

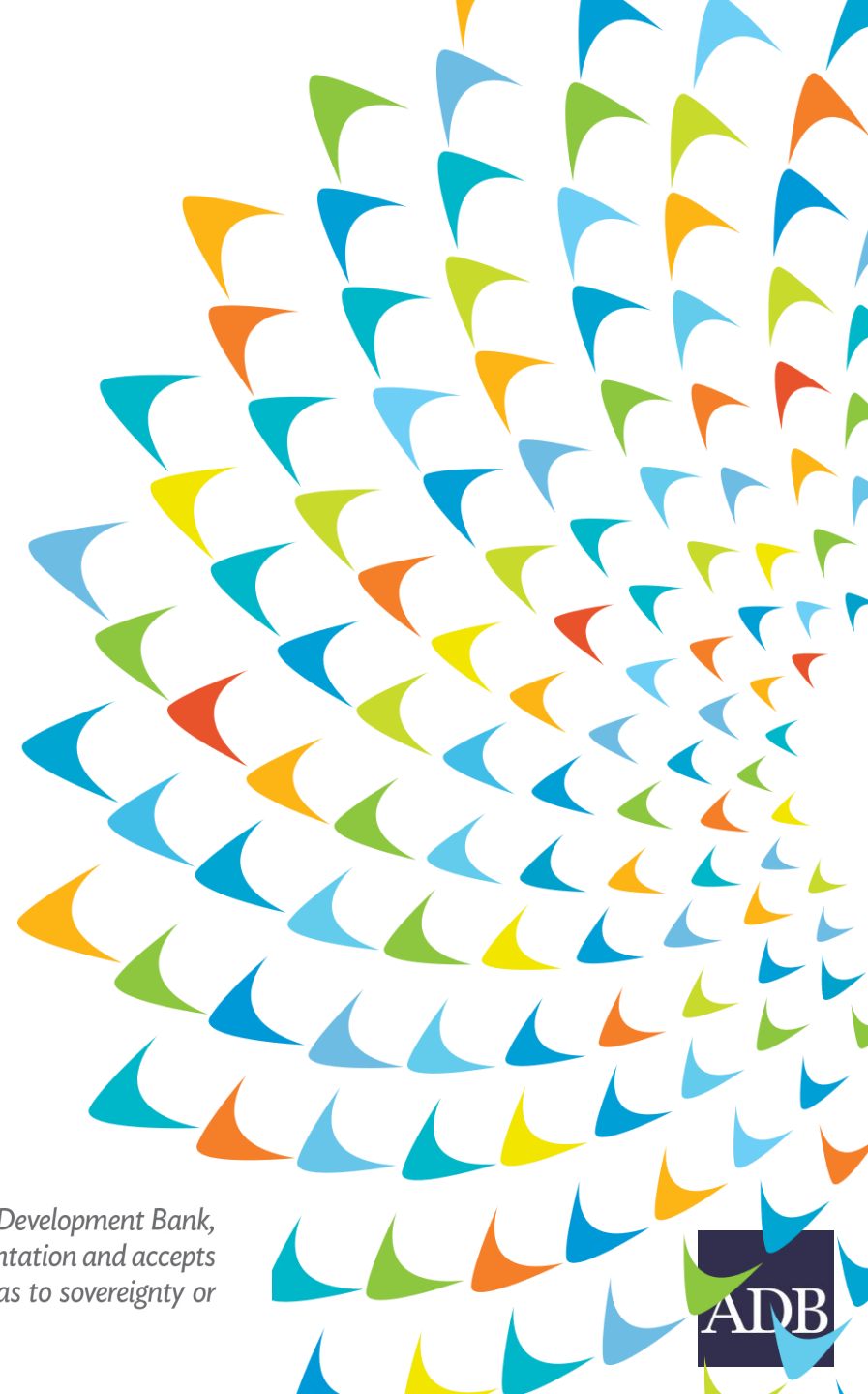


# South Asia Human and Social Development

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13 January 2020

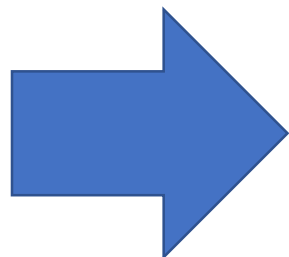
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# South Asia Regional Context

