul-18	Closed	
Strengthening Capacity to Address Climate Change for Small- and Medium-sized City Development	7687	EARD	500	20-Aug-10	6-Dec-10	Closed	S
Solomon Islands							
ICT for Better Education Services in Tonga and Solomon Islands	8487	PARD	500	1-Dec-12	21-Oct-13	Closed	S
Tajikistan							
Strengthening Public Resources Management Program	7801	CWRD	500	18-Feb-11	12-Apr-11	Closed	S

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Thailand							
Mainstreaming Public-Private Partnerships (formerly, Mainstreaming PPP in Thailand)	7540	SERD	500	7-Apr-10	2-Jun-10	Closed	S
Capacity Building and School Networking for Educational Services (e-learning) in Thailand	7133	SERD	500	11-Feb-08	19-Sep-08	Closed	S
Uzbekistan							
Operationalization of Uzbekistan Mortgage Refinancing Company (UMRC)	9722	CWRD	500	29-Nov-18	29-Mar-19	Active	
e-Government for Effective Public Management	8260	CWRD	400	1-Dec-12	17-Dec-12	Closed	S
Viet Nam							
Smart and Efficient Lighting Project	53333-001	SERD	500	29-May-19			
Support to Strengthening Local Health Care Program -supplementary	9265	SERD	500	7-Sep-17	14-Nov-17	Closed	H
Geo-Information Technology for Hazard Risk Assessment	7220	SERD	500	12-Nov-06	8-Dec-08	Closed	
Regional							
Facilitating Knowledge for Innovation and Technology Cooperation to Accelerate Development	9943	SDCC	750	23-Jan-20	31-Jan-20	Active	
Strengthening Social Protection in the Pacific	9963	PARD	500	22-Jan-20	15-Apr-20	Active	
Promoting Action on Plastics Pollution from Source to Sea in Asia and the Pacific	0044	SDCC	500	22-Jan-20	5-Dec-19	Active	

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Green and Innovative Finance Initiatives for Scaling Up Southeast Asian Infrastructure – Supplementary Financing	9621	SERD	1,500	22-Jan-20	10-Jul-20	Active	
Protecting and Investing in Natural Capital in Asia and the Pacific: Subproject – Bird e-Sensitivity Mapping for the Asia Region	9461	SDCC	500	29-Nov-19	28-Feb-20	Active	
Developing the Insurance Sector for Sustainable and Resilient Society in Asia and the Pacific	9917	SDCC	500	29-Nov-19	17-Dec-19	Active	
Using Digital Technology to Improve National Health Insurance in Asia and the Pacific (formerly Supporting Digital National Health Insurance Management Systems in Asia and the Pacific)	9967	SDCC	1,000	31-Oct-19	24-Apr-20	Active	
Integrated and Innovative Solutions for More Livable Cities (formerly Enhancing Capacities of Cities to become More Livable through Integrated and Innovative Solutions)	9919	SDCC	500	31-Oct-19	18-Dec-19	Active	
Strengthening Knowledge Partnership to Support Project Development	9798	SARD	500	30-Jul-19	9-Sep-19	Active	
Digital Development Facility for Asia and the Pacific	9794	SDCC	500	5-Jun-19	30-Aug-19	Active	

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Project Title	Project No.	Department	Government Approved Amount ('000)	Government Approval Date	ADB Approval Date	Status	TCR Rating
Strengthening Domestic Transport Connectivity in the Pacific-Vanuatu Inter-Island Shipping and Support Project (VISSP)-Upgradation of South Paray Wharf, Port Villa	51065-001	PARD	500	29-May-19	12-Sep-19	Active	
Strengthening Education in the Pacific Region (formerly Open, Flexible, Distance Learning Resources Repository for the Pacific Region)	9645	PARD	500	29-May-19	12-Sep-19	Active	
Universal Health Coverage for Inclusive Growth: Support for the Implementation of the Operational Health Plan, 2015-2020 (Supplementary)	8983	SDCC	500	17-Jan-19	9-Jul-19	Active	
Northeast Asia Regional Development Studies	9707	EARD	1,000	26-Dec-18	26-Dec-18	Active	
Demonstrating Innovative Employment Solutions through Regional Knowledge-Sharing Partnerships with Youth Organization	9557	SDCC	500	29-Nov-18	13-Dec-18	Active	
Strengthening Financial Sector Operations in Asia and the Pacific	9364	SDCC	500	29-Nov-18	22-Mar-19	Active	
Innovation in Education Sector Development in Asia and the Pacific	9415	SDCC	500	29-Nov-18	18-Dec-18	Active	
Integrated High Impact Innovation in Sustainable Energy Technology - Energy System Analysis, Technology Road Maps and Feasibility Studies (Subprogram 1)	9690	SDCC	1,000	27-Aug-18	13-Dec-18	Active	

