



## Bangladesh: Strengthening Governance Management Project

Project Name	Strengthening Governance Management Project								
Project Number	39452-013								
Country	Bangladesh								
Project Status	Approved								
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan Technical Assistance								
Source of Funding / Amount	<table> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Loan 2666-BAN: Strengthening Governance Management Project</b></td></tr> <tr> <td>Asian Development Fund</td><td>US\$ 25.00 million</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>TA 7604-BAN: Supporting Governance Management Project</b></td></tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td><td>US\$ 800,000.00</td></tr> </table>	<b>Loan 2666-BAN: Strengthening Governance Management Project</b>		Asian Development Fund	US\$ 25.00 million	<b>TA 7604-BAN: Supporting Governance Management Project</b>		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 800,000.00
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Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 800,000.00								
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth								
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Private sector development								
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management - Public administration								
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements								
Description	The project seeks to improve transparency and accountability of public service delivery in tax and land record administration in Bangladesh with the help of information and communication technology (ICT). Three outputs of the project are (i) online filing of tax returns, (ii) digitized land records management system in selected districts, and (iii) improved access to tax and land information in specialized information and service centers.								
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The project is consistent with the country partnership strategy and is in conformity with the recommendations made in the 2009 country assistance program evaluation in Bangladesh, which found that lack of good governance in many areas is one of the country's binding constraints on growth, and recommended support for further governance reforms. The ADB's country operations business plan for 2010-2012 for Bangladesh states that ADB will continue to provide assistance in improving governance in Bangladesh by enhancing governance management capacity. Recognizing the need for the application of ICT tools for improved governance, the Supporting Governance Management Project identifies three key areas where the application of ICT tools has the potential to enhance efficiency, transparency, and accountability in public service delivery:</p> <p>(i) Tax administration is one of the most promising areas where good governance can lead to significant gains in terms of increasing tax revenues and in enhancing transparency in tax filing.</p> <p>(ii) Proper land records management is another area where the application of ICT tools can greatly enhance the quality of public service delivery.</p> <p>(iii) The success of any good governance initiative based on the principle of a participatory approach critically depends on equal access to information, and bidirectional information flows.</p>								
Impact	Greater public trust in central government for service delivery								

### Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Improved transparency and accountability in tax and land record administrations
Progress Toward Outcome	Loan has been extended upto 31 March 2016. For NBR component, the contract was signed on 24 Aug 2014 and for DLRS component, the contract was signed 2 February 2015. Consultants have been fielded and work is going on in full swing. Large disbursement is expected with opening of LC around the end Q3. By the end of Q4 yearly disbursement target is likely to be achieved. Loan Review Mission is planned around the end of Q3.

### Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	Online filing of tax returns Digitized land records management system in selected districts Improved access to tax and land information in specialized information and service centers
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	Contract signed on 24 August 2014 and project implementation will be completed by March 2016. This will be assessed at the end of project period. This will be assessed at the end of project period. Contract has been signed in February 2015 and consultants have been fielded already Not started yet. Not started yet. Not started yet. For NBR component, contract was signed on 24 August 2014. For DLRS component the contract was signed on 2 Feb 2015. Not Started yet.
Geographical Location	

#### Safeguard Categories

Environment	C
Involuntary Resettlement	C
Indigenous Peoples	C

#### Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects
Involuntary Resettlement
Indigenous Peoples

#### Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design
During Project Implementation

#### Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	Consulting services will be procured using the ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2010, as amended from time to time). No advance contracting or retroactive financing is expected to be considered for consulting services. 1440 person-months of consultancy services will be required.
Procurement	Procurement of works, goods, and services will be carried out in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2010, as amended from time to time). Retroactive financing and/or advance contracting is not expected. Both the PMUs have already been exposed to the procurement standards of the multilateral and the bilateral donors. Moreover, training courses on procurement are regularly organized in the departmental training institutes, and in addition ADB also provides regular training on procurement.

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#### Timetable

Concept Clearance	11 May 2010
Fact Finding	13 May 2010 to 26 May 2010
MRM	09 Jul 2010
Approval	21 Sep 2010
Last Review Mission	-
PDS Creation Date	08 Nov 2010

**Loan 2666-BAN**

Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
21 Sep 2010	11 Sep 2011	20 Oct 2011	30 Jun 2014	31 Mar 2016	-

Financing Plan		Loan Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	25.00	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	25.00	21 Sep 2010	17.99	0.00	78%
Counterpart	0.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	21 Sep 2010	3.23	0.00	14%

Status of Covenants						
Category	Sector	Safeguards	Social	Financial	Economic	Others
Rating	Satisfactory	-	-	-	-	-

**TA 7604-BAN**

Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
21 Sep 2010	28 Oct 2010	28 Oct 2010	31 Dec 2013	31 Mar 2016	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
800,000.00	0.00	180,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	980,000.00	21 Sep 2010	366,752.91

Status of Covenants						
Category	Sector	Safeguards	Social	Financial	Economic	Others
Rating	Satisfactory	-	-	-	-	-

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