- Large, young populations
- Middle income countries
- Low human development index



- Continuing demand for basic education
- Increasing demand for post basic education
- School to work transition



# Human and Social Development Division

## *Operational Strategy*

Key outcomes: Quality, inclusiveness, efficiency

### Strategic Focus

Education and skills  
(foundational and lifelong learning)

Health and well-being

Equal opportunity and  
sharing society

Science and technology

### Strategic Enablers

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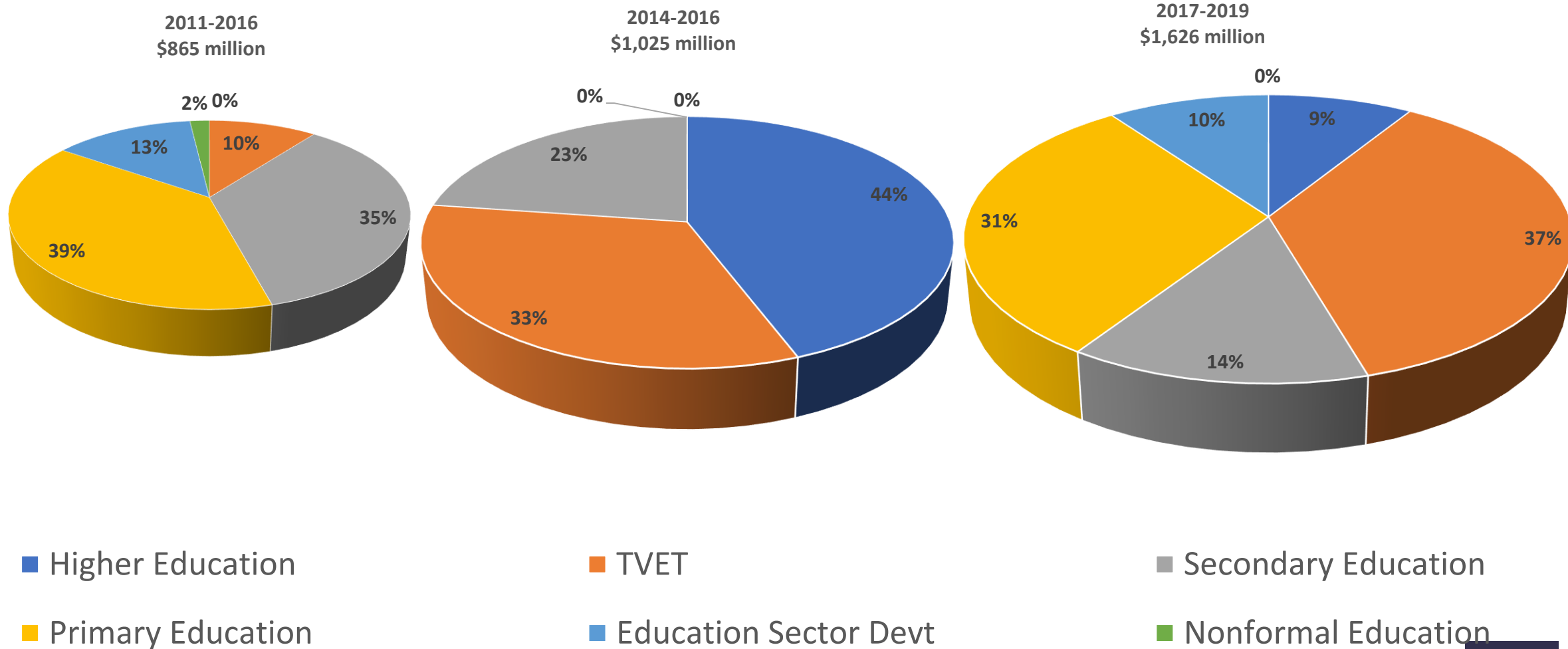
Technology (ICT) and innovation

