Asian Development Bank

Overview

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Basic Facts

• A multilateral development bank, founded in 1966
• A working partnership of 63 members
• 33 borrowing members
Shareholders

• 45 regional members
• 18 nonregional members
• Japan and the United States, coequally the largest shareholders (15.8% each)

Distinguishing Features

• Asian character
• Concern for small economies
• Particular emphasis on regional and subregional cooperation
• An evolving institution
**Organization**

- Governors and Alternate Governors
- Directors and Alternate Directors
- President
- 4 Vice-Presidents
- Over 2,000 employees, 50 nationalities

**Headquarters and Offices**

HQ in Manila, 24 external offices
Partners

- Governments
- Other international organizations
- Civil society, including nongovernment organizations
- Private sector

The Poverty Challenge

- Two thirds of the world’s poor live in the region
- About 900 million people survive on less than US$1 per day
Strategic Agenda

- ADB supports the Millennium Development Goals
  - Core areas:
    - sustainable economic growth
    - inclusive social development
    - governance for effective policies and institutions
  - Crosscutting strategic themes:
    - private sector in development
    - regional cooperation and integration
    - environmental sustainability
- Medium-Term Strategy (2001-2005)

Poverty Reduction Strategy

(Approved in 1999)
- Pro-poor, sustainable economic growth
- Social development
- Good governance
**Activities of ADB**

- Makes loans
- Provides technical assistance
- Offers advice
- Provides information

**Ordinary Capital Resources**

- Borrowings
- Paid-in capital from shareholders
- Accumulated retained income (reserves)
- Repayment of loans
Special Funds

- Asian Development Fund
- Technical Assistance Special Fund
- Japan Special Fund
- ADB Institute Special Fund

Trust Funds Managed by ADB

- Japan Scholarship Program
- Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction
- Japan Fund for Information and Communication Technology
- Channel financing of grants from bilateral donors
Technical Assistance

- Grant funds used for
  - Preparing and implementing projects
  - Providing advice
  - Supporting regional activities
- Loan-financed technical assistance

Cofinancing

- $2.85 billion for 38 projects in 2002
- For every dollar lent by ADB, an additional 50 cents was mobilized
Operations 1966–2002

- Loans
  1,752 projects, $98.8 billion
- Technical assistance
  5,053 projects, $2.2 billion
- Equity investments
  114 investments, $704 million

Loan Approvals, 2002

- $5.7 billion for 89 loans, 71 projects
- Average loan size: $64 million
- Major borrowers: India, Pakistan, PRC, Indonesia, and Viet Nam
**Loans by Sector, 2002**

- Transport and communications, 28%
- Energy, 18%
- Finance, 15%
- Social infrastructure, 12%
- Agriculture and natural resources, 9%
- Others 18%

**Three Highlights in 2002**

- Reorganization of ADB
- Assistance to Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, and Timor-Leste
- Greater Mekong Subregion Summit
ADB Operational Cycle

• Country Strategy and Program and its Update (5 years and 3 years)
  - includes Concept Papers for lending and non-lending products (“project pipeline”)

• Project design for loans and grants

Quote from ADB “Initial Country Strategy and Program (2002-2004), Afghanistan

1. Short-Term Needs

35. The country must be made free of landmines. Afghanistan is arguably the most mine-and UXO-affected country in the world. So far mine clearance under the Mine Action Program for Afghanistan has been very efficient and cost effective, covering 220 km² mostly done by a local workforce of 4,800. Another 730 km² has to be cleared containing 340 km² of agricultural and grazing land, roads, residential areas, and irrigation systems and canals. Other important challenges need to be taken into account, as follows.

38. Reintegration of War Combatants, the Disabled, Refugees and IDPs.
39. Dealing with the Ongoing Humanitarian Crisis and Natural Disasters.
Opportunities for mine clearance?

- Country Strategy and Program (CSP)
- Subregional Cooperation Strategy and Program (SCSP)

⇒ if mine concerns are here, then...

ACTION AT THE PROJECT LEVEL

SUMMARY

- ADB is the premier development agency for the Asian and Pacific region
- Its vision: A region free of poverty
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