

HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR OFFICE



Investing in People,
Empowering Futures

About us

The Sectors Group, through several sector offices, delivers sector policy dialogues, initiatives, and solutions that advance the Asian Development Bank's strategic agenda in Asia and the Pacific. The *Human and Social Development Sector Office* covers education, health, social protection, and social development.

Key Focus Areas

Education

Going back to basics to ensure foundational learning and universal basic skills for all and adopting transformational approaches to build advanced skills

2024 Target: Education financing to reach 6%-10% of ADB's total annual commitments

Health

Enhancing sector governance, health financing, health infrastructure, workforce development, pandemic preparedness and response, and responding to evolving climate change impacts

2024 Target: Health financing to reach 3%-5% of ADB's total annual commitments

Social Protection

Developing comprehensive social protection policies and systems (social assistance, social insurance, and active labor market program); integrated solutions with amplified development impacts; and adaptive and shock-responsive social protection interventions

Social Development

Promoting inclusive policies and institutions and equity in access to services, resources, and opportunities; empowering greater participation in social and economic life; and improving security and ability to manage risks

Focus areas require significant contributions and engagement from all sectors, thematic areas, and the private sector.



Challenges & Opportunities

Education

Learning (and learning losses), skills for employment, skills for green economy and society

Health

Triple burden of diseases:

- growing burden of noncommunicable diseases
- continuing need for maternal and child health
- reemergence of communicable diseases

Social protection

Limited coverage and spending, underdeveloped social protection systems, growing vulnerability to climate-induced shocks, increased demand for social care services

Social development

Increase in informal sector and youth not in education, employment, or training; persistent inequality, gender gaps, and vulnerable groups (e.g., people with disabilities, SOGIESC); changing vulnerabilities

SOGIESC = sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and sex characteristics

Cross-cutting

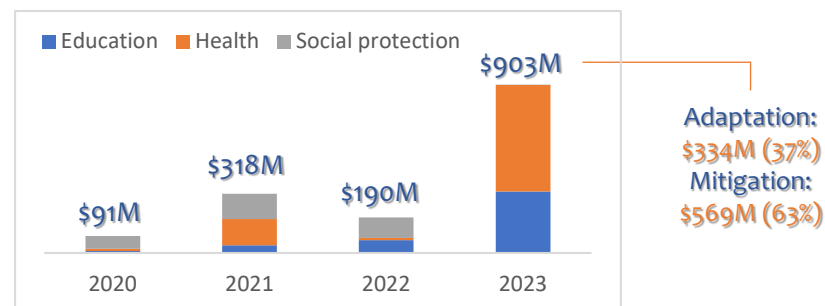
Impacts of climate change, rapid urbanization, migration, labor mobility, demographic transition (aging), ongoing decentralization, increasing digitalization, limited private sector participation

Climate Change Focus

Emphasizing the human capital and climate change connection

- ♦ Embedding climate change action and green skills in education systems
- ♦ Investing in inclusive, resilient, and green and low-carbon health systems
- ♦ Investing in adaptive and shock-responsive social protection
- ♦ Scaling up support for social inclusion and Just Transition to net zero
- ♦ Sharing climate knowledge for human and social development

Increasing climate finance for health, education, and social protection



Notes: (i) Parts of social protection are reflected within health and education due to the way it is captured in ADB's project classification system; (ii) Social development is a cross-cutting theme embedded across projects.

Sources: SPD operations data, SG-HSD data, and S2030 Social Protection Directional Guide

Private Sector Engagement



- Engaging private sector in technical, vocational, and education and training
- Strengthening public-private partnerships
- Policy formulation to regulate new private sector entrants
- Expanding private sector funding

- Enabling environment with improved regulation, policies and financing for engaging private sector in medical education, vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics and medical devices regulation, digital health, and health service delivery



- Models include financing, strategic purchasing, and contracting in/out services

- Public-private collaborations to strengthen digital payments and financial inclusion, among others



- Engaging private sector in social services delivery
- Continuing and expanding partnerships (e.g., Mastercard and Gates Foundation on financial inclusion, Netflix on the creative economy, Google on poverty mapping, and research partnerships with academia and organizations such as Harvard Evidence for Policy Design)

