



India: Advanced Project Preparedness for Poverty Reduction- Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening for the Assam Urban Infrastructure Investment Program (Subproject 15)

Project Name	Advanced Project Preparedness for Poverty Reduction- Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening for the Assam Urban Infrastructure Investment Program (Subproject 15)		
Project Number	43166-201		
Country	India		
Project Status	Closed		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance		
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 7867-IND: Advanced Project Preparedness for Poverty Reduction- Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening for the Assam Urban Infrastructure Investment Program (Subproject 15)		
	Technical Assistance Grant Fund (UKG)		US\$ 600,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth		
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Private sector development		
Sector / Subsector	Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Urban water supply		
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming			
Description	The impact of the CDTA will be sustainable and replicable institutional structure made operational for developing and operating urban infrastructure in Assam. The expected outcome is enhanced capability of urban local bodies to undertake projects and provide urban services. This CDTA aims to provide a measure of support and institutional ability to the implementing agencies of the multitranche financing facility for Assam Urban Infrastructure Investment Program for the Government of Assam.		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The CDTA aims to provide a measure of support and institutional ability to the implementing agencies, particularly in the capacity development and institutional strengthening program for urban infrastructure undertaken by the Government of Assam. The broad areas that the CDTA would address include (i) capacity building on improvement of municipal services as a part of establishing the Guwahati Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (GMWSSB); (ii) creation of Management Information System; (iii) facilitating PPP and outsourcing in the context of project components; and (iv) development of Strategic Direction Note, that is City Sanitation Plan, focusing on septage management plan.		
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Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	
Progress Toward Outcome	Outcome: Enhanced capability of ULBs to undertake projects and provide urban services Progress: The TA Letter of Agreement was signed by the Government in December 2011. The consulting firm was hired in December 2012. Based on discussion between ADB and EA, the terms of reference of the consultant was revised in view of the latest status of sector reforms in Assam.

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	
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Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	<p>The Inception Report was already submitted by the consultants in February 2013 outlining the activities to achieve the key outputs as per the revised terms of reference. The five key outputs of the consulting firm are as follows:</p> <p>Output 1. Capacity Building on improvement of municipal services as a part of establishing Guwahati Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Drainage Board (GMWSSB)</p> <p>Output 2. Creation of a Knowledge Centre for disseminating sector related information and safeguards compliance</p> <p>Output 3. PPPs and outsourcing in the context of project components</p> <p>Output 4. Management Information System to monitor the project operating and maintenance post construction</p> <p>Output 5. Development of a strategic direction note, that is City Sanitation Plan, focusing on septage management (Septage Management Plan for Guwahati)</p> <p>Subsequently, during the last review mission, further details on TA implementation was discussed with the consulting team and variations were agreed to facilitate and improve the outputs. The interim report is currently prepared by the consultant.</p>
Geographical Location	

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	
During Project Design	Consultation with stakeholders were undertaken in parallel with the multitranché financing facility program for Assam Urban Development Investment Program.
During Project Implementation	The state government through the Guwahati Development Department (GDD) will be the executing agency. The program management unit (PMU) under Assam Urban Infrastructure Investment Program will supervise, monitor, and review the outputs of the TA, in collaboration with ADB. In case preparation of the outputs requires the state government's policy direction, the PMU will seek decisions and strategic guidance from the Oversight body of the proposed investment program.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	ADB engaged a consulting firm to undertake the TA's activities.
Procurement	All procurement will be done in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2010, as amended from time to time). Disbursements under the TA will be done in accordance with ADB's Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (May 2010, as amended from time to time). ADB will engage a consulting firm through quality- and cost-based selection using bio-data technical proposals.

Responsible Staff

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Responsible ADB Division	Urban Development and Water Division, SARD
Executing Agencies	<i>Guwahati Development Department Secretary, Government of Assam, Civil Secretariat, Dispur-Guwahati 781006</i>

Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	23 May 2011 to 07 Jun 2011
MRM	-
Approval	07 Sep 2011
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	03 Oct 2013

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Milestones

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
07 Sep 2011	20 Dec 2011	20 Dec 2011	31 Dec 2013	30 Nov 2014	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
0.00	600,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	700,000.00	07 Sep 2011	448,047.66

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