Mission and Key Responsibilities

The Office of Public-Private Partnership (OPPP) was established in 2014 to enhance the role of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in supporting and enabling governments of its developing member countries (DMCs) to catalyze public and private capital investment for development purposes and generate economic growth in Asia and the Pacific.

OPPP provides transaction advisory services to deliver bankable PPP projects and coordinates and supports the development and implementation of effective enabling environments in which PPPs can operate through its PPP Thematic Group Secretariat. To help facilitate this work, OPPP manages the Asia Pacific Project Preparation Facility (AP3F) and creates premier knowledge products.

OPPP’s current work includes projects on smart cities, digital infrastructure, a growing portfolio of renewable energy projects, urban transport, water, sanitation and waste management, health services, and education, as well as helping ADB’s developing members deal with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. See the OPPP video.

Transaction Advisory Services

ADB provides transaction advisory services (TAS) to both public and private sector clients in structuring and procuring viable PPP projects. TAS are fee-based advisory services over the full range of activities associated with the development, structuring, and placement of PPP projects. ADB ensures that value and affordability are achieved throughout the structuring process.

ADB’s TAS are suited for:
- pathfinders or “first-of-their-kind” transactions;
- transactions that involve financial, legal, or risk aspects that could be effectively assisted through ADB’s unique knowledge and experience;
- transactions that may benefit from ADB’s brand, which is associated with transparency, fairness, and good governance; and
- transactions benefiting from ADB’s presence in catalyzing and mobilizing financing.

Key Objectives

Expanding Private Sector Development

ADB’s assistance to private sector development makes use of sovereign lending, private sector financing, technical assistance, and transaction advisory services to enable private sector participation in infrastructure.

Strengthening ADB’s Role as Project Developer

ADB seeks to become a more active project developer and resource mobilizer in order to raise financing from other multilateral development banks, official bilateral agencies, and private financial institutions for bankable PPP projects.

Better Planning and Project Preparation

ADB assesses project fundamentals to assure that the principles of value and affordability are achieved throughout the structuring process.

Asia Pacific Project Preparation Facility

The $73 million Asia Pacific Project Preparation Facility (AP3F) is a multi-donor trust fund established by contributions from the governments of Japan, Canada, and Australia. It is managed by the PPP Thematic Group. It aims to increase the level and quality of infrastructure development in Asia and the Pacific.

AP3F supports DMCs to prepare, structure, and place in the market commercially feasible infrastructure projects with the objective of promoting PPPs. It provides technical assistance to the governments of DMCs and their public sector agencies to support financial, legal, and technical advisory services. AP3F also offers support for enabling reforms and capacity building that can be linked to potential infrastructure projects. Sectors include energy, transport, urban development, social infrastructure, and information and communication technologies. Since 2016 when the facility became operational, AP3F has assisted 57 TA projects in 22 DMCs. For more information, visit https://ap3f.adb.org/.
PPP Thematic Group Secretariat

The PPP Thematic Group Secretariat (PPP-TGS) has a cross-institutional role in promoting a holistic approach to PPP interventions in DMCs, in close collaboration with ADB’s operational departments and the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Secretariat, playing a strategic and coordinating role supporting work across all ADB’s PPP operations.

PPP-TGS supports DMC clients to develop workable, transparent, and effective policies and legal and regulatory measures that facilitate private sector investment in public sector projects, thereby enabling governments, investors, and the public to benefit. PPP-TGS focuses on:

- building the financial, technical, and managerial capacity of DMCs to fiscally sustainably procure and manage infrastructure and services using PPP as a modality;
- supporting DMCs to integrate PPP and public investment management policies and processes;
- enhancing DMC capacity for early-stage project development, screening, and prioritization for alternative procurement modes, including value-for-money analysis, in line with Quality Infrastructure outcomes;
- sustainably leveraging the use of credit enhancement products to mitigate risk and increase bankability; and
- enhancing and developing internal and external knowledge and financing partnerships to provide comprehensive support to DMC clients.

Publications and Other Knowledge Products

OPPP produces a range of publications and knowledge products that inform and provide expert analysis on many aspects of the PPP sector in Asia and the Pacific. OPPP works in close partnership with ADB’s Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department to support implementation of the Knowledge Management Action Plan 2021–2025.

The flagship *Public-Private Partnership Monitor* serves as a diagnostic policy tool for governments and multinational development banks. It is also an investment due diligence tool for infrastructure investors. The new online version features enhanced coverage of health, education, housing, and financial sectors, and new segments on local government units and capital markets.

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About the Asian Development Bank

ADB is committed to achieving a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty. Established in 1966, it is owned by 68 members—49 from the region. Its main instruments for helping its developing member countries are policy dialogue, loans, equity investments, guarantees, grants, and technical assistance.

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