Knowledge, Partnerships, Financial Solutions

International Finance Facility for Education Trust Fund

a catalytic and concessional financing model for increased education financing, partnerships, and scaled-up education operations

Climate and Health Initiative

a dedicated partnership facility to consolidate, streamline, and amplify policies, practices, and implementation of climate change and health actions

Community Resilience Partnership Program

a partnership program for scaling up climate adaptation investments at the community level, targeting the climate change, poverty, and gender nexus

Just Transition Support Program

a technical assistance program to develop the knowledge and help build DMC capacities to plan, implement, and finance initiatives which support a just transition to low-carbon economies

Asia and Pacific Social Protection Week

a venue for strengthening the role of social protection in post-COVID-19 recovery, emerging crises responses, and resilience building

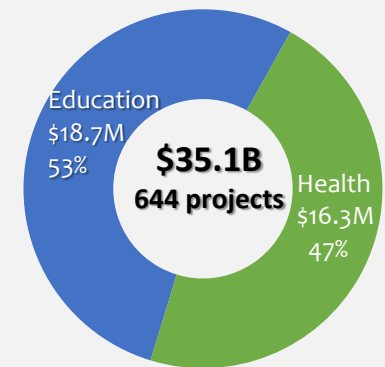
Skills Forum

a flagship education sector event where education partners collaborate and learn about transformational practices and new approaches

Snapshot of Sovereign Operations

Historical Support

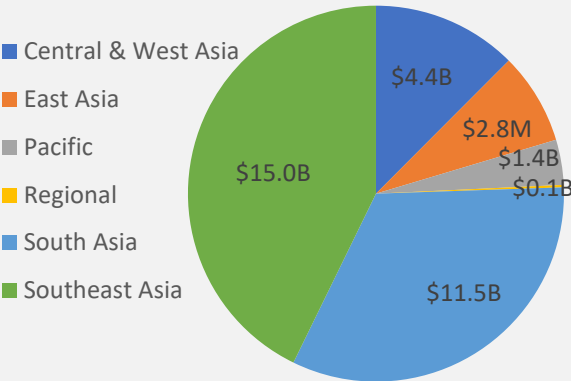
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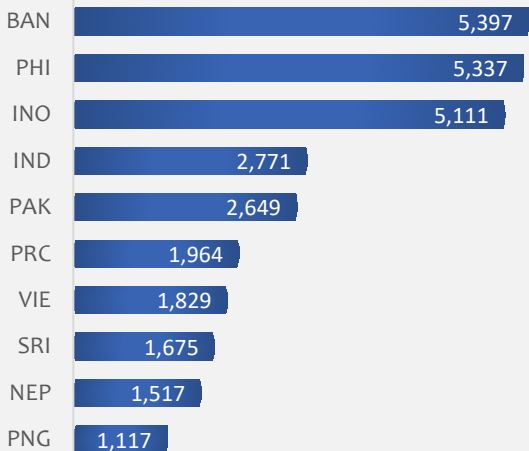
Notes:

- (i) Excludes social protection that is not considered a primary sector in ADB's project classification system.
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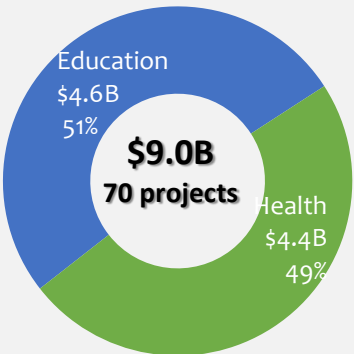
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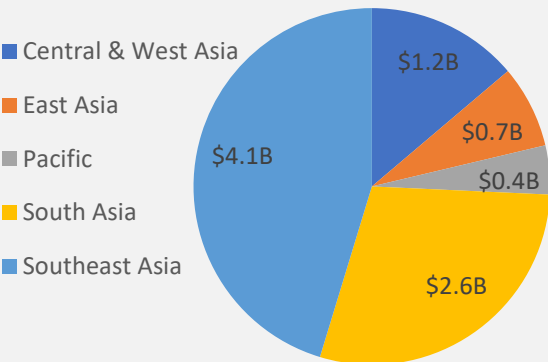
Active Portfolio