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Integrated High Impact Innovation in Sustainable Energy Technology - Pilot Testing of Innovative Energy Technologies and Business (Subprogram 3)	9960	SDCC			1-Apr-20	Active	
Supporting Knowledge Solutions for New Development Strategies in South Asia	9586	SARD	500	27-Aug-18	12-Sep-18	Active	
Information and Communication Technology for Development Initiative Facility for Asia and the Pacific - supplementary	8813	SDCC	1,000	26-Apr-17	28-Jun-17	Closed	HS
Strengthening Asia's Financial Safety Nets and Resolution Mechanisms	9497	ERCD	125	1-Jun-17	29-Jan-18	Active	
Sharing Development Knowledge Solutions in Asia and the Pacific	9388	DOC	750	28-Aug-17	26-Sep-17	Active	
Promoting Smart Drinking Water Management in South Asian Cities (additional funding) - supplementary	9048	SARD	500	28-Aug-17	12-Dec-17	Active	
Implementation of Sustainable Transport for All	9420	SDCC	500	18-Dec-17	28-Feb-19	Active	
Creating a Regional Settlement Intermediary in ASEAN+3: Cross-Border Settlement Infrastructure Forum	9197	ERCD	500	31-Aug-16	30-Sep-16	Active	
Knowledge-based Low-Carbon Cities Development in CAREC	9308	EARD	500	19-Dec-16	6-Apr-17	Active	
Digital Solutions to Improve Agricultural Value Chains	9902	SDCC	500	19-May-16	13-Dec-19	Active	

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Enhancing Economic Analysis and South-South Learning	8254	SARD	500	5-Jun-15	06-Jul-15	Closed	S
Strengthening Development Member Countries' Capacity in Elderly Care	9111	SERD	500	16-Dec-15	13-May-16	Active	
Promoting Smart Drinking Water Management in South Asian Cities	9048	SARD	500	19-Oct-15	15-Dec-15	Active	
ICTs for Social Protection in the Asia Pacific Region	8686	RSDD	500	20-May-14	11-Jul-14	Closed	S
Enhancing Capacity to Mobilize Private Grant Cofinancing	8703	OCO	225	22-Aug-14	5-Aug-14	Closed	S
Building Capacity for Enhanced Connectivity in Southeast Asia	8836	SERD	500	30-Oct-14	18-Dec-14	Closed	HS
ICT for Development Initiative Facility for Asia and the Pacific	8813	RSDD	500	30-Oct-14	16-Dec-14	Closed	HS
Establishment of the International Public AMC Forum (IPAF)	8370	ERCD	500	22-Apr-13	23-May-13	Closed	HS
Asia Energy Efficiency Accelerator	8483	RSDD	500	5-Jun-13	10-Oct-13	Closed	HS
Mid-term Review of the Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund	8396	RSDD	500	5-Jun-13	4-Jul-13	Closed	S
Asia Pacific Public Electronic Procurement Network	8520	OSFMD	500	20-Aug-13	2-Dec-13	Closed	S
Supporting the Operationalization of Community-Driven Development in Developing Member Countries	8589	RSDD	500	20-Aug-13	16-Dec-13	Closed	S
Economic Analysis for Gender and Development	8620	ERD	500	26-Dec-13	14-Feb-14	Closed	HS

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The Asia Leadership Program: Building Communities of Leaders for Sustainable Development	8612	RSDD	500	10-Dec-13	13-Dec-13	Closed	HS
Malaria and Dengue Risk Mapping and Response Planning in the Greater Mekong Subregion	8656	RSDD	417	28-Dec-13	26-May-14	Closed	S
Minimizing Foreign Exchange Settlement Risk in the ASEAN+3: Support for Group of Experts	6509	OREI	450	12-Apr-12	18-May-12	Closed	HS
Policies for Industrial and Service Diversification in Asia in the 21st Century	8153	ERCD	500	2-Aug-12	7-Sep-12	Closed	S
GMS Phnom Penh Plan for Development Management Phase V	7431	SERD	500	14-Sep-12	19-Nov-12	Closed	S
Implementation of Prudential Standards in Islamic Finance	8214	SERD	250	14-Aug-12	13-Nov-12	Closed	S
Learning from e-Learning: Testing Intelligent Learning Systems in South Asia	7872	SERD	500	22-Nov-12	27-Nov-12	Closed	S
Supporting the Use of Carbon Financing to Promote Green Growth in Asia and the Pacific - supplementary	8223	RSDD	443	1-Dec-12	21-Nov-12	Closed	S
GMS Phnom Penh Plan for Development Management Phase IV	6407	SERD	500	28-Feb-11	22-Jun-11	Closed	HS
Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Financial Regulators Training Initiative (APEC FRTI)	7805	OREI	500	5-Apr-11	29-Apr-11	Closed	HS
Regional Forum on Public Sector Accounting	7903	CTL	500	29-Jul-11	2-Nov-11	Closed	S

