

ADB's Assistance in the Education Sector

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ADB's Comparative Advantages in the Education Sector

1. Funding + technical advice
2. Good and consistent track record (according to evaluation studies, education sector is among the best performing sectors of ADB)
3. Potential to apply cross regional experiences

ADB's Core Competencies in the Education Sector (based on operation experience)

- **Comprehensive sector reform and development:**
 - Policy, strategy, planning, management, financing
- **Subsector focus:**
 - Basic and Secondary Education
 - Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET); Skills Development
 - Tertiary/Higher education
- **Technical and crosscutting focus:**
 - Teacher education, curriculum, education materials
 - Targeted support to disadvantaged/marginalized groups
 - ICT for education
 - Public & private partnerships in education

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Highlights of Assistance Priorities in Basic and Secondary Education

- Priority in low-income DMCs where funding gaps exist for implementation of national Education for All (EFA plans)
- Increased focus on improving quality and completion
- Increased targeted support to disadvantaged groups, including in middle-income DMCs where enrollments are high but equitable access still an issue
- Support to the expansion of basic education to include secondary education (“universal secondary education”)
- Retooling & upgrading teachers

Highlights of Assistance Priorities in TVET/Skills Development

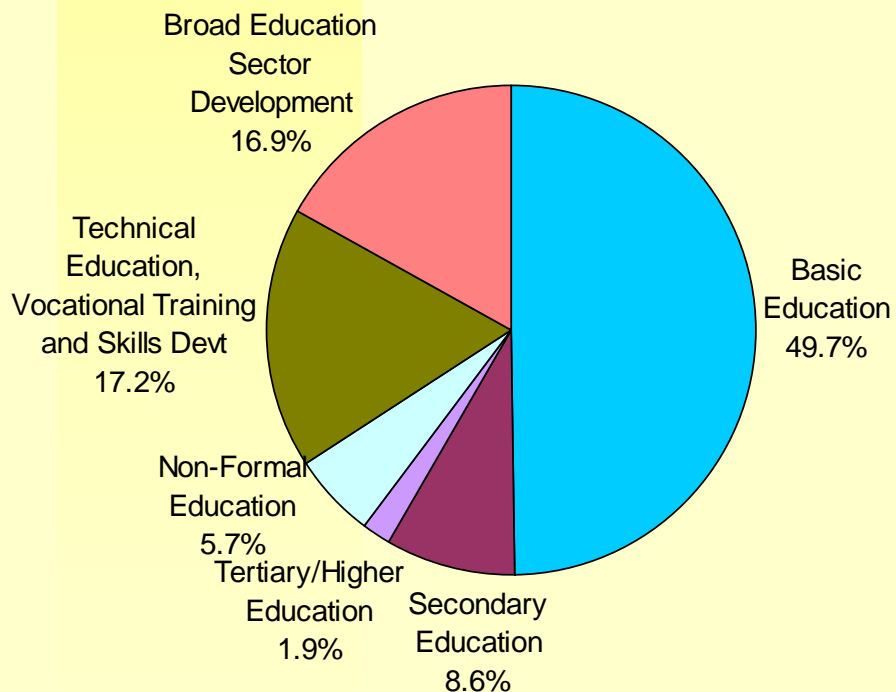
- Policy, organization, and governance/management reforms: the role of Governments' in providing adequate training policy and regulatory frameworks vs. the role of private sector as training provider - evolving roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders
- Focus on standards/outputs, and flexible competency-based training (instead of rigid time-based training)
- Partnerships with employer organizations/ industry, for enterprise based training, to improve the flexibility of training provision and relevance of graduates' skills
- Skills for formal and informal labor markets
- Skills development needs in the context of labor migration within and between countries