Knowledge development  
and transfer

Cross-sectoral collaboration



# Shifting Demand: Lending by Subsector





# Distribution of Lending by Countries

■ Bangladesh

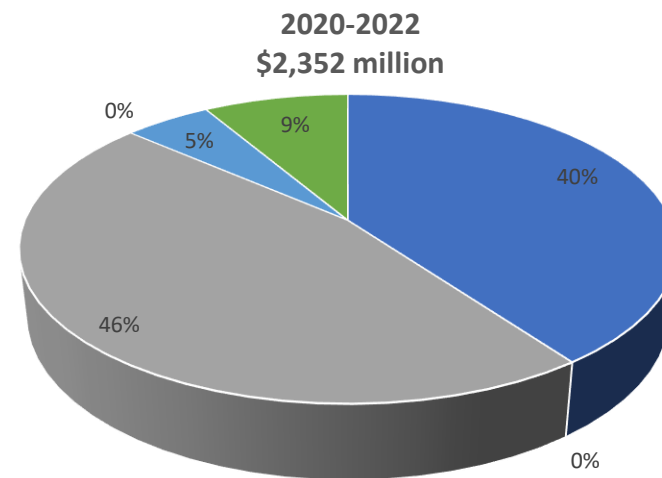
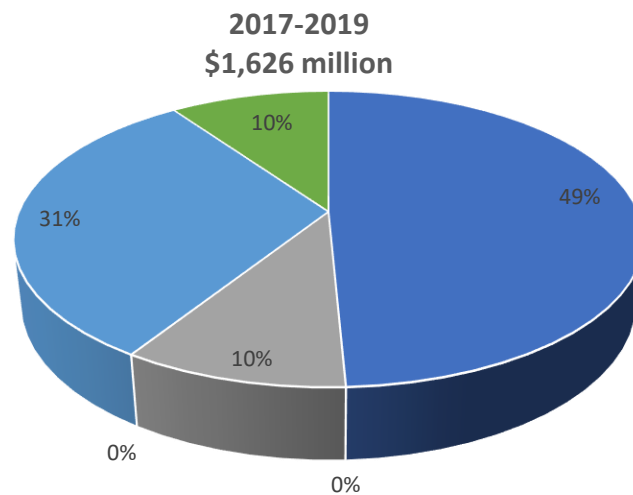
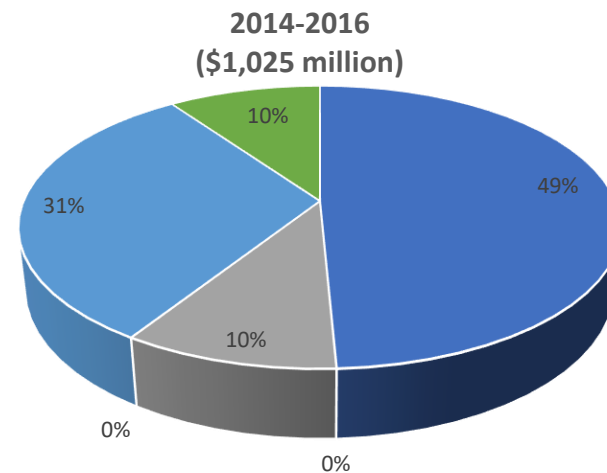
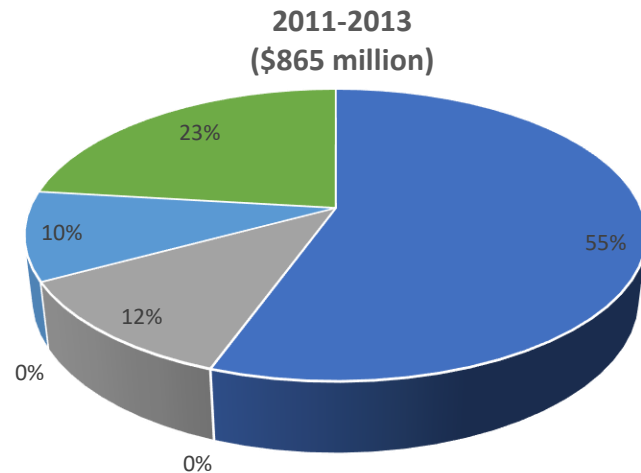
■ Bhutan

