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I. PROJECT LIST BY SECTOR

Country	Projects	ADB Assistance
AGRICULTURE and NATURAL RESOURCES SECTOR		
Myanmar	Irrigated Agriculture Inclusive Development Project	Approved loan
Mongolia	Conservation of Forest Genetic Resources	Approved TA
Uzbekistan	Horticulture Value Chain Development Project	Approved loan
EDUCATION SECTOR		
Bangladesh	Skills for Employment Investment Program - Tranche 2	Approved loan, grant
India	Madhya Pradesh Skills Development Project	Approved TA
Myanmar	Equipping Youth for Employment Project	Approved loan
ENERGY SECTOR		
Azerbaijan	Shah Deniz Gas Field Expansion Project	Approved assistance to private sector
China	Shaanxi Accelerated Energy Efficiency and Environment Improvement Financing Project	Approved loan
India	ReNew Clean Energy Project	Approved assistance to private sector
Indonesia	Muara Laboh Geothermal Power Project	Approved assistance to private sector
Pakistan	Access to Clean Energy Investment Program	Approved loan
Solomon Islands	Solar Power Development Project	Approved TA
ENVIRONMENT SECTOR		
Armenia	Second Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Project	Approved TA
India	Strengthening Climate Change Resilience in Urban India - Supporting Climate Change Resilient Smart Cities Mission Projects (Subproject 2)	Approved TA
Mongolia	Managing Soil Pollution in Ger Areas through Improved On-site Sanitation Project	Approved TA
HEALTH SECTOR		
China	Hubei Yichang Comprehensive Elderly Care Demonstration Project	Approved TA
Regional	Greater Mekong Subregion Health Security Project	Approved TA
INDUSTRY, FINANCE, and OTHER SECTORS		
Armenia	Rural Financial Inclusion Project	Approved Assistance to private sector
Azerbaijan	Countercyclical Support Facility Program	Approved loan, TA
Cambodia	Inclusive Financial Sector Development Program, Subprogram 1	Approved loan, TA
China	Guangxi Regional Cooperation and Integration Promotion Investment Program	Approved loan
China	Creating Enabling Environments for Gradual Rural-Urban Migration and Urban Settlements Development in Chuxiong Yi Autonomous Prefecture	Approved TA
Cook Islands	Disaster Resilience Program	Approved loan
Mongolia	Sustainable Tourism Development Project	Approved loan
Pakistan	Supporting Public-Private Partnership Investments in Sindh Province	Approved loan
Pakistan	National Disaster Risk Management Fund	Approved loan, TA, grant
Philippines	Strengthening Tax and Fiscal Policy Capacity for Inclusive Growth	Approved TA

Country	Projects	ADB Assistance
Note: Click on the project title for full details.		
INDUSTRY, FINANCE, and OTHER SECTORS		
Regional	Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre, 2016-2022	Approved TA
Samoa	Fiscal Resilience Improvement Program, Subprogram 1	Approved loan
Samoa	Fiscal Resilience Improvement Program, Subprogram 1	Approved TA
TRANSPORTATION and COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR		
Afghanistan	Road Asset Management Project	Approved grant
Nepal	South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Roads Improvement Project	Approved loan
Tajikistan	CAREC Corridors 2, 5, and 6 (Dushanbe–Kurgonteppa) Road Project	Approved loan
Tuvalu	Outer Island Maritime Infrastructure Project	Approved grant

II. LOANS

NOTE: Please click on the project title to access full project information.

AZERBAIJAN

Countercyclical Support Facility Program

Loan No. : 3486-AZE
TA No. : 9259-AZE
Project No. : 50145-001
Amount (US \$ million) : 501
Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance
Sector : Finance; Public sector management
Sub Sector : Finance sector development; Public expenditure and fiscal management - Social protection initiatives

Responsible ADB Officer: Tariq H. Niazi, Central and West Asia Department, Public Management, Financial Sector and Trade Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 7 December 2016.

Description: The Countercyclical Support Facility will, in the short term, help the government of Azerbaijan mitigate the significant negative economic impact caused by the crash in oil prices and the recession in the country's trading partners, which has triggered recession in the country. The government's ongoing and planned fiscal stimulus expenditure is providing social assistance programs, creating employment, and promoting inclusive private sector development. The attached TA will facilitate design of structural reforms covering macro fiscal management, state-owned enterprise (SOE) reform, and finance sector development as well as augment capacity of select departments for implementation of the reforms. The medium-term structural reforms could be supported further under a planned policy-based loan in 2017.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: There are no consulting services needed under the loan. Under the attached technical assistance, a total of 18 person-months of international consultancy services and 33 person-months of national consultancy services will be required intermittently. A consulting firm will be engaged and recruited in line with the ADB Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).

- Procurement: There is no procurement activities required under the loan. Under the attached technical assistance, equipment (including debt management software) will be procured in line with the ADB Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time).

BANGLADESH

Skills for Employment Investment Program - Tranche 2

Loan No. : 3468-BAN
Grant No. : 0517-BAN
Project No. : 42466-016
Amount (US \$ million) : 111
Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance
Sector : Education
Sub Sector : Technical and vocational education and training

Responsible ADB Officer: Sunhwa Lee, South Asia Department, Human and Social Development Division

Status: ADB Board to approve on 24 November 2016.

Description: The Skills for Employment Investment Program (SEIP) supports the government's ambitious skills development initiatives, which aim to enhance the productivity and employability of the growing workforce to reduce poverty and accelerate economic growth. The proposed Project 2 (2017 -2021) aims to harness the evolving skills development system by strengthening training partnerships established under Project 1, while expanding the scope of skills training. Horizontally, Project 2 will expand its sectoral coverage of training from six to nine priority industries, bring in additional public and private training partners, and pilot upskilling training for Bangladesh migrant workers overseas. Vertically, Project 2 will upscale mid-level skills training (e.g., quality control personnel and supervisors) and introduce a new industry-specific managerial training program in response to the emerging "middle-management gap." Project 2 will also emphasize women's access to various skilling opportunities to promote their formal-sector employment and gender equality.

