



19 January 2023

Ms. Sharifa Khan
Secretary
Economic Relations Division
Ministry of Finance
Government of Bangladesh
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Dear Ms. Secretary:

Subject: **TA 10090-BAN: Supporting Water Supply and Sanitation Regulatory Mechanism Development—Request for No Objection**

On 16 January 2023, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved the subject knowledge and support technical assistance (KSTA) in an amount of \$500,000 financed on a grant basis by the Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF-7) and administered by ADB. Attached is the approved KSTA report for your information.

The KSTA will support (i) the establishment of the water supply and sanitation regulatory mechanism in Bangladesh to improve the operational and financial sustainability of water and sanitation service providers; and (ii) capacity development of the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, as well as water utilities, local governments, civil society organizations, and private operators to better understand the regulatory function.

LGD will be the executing and implementing agency while ADB will administer the KSTA. There will be no counterpart funding requirements from the Government for the KSTA. However, to accomplish the objectives most effectively, the Government will be requested to nominate a project implementation unit and a KSTA Coordinator, to provide the necessary assistance, data, and information to ADB and the consultants to be engaged in the KSTA implementation.

As Country Director of ADB's Bangladesh Resident Mission, I will henceforth be responsible for all matters pertaining to the implementation of the technical assistance. All communications on this matter may, therefore, be addressed to my office.

Sincerely,

SH Edimon Ginting
Country Director

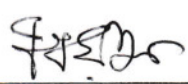
Attachment: as stated

cc: Secretary, Local Government Division
Additional Secretary, ADB Wing Chief, Economic Relations Division
Additional Secretary, Water Supply Wing, Local Government Division

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Confirmed:

On behalf of the Government:



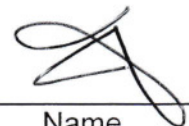
Name

Designation: Md. Mostafizur Rahman
Additional Secretary
Economic Relations Division
Ministry of Finance
Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Date: 21st March 2023

Confirmed:

✓ *On behalf of the Executing Agency:*



Name

Designation: Muhammad Ibrahim
Secretary
Local Government Division

Date: 14 March 2023

Confirmed:

On behalf of Asian Development Bank:



Name

Designation: Edimon Ginting
Country Director
Bangladesh Resident Mission
Asian Development Bank

Date: 27-March-2023