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Reduction



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# JAPAN FUND FOR POVERTY REDUCTION

## Sector Highlights

20  
years



Establishment of the  
JAPAN FUND FOR  
POVERTY REDUCTION

2000

Total approvals  
**\$963.15** million  
**491** projects

2020

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# COVID-19



## TA 6594-REG: Active Mitigating the Impact of COVID-19 through Community-Led Interventions

This knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will support the implementation of measures to prepare for and respond to needs arising from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) by civil society organizations (CSOs), including community-based organizations and nongovernment organizations (NGOs). The TA will support CSOs to provide services in three areas: (i) community-based mitigation and prevention activities; (ii) social protection for vulnerable communities, including elderly care; and (iii) economic support for those with livelihoods affected by COVID-19. The TA will focus on opportunities for the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to create new partnerships with CSOs in several countries where civil society activity in the COVID-19 response complements the ADB portfolio.



<https://www.adb.org/projects/54368-001/main>



Armenia, Cambodia, Cook Islands, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Niue, Philippines, Samoa, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam

## TA 6612-REG: Active COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control through an Integrated Water, Sanitation, Hygiene, and Health Approach

The knowledge and support TA will strengthen capacity and foster multisector collaboration in ADB developing member countries (DMCs) to promote better integration of water, sanitation, hygiene, and health (WASH+H) to prevent, detect, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 and other water- and sanitation-related public health emergencies. The TA, through its outputs, will direct resources toward (i) supporting the scaling up and effective integration of COVID-19 infection prevention and control (IPC) as well as impact mitigation WASH+H activities into ADB projects in the social sectors (e.g., health, education, social protection) and in the water and urban sectors (e.g., water supply, sanitation, wastewater, and solid waste management); and (ii) promoting multisector and multistakeholder awareness raising, knowledge and capacity building, policy dialogue, and strategy development.



<https://www.adb.org/projects/54342-001/main>



Bangladesh, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan

# Agriculture and Natural Resources



## G9160-REG: Developing Sustainable Alternative Livelihoods in Coastal Fishing Communities in the Coral Triangle: Indonesia and Philippines

Closed

The project raised the income levels of the poor coastal communities in Berau, East Kalimantan, Indonesia and Balabac, Palawan, Philippines by pilot-testing support mechanisms for sustainable livelihoods that would involve women and indigenous peoples through (i) social preparation activities; and (ii) livelihood development, implementation, and training/capacity building.



<https://www.adb.org/projects/44129-012/main>

### Partnership report

<https://www.adb.org/multimedia/partnership-report2019/stories/securing-sustainable-incomes-while-protecting-the-environment/>



Indonesia, Philippines

## G9165-AFG: Community-Based Irrigation Rehabilitation and Development

Closed

The impact of the project was improved agricultural productivity in four target provinces in Northern Afghanistan, and the outcome was farming communities in the target provinces were better served with irrigation infrastructure. This was achieved by rehabilitating at least 100 traditional small-scale irrigation systems at an estimated civil works cost of \$40,000 per system. Improvement of traditional irrigation was a high priority in Afghanistan because of its key importance for community-based agricultural production, which was key to community livelihoods and poverty reduction. The project was implemented through a community contracting system which would: (i) allow rural populations to manage the implementation of projects in their areas and increase local economic opportunities; and (ii) create a sense of ownership and timely completion as procurement will be done locally with the maximum involvement of local communities.



<https://www.adb.org/projects/36222-013/main>

### Case study

<https://www.adb.org/results/afghanistan-empowering-farmers-rebuild-war-torn-irrigation>



Afghanistan

## TA8369-REG: Innovative Data Collection Methods for Agricultural and Rural Statistics

Closed

The TA promoted the use of satellite-based technology in formulating and monitoring food security policies by (i) developing customized software applications and methodology to estimate paddy rice cultivation area and crop production based on satellite data and data obtained through crop-cutting experiments at a provincial level, (ii) training of counterpart staff in the four pilot countries, and (iii) developing an online training program on the use of satellite data for agricultural and rural statistics.