Business Opportunities

- **Consulting Services:** All consultants will be selected using ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). Since the investment program is being financed by ADB's Special Funds resources and ADB will also be administering co-financing to be provided by the Government of Switzerland, ADB's member country eligibility restrictions will not apply to this investment program. Industry associations and PKSf will be contracted by the executing agency using single-source selection to deliver skills training in agreed sectors and skills areas.
- **Procurement:** The government has requested advance contracting to procure new training packages and related consulting services, and retroactive financing in an amount not exceeding 20% of the loan amount and the grant amount, respectively, for eligible expenditures incurred during the period of 12 months before the signing of the loan agreement and the grant agreement. The government has been advised that approval of advance contracting and retroactive financing does not commit ADB to finance the proposed Project 2.

CAMBODIA

Inclusive Financial Sector Development Program, Subprogram 1

Loan No. : 3460-CAM
TA No. : 9232-CAM
Project No. : 44263-013
Amount (US \$ million) : 40.6
Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance & Economic Management
Sector : Public sector management
Sub Sector : Public expenditure and fiscal management

Responsible ADB Officer: Hiroyuki Aoki, Southeast Asia Department, Public Management, Financial Sector and Trade Division

Status: ADB Board to approve on 1 December 2016.

Description: The Guangxi Regional Cooperation and Integration Promotion Investment Program will help the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region (GZAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) implement its strategies and action plans for regional cooperation and integration (RCI) with countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), with a focus on developing the North-South Economic Corridor (NSEC) under the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Cooperation Program.

Business Opportunities

- **Consulting Services:** An estimated 1,239 person-months of consulting services are required to: (i) facilitate project management and implementation, (ii) strengthen the institutional and operational capacity of the executing and implementing agencies, and (iii) conduct project advisory support on public private partnership, business development services, and cross-border financial and investment services. Consulting firms will be engaged using the quality- and cost-based selection (QCBS) method with a quality cost ratio of 80:20.
- **Procurement:** All procurement of goods and works will be undertaken in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time). International competitive bidding (ICB) procedures will be used for civil works contracts estimated to exceed \$40 million, and goods contracts estimated to exceed \$10 million. Contract estimated at less than the ICB thresholds would be procured following national procedures in accordance with the People's Republic of China (PRC) Tendering and Bidding Law (1999), subject to modifications as agreed with ADB and consigned in the national competitive bidding (NCB) annex to the procurement plan. Contracts for works estimated to cost less than the ICB threshold values, but from \$100,000 and contracts for goods estimated to cost less than the ICB threshold values, but from \$100,000 will be procured on the basis of NCB procedures. Shopping will be used for contracts for procurement of works and goods estimated at less than \$100,000.

CHINA

A. Guangxi Regional Cooperation and Integration Promotion Investment Program

Project No. : 50050-002

Amount (US \$ million) : 450

Executing Agency : Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, through Guangxi Foreign Loans Project Management Office

Sector : Finance - Industry and trade - Information and communication technology
– Transport - Water and other urban infrastructure and services

Sub Sector : Small and medium enterprise finance and leasing - Trade and services -
ICT industries and ICT-enabled services - Road transport (non-urban) -
Other urban services - Urban sewerage - Urban water supply

Responsible ADB Officer: Zhang, Yuebin, East Asia Department, Public Mgt, Financial Sector and Regional Coop Division

Status: ADB Board to approve on 1 December 2016.

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- **Procurement:** All procurement of goods and works will be undertaken in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time). International competitive bidding (ICB) procedures will be used for civil works contracts estimated to exceed \$40 million, and goods contracts estimated to exceed \$10 million. Contract estimated at less than the ICB thresholds would be procured following national procedures in accordance with the People's Republic of China (PRC) Tendering and Bidding Law (1999), subject to modifications as agreed with ADB and consigned in the national competitive bidding (NCB) annex to the procurement plan. Contracts for works estimated to cost less than the ICB threshold values, but from \$100,000 and contracts for goods estimated to cost less than the ICB threshold values, but from \$100,000 will be procured on the basis of NCB procedures. Shopping will be used for contracts for procurement of works and goods estimated at less than \$100,000.

B. Shaanxi Accelerated Energy Efficiency and Environment Improvement Financing Project

Loan No. : 3475-PRC
Project No. : 48452-004
Amount (US \$ million) : 150
Executing Agency : Shaanxi Financial Holding Group
Sector : Energy
Sub Sector : Energy efficiency and conservation

Responsible ADB Officer: Annika Seiler, East Asia Department, Energy Division

Status: ADB Board to approve on 28 November 2016.

Project description: The project will establish a clean energy financing platform (CEFP) to channel finance to clean energy investments in Shaanxi Province. In addition, to support the high-impact energy efficiency and emission reduction initiatives in large enterprises, the platform will also focus on directing investments to small and medium-sized enterprises (SME).

The CEFP will offer three complementary financial products: (i) debt financing facility to provide entrusted loans, (ii) credit guarantee facility to leverage co-financing, and (iii) lease financing facility for the purchase of energy efficient industrial equipment. The CEFP will partner with two commercial banks active in Shaanxi Province to offer entrusted loans, and the partner banks are encouraged to provide co-financing to match at least the ADB loan proceeds. The guarantee facility will provide credit guarantees to technically sound subprojects with high energy-saving potential but lacking in collateral to meet the requirements of the commercial banks for the provision of co-financing. This facility is likely to be particularly useful for ESCO and SME borrowers. The CEFP will provide credit enhancement to the guarantees provided by Shaanxi SME Financing Guarantee Company by making a cash deposit of not more than 20% of the guaranteed co-financing loan amount in the beneficiary bank of the guarantee. This will ensure that the guarantee facility will have a minimum leveraging ratio of 5

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: Recruitment of individual consultants for 40 person-months
- Procurement: The sub-borrowers will use commercial practices acceptable to ADB for procurement of goods and services using the proceeds of sub-loans. A procurement manual was prepared to provide guidance on how the commercial practices can be adopted in a manner consistent with ADB's procurement principles.

COOK ISLANDS

Disaster Resilience Program

Project No. : 50212-001
Amount (US \$ million) : 10
Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance & Economic Management
Sector : Public sector management
Sub Sector : Public expenditure and fiscal management

Responsible ADB Officer: Andrew N. Parker, Pacific Department, Urban, Social Development & Public Management Division

Status: ADB Board to approve on 30 September 2018.

Project description yet to be released

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: All consulting services to be financed will be recruited following ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants.
- Procurement: All goods and works to be financed will be recruited following ADB's Procurement Guidelines.