■ India

■ Maldives

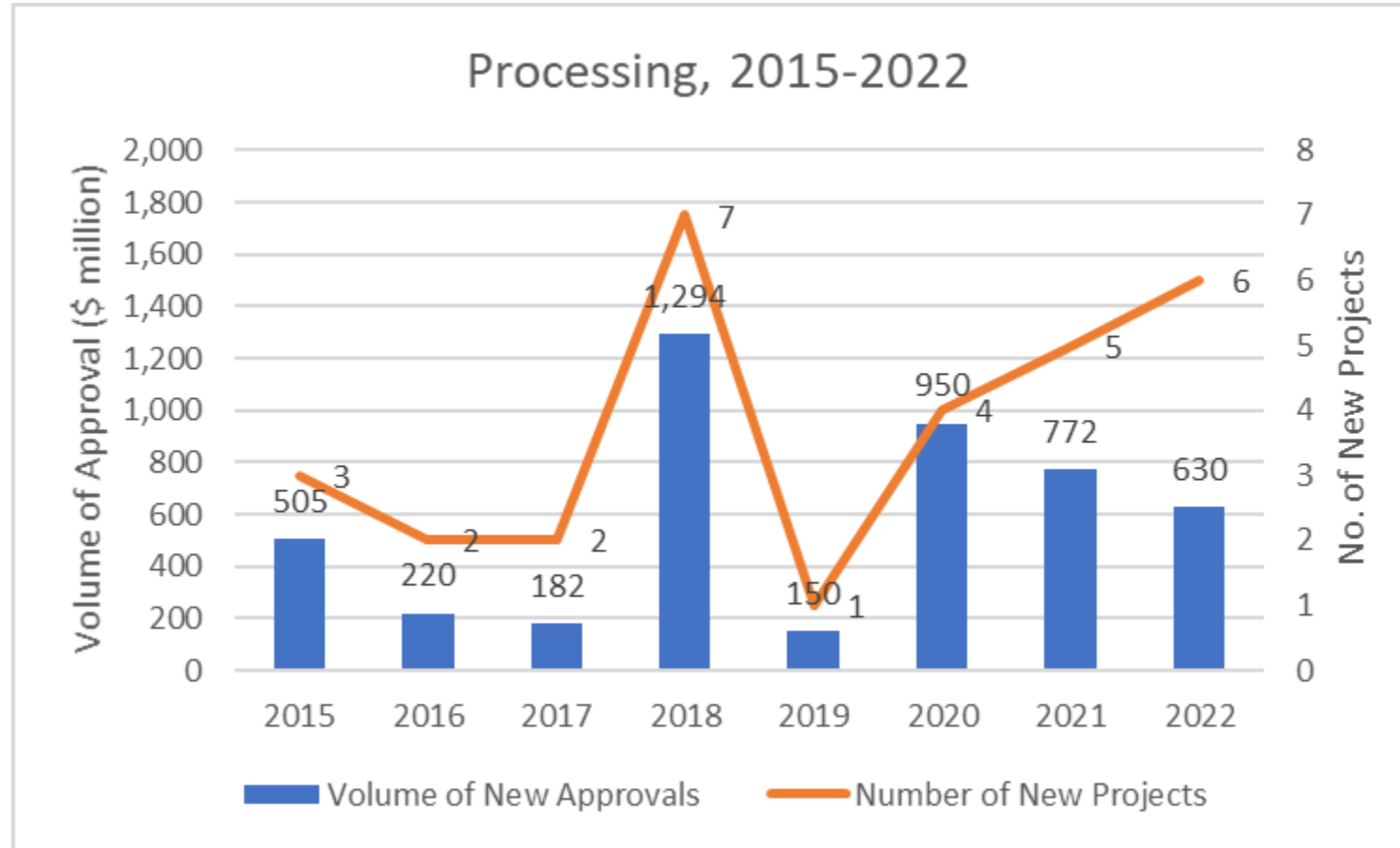
■ Nepal

■ Sri Lanka



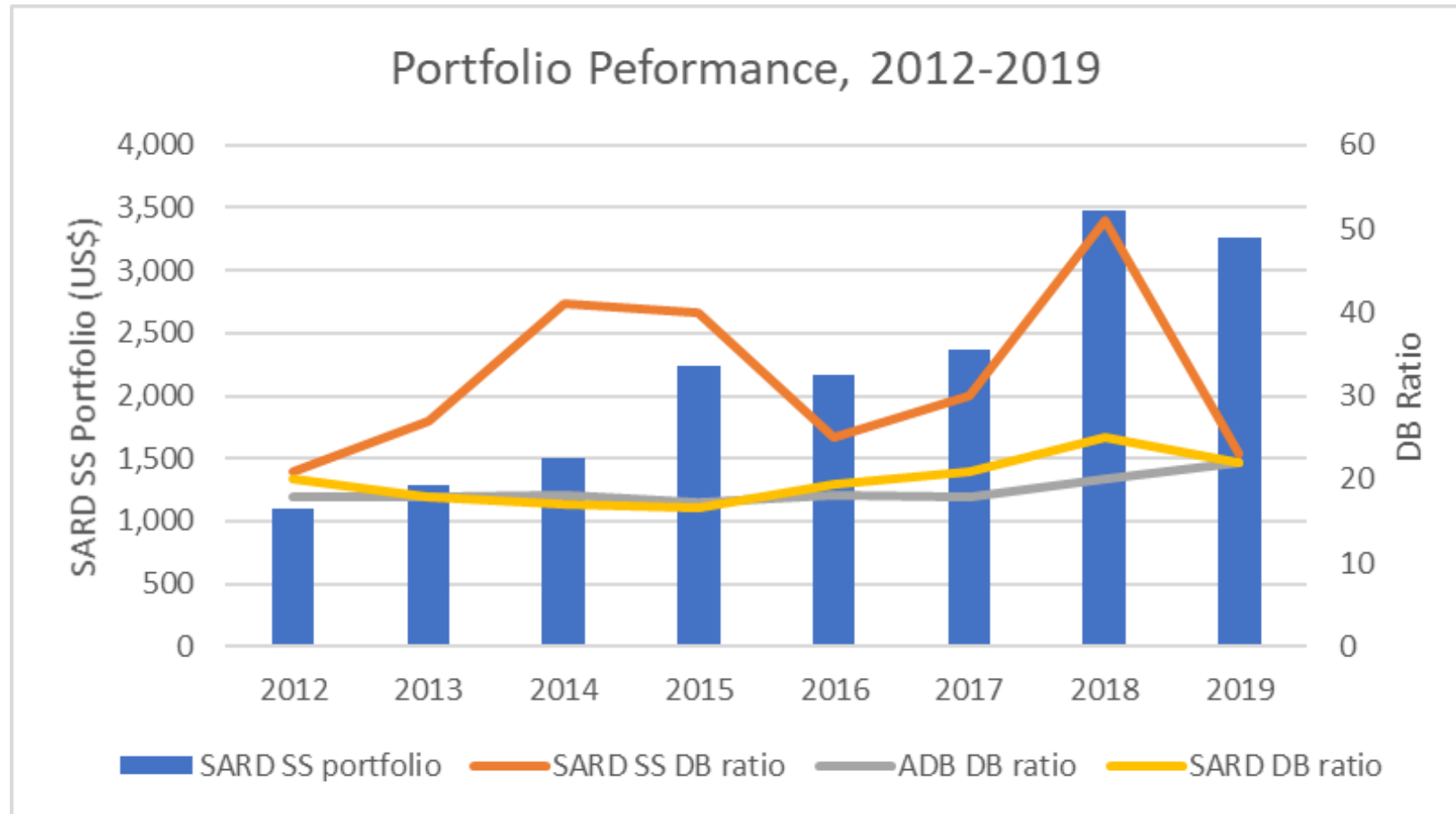


# Processing in 2015-2022





# Portfolio Performance (2012-2019)





# Operational Directions

BAN  
/ SRI

## **Bangladesh and Sri Lanka:** integrated approach for human capital development

- School education – curriculum and assessment reform, STEM, teacher development, decentralized management (e.g., SRI Secondary Education Sector Improvement Program - \$200 million [2020])
- Skills – training for employment based on industry demand and expanding middle level skills, private sector partnerships (e.g., MFF Skills for Employment Investment Program – Tranche 3 \$150 million [2019])
- Higher education – technology focused (e.g., BAN Improving Computer and Software Engineering Tertiary Education Project – \$100 million [2020] and Innovations for Tertiary Education for Competitiveness (Advanced Agriculture) – \$150 million [2020])

