



Bangladesh: Capacity Building for Portfolio Management

Project Name	Capacity Building for Portfolio Management
Project Number	45376-001
Country	Bangladesh
Project Status	Approved
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 8426-BAN: Capacity Building for Portfolio Management Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 400,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management - Economic affairs management
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	
Description	The TA will continue earlier support (see below) over a longer period and in a more targeted way primarily (i) addressing identified weak capacities of implementing/executing agencies (EA), line ministries, Foreign Aided Projects Audit Directorate, and Planning Ministry in project preparation, approval, monitoring and implementation; (ii) identifying and addressing bottlenecks/gaps; and (iii) support system development. This will lead to timely and early government approval of ADB projects; reduced time for contracting, land acquisition and resettlement; reduced start-up delays; improved governance and raised contract and disbursement ratios. TA design was formulated and will be implemented building on success and lessons learned from CDTA 7614 , including preparing of specific capacity building program at the outset of the assignment, more involvement of ADB staff and skilled government resource persons to make the training more cost effective and relevant, and using more realistic and measurable outcome and output indicators to allow for proper monitoring and evaluation of results.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	To provide technical assistance (TA) to support governance and capacity building to enhance operational efficiency of the ADB Bangladesh portfolio
Impact	Enhanced operational effectiveness of ADB's Bangladesh portfolio

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Satisfactory implementation of projects in full compliance with ADB Guidelines
Progress Toward Outcome	Progress is satisfactory. Various training, seminars and workshops have been conducted in compliance with ADB guidelines.

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Improved capacity in procurement and governance of executing agencies and line ministries implementing ADB projects2. Improved readiness of ADB projects3. Improved financial reporting and auditing of ADB projects4. Improved results-based monitoring of ADB projects, sharing of best practices, and knowledge management
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Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	<p>1. Procurement consultant and training consultant are onboard and working towards preparation of procurement monitoring tools and imparting training to officials in EAs/IAs both on-the-job and off-the-job training.</p> <p>2. In 2014, Planning consultant conducted a workshop on the best practices on DPP/TPP approval process in the region. He is also following up with DPP/TPP approval in different line ministries, planning divisions, planning commission and agencies etc.</p> <p>3. In 2014, audit consultant conducted 3 workshops for FAPAD staff on international audit standards, to update technical knowledge.</p> <p>4. Workshop on Knowledge Dissemination and Sharing Experience on Gender Equality Results in Bangladesh and Two seminars on procurement and recruitment of consultant and two clinics on procurement and recruitment of consultant were conducted in 2014.</p> <p>5. In 2014, two training workshops were organized on Environmental Safeguards and Compliance Measures' at Barisal and Bogra from EA joined.</p> <p>6. In 2014, three workshop's on social safeguards were held:</p> <p>i. Workshop on Involuntary Resettlement (IR) safeguards and Land Acquisition, in Khulna</p> <p>ii. Workshop on Indigenous Peoples (IP) safeguards, in Dhaka.</p> <p>iii. Workshop on IR safeguards and Land Acquisition, in Cox's Bazar</p> <p>7. Training consultant is also actively working on following up with upcoming training events, meetings, consultations etc. Presentations, materials, documents, survey feedback etc. being used in the various workshops are being kept as repository to be used as a source of knowledge during preparation of training calendar.</p>
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Geographical Location

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design Economic Relations Division (ERD) under the Ministry of Finance has been consulted in preparing the TA concept and COBP. Discussions were also held with Foreign Aided Projects Audit Directorate under the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General for the support to the audit process, and Central Procurement and Technical Unit under Ministry of Planning for support on procurement management. Action plans agreed during CPRM (2012 and after) and TPRM (June 2012 and after) were taken into account when formulating the TA. The impact, outcome, outputs, implementation arrangements, cost, financing arrangements, and terms of reference were agreed with the government during the fact-finding mission.

During Project Implementation Training calendar for 2013 and 2014 were discussed and shared with ERD.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services The TA will be carried out by international and national individual consultants and resource persons (around 3 person-months of international and 18 person-months of national consultant inputs) who will be engaged following procedures for recruitment of individual consultants or resource persons as applicable on an as-needed basis for studies, training, or capacity development. The consultants engaged under the TA will be recruited by ADB in accordance with its Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). Equipment will be procured using shopping procedures in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2013, as amended from time to time) and will be turned over to the government after completion of the TA. Consulting services will commence in August 2013 and continue on an intermittent basis till August 2015.

Procurement n/a

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	24 Jun 2013
Fact Finding	23 Jun 2013 to 23 Jun 2013
MRM	-

Approval	13 Aug 2013
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	31 Mar 2015

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
13 Aug 2013	26 Aug 2013	26 Aug 2013	15 Aug 2015	31 May 2016	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
400,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	460,000.00	13 Aug 2013	215,611.65

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