MONGOLIA

Sustainable Tourism Development Project

Project No. : 50013-002

Amount (US \$ million) : 38

Executing Agency : Ministry of Environment and Tourism

Sector : Agriculture, natural resources and rural development; Industry and trade

Sub Sector : Rural sanitation - Rural solid waste management - Water-based natural resources management - Trade and services

Responsible ADB Officer: Mark R. Bezuijen, East Asia Department, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division

Status: ADB Board to approve on 28 September 2018.

Description: Mongolia has a small but growing tourism sector. In 2014, tourism comprised 3.2% of gross domestic product (GDP) (MNT695 billion) and 2.8% of total employment (33,500 jobs). Tourism is forecast to rise 5.7% per annum to MNT1,298.6 billion (2.6% of GDP) in 2025. International tourist arrivals were 408,000 in 2015 and are forecast to increase 5.2% per annum to 620,000 in 2025. Government efforts to expand tourism are centered on Mongolia's unique wilderness values and large network of protected areas, which cover 17.4% of the country. Tourism presents important opportunities for income and livelihood diversification, yet realizing such benefits is challenging. Lessons learned from protected areas indicate the need for well-planned tourism concessions, basic public infrastructure, and inclusive planning. In contrast, protected areas in Mongolia are typically under-funded and located in poor regions with limited infrastructure. Unmanaged tourism may threaten ecological and cultural values and provide few benefits to local people. National models are required to guide tourism development in Mongolia's protected areas, tailored especially to cold, fragile, and remote environments.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: All consulting services to be financed will be recruited following ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants.
- Procurement: All goods and works to be financed will be recruited following ADB's Procurement Guidelines.

MYANMAR

A. Irrigated Agriculture Inclusive Development Project

Project No. : 47152-002
Amount (US \$ million) : 130
Executing Agency : Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
Sector : Agriculture, natural resources and rural development
Sub Sector : Agricultural drainage - Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development - Agro-industry, marketing, and trade - Irrigation - Rural flood protection

Responsible ADB Officer: Pavit Ramachandran, Southeast Asia Department, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 28 November 2016.

Description: The sector project will increase agricultural value added by improving irrigation and strengthening agricultural value chains in three regions of Myanmar's central dry zone (CDZ). It will support the development of district-wide agricultural value chains and the modernization of irrigation systems in Magway district of the Magway region, Shwebo district of the Sagaing region, and Meiktila and Yamethin districts in the Mandalay region during a 7-year implementation period. The irrigation system rehabilitation and modernization component will cover about 20,000 hectares (ha) and benefit about 24,000 households. Parallel to the Asian Development Bank (ADB) project, cofinancing from the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) will strengthen local, regional, and national capacity for integrated water resources management (IWRM).

Business Opportunities

- **Consulting Services:** All consulting services required for capacity development and project management support will be engaged in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). The project preparatory technical assistance (PPTA) consultants will be recruited from a firm selected using QCBS method at a ratio of 80:20 based on full technical proposals.

A total of 94 person-months (pm) of consulting services (consisting of 24 pm of international and 70 pm of national input) will be required for project preparation. The consulting services will be recruited from a firm selected using QCBS method at a ratio of 80:20 based on a full technical proposal. The consultants will be recruited in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).

- **Procurement:** All procurement to be financed under the loan will be carried out in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2013, as amended from time to time). Very few qualified local consultants and private contractors presently exist in Myanmar to design and implement irrigation facilities as MOAI and other government agencies traditionally construct civil works using force account procedures based on standard designs and technical specifications. Procurement methods will be confirmed during the PPTA, especially the use of force account, and community based participation procedures.

B. Equipping Youth for Employment Project

Project No. : 48431-003
Amount (US \$ million) : 98.49
Executing Agency : Ministry of Education
Sector : Education
Sub Sector : Education sector development - Secondary - Secondary - social protection initiatives - Technical and vocational education and training

Responsible ADB Officer: Christopher A. Spohr, Southeast Asia Department, Myanmar Resident Mission

Status: ADB Board approved on 28 November 2016.

Description: Building on ongoing Asian Development Bank (ADB) technical assistance (TA) support, the proposed Equipping Youth for Employment Project (EYE) -- formerly titled Preparing Youth for the Workplace Sector Development Program -- will provide cohesive support to secondary education subsector (SES) and technical and vocational education and training (TVET) reforms, to ensure these subsectors are mutually aligned and collectively serve Myanmar's evolving labor market and socioeconomic context.

The Project will combine policy-level and investment-level support for rationalization of SES and TVET and address key interlinked challenges in subsector management, access, and quality and relevance via 3 outputs: (i) policy frameworks and capacities for cohesive, workforce-responsive SES and TVET enhanced; (ii) new SES curriculum delivered and access expanded; and (iii) new TVET programs introduced and access expanded. The Program will provide programmatic support to nationwide reforms, as the main support to SES within the forthcoming National Education Strategic Plan (NESP) for 2016-2021 and closely coordinated with other development partner organization (DPO) support for TVET. The EYE is included in ADB's Myanmar country program for 2016.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: All consulting services to be financed will be recruited following ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants.

- Procurement: All goods and works to be financed will be recruited following ADB's Procurement Guidelines.

NEPAL

South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Roads Improvement Project

Loan No. : 3478-NEP
Project No. : 48337-002
Amount (US \$ million) : 187
Executing Agency : Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport
Sector : Transport
Sub Sector : Road transport (non-urban)

Responsible ADB Officer: Lee Ming Tai, South Asia Department, Transport and Communications Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 1 December 2016.

Description: The project will rehabilitate and upgrade in terms of capacity, quality, and safety, about 160 kilometers (km) of Nepal's strategic road network, which comprise a critical section of the country's main East-West highway and its feeder road. It will improve transport connectivity in Nepal, with a focus on providing faster and better access to social services and economic opportunities. The project roads are

also integral to the international and regional road network system that connects Nepal to India, and will facilitate closer trade integration and contribute to Nepal's export competitiveness. The project will have a transformational impact by facilitating national and regional integration.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: All consulting services to be financed will be recruited following ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants.
- Procurement: All goods and works to be financed will be recruited following ADB's Procurement Guidelines.

PAKISTAN

A. Access to Clean Energy Investment Program

Project No. : 49056-002

Amount (US \$ million) : 404.35

Executing Agency : Energy and Power Department, Government of Khyber Paktunkhwa;
Energy Department, Government of Punjab

Sector : Energy

Sub Sector : Energy efficiency and conservation - Renewable energy generation - small hydro - Renewable energy generation - solar

Responsible ADB Officer: Adnan Tareen, Central and West Asia Department, Energy Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 25 November 2016.