## **India:** increasing and diversifying demand

- Skills – 5 state skills development projects since 2013, 2 follow-on and 3 new projects being discussed with the Government (e.g., Kerala Skills Development Project II – \$100 million [2021])
- School education – addressing learning deficit at primary and secondary level to lay strong foundation for human capital development (e.g., Supporting School Education Program - \$500 million [2021])

IND

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# Innovative Approaches

- Intersectoral approach – priority industry or infrastructure + skills development and higher education
- Focusing on higher skills, tech-based entrepreneurs, international partnerships
- Innovative financing – RBL + project loan for system & capacity development
- Exploring new areas – special education (e.g., BAN Supporting Education for Children with Special Needs - \$100m [2022])

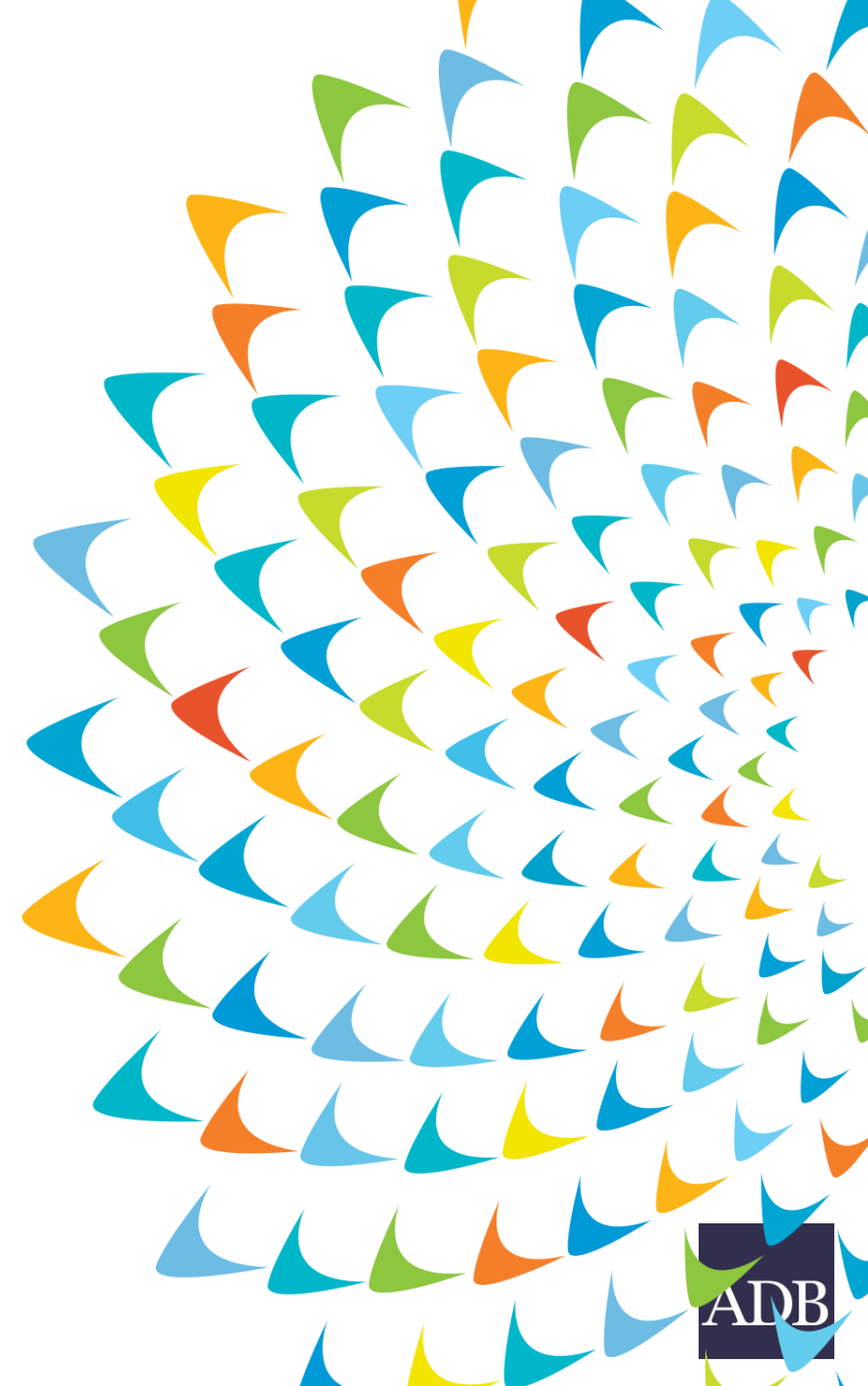


# Operational Challenges

- Increasing demand for quality and innovation
- New areas – higher education, special education, entrepreneurships, innovation capacity
- Multiple challenges for reforms
  - ✓ governance
  - ✓ financing
  - ✓ human resource capacity
- Staff turnover/constraint and resident mission staff capacity



Thank you





# Processing in 2020

2020				
Country		Project	Amount (\$ million)	Country
1.	BAN	Improving Computer and Software Engineering Tertiary Education Project	100.0	3 Mar 2020
2.	BAN	Innovations in Tertiary Education for Competitiveness (Advanced Agriculture) Project	150.0	20 Sep 2020
3.	IND	Comprehensive Primary Health Care in Urban Areas (RBL)	200.0	30 July 2020
4.	IND	Supporting School Education Program (RBL)	500.0	Nov 2020
5.	SRI	Secondary Education Sector Improvement Program (RBL)	200.0	4 May 2020