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Asia-Pacific Community of Practice on Managing for Development Results – From Concept to Practice	7744	SPD	500	14-Jul-11	8-Sep-11	Closed	HS
Financial Regulatory Reforms in Asia	7864	OREI	500	29-Jul-11	20-Sep-11	Closed	S
Supporting Public Management through e-Governance Capacity Development	8033	SDCC	500	5-Oct-11	23-Dec-11	Closed	S
Developing the Services Sector as an Engine for Inclusive Growth	7898	ERD	500	16-Sep-11	25-Oct-11	Closed	S
Implementation of the Technical Support Facility under the Carbon Market Initiative	6438	SDCC	500	5-Oct-11	16-Sep-11	Closed	HS
Implementation of Sustainable Transport in Asia and the Pacific – Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) for Better Urban Transport (Subproject 3)	8101	EARD	300	5-Oct-11	27-Jun-12	Closed	
Republic of Korea-ADB Conference on Knowledge Sharing and Development Effectiveness in the Asia and Pacific Region	7868	SDCC	124	31-Aug-11	21-Sep-11	Closed	S
Broadening the Scope of Asian Bond Markets Initiative under ASEAN+3	7911	OREI	145	25-Oct-11	11-Nov-11	Closed	S
Comparative Infrastructure Development Assessment of the Kingdom of Thailand and Republic of Korea	7706	SERD	400	22-Nov-10	10-Dec-10	Closed	S
Updating and Expanding Social Protection Index	7601	SDCC	500	6-Jul-10	18-Sep-10	Closed	HS

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Promoting an Interlinked ASEAN Capital Market	7576	SERD	500	20-Apr-10	9-Aug-10	Closed	S
Sharing Knowledge on Community Driven Development in Asia and the Pacific	7543	SDCC	500	19-Mar-10	14-Jun-10	Closed	S
Support for Trade Facilitation in BIMP-EAGA	7552	SERD	500	22-Feb-10	14-Jun-10	Closed	S
Sustainable City Management in Asia (consolidated with Establishment of e-Systems in Support of Infrastructure Finance in Asia) Supplementary	7379	SDCC	500	1-Sep-09	7-Sep-10	Closed	
Establishment of e-Systems in Support of Infrastructure Finance in Asia	7379	SDCC	500	2-Sep-09	13-Nov-09	Closed	
Improving Public Services through ICT (old name: ICT Capacity Building and Knowledge Sharing)	7351	SDCC	500	29-May-09	22-Sep-09	Closed	S
ICT-based Inclusive Growth and Poverty Reduction in the Pacific (old name: Pacific Regional ICT Development)	7399	PARD	500	13-Apr-09	3-Dec-09	Closed	HS
GMS Phnom Penh Plan for Development Management III (4th Supplementary)	8225	SERD	500	13-Apr-09	12-May-09	Closed	HS
Partnership for Good Governance and Knowledge on Urban Water Management	6523	SARD	500	1-Dec-08	19-Jan-09	Closed	S
Rural ICT Policy Advocacy, Knowledge Sharing, and Capacity Building	6513	SDCC	500	14-Jul-08	18-Dec-08	Closed	S
Knowledge Sharing on Infrastructure PPPs in Asia	6492	OPPP	500	5-Jun-08	7-Oct-08	Active	

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Governance and Capacity Development Initiative (Phase 2)	7277	SDCC	500	22-Feb-08	28-Apr-09	Closed	S
Promoting Environmental Compliance and Enforcement in Asia (AECEN)	6419	SDCC	150	19-Oct-07	16-Nov-07	Closed	
Regional Knowledge and Partnership Networks for Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Growth	6502	SDCC	500	4-Oct-07	14-Nov-08	Closed	LS
Knowledge-Sharing Program Using Good Asian Practices in Innovation and Development	6426	SDCC	500	9-Jul-07	11-Dec-07	Closed	S
Harmonization of Bond Standards in ASEAN+3 (original proposal: Standardizing or Harmonizing Asian Bond Conventions and Norms)	6514	OREI	500	20-Dec-06	16-Dec-08	Closed	S
South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Information Highway	6358	SARD	500	12-Nov-06	1-Dec-06	Closed	