Description: The program will be implemented over a period of 5-10 years and will support the provincial governments of Khyber PakhtunKhwa (KPK) and Punjab (GoKPK and GoPb) to achieve increased access to sustainable and more reliable electricity services for vulnerable communities. This outcome will be achieved through four components: (i) expanding access to renewable energy, notably micro-hydropower (MHP) plants in rural off-grid areas of KPK, and decentralized solar plants for education and primary health care facilities (PHFs) in KPK and Punjab; (ii) providing women and girls with increased opportunities to obtain energy services and benefits; (iii) enhancing institutional capacity to foster sustainability; and (iv) promoting public sector energy efficiency in Punjab.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: All consulting services to be financed will be recruited following ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants.
- Procurement: All goods and works to be financed will be recruited following ADB's Procurement Guidelines.

B. Supporting Public–Private Partnership Investments in Sindh Province

Project No. : 46538-002
Amount (US \$ million) : 124
Executing Agency : Finance Department, Government of Sindh (GOS)
Sector : Energy - Public sector management - Transport
Sub Sector : Energy sector development and institutional reform - Public administration
- Public expenditure and fiscal management - Transport policies and
institutional development

Responsible ADB Officer: Shauzab Ali, Central and West Asia Department, Public Management, Financial Sector and Trade Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 24 November 2016.

Description: The project will support the development policies of GoS for sustainable infrastructure provision through PPPs. It is aligned with Midterm Review of Strategy 2020, in which PPPs are a key driver of change, and the Country Partnership Strategy 2015-2019. The project builds on ADB's partnership with GoS to develop the PPP framework under a program cluster in 2009, using lessons learned from this program and the Country Assistance Program Evaluation for Pakistan.

The expected impact of the project is aligned with the number of infrastructure investments and services in Sindh improved. The expected outcome is fiscally-responsible private sector participation and investment in infrastructure increased in Sindh.

The outputs are (i) GoS capacity to select and develop PPP projects strengthened; (ii) PPP project-related fiscal risk effectively managed by the PPP Support Facility (PSF); and (iii) PPP project selection and subsequent management capacity of line departments, finance and planning and development departments strengthened.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: The technical assistance (TA) will require 20 person-months of international and 590 person-months of national consulting services for technical, advisory, and capacity development support through short-term and full-time engagement with the project counterparts and stakeholders.

C. National Disaster Risk Management Fund

Loan No. : 3473-PAK; 3474-PAK
TA No. : 9246-PAK
Grant No. : 0519-PAK
Project No. : 50316-001
Amount (US \$ million) : 204
Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance
Sector : Finance
Sub Sector : Infrastructure finance and investment funds - Insurance and contractual savings

Responsible ADB Officer: Donneth A. Walton, Central and West Asia Department, Pakistan Resident Mission

Status: ADB Board approved on 23 November 2016.

Description: The Project will provide financial and technical support to the National Disaster Risk Management Fund (NDRMF), which is being established as a government-owned non-bank financial intermediary with a corporate structure. The NDRMF will reduce the socio-economic and fiscal vulnerability of the country and its population to natural hazards by prioritizing and financing investments in disaster risk reduction and preparedness that have high economic benefits, taking into account climate change, as well as disaster risks and their impacts. The government will pass on ADB loan funds to the NDRMF as a grant, for on-granting by NDRMF to eligible implementing partners. The NDRMF will finance up to 70% of the cost of eligible subprojects that will enhance Pakistan's resilience to extreme weather events and other natural hazards. The NDRMF will also enter into insurance arrangements to develop markets for the transfer of residual risks that cannot be mitigated.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: All consulting services to be financed will be recruited following ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants.
- Procurement: All goods and works to be financed will be recruited following ADB's Procurement Guidelines.

SAMOA

Fiscal Resilience Improvement Program, Subprogram 1

Project No. : 50210-001

Amount (US \$ million) : 21

Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance

Sector : Public sector management

Sub Sector : Public administration - Public expenditure and fiscal management - Reforms of state owned enterprises

Responsible ADB Officer: Jiangbo Ning, Central and West Asia Department, Transport and Communications Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 1 December 2016.

Description: The policy-based program is designed to improve Samoa's macroeconomic stability and to strengthen the country's fiscal resilience. It supports the government's medium-term fiscal framework (MTFF) through the implementation of the joint policy action matrix (JPAM) on public financial management (PFM) policies and processes, developed by the Government of Samoa and its development partners.

The program is structured around four reform areas, including: (i) reduction of fiscal drain through SOE reforms, (ii) improvement of procurement systems, (iii) improvement of debt management, and (iv) promotion of resilience to climate change and variability. Subprogram 1 has 10 policy actions while 7 policy actions are proposed for Subprogram 2. ADB will support Samoa through regional technical assistance (TA) projects for SOE reform and public sector management during the program. The ADB Private Sector Development Initiative (PSDI) TA will support a range of private sector reforms under way in Samoa that include assistance for developing a public private partnership (PPP) pipeline. PSDI will continue support for improving the business regulatory environment. Support for climate change adaptation and mitigation activities will be guided by the ADB climate change implementation plan. All the outputs are fully aligned with the JPAM.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: All consulting services to be financed will be recruited following ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants.
- Procurement: All goods and works to be financed will be recruited following ADB's Procurement Guidelines.

TAJIKISTAN

CAREC Corridors 2, 5, and 6 (Dushanbe–Kurgonteppa) Road Project

Loan No. : 3451-TAJ
Grant No. : 0509-TAJ; 0510-TAJ
Project No. : 49042-004
Amount (US \$ million) : 79.2
Executing Agency : Ministry of Transport
Sector : Transport
Subsector : Road transport (non-urban)

Responsible ADB Officer: Kamel Bouhmad, Central and West Asia Department, Transport and Communications Division

Status: ADB Board will approve in 31 October 2016.