Highlights of Assistance Priorities in Higher Education

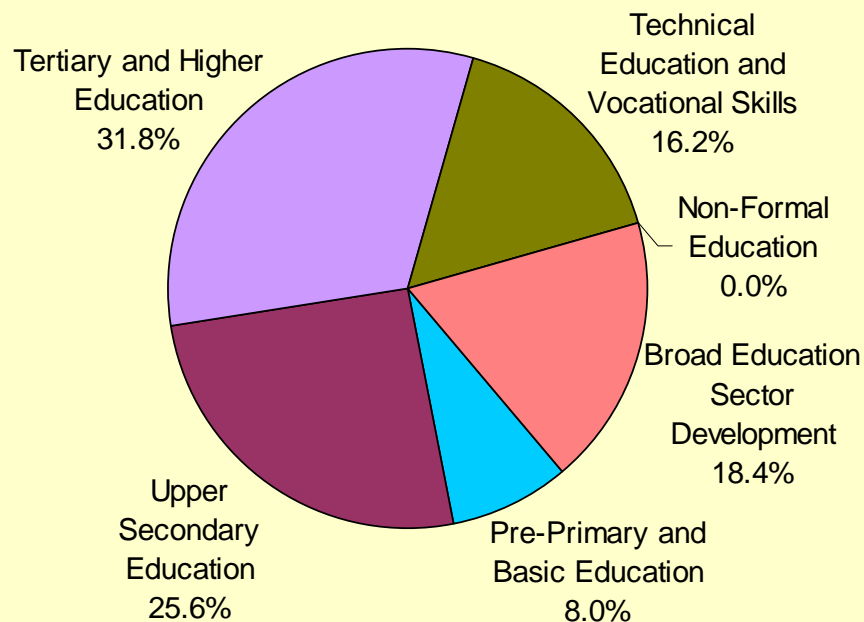
- Low-income and low-middle-income DMCs: Demand is primarily for the expansion of higher education systems to increase enrollment, however, important concurrent priorities are equity and quality improvement in higher education;
- middle-income DMCs with well-established higher education systems: priorities include further quality improvement and diversification of higher education to support development toward knowledge based economy
- Rationalization of higher education financing is a high priority in all DMCs, as it has implications for sustainable financing of the education sector as a whole.

