

Asian Development Bank

Overview

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Mine Ban Convention
Standing Committee Meeting
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Basic Facts

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



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Shareholders

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

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Distinguishing Features

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

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Organization

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

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Headquarters and Offices



HQ in Manila, 24 external offices

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Partners



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

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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

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Strategic Agenda

- ADB supports the Millennium Development Goals
- Long-Term Strategic Framework (2001–2015)
 - 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)

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Poverty Reduction Strategy



(Approved in 1999)

- Pro-poor, sustainable economic growth
- Social development
- Good governance

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Activities of ADB

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



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Ordinary Capital Resources

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

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Special Funds

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

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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

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Technical Assistance

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

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Cofinancing

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



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Operations 1966–2002

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

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Loan Approvals, 2002

- \$5.7 billion for 89 loans,
71 projects
- Average loan size:
million
- Major borrowers: India,
Pakistan, PRC, Indonesia,
and Viet Nam



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Loans by Sector, 2002

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

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Three Highlights in 2002

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

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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

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

1. Short-Term Needs

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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.

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36. **Generating Employment.**

37. **Stabilization of Social and Individual Personalities.**

38. **Reintegration of War Combatants, the Disabled, Refugees and IDPs.**

39. **Dealing with the Ongoing Humanitarian Crisis and Natural Disasters.**

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Opportunities for mine clearance?

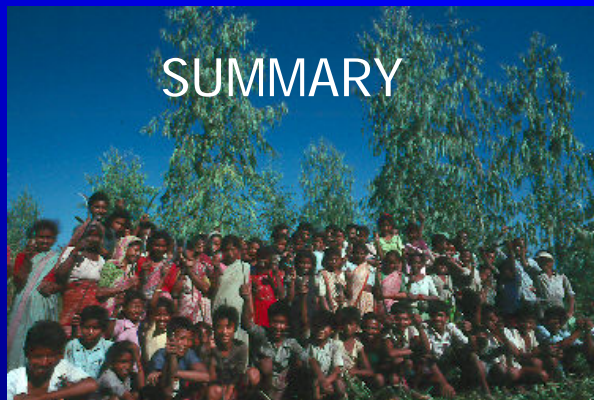
- Country Strategy and Program (CSP)
- Subregional Cooperation Strategy and Program (SCSP)

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ACTION AT THE PROJECT LEVEL

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SUMMARY



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

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