Description: The project will improve the connectivity between the capital Dushanbe and Kurgonteppa, which are two major cities and economic hubs in Tajikistan. The road is a strategic north-south link, and one of the most heavily traveled roads in the country, as well as the confluence of CAREC corridors 2, 5, and 6. The project will upgrade an approximately 33 km road section between Dushanbe and Chashmasoron, improve facilities and safety along and in the vicinity of this road section, strengthen the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Transport (MOT), and complete procurement readiness for the next section of the road to be improved.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: The civil works contract will be supervised by the project management and contract supervision consultant (PMSCS), which will be the Engineer for the contract as defined in the contract documentation. The scope of the PMSCS services will include design review, construction supervision, environment and resettlement monitoring, road safety audits, financial management support, and advance procurement activities for the proposed subsequent project. Two individual consultants will be recruited to support the PIURR in procuring the solar power systems. All consultants will be engaged in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).
- Procurement: The RAMS framework, the preliminary engineering design, and the procurement documentation preparation for the project are being undertaken through a project preparatory technical assistance (PPTA). The improvement of the project road will be implemented through one civil works contract and one contract for supply of goods. Both contracts will be procured following the international competitive bidding procedures set out in ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time-to-time).

UZBEKISTAN

Horticulture Value Chain Development Project

Loan No. : 3471-UZB
Project No. : 47305-002
Amount (US \$ million) : 154
Executing Agency : Ministry of Transport, Communication and Information Technologies
Sector : Agriculture, natural resources and rural development; Finance
Sub Sector : Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development - Agro-industry, marketing, and trade - Land-based natural resources management - Small and medium enterprise finance and leasing

Responsible ADB Officer: Giap Minh Bui, Central and West Asia Department, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 25 November 2016.

Description: The project will provide a loan to the Republic of Uzbekistan to channel through qualified participating financial institutions (PFI's) who will on-lend to horticulture-related farmers and businesses for fixed asset investments such as intensive orchards, cold storages, processing and packaging equipment. The project will address the critical constraint lack of long term resources in the Uzbekistan banking system. Since horticulture sector has high value produces, the project will contribute significantly to creating sustainable enterprises, increasing employment, and improving household income. Key lessons learnt from previous and ongoing projects financed by ADB and development partners are taken into account in the project design: (i) there needs be a dedicated project management office, other than the Ministry of Finance, to monitor the PFIs' lending activities and safeguards compliance; and (ii) terms and conditions of PFIs' sub-loans must be business- and demand-based without any government interventions.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: Three (3) consulting services packages worth \$600,000 for the following: (i) technical advisory services for PFIs; (ii) capacity development for project beneficiaries, including gender development; and (iii) Uzagroexport capacity development.

One (1) package for project financial audit worth \$150,000

- Procurement: Shopping (goods) in five (5) contracts worth \$91,000 for the following: (i) motor vehicles for PMO's project monitoring; (ii) computers and printers for PMO; (iii) air-conditioners; (iv) office furniture; (v) accounting software

III. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

PLEASE NOTE: Please click on the project title to access full project information. Technical assistance (TA) is used to prepare and implement projects, and support advisory and regional activities of the bank. ADB is no longer issuing TA project alerts classified according to type, i.e., project preparatory technical assistance (PPTA), advisory technical assistance (ADTA), etc. If you want to know the specific TA classification, please contact our office or inquire directly with the bank.

ARMENIA

Second Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Project

TA No. : 9254-ARM
Project No. : 49384-001
Executing Agency : Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Armenia
Amount (US \$ million) : 2.4
Sector : Water and other urban infrastructure and services
Subsector : Urban policy, institutional and capacity development

Responsible ADB Officer: Cesar Llorens, Central and West Asia Department, Urban Development and Water Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 5 December 2016.

Description The proposed project will focus on Yerevan city, Ararat, Armavir, and the mountainous Aragatsotn region. These regions have a combined population of 1.8 million (50% of the country's population) and cover an area of more than 5,400 square kilometers. The main reasons for focusing on this geographical area, especially Yerevan and the Ararat, are their economic importance, vulnerability to over abstraction of ground water, drought, climate change, and absence of intersectoral river basin management plans.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: All consulting services to be financed will be recruited following ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants.
- Procurement: All goods and works to be financed will be recruited following ADB's Procurement Guidelines.

CHINA

A. Creating Enabling Environments for Gradual Rural-Urban Migration and Urban Settlements Development in Chuxiong Yi Autonomous Prefecture

TA No. : 9241-PRC
Project No. : 49279-001
Executing Agency : Chuxiong Prefecture Bureau of Finance
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.4
Sector : Industry and trade; Public sector management
Subsector : Small and medium enterprise development - Public administration - Social protection initiatives

Responsible ADB Officer: Asako Maruyama, East Asia Department, Urban and Social Sectors Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 25 November 2016.

Description: The integration of rural migrants in urban areas as permanent urban residents is one of the priorities to achieve people-oriented urbanization as set forth in the National Plan on New Urbanization (2014 -2020) and the Thirteenth Five-Year Plan, 2016- 2020. This priority reflects that the PRC lags behind in urbanization, compared to developed countries when they attained per capita incomes similar to the PRC. In 2014, the PRC's urbanization rate was 54.8%. However, when rural migrants in urban areas without urban hukou (household registration) were discounted, the urbanization rate was only 36.7%. The majority of rural migrants about 236 million in 2013, predominantly males and single females in their 20s or 30s reside in urban areas in the short term (less than 6 months) or long term (more than 6 months) without becoming permanent urban residents (with urban hukou), while leaving married women, children, and the elderly in their home villages. Against this background, the the PRC Government aims to (i) grant urban residencies to about 100 million rural migrants living in urban areas with rural hukou, (ii) rebuild urban villages for another 100 million people, and (iii) develop small towns and cities for 100 million more people in the poor central and western regions during the plan period 2016 -2020.

Chuxiong Yi Autonomous Prefecture, located in central Yunnan Province, forms part of the PRC's poverty-stricken western region. It is the home of several ethnic minority groups (the largest is the Yi), which in 2015 accounted for more than 35% of the population. The prefecture is mountainous, with only 8.3% of the land area classified as flatland. It is prone to natural hazards such as landslides and floods, which severely hit poor rural areas. The per capita income of rural households in the prefecture was CNY8,327 in 2015, barely one-third of that of urban households (CNY26,763), and well below the rural per capita income at the national level (CNY11,422). Because of its sociogeographic characteristics and poor transport infrastructure, which are also common to other poor prefectures in the PRC's central and western regions, the prefecture lags in economic development and industrialization, which negatively affects the urbanization rate (40.4% in 2015, lower than Yunnan Province [43.3%] and the PRC [56.1%]). Even labor-intensive, resource-based manufacturing with low entry barriers remains underdeveloped and has generated little stable employment for rural migrants. The prefecture is, therefore, trapped in a vicious circle low industrialization leads to slow rural urban migration and urbanization and, consequently, slow progress in poverty reduction.