HS = highly successful, S = successful, PS = partly successful, LS = less than successful, U = unsuccessful, ASEAN = Association of Southeast Asian Nations, BIMP-EAGA = Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines-East ASEAN Growth Area, EARD = East Asia Department, CAREC = Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation, CTL = Controller's Department, CWRD = Central and West Asia Department, DOC = Department of Communications, ERCD = Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department, ERD = Economics and Research Department, OSFMD = Operations Services and Financial Management Department, PARD = Pacific Department, PPP = public-private partnership, RSDD = Regional and Sustainable Development Department, SARD = South Asia Department, SERD = Southeast Asia Department, SDCC = Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, SPD = Strategy and Policy Department, OCO = Office of Cofinancing Operations, OPMP = Office of Public-Private Partnership, OREI = Office of Regional Economic Integration.

APPENDIX 4

Implementation Guidelines for the Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund

The implementation guidelines for the Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund (the “Fund”) is prepared to provide detailed guidelines for fund management in line with the Channel Financing Agreement (the “Agreement”) and the policy direction set by the Government of Korea.

Article 1. Objectives

1. The Fund will contribute to the economic and social development of developing member countries (DMCs) through the e-Asia Program and Knowledge Partnership Program. The e-Asia program will help DMCs strengthen their capacities to maximize the use of ICT in the development process while the Knowledge Partnership Program will help DMCs strengthen their capacities through sharing knowledge and experiences.

Article 2. Scope and Activities

2. The Fund will finance components of investment projects, stand-alone grant-financed activities, TA operations, and any other activities which may be agreed upon by the and ADB.
3. The Fund will support the following:
 - a. concept development of potential ADB projects by enhancing readiness, capacity building, policy advice/dialogue and prefeasibility studies;
 - b. preparation of ADB projects through feasibility studies;
 - c. policy reform and institutional capacity building;
 - d. studies, research, and analytical work;
 - e. dissemination, networking, and cross-learning; and
 - f. innovative approaches promoting high level technologies and ICT.

Article 3. Type of Activities and the Size of Funding

4. The annual Fund allocation will be determined through consultations between the GOK and ADB. The total amount of the annual funding will be indicated at the attachment and shall be read as part of the guidelines.
5. The maximum amount of funding for an individual project will be \$500,000. This amount may be exceeded depending on the following cases:
 - a. projects in priority areas and activities as described in Article 5;
 - b. technical assistance facility and/or cluster technical assistance; and
 - c. other projects that the GOK deems necessary and high priority.

Article 4. Eligibility

6. **Country Eligibility.** All ADB DMCs are eligible for Fund assistance.
7. **Eligible and Non-Eligible Expenditures.** The Fund will finance operational expenses related to eligible activities indicated in Article 2. It will not be used for (i) civil works, (ii) procurement of large-scale equipment, (iii) permanent staffing costs, or (iv) hiring of staff consultants, unless otherwise agreed between the GOK and ADB.

Article 5. Priority Areas and Activities

8. Priority areas to support will be determined through consultations between the GOK and ADB. The result of the fund allocation will be updated annually and shall be read as part of the guidelines.
9. Higher priority will be given to transaction technical assistance which prepares, enhances readiness, develops capacity and/or provides policy advice for ADB financed projects.
10. Other projects with priority for funding include:
 - a. projects that utilize human resources, expertise, capital and technologies in Korea or have potential to be carried out in collaboration with Korea's Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) and Knowledge Sharing Program (KSP);
 - b. projects co-financed by ADB's Innovative Project Development Facility and/or Disaster Response Facility; and
 - c. projects with potential to raise Korea's visibility.