Education Sector Loans and Grants by Subsector

**Trends 2000-2008
(\$2.71 Billion)**

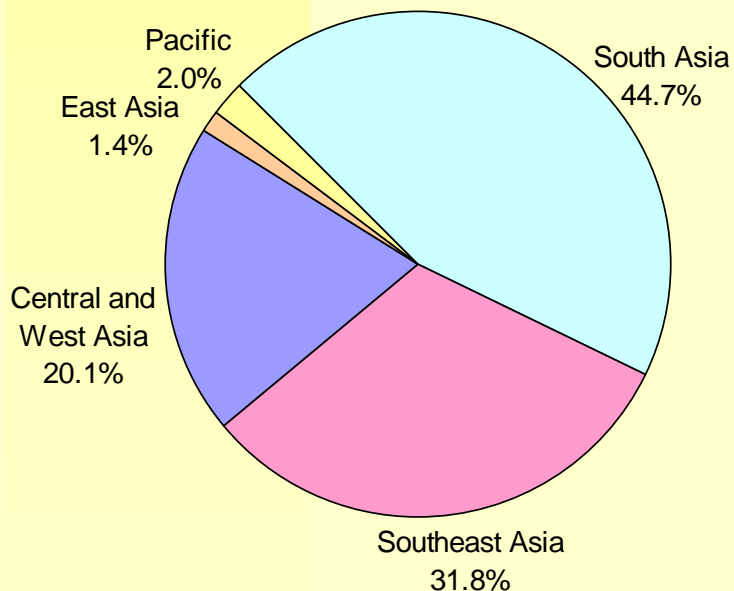


**Projections 2010-2012
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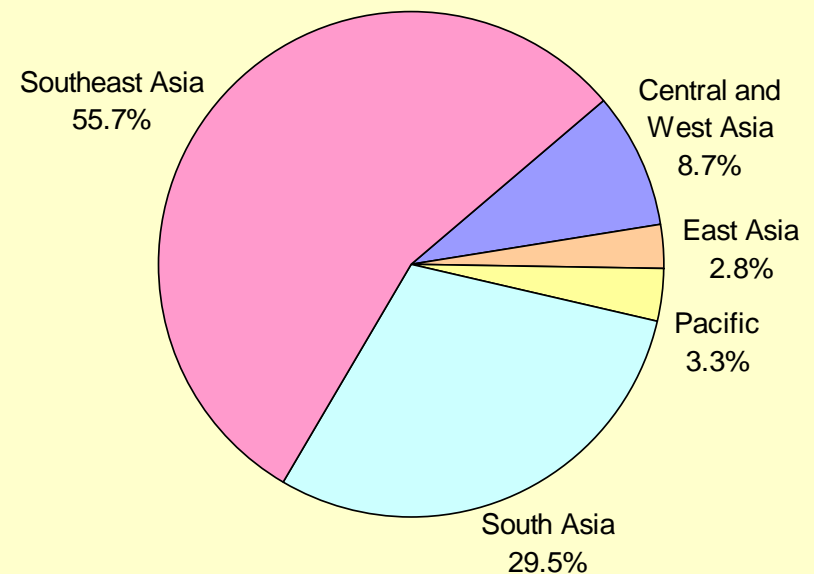


Education Sector Loans and Grants by Region

Trends 2000-2008
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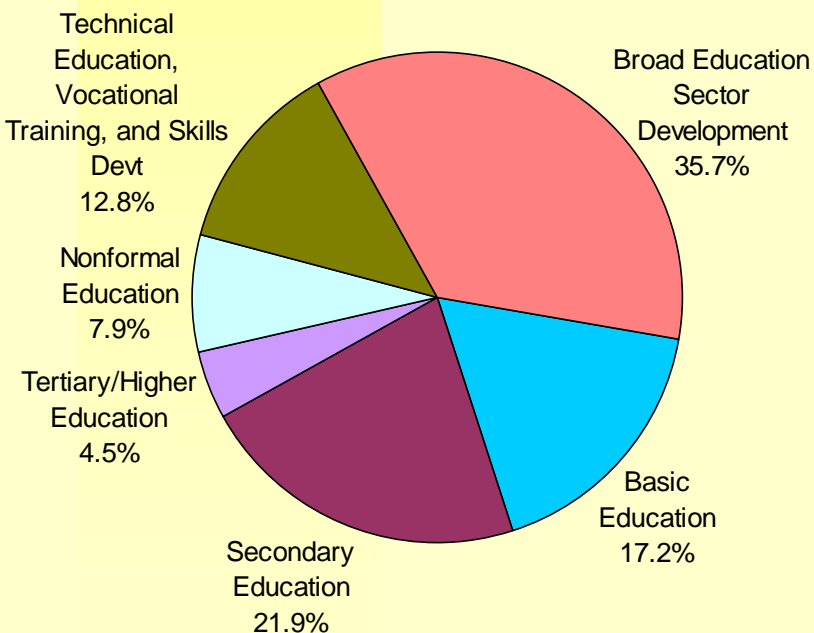


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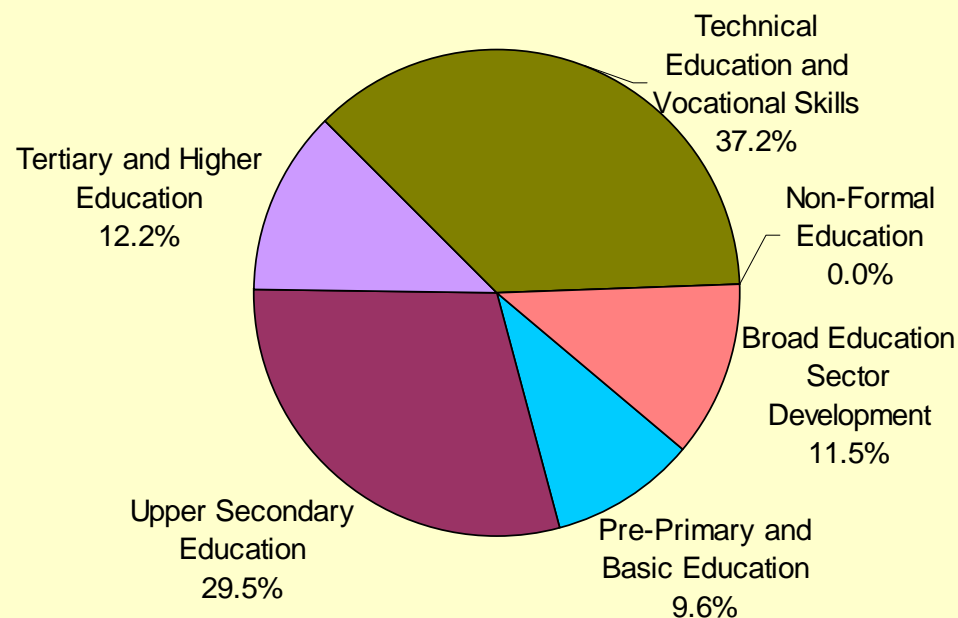