Active Loans and Grants **by Focus Area** (Net amounts as of 31 March 2024)



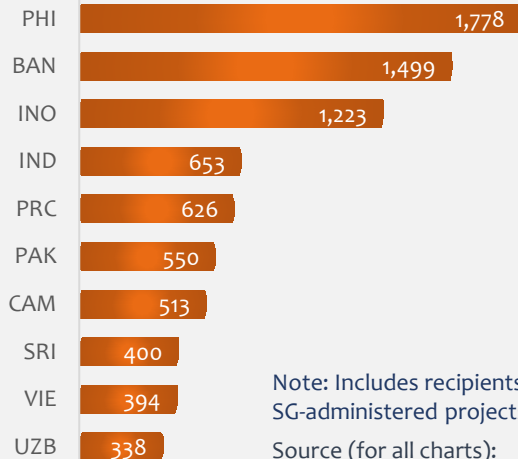
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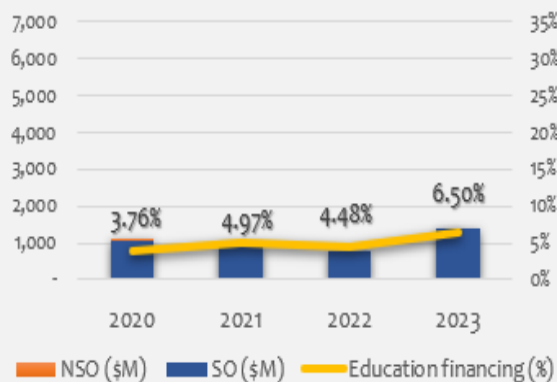
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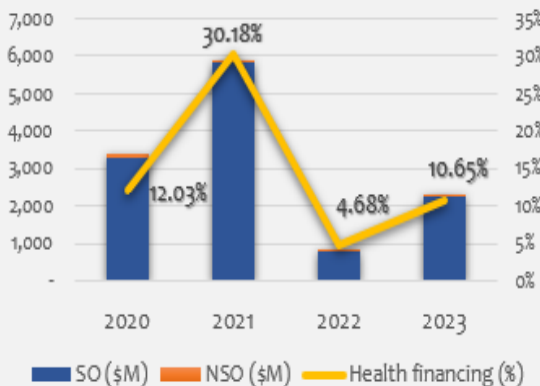
Note: Includes recipients of SG-administered projects
Source (for all charts): Operations Dashboard

Education and Health Financing

Education Share in ADB Financing
Annual commitments, 2020-2023



Health Share in ADB Financing
Annual commitments, 2020-2023



NSO = nonsovereign operations, SO = sovereign operations. Sources: SPD operations data and DeFRs, 2020-2023

Subsector Support (Loan/Grant Approvals, 1968-Present [as of 31 Mar 2024])



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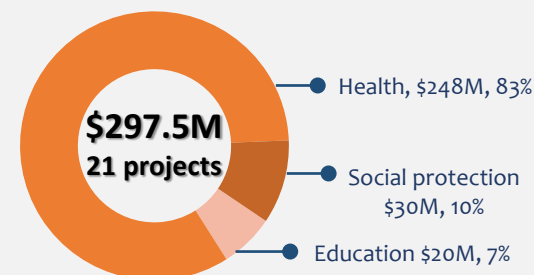
Source: ADB Loan, TA, Grant, and Equity Approvals

Nonsovereign Operations

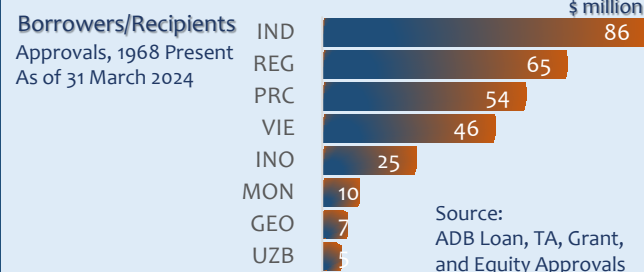
Sample interventions
(2020-Present)