Article 6. Application, Review and Concept Approval Process

11. **Fund Management.** The Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department (SDCC) will be responsible for managing the Fund and will coordinate with the GOK for technical matters. SDCC is likewise responsible for maximizing the performance of the Fund operations in line with ADB's strategic direction in harmonization with other financing facilities and funds in ADB. A Principal Operations Coordination Specialist (POCS) at SDCC will take care of technical aspects of the Fund management (the "Fund Manager"). The Office of Cofinancing Operations (OCO) will be the official channel of communications with regard to the financial aspects of the Fund.
12. **Consultation Meeting.** The GOK and ADB will meet annually to set the strategic directions of the Fund management and discuss the areas of improvement for the Fund operations. In addition, review meetings will be held when necessary.
13. **Funding Proposals.** Funding proposals will be collected by the Fund Manager throughout the year. For new TAs, TASU (technical assistance supervising unit) Director sends a funding proposal to SDSC/SDCC by email with the approved TA concept paper and comments matrix as attachment. In case of additional funding for existing TAs, a letter signed by the TASU director requesting additional financing to the Fund should be attached.

14. **Internal Review Process.** For quality assurance of funding proposals, the Fund Manager will carry out the internal screening process of funding proposals in coordination with relevant sector /thematic groups and operational departments, ensuring that proposed projects meet the eligibility criteria and qualifications set forth in the Agreement and the guidelines. A review committee will be requested, inviting relevant stakeholders to the funding proposal, if necessary.
15. **Submission of Batch Applications.** Once funding proposals have complied with the internal screening process, the Fund Manager prepares a batch application funding request to the GOK for its endorsement. As standard practice, applications are submitted quarterly. The schedule of batch applications can be varied and updated annually. The GOK will review the funding proposals and provide its decision within 45 calendar days from the submission date of a batch application. In the absence of any notification from the GOK within the above time duration, the funding proposals will be deemed to have been approved by the government.
16. **TA Implementation.** There will be no intervention to the implementation of the Fund financed projects from the GOK or the Fund management side. All projects financed by the Fund will follow ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants and Procurement Guidelines, as amended from time to time. However, the TASU has a responsibility to inform the Fund Manager of the major milestones of the TA processing and implementation, including ADB's approval, major changes in scope, and completion.

Article 7. Reporting and Monitoring

17. **Record Keeping.** ADB maintains the records and accounts, in accordance with its normal procedures, to show contributions, interest, and investment income and expenditures financed by the Fund. ADB makes available such records and accounts, if required by the GOK.
18. **Reporting.** ADB prepares the following reports: (i) a project completion report (filed within a year after project completion using the form provided by the GOK), and (ii) annual financial and implementation report. A report evaluating the performance of the Fund will be produced upon financial closure of the Fund.
19. **Monitoring and Evaluation.** Upon request of the GOK, ADB prepares and submits an assessment report to the GOK on the overall performance of the Fund operations or an individual project supported by the Fund. Upon request by the GOK, ADB will endeavor to facilitate visits by the GOK personnel and/or designated personnel to projects financed as observer. The GOK may ask TASU for detail information on the status of the Fund supported projects including the consultant's reports or arranging a special mission as part of monitoring and evaluation of the fund operations.
20. **Audits.** ADB provides the GOK with a financial statement on the Fund, audited by external auditors, upon financial closure of the Fund. The GOK may also request ADB to produce financial statements audited by external auditors at any time during the life of the Fund. The fees for such audits will be funded from the Fund and/or income earned from the investment or reinvestment of the Fund or interest earned in respect to the ADB account.

Article 8. Fund Visibility

21. ADB shall make the following efforts in implementing projects to enhance visibility and awareness:
 - a. Fund support shall be clearly indicated in all publications, training programs, seminars and workshops;
 - b. it is encouraged to hold a signing or launching ceremony of the Fund supported project, inviting the relevant GOK officials.
 - c. Fund support shall be clearly indicated in all press releases related to the projects; and
 - d. the recipients shall disseminate the Fund support and its outcome through the local media.

Supplementary Provisions

- A. The amount of annual funding in 2018 is maximum USD15,000,000.
- B. The funding allocation by sectors and topic areas will be as follows:
 - i. At least 30% of the annual funding will be allocated to the sectors of Energy, Water, and Transport.
 - ii. At least 15% of the annual funding will be allocated to the sectors of Public Sector Management, Education, Health, and Finance.
 - iii. At least 15% of the annual funding will be allocated to the sectors and thematic areas of Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management, and Rural Development and Food Safety.
- C. Submission for funding consideration to the GOK will be done in four batches by 31 March, 31 May, 30 Sep, and 30 Nov.

Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund Annual Report 2019

The Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund was established in 2006 to contribute to poverty reduction in Asia and the Pacific by improving access to information and communications technology and facilitating knowledge sharing and partnerships. This annual report presents the background and rationale of the fund, provides updates on project implementation, and highlights achievements and future plans. It also features five projects to demonstrate the development benefits.

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