

# South Asia at a Crossroad: Reshaping Human Development Strategies

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# Development Context: HD at Crossroads

- **High economic growth and several countries moving to middle income bracket**
  - transformation in the economic structure and rapid urbanization
  - huge infrastructure demand
  - rapidly changing demand patterns for education, health and social protection
- **Mixed progress in HD and widening inequality**
  - partly due to underinvestment in the social sectors
- **Demographic dividend for the next two decades before population starts aging fast**
  - S. Asia is now a major supplier of labor despite low skills
- **Globalization: increased inter and intra-regional dependence**
- **Knowledge, innovation and technology as key driver for sustaining growth**
- **Emergence of private sector**
  - eroding quality of social services and flights to quality

# Current Portfolio of SARD

- ADB is one of the two largest external financiers in the education sector in Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka.
- Two of the most well known sector wide approaches in the education sector in Nepal (school education) and Bangladesh (preprimary and primary education).
- Skills projects in Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka.
- Secondary education in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, with a focus on quality and equity.
- Urban primary Health Care (with PPP for service delivery) in Bangladesh
- Technical assistance supporting education policy development in Bangladesh and several grant projects providing targeted support to disadvantaged women and children in Nepal and Bhutan

# Ongoing Projects

Bangladesh	Post Literacy and Continuing Education Project II (PLCE II) Third Primary Education Development Project (PEDPIII) Teaching Quality Improvement (TQI) in Secondary Education (to be completed June 2012) Secondary Education Sector Development Project (SESDP) Skills Development Project (SDP)
Nepal	School Sector Program (SSP) Skills for Employment Project (to be completed in 2012)
Sri Lanka	Technical Education Development Project Education for Knowledge Society Project

# SARD HSD Lending Pipeline

	2012	2013	2014
Bangladesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable Urban Primary Health</li> <li>• Teaching Quality Improvement II</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second Secondary Education Sector Development Project</li> <li>• Skills for Employment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PPP in Higher Education</li> </ul>
India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting PPP in Skill Development</li> <li>• Enhancing Human Capital Development in Meghalaya</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusive Growth through Skill Development in Madhya Pradesh</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting Public Sector Management (PSM) in Education and Health</li> <li>• TEVT for Green and Sustainable Development</li> <li>• Establishing Regional Energy Training Centers in Bihar and Assam</li> <li>• Supporting Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises for Creating Jobs</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche PPP in Skills Development</li> </ul>

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Nepal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Higher Engineering Education project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skills Development Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Sector Reform Program - II</li> </ul>
Sri Lanka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Education and Vocational Training Dev't Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education Sector Development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education Sector Development –II</li> <li>• Establishment of Science and Technology Park</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche TEVT project</li> </ul>
Bhutan / Maldives			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening TVET and Higher Education (Maldives)</li> </ul>

# SARD HSD Non-lending Pipeline

	2012	2013	2014
Bangladesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secondary Education Sector Development II (PPTA)</li> <li>• Supporting PEDP III</li> <li>• Supporting Sustainable Urban Primary Healthcare</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PPP in Higher Education (PPTA)</li> <li>• Supporting Secondary Education Sector II</li> <li>• Supporting Skills for Employment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting PEDP III</li> <li>• Achieving MDGs for the Urban Poor</li> </ul>
India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusive Growth through Skill Development in Madhya Pradesh (PPTA)</li> <li>• Enhancing Human Capital Development in Meghalaya (PPTA)</li> <li>• Skill Development for Inclusive Growth (PPTA)</li> <li>• Establishing Regional Training Centers in Assam and Bihar (PPTA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South-South Cooperation: Promoting Knowledge Sharing in Science and Technology (CDTA)</li> <li>• Supporting PSM in Education and Health (PPTA)</li> <li>• Capacity Building Support for Meghalaya</li> <li>• Capacity Building Support for Madhya Pradesh</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICT for Improved Social Service Delivery</li> <li>• Supporting Micro Small Medium Enterprises for Creating Employment</li> </ul>

# SARD HSD Non-lending pipeline

	2012	2013	2014
Nepal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Government's Social Protection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Sector Reform II</li> <li>• Modernizing Distance Education (PPTA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PPP in Higher Education (PPTA)</li> </ul>
Sri Lanka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening Institutional Capacity for TEVT</li> <li>• Science and Technology/ICT in Higher Education</li> <li>• Support for Education for Knowledge Society Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PPP in Social Sectors</li> <li>• Innovative PPP Approaches for Higher Education (\$500,000)</li> <li>• Science and Technology Park (PPTA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equal Access to Social Services in Priority regions Project</li> <li>• TEVT SDP II (PPTA)</li> </ul>
Bhutan/ Maldives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bhutan : Supporting Skills for Employment (CDTA)</li> <li>• Maldives: Strengthening TVET and Higher Education (CDTA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maldives: Strengthening TVET and Higher Education (PPTA)</li> </ul>	



# Other opportunities

- Recruitment for TAs approved in 2011 soon to start
  - PPTA Skills for Development Nepal
  - PPTA Higher Engineering Education Nepal
  - PPTA Skills for Employment Bangladesh
  - SSTA PPP in Higher Education Bangladesh
  - Project completion reports

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