<https://www.adb.org/projects/46399-001/main>

### Blogs

<https://blogs.adb.org/blog/curious-case-area-measurement-surveys-i>

<https://blogs.adb.org/blog/harvesting-good-data-asia-s-farmers-need>

### Working paper

<https://www.adb.org/publications/improving-paddy-rice-statistics>



Lao People's Democratic Republic, Philippines, Samoa, Thailand, Viet Nam

# Education



## TA 9595-IND: Madhya Pradesh Skills Development Project

Active

The TA will assist the Government of Madhya Pradesh in transforming its technical and vocational education and training (TVET) system to create a skilled workforce that meets the evolving development needs of the state by establishing a new advanced TVET institute of international standards to introduce high-quality, technology-oriented skills training for the state's priority sectors, modernizing 10 major industrial training institutes (ITIs) with upgraded training infrastructure and curricula to impart quality, industry-relevant skills.



<https://www.adb.org/projects/48493-002/main>

### News release

<https://www.adb.org/news/adb-supports-indias-first-tvet-skills-park-boost-employability-madhya-pradesh>



India

## G9180-NEP: Disaster Risk Reduction and Livelihood Restoration for Earthquake-Affected Communities

Closed

The project improved equity and enhance social inclusion in the earthquake-affected districts and improved disaster preparedness and resilience of earthquake-affected communities by (i) constructing to rebuilding model disaster resilient schools; (ii) providing microcredit facility for livelihood restoration to small farmer cooperatives; and (iii) strengthening disaster risk management capacity of the affected communities.



<https://www.adb.org/projects/49202-001/main>

### Case study

<https://www.adb.org/results/building-schools-better-nepal>

<https://www.adb.org/results/five-years-after-nepal-earthquake-building-back-better-schools-safer-future>

### Photo essay

<https://www.adb.org/news/photo-essays/building-safer-future>

### Video

<https://www.adb.org/news/videos/building-better-future-five-years-after-nepal-earthquake>

### Blog

<https://blogs.adb.org/blog/new-grant-rebuild-schools-provide-micro-loans-after-nepal-earthquake>



Nepal

## G9182-MON: Improving School Dormitory Environment for Primary Students in Western Region

Closed

The project improved physical dormitory environment and capacity to deliver services in three *aimags* of the western region, including development of policy and regulatory frameworks to achieve these improvements.



<https://www.adb.org/projects/49168-001/main>

### Impact evaluation baseline survey

<https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/publication/546896/survey-school-dormitory-primary-students-mongolia.pdf>

### Guide to improve water, sanitation and hygiene at schools

<https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/publication/603441/water-sanitation-hygiene-schools-mongolia.pdf>



Mongolia

# Health



## TA9111-REG: Strengthening Developing Member Countries' Capacity in Elderly Care

Active

The TA will improve strategic planning and policy development in elderly care through (i) preparation of six country diagnostic studies to cover policy and regulatory frameworks, institutional arrangements and capacity, needs of older people and service provider assessments, human resources (constraints and development), existing programs and coverage and financing; (ii) capacity building framework was prepared based on the findings of the country diagnostic studies and feedback from earlier national consultations with a wide range of stakeholders; and (iii) knowledge sharing and networking systems developed with establishment of partnerships with centers of excellence.



<https://www.adb.org/projects/49277-001/main>

### Blog

<https://blogs.adb.org/blog/charting-sri-lankas-aging-population>

### Publication

<https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/publication/557446/aging-population-sri-lanka.pdf>



Indonesia, Mongolia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, Viet Nam

## G9136-MON: Protecting the Health Status of the Poor during Financial Crisis

Closed

The project ensured the poor free access to essential health services to mitigate the impact of the financial crisis through a medicard program that used existing institutional arrangements of the health insurance system to reimburse participating facilities.



<https://www.adb.org/projects/43136-012/main>

### Insight

<https://development.asia/insight/how-crisis-interventions-can-help-develop-long-term-health-system-reforms>



Mongolia

## G9135-NEP: Establishing Women and Services Centers

Closed

The project reduced vulnerability and helplessness of women and children in five rural districts of Nepal by providing professional and coordinated protection and assistance to female and child victims of crimes such as rape, domestic violence, polygamy, allegations of witchcraft, child abuse, child marriage and trafficking.



