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Actions taken under Preparatory Phase

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Overview of the Preparatory Phase

Summary

- Initial phase to investigate and trial options for the ACBS Program
- Ran from November 2020 to June 2022.
- Informed by stocktaking exercise:
 - Identification of air quality champions from across the ADB for brainstorming.
 - Engagement across ADB to understand key priorities, challenges / barriers and opportunities for air quality including specific projects for support.
- Building on findings from previous and ongoing air quality focused technical assistance contracts e.g. in the PRC, Mongolia.



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1. Knowledge-Sharing Events on specific topics related to air quality.

- Series of online webinars covering specific topics of relevance to improving air quality.
- Topics selected based on engagement exercise and feedback from related TA contracts.
 - City level air quality monitoring strategies
 - Urban planning and transport solutions
 - Practical solutions for improving air quality in investment projects
- Air quality information pills – available from: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/9033594> [password ACBS] – more to be added shortly.



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2. Project level technical and capacity building support to better understand and/or help to maximise air quality benefits / minimize disbenefits.

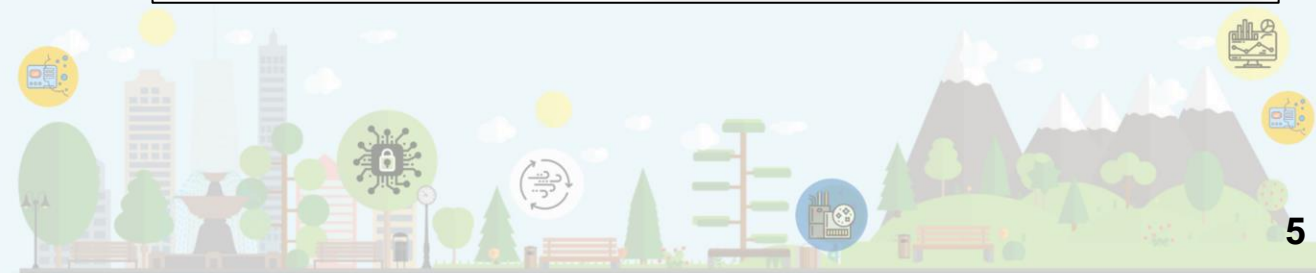
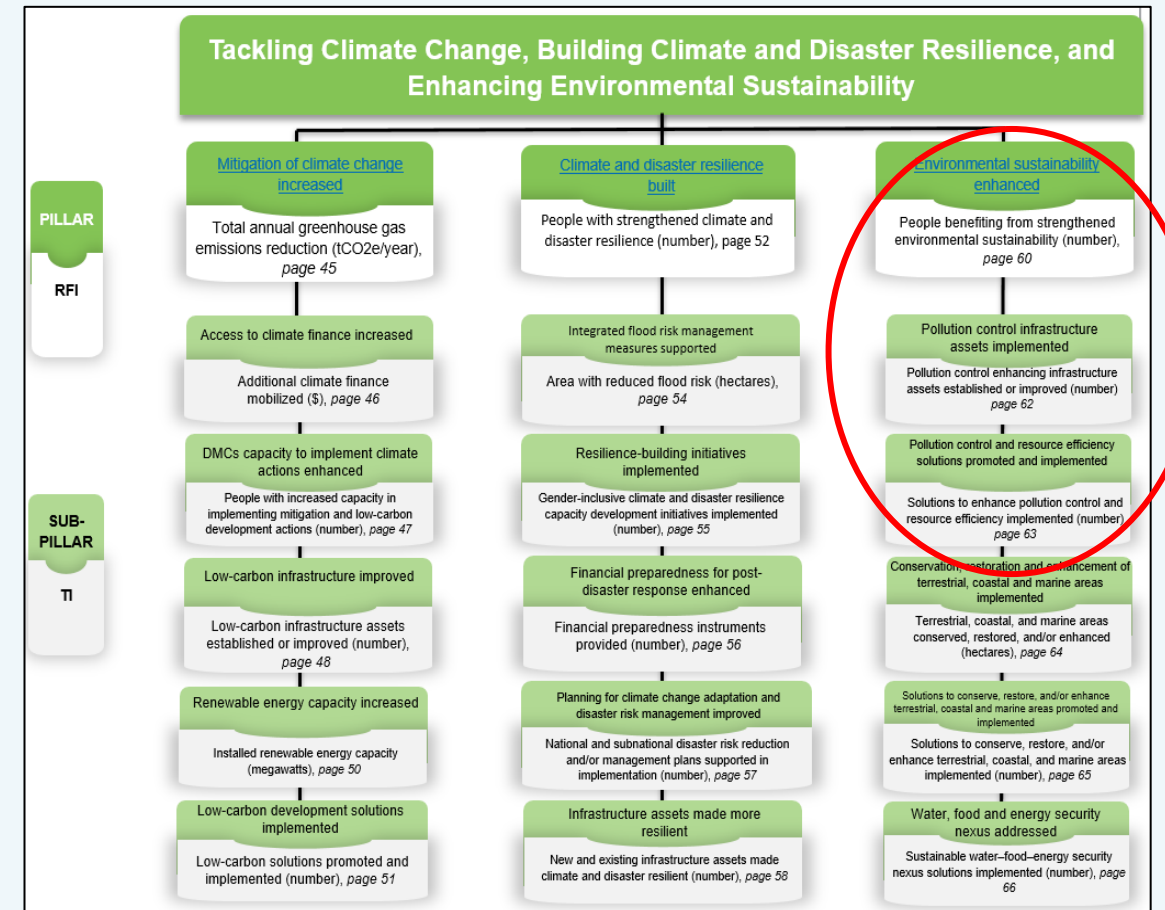
- ADB projects selected based on screening of full project list and engagement across the bank
 - To identify those projects where support could be given in short term and provide benefits for air quality.
 - Trial different options for support.
- Projects supported included:
 - Bengalaru metro rail, India
 - Greater Malé waste to energy, Maldives
 - Davao public transport modernisation, Philippines



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3. Review of existing ADB project tracking and indicator framework and options for better tracking of air quality positive investments.

- Options for improving or supplementing the ADB Corporate Results Framework to include a greater focus on air quality benefits of projects.
- Enable better identification and tracking.



Thank you!



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