In 2010, the Chuxiong Prefecture Government's Policy Research and Legislative Advisory Office conducted a study to develop policy recommendations promoting gradual migration of the rural population to urban areas: first, rural rural migration from mountainous areas to semi-mountainous and flatland areas; second, rural urban migration without the change of household registration (long-term rural migrants in urban areas); and third, rural urban migration with the change of household registration (permanent urban residents). Some of the recommendations were incorporated in the prefecture government plan documents, such as the Chuxiong Prefecture New Type Urbanization Plan, 2014 -2020, and the Chuxiong Prefecture Rural Poverty Reduction Plan, 2011- 2020. The study also had impacts beyond Chuxiong, providing a reference for other similar prefectures in the central and western regions.

Since the study, however, policy and economic environments have changed, requiring a new study of rural migrants and returnees.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: A total of 4.5 person-months of international and 18.0 person-months of national consulting services will be required to ensure the effective implementation of the policy and advisory technical assistance (TA). A consulting firm will be engaged in accordance with the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time) by using the quality- and cost-based selection method (90:10) and the simplified technical proposal.

B. Hubei Yichang Comprehensive Elderly Care Demonstration Project

TA No. : 9237-PRC
Project No. : 49309-001
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.5
Executing Agency : Yichang Municipal Government
Sector : Education - Health
Sub Sector : Education sector development - social protection initiatives - Health sector development and reform - Health system development

Responsible ADB Officer: Wendy M. Walker, East Asia Department, Urban and Social Sectors Division

Status: ADB Board to approve on 23 November 2016.

Description: The technical assistance will support the project preparatory technical assistance for the Hubei Yichang Comprehensive Elderly Care Service Demonstration Project. This proposed public sector loan will develop the elderly care system and selected services including: (i) community home care services and facilities; (ii) establishment of an ICT platform to integrate planning, monitoring and regulation across the sector; (iii) human resources training; (iv) institutional capacity building; and (v) development of a rehabilitation hospital to serve as a critical part of establishing a continuum of care for the elderly. The project preparatory technical assistance services will support the development of the project by working with Yichang Municipal Government and the Asian Development Bank team.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: All consulting services to be financed will be recruited following ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants.
- Procurement: All goods and works to be financed will be recruited following ADB's Procurement Guidelines.

INDIA

A. Strengthening Climate Change Resilience in Urban India - Supporting Climate Change Resilient Smart Cities Mission Projects (Subproject 2)

TA No. : 9257-CAM
Project No. : 49106-004
Executing Agency : Ministry of Urban Development
Amount (US \$ million) : 2.5
Sector/ Subsector : Water and other urban infrastructure and services

Responsible ADB Officer: Sanjay Divakar Joshi, South Asia Department, Urban Development and Water Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 5 December 2016.

Description: The Cluster Technical Assistance (C-TA) subproject would support climate- and disaster resilient smart cities projects in two key areas: (i) conduct advanced climate risk and vulnerability assessments, resulting in integrated climate change-resilient urban plans, and strategic and actionable recommendations to strengthen urban climate change resilience of urban infrastructure and services (drinking water supply, sewage collection, wastewater treatment, drainage, sustainable urban transport, energy efficiency, etc.); and (ii) provide technical support to select state government agencies and cities in the implementation of the national urban flagship programs, including identification of smart, innovative and sustainable urban management projects, and support for institutional and capacity strengthening measures, including facilitation of PPPs, some of which would be considered under an ADB investment program and/or financing through a line of credit being established by ADB with one of the financial intermediaries.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services will be contracted by ADB to a firm (or a consortia of firms), which will be engaged under an Indefinite Delivery Contract (IDC), involving retention without commitment for 1.5-year, which will be selected following a standard quality- and cost-based selection method (ratio 90:10) on the basis of a full technical proposal. A team of individual consultants (2 international and 7 national) will be also be recruited for 42 person-months inputs to support the preparatory work, initial due diligence, and help building capacity in key areas such as climate resilience, PPP, financial management, environmental and social safeguards. All consultants, including firms and individuals, will be recruited in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time) and consistent with ADB's Midterm Review of Strategy 2020 Action Plan (actions 2.9.2 and 2.10.2).

B. Madhya Pradesh Skills Development Project

TA No. : 9253-IND
Project No. : 48493-001
Executing Agency : Department of Technical Education and Skill Development, Government of Madhya Pradesh (GOMP)
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.23
Sector : Education
Subsector : Technical and vocational education and training

Responsible ADB Officer: Shamit Chakravarti, South Asia Department, Human and Social Development Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 1 December 2016.

Description: The Asian Development Bank loan will reinforce GOMP's efforts to modernize and reform the state's technical and vocational education and training (TVET) system so that its workforce can be equipped with the skills required by the growing secondary and tertiary sectors.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: ADB will engage seven individual consultants (three international and four national) for a total of 26 person-months. The selection and engagement of consulting inputs will be carried out in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).

MONGOLIA

Conservation of Forest Genetic Resources

TA No. : 9233-MON
Project No. : 50012-001
Executing Agency : Ministry of Environment and Tourism
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.5
Sector/ subsector : Agriculture and Natural Resources - Rural development

Responsible ADB Officer: Jan F. Hinrichs, East Asia Department, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 18 November 2016.

Description: The technical assistance (TA) will support the government's forest policies, particularly the Ministry of Environment, Green Development, and Tourism (MEGDT) Forest Conservation Program, and strengthen government initiatives to develop FGRs assessment, characterization and monitoring systems. It will support one of six National Development Strategy priorities: contain the depletion of animal and plant life, and create conditions for their natural recreation and sustainable use. It will also take measures to (i) study the dispersal and reserves of rare and extremely rare plant species, (ii) create and protect their gene pool, (iii) establish a system of registration, information and monitoring, (iv) elaborate a plan for their proper use, and (v) provide for restoration and cultivation of rare plants.

