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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL PROTECTION **OPERATIONS AND KNOWLEDGE SOLUTIONS**

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Engagement Areas in Social Development and Social Protection

Social Protection

- Inclusive and resilient policies, systems, and programs
- Protect the most vulnerable against risks
- Build resilience to shocks

Social Development

- Inclusive policies & institutions
- Equity in access to services and opportunities
- Greater participation in social and economic life

We mobilize expertise through lending, grants and technical assistance to advance social protection systems, social inclusion and promote resilience



ADB Social Development and Social Protection Business Opportunities

Social protection systems and program strengthening

Social Protection Data Collection and Monitoring

Aging
Care and Support
Services

Adaptive and shock-responsive social protection Economic inclusion Sustainable Livelihoods

Jobs Future of work

Climate Resilience Just Transition



ADB Social Development and Social Protection Business Opportunities

Poverty and Social Analysis Disability Inclusion

Social Inclusion (includes SOGIESC)





Ongoing Technical Assistance

- Developing Inclusive and Resilient Social Protection Systems in Asia and the Pacific
- Supporting the Priority 1 Agenda: Strengthening Poverty and Social Analysis
- Quality Jobs and the Future of Work
- Enhancing ADB's support for Social Protection to Achieve SDGs
- Developing Innovative Community Based Long Term Care Systems and Services
- Advancing Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in South Asia Operations

Examples of Innovative Projects and Initiatives



Tonga: Integrated Aged Care Project

Strengthens social services while reskilling the labor force for decent jobs

Integrates health and care services through community based aged care centers in collaboration with NGOs

Builds on national strategic plan on long-term care developed under JFPR TA



Pakistan: Integrated Social Protection Development Program

Long-term engagement as foundational donor with BISP.

DLI on climate change risk

Planning and monitoring the impact of climate change on the poor. Analysis of climate and disaster risk information and update of beneficiary registry using climate vulnerability data.

More climate vulnerable people included. Possible new disaster response benefit



Mongolia: Second Shock Responsive Social Protection Project

Long term engagement and strong covid response support

Pilot testing the graduation approach that builds on cash transfers with a holistic set of livelihood and coaching interventions.

Impact evaluation to strengthen the evidence base on what works for poverty reduction in Mongolia



Bangladesh: Strengthening Social Resilience Program

COVID-19 provided first entry points. SP included in pillar of new CPS

New PBL (250m) reforms include:

improving efficiency of the SP system; expanding the protection coverage outreach to vulnerable women, promoting mobile financial services; broadening the scope of SP to respond to life cycle social and health needs



GIZ: Integrating Digital Solutions in Social Protection

GIZ Co-financing TA (\$1.9m) supporting strengthening digital solutions in DMC social protection systems

10 countries identified for support

Leverages momentum built during COVID-19 response

Develops a knowledge base and pipeline across RDs and a region wide network of specialists, good practice examples and training



Indonesia: Human Capital Development Program

Reform areas include enhancing social protection and health systems

- Pre-employment card:
 Over 5 million
 beneficiaries in 2020 &
 2.8 million beneficiaries in 2021
- JobStart to address youth unemployment
- Unemployment benefit covers 12.4 million formal workers (9.1% of the labor force)

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HSD Social Protection Pipeline by Country, 2024-2027

Firm Commitment Year	Country Code	Potential Project	Project Modality	Financing Instrument
2024	NEP	Inclusive Solutions to Empower Persons with Sexual Diverse Orientation, Gender Identity ar	Project Lending	Grant
	BAN	Second Strengthening Social Resilience Program (Subprogram 1)	Policy-Based Lending	Loan
	CAM	Strengthening Country Systems for Prevention and Response to Gender-Based Violence	Project Lending	Grant
	LAO	Building Resilience and Reducing Rural Poverty Project	Project Lending	Loan
2024 Total				
2026	TAJ	Modernizing Social Insurance System Project	Project Lending	Grant
	BAN	Second Strengthening Social Resilience Program (Subprogram 2)	Policy-Based Lending	Loan
	SRI	Promoting Resilience and Opportunity for Inclusive Recovery	Sector Development Program	Loan
2026 Total				
2027	UZB	Social Protection Improvement under Just Transition	Project Lending	Loan
	BAN	Supporting Sustainable Universal Pension Schemes	Results-Based Lending	Loan



HSD Social Protection Non-lending Pipeline, 2024-2026

Approval	DMC	Project Name	Primary Sector
year			
2024	BAN	Providing Inclusive Services to Transgender Populations in Dhaka and Sylhet	Education
	BAN, IND	TA 10119-REG: Developing Inclusive and Resilient Social Protection Systems in Asia and the Pacific - Additional Financing	Public sector management
	BAN, LAO, MON, PAK, PHI, RMI, SRI, REG	TA 10119-REG: Developing Inclusive and Resilient Social Protection Systems in Asia and the Pacific - Additional Financing	Public sector management
	BAN, FIJ, MLD, MON, PHI, UZB, REG	Asia and the Pacific Social and Human Impact Forum on Just Transition (SHIFT)	Public sector management
	INO, MON, SRI, VIE, REG	TA 9928-REG: Developing Innovative Community-Based Long-Term Care Systems and Services - Additional Financing	Health
2025	ALL	Accelerating Action on Adapting to Aging Asia and the Pacific	Health
		Enhancing a People-Centred Approach to Development	Multisector
2026	ALL	Future of Work and Just Transition	Public sector management





Issues/Challenges for Consideration

- Limited pool of experts and firms with required country, regional, or international expertise
- Limited awareness of ADB's support modalities (loans, grants, TAs)
- Quality of consultant output deteriorating in recent times
- Often difficult to find intersectoral experts example: social protection and digital technologies, social protection and social services







Thank you!

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