- Investments in health and hospital service delivery, long term care, pharmaceuticals, and diagnostics in India and the People's Republic of China
- Building dialysis centers in Uzbekistan through PPP
- Growth capital for private companies and SMEs in the consumer, education, health care, pharmaceutical, manufacturing, and financial service sectors in Viet Nam

Loans, Equities, and Guarantees by Focus Area
Approvals, 1968-Present (as of 31 March 2024)



Source: ADB Loan, TA, Grant, and Equity Approvals



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Regional Highlights

South Asia; Central, and West Asia

Bangladesh

Increasing technology-oriented skilled workforce (especially for women and socially disadvantaged groups); supporting vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics manufacturing and regulatory strengthening

India

Supporting primary health care strengthening in urban areas and improving the urban population's access to comprehensive primary health care services, benefitting over 200 million urban dwellers

Nepal

Strengthening equity, quality, and resilience of school education benefitting 7.1 million students, over 250,000 teachers, and over 27,000 schools

Sri Lanka

Developing a new breed of technology-oriented higher education graduates, equipped with market-relevant and entrepreneurial skills

Private Sector Financing

Expanding private hospital network in tier-2 and tier-3 cities in **India** for patients covered under the national health insurance program

Afghanistan

Supporting sustained delivery of essential public social services to vulnerable Afghan people, especially women and girls

Kyrgyzstan

Enhancing the regional linkages of laboratories and hospitals in border zones, supporting TVET Centers of Excellence in priority sectors and implementation of a secondary education textbook rental schemes

Pakistan

Improving the primary and secondary level of quality care; strengthening secondary education and skills development; expanding PPPs for education

Uzbekistan

Improving quality of health: primary health and perinatal care, and supporting human capital development in priority economic sectors through strengthening STEM education and market relevant skill development

Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program (CAREC)

Supporting the Regional Health Strategy and Investment Framework and the establishment of a consortium of CAREC universities

Regional Highlights

East Asia; Southeast Asia; Pacific

Mongolia

Supporting shock-responsive social protection through a national social assistance program, and strengthening social welfare programs and systems for improved household resilience and response to future crises

People's Republic of China

Promoting innovative, socially inclusive, and quality multi-level elderly care through integrated health and elderly care and public private partnerships

Cambodia

Enhancing the skills development ecosystem, with industry-led inclusive training and more resources for demand-driven skills development

Indonesia

Strengthening 10 public universities to provide cutting-edge higher education and high-quality research; Supporting commercialized research and development, and improving startup success rates in science and technology parks

Philippines

Increasing sustainable financing for universal health care, strengthening strategic health purchasing, and expanding access to primary care services; support for education and health conditional cash transfers for poor households

Papua New Guinea

Strengthening public financial management, subnational health systems, and health service delivery for a more sustainable and efficient health care system

Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia

Improving the quality of basic education learning outcomes in literacy and numeracy for over 29,000 students and over 2,400 primary school teachers

Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu

Introducing new vaccines to reduce the burden of vaccine-preventable diseases; improving regional resilience to outbreaks; integrating immunization programs into health systems; and improving equity in access to primary health services

Private Sector Financing

Expanding JCI-certified private tertiary care hospital in Ulaanbaatar and establishing ten rural outpatient clinics in **Mongolia**, while incorporating climate mitigation measures

Results by the Numbers

263.2 million

people benefitting from improved health services, education services, or social protection

115,000

women and girls completing secondary and tertiary education and/or other training

66

social protection schemes established or improved

198,000

women enrolled in TVET and other job training

180

health services established or improved

9

health services for women and girls established or improved

\$4.62 billion

vaccine-related support through the Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility (APVAX)

1,434,000

people enrolled in improved education and/or training

14%

of ADB operations in 2020-2022 support social protection

6.50%

ADB financing for education in 2023

6%-10% by 2024

10.65%

ADB financing for health in 2023

3%-5% by 2024

Over 800 million

COVID-19 vaccine doses financed by ADB projects

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- Higher education for a green economy
- Digital transformation and EdTech
- Just Transition and future of the workforce
- Health systems strengthening
- Climate change and One Health
- Pandemic preparedness and response
- Nonsovereign solutions