<https://www.adb.org/projects/38097-012/main>

### Case studies

<https://www.adb.org/results/empowering-women-bangladesh-nepal-and-philippines>

<https://www.adb.org/results/police-and-community-partnership-nepal-tackling-violence-against-women>

### Donor report

<https://www.adb.org/multimedia/donor-report2018/our-stories/safer-homes-communities-women-and-children.html>



Nepal

# Transport



## TA 9597-SRI: Supporting Trade Logistics Facilitation

Active

The project will undertake a feasibility study for a new customs inspection facility and also conduct a study for the use of an electronic cargo tracking system (ECTS) to facilitate cargo movement. A trial run for the ECTS will also be carried out and a report will be prepared on the outcome.



<https://www.adb.org/projects/50299-001/main>

### News Release

<https://www.adb.org/news/adb-supported-elevated-high-way-improve-connectivity-trade-sri-lanka>



Sri Lanka

## TA 8674-REG: Trade and Transport Facilitation in the Pacific

Closed

The project (i) conducted a regional analysis to examine the trade and transport linkages and provided insights on where and how Pacific DMCs could benefit from the emerging opportunities that growth in Asia provided, (ii) supported feasibility studies and due diligence for processing of high priority maritime projects, and (iii) undertook pilot study to assess Smart Ports Potential in the Pacific.



<https://www.adb.org/projects/46502-001/main>

### Publication

<https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/publication/646401/smarts-ports-pacific.pdf>



Pacific DMCs

## G9111-TAJ: Sustainable Access for Isolated Rural Communities

Closed

The project improved over 14 kilometers of rural roads connecting nearby communities to the bridge, which was part of ADB's ongoing work to build a 227-meter bridge and just over a kilometer of road leading up to the bridge.



<https://www.adb.org/projects/41038-012/main>

### Case study

<https://www.adb.org/results/tajikistan-transport-surhob-river-bridge-saves-lives>

### Photo essay

<https://www.adb.org/news/photo-essays/bridge-transforms-lives-isolated-villagers-tajikistan>



Tajikistan

# Water and Other Urban Infrastructure Services



## TA 8803-BAN: Strengthening Monitoring and Enforcement in the Meghna River for Dhaka's Sustainable Water Supply

Closed

Urban sector including water supply was one of the priority sectors in the country partnership strategy. Expanding sustainable safe water supply in Dhaka City was a major activity of the sector to help the government achieve 100% access to water supply. The TA activities helped ensure long-term water security of Dhaka City. The TA was highly complementary to the water supply project in Dhaka (Loan 3051-BAN).



<https://www.adb.org/projects/42173-014/main>

### Publication

<https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/publication/519666/meghna-river-sustainable-water-resource-dhaka.pdf>



Bangladesh

## G9195-MLD: Greater Male Environmental Improvement and Waste Management Project

Active

The project will establish a sustainable solid waste management system in the Greater Male capital region and its inhabited outer islands by (i) establishing a modern waste collection, transfer, and disposal system; (ii) improving community-based outer island waste management systems; (iii) building institutional capacity for sustainable services delivery; and (iv) raising public awareness in reduce, reuse, recycle behaviors. Physical and non-physical investments are designed to curb climate change and disaster impacts while creating a cleaner environment in Maldives, one of the world's lowest-lying nations.



<https://www.adb.org/projects/51077-002/main>

### Photo essay

<https://www.adb.org/news/photo-essays/clean-future-maldives>

### Video

<https://www.adb.org/news/videos/building-sustainable-waste-energy-facility-maldives>



Maldives

## G9166-SAM: Community Sanitation Project

Closed

The project provided vulnerable households sustainable access to better sanitation in targeted regions of Samoa by establishing and piloting an innovative delivery method and institutional arrangements for providing subsidized sanitation infrastructure to low-income households.



<https://www.adb.org/projects/45520-001/main>

### Video

<https://www.adb.org/news/videos/better-sanitation-improves-lives-samoa>



Samoa



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