The TA is in line with ADB's Interim Country Partnership Strategy for Mongolia, 2014-2016 to support the government's overarching strategic goal of inclusive and environmentally sustainable growth, and to help Mongolia adapt to climate change impacts by supporting efficient use and sustainable management of natural resources. It is in line with ADB's Midterm Review of Strategy 2020's recommendation of promoting natural resources management through protection and maintenance of forests, and with the draft operational plan for agriculture and natural resources key priorities, such as enhanced renewable natural resources management. The TA is in the Country Operations Business Plan for Mongolia, 2014 2016.

Components:

- a. Develop policy tools to provide frameworks for action for the sustainable in situ and ex situ conservation of FGR.
- b. Develop technical standards, protocols, and documentation systems for assessing and monitoring the status of FGR management. Promote and support the development of national and regional species checklists and mechanisms for updating them regularly.
- c. Promote training and research on recent developments in FGR management.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: All consultants financed by ADB will be engaged according to ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013 as amended from time to time).

- Procurement: All procurement of goods and civil works will be undertaken in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time).

PHILIPPINES

Strengthening Tax and Fiscal Policy Capacity for Inclusive Growth

Project No. : 50331-001
Executing Agency : Department of Finance
Amount (US \$ million) : 2
Sector : Public sector management
Subsector : Economic affairs management - Public expenditure and fiscal management

Responsible ADB Officer: Aekapol Chongvilaivan, Southeast Asia Department, Philippines Country Office

Status: ADB Board approved on 29 November 2016.

Description: The technical assistance (TA) supports the Department of Finance (DOF) of the Philippines to develop sound tax and fiscal policy through policy-oriented analysis and communication of fiscal and economic policy priorities with stakeholders.

The TA will support the development of the strategy, economics, and results group's (SERG) policy and advisory role and, in particular, enhance SERG's capacity under the DOF. To develop sound tax and fiscal policy through policy-oriented analysis and communicating fiscal and economic policy priorities with stakeholders, SERG requires ADB's support in: (i) providing technical advice on the design of priority reforms, (ii) enhancing quantitative and qualitative analytical research skills for policy reform, and (iii) communicating policy reform agenda and research outputs to stakeholders.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: All consultants financed by ADB will be engaged according to ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013 as amended from time to time).
- Procurement: All procurement of goods and civil works will be undertaken in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time).

REGIONAL

Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre, 2016-2022

TA No. : 9234-REG
Project No. : 49457-001
Executing Agency : International Monetary Fund
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.8
Sector : Finance - Public sector management
Subsector : Central banking systems - Economic affairs management - Public expenditure and fiscal management

Responsible ADB Officer: Johannes Norman Wolff, Pacific Department, Social Development & Public Management Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 18 November 2016.

Description: The Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre (PFTAC) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was established in 1993 to support Pacific countries with improving economic management

and achieving sustainable economic growth. The PFTAC provides technical assistance (TA) and training in five core areas: (i) public financial management (PFM), (ii) revenue administration, (iii) macroeconomic management, (iv) financial sector supervision, and (v) macroeconomic statistics.

Business Opportunities

- **Consulting Services:** The IMF will be responsible for PFTAC's managerial, technical, and administrative arrangements, including consulting services. The IMF: (i) assigns the center coordinator (full-time staff member); (ii) selects resident advisors from its professional staff; (iii) hires short-term experts using IMF procedures, and draws on experts from its approved rosters; (iv) provides supervision and backstopping services; (v) provides administrative support; and (vi) manages the cost-sharing contributions of the development partners.
- No procurement of works is envisaged under the TA.

IV. GRANT

AFGHANISTAN

Road Asset Management Project

Grant No. : 0508-AFG
Project No. : 50062-001
Amount (US \$ million) : 25.5
Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance
Sector : Transport
Subsector : Road transport (non-urban)

Responsible ADB Officer: Witoon Tawisook, Central and West Asia Department, Afghanistan Resident Mission

Status: ADB Board approved on 31 October 2016.

Description: This grant will finance priority maintenance works for part of Afghanistan's regional highway sections from Kabul to Ghazni and from Kabul to Jalalabad, which are the economic lifeline of the country's eastern region. The project will include a capacity development component to introduce sustainable road management practices, specifically in road asset management and road maintenance.

Business Opportunities

- **Consulting Services:** The consultant team will be recruited for the development of road asset management, O&M capacity development, and support to supervision of road maintenance work.
- **Procurement:** Delay in procurement has been a major problem in implementation, especially for large contract packages with high value. Thus, the Project will be tendered as small NCB packages to expedite evaluation process. In addition, ADB will request to carry out the consultant selection process.

MONGOLIA

Managing Soil Pollution in Ger Areas through Improved On-site Sanitation Project

Project No. : 49113-001
Amount (US \$ million) : 2.8
Executing Agency : Ministry of Environment and Tourism
Sector/ Subsector : Water and other urban infrastructure and services

Responsible ADB Department: East Asia Department, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 11 November 2016.

Description: Around one-quarter of Mongolia's population resides on the outskirts of Ulaanbaatar, the national capital, within peri-urban communities termed ger areas characterized by limited or no access to urban infrastructure, inadequate disposal of human fecal waste, sanitation-related diseases, and increasing risks of soil and water contamination. The grant will support local livelihoods through improved household sanitation and strengthening the lifecycle for on-site (de-centralized) fecal waste management, including the collection, transport and composting of waste, in collaboration with communities, the private sector, and civil society organizations (CSOs). The project will serve as a model to scale up on-site sanitation in Mongolia and which complements infrastructure development in core urban areas.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: Consultant recruitment will follow ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). About 5 person-months of staff time will be required to prepare the project. Funds will be sought to recruit six specialists to help with data collection and project design.
- Procurement of goods and works will follow ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time).

SAMOA

Fiscal Resilience Improvement Program, Subprogram 1

Grant No. : 0525-SAM
Project No. : 50210-001
Amount (US \$ million) : 20.9
Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance
Sector : Public sector management
Subsector : Public administration - Public expenditure and fiscal management - Reforms of state owned enterprises

Responsible ADB Officer: Shiu Raj Singh, Pacific Department, Pacific Subregional Office in Suva, Fiji

Status: ADB Board approved on 7 December 2016.

Description: The policy-based program is designed to improve Samoa's macroeconomic stability and to strengthen the country's fiscal resilience. It supports the government's medium-term fiscal framework (MTFF) through the implementation of the joint policy action matrix (JPAM) on public financial management (PFM) policies and processes, developed by the Government of Samoa and its development partners.