Education Sector Technical Assistance by Subsector

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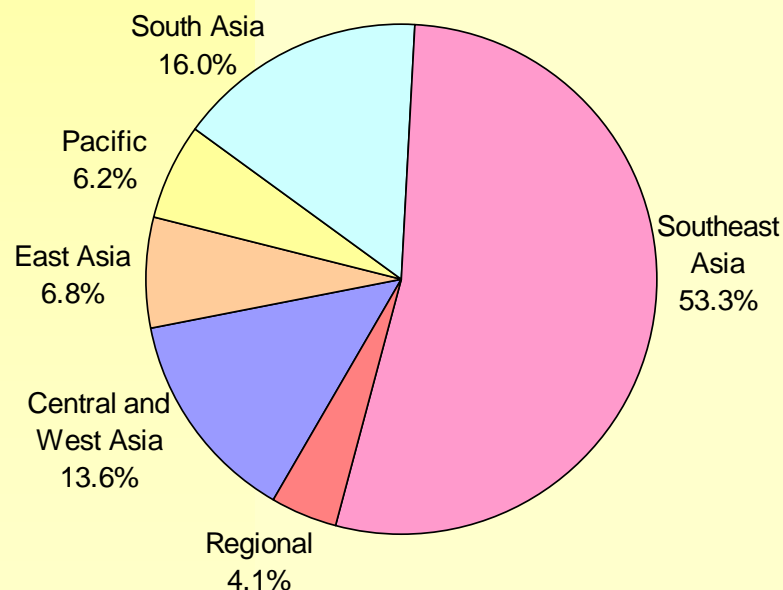


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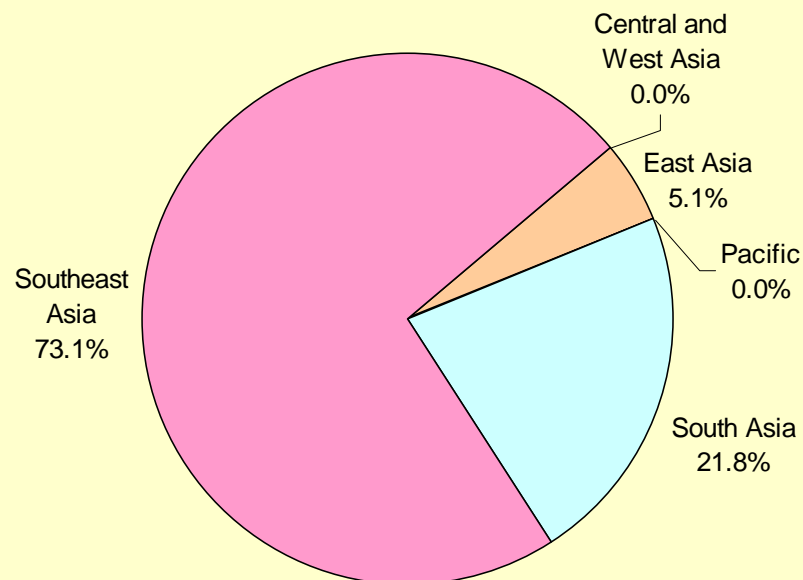


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Recent ADB Publications in the Education Sector:

Education and Skills: Strategies for Accelerated Development in Asia and the Pacific (2008):

- Comprehensive study of education in the Asia and Pacific region, covering basic education, TVET, and higher education – current status, significant developments, emerging trends and issues, and a strategic framework for ADB's support to accelerated development of human resources

Good Practice Guides on

- **Information and Communications Technology (ICT) for Education (2009),**
- **Investment in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (Forthcoming, November 2009),**
- **Cost-sharing and Financing in Higher Education (Forthcoming, December 2009)**
- **Inclusive Education (Forthcoming, March 2010)**
- **Public Private Partnerships in Education (Forthcoming, April 2010)**
- The guides draw on a range of sources, including the findings of ADB's studies and the experience ADB has gained with stakeholders and partners in providing assistance in these areas of education in developing member countries

ADB Education In Focus

- Snapshot of latest challenge and strategic issues in the education sector, and ADB's response. Updated regularly (latest update May 2009)

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