<b>Standby</b>				
6.	IND	<i>Kerala Skills Development Project II</i>	100.00	



# Processing in 2021

2021			
Country		Project	Amount (\$ million)
1.	BAN	Second Skills for Employment Program	300.0
2.	BAN	Digital University Development Project	190.0
3.	IND	Kerala Skills Development Project II	100.0
4.	IND	Assam Skills Development Project	112.0
5.	NEP	Improved Access to Skills for Productive Employment Project	70.0



# Processing in 2021

2021 (Standby)			
Country		Project	Amount (\$ million)
1.	BAN	<i>Innovations in Tertiary Education for Competitiveness (Advanced Agriculture) Project</i>	150.0
2.	IND	<i>Meghalaya Human Capital Development Project II</i>	80.0
3.	IND	<i>Supporting State-Level Skills Project (Rajasthan)</i>	150.0
4.	IND	<i>Supporting State-Level Skills Project (Maharashtra)</i>	
5.	NEP	<i>Supporting School Sector Development Program II (RBL)</i>	50.0



# Processing in 2022

2022			
Country		Project	Amount (\$ million)
1.	BAN	Supporting Education for Children with Special Needs	100.0
2.	BAN	Innovations in Tertiary Education for Competitiveness (Garments and Textiles)	100.0
	BAN	Support for Health Care Improvement Project	150.0
3.	IND	Meghalaya Human Capital Development Project II	80.0
4.	IND	Supporting State-Level Skills Project (Rajasthan)	150.0
5.	IND	Supporting State-Level Skills Project (Maharashtra)	150.0
6.	NEP	Supporting School Sector Development Program II (RBL)	50.0



# Processing in 2022

2022 (Standby)			
Country		Project	Amount (\$ million)
1.	BAN	Technical Education Modernization Project	200.0
2.	BHU	TVET Education Project	40.0
3.	BHU	Health Sector Development Program II	20.0
4.	IND	Himachal Pradesh Skills Development Project II	100.0
5.	IND	Odisha Skill Development Project II	100.0
6.	NEP	Support for Devolved Education Project: Making Schools Work	50.0