The program is structured around four reform areas, including: (i) reduction of fiscal drain through SOE reforms, (ii) improvement of procurement systems, (iii) improvement of debt management, and (iv) promotion of resilience to climate change and variability. Subprogram 1 has 10 policy actions while 7 policy actions are proposed for Subprogram 2. ADB will support Samoa through regional technical assistance (TA) projects for SOE reform and public sector management during the program. The ADB Private Sector Development Initiative (PSDI) TA will support a range of private sector reforms under way in Samoa that include assistance for developing a public private partnership (PPP) pipeline. PSDI will continue support for improving the business regulatory environment. Support for climate change adaptation and mitigation activities will be guided by the ADB climate change implementation plan. All the outputs are fully aligned with the JPAM.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: Consultant recruitment will follow ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). About 5 person-months of staff time will be required to prepare the project. Funds will be sought to recruit six specialists to help with data collection and project design.
- Procurement of goods and works will follow ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time).

SOLOMON ISLANDS

Solar Power Development Project

Grant No. : 0514-SOL; 0515-SOL

Project No. : 48346-002

Amount (US \$ million) : 8.44

Executing Agency : Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification

Sector : Energy

Subsector : Renewable energy generation - solar

Responsible ADB Officer: Anthony Maxwell, Pacific Department, Transport, Energy and Natural Resources Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 21 November 2016.

Description: The project aims to put into operation the grid-connected solar power plant.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: still to be determined
- Procurement: still to be determined

REGIONAL

Greater Mekong Subregion Health Security Project

Loan No. : 3464-REG; 3465-REG; 3466-REG; 3467-REG
Grant No. : 0516-REG
Project No. : 48118-002
Amount (US \$ million) : 125
Executing Agency : Ministry of Health
Sector : Health
Subsector : Health system development

Responsible ADB Officer: Gerard Servais, Southeast Asia Department, Human and Social Development Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 22 November 2016.

Description: GMS health system performance with regard to health security improved.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: still to be determined
- Procurement: still to be determined

TUVALU

Outer Island Maritime Infrastructure Project

Grant No. : 0511-TUV; 0512-TUV; 0513-TUV
Project No. : 48484-002
Amount (US \$ million) : 11.8
Executing Agency : Ministry of Communication and Transport
Sector : Transport
Subsector : Water transport (non-urban)

Responsible ADB Officer: Shigehiko Muramoto, Pacific Department, Transport, Energy and Natural Resources Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 16 November 2016.

Description: The project aims to construct a small-scale harbor in Nukulaelae and rehabilitate the boat ramps of Nanumaga and Niutao.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: still to be determined
- Procurement: still to be determined

V. ASSISTANCE TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR

ARMENIA

Rural Financial Inclusion Project

Project No. : 50074-001
Borrower : Finca Armenia UCO CJSC
Amount (US \$ million) : 6
Sector : Finance
Subsector : Finance sector development - Inclusive finance

Responsible ADB Officer: Asif Cheema, Private Sector Operations Department, Private Sector Financial Institutions Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 7 December 2016.

Project description: ADB will provide a loan to Finca Armenia UCO CJSC (FIAR) in an amount of up to \$6 million or dram (AMD) equivalent. ADB's funding will be used to support MSMEs and the agriculture sector, primarily outside of the capital Yerevan. Up to 75% of ADB's funding will go to Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) outside of Yerevan and up to 70% will be used to lend to agri-borrowers. ADB will also be providing technical assistance (TA) in an amount of up to \$200,000 funded from an existing technical assistance (TA). The technical assistance will support the development of a credit scoring system and SMART certification of Finca Armenia.

AZERBAIJAN

Shah Deniz Gas Field Expansion Project

Project No. : 50117-001
Borrower : Southern Gas Corridor CJSC
Amount (US \$ million) : 500
Sector : Energy
Subsector : Oil and gas transmission and distribution

Responsible ADB Officer: Aniruddha V. Patil, Private Sector Operations Department, Portfolio Management Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 7 December 2016.

Project description: The upstream project includes construction of 26 subsea wells, two offshore platforms, gas and condensate subsea pipelines, expansion of the Sangachal terminal, two 900 mmscfd gas compressors, and connection to the South Caucasus Pipeline.

INDIA

ReNew Clean Energy Project

Project No. : 50195-001
Borrower : ReNew Solar Energy (Jharkhand Three) Pvt Ltd; ReNew Solar Energy (Jharkhand One) Pvt Ltd; ReNew Mega Solar Power Pvt Ltd; Helios Infratech Pvt Ltd; ReNew Wind Energy (Sipla) Pvt Ltd; ReNew Saur Shakti Pvt Ltd; Narmada Wind Energy Pvt Ltd
Amount (US \$ million) : 32.6
Sector : Energy
Subsector : Renewable energy generation - solar - Renewable energy generation - wind

Responsible ADB Officer: Mayank Choudhary, Private Sector Operations Department, Infrastructure Finance Division 1

Status: ADB Board approved on 2 December 2016.

Description: ADB will provide funding to seven SPVs established by ReNew for the purposes of developing 709 MW of solar and wind projects in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, and Telangana.

INDONESIA

Muara Laboh Geothermal Power Project

Project No. : 50156-001
Borrower : PT Supreme Energy Muara Laboh
Amount (US \$ million) : 70
Sector : Energy
Subsector : Renewable energy generation - geothermal

Responsible ADB Officer: Yuichiro Yoi, Private Sector Operations Department, Infrastructure Finance Division 2

Status: ADB Board approved on 7 December 2016.

Project description: The project will develop geothermal steam resources through production and injection facilities in the Liki Pinangawan Muaralaboh concession area and construct, operate, and maintain a single power generation unit with a total capacity of approximately 80 megawatts (MW). The concession is located in the South Solok Regency, 150 kilometers (km) southeast of Padang, West Sumatra. The project will be developed and implemented under a 30-year power purchase agreement (PPA) with PLN (the off-taker) and a 20-year support from the Ministry of Finance, as stipulated under a business viability guarantee letter (BVGL). It is intended for base load operation. PLN will build 80 km of transmission lines from the plant site to two 150 kilovolt (kV) substations near Muara Laboh and Sungai Rumbai. The substations will connect power from the generation unit to the Sumatra grid through an existing 275 kV transmission line.

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