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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	–	Asian Development Bank
ADF	–	Asian Development Fund
ASEAN	–	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
CAREC	–	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation
COBP	–	Country Operations Business Plan
CPS	–	Country Partnership Strategy
CWRD	–	Central and West Asia Department
DMCs	–	Developing Member Countries
EARD	–	East Asia Department
ERCD	–	Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department
GMS	–	Greater Mekong Subregion
IED	–	Independent Evaluation Department
IFAD	–	International Fund for Agriculture Development
MOF	–	Ministry of Finance
NDF	–	Nordic Development Fund
OCO	–	Office of Cofinancing Operations
OCRCP	–	Office of the Compliance Review Panel
PARD	–	Pacific Department
PRC	–	People's Republic of China
RCI	–	Regional Cooperation and Integration
RCPS	–	Regional Cooperation Partnership Strategy
SARD	–	South Asia Department
SDCC	–	Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department
SERD	–	Southeast Asia Department
TA	–	Technical Assistance
TCR	–	Technical Assistance Completion Report

NOTE

In this report, "\$" refers to US dollars.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) administers the People's Republic of China (PRC) Poverty Reduction and Regional Cooperation Fund (the Fund) which was established in March 2005 with an initial contribution of \$20.0 million from the Government of the PRC. In March 2012 and July 2017, the Fund was replenished respectively with \$20.0 million and \$50.0 million, increasing PRC's total contribution to \$90.0 million. The Fund is the first trust fund established by a developing member country (DMC) of ADB. The Office of Cofinancing Operations (OCO) manages the Fund since February 2015 after taking over from the Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department (ERCD).

The Fund aims to promote common prosperity and shared development in ADB DMCs by supporting poverty reduction, knowledge sharing and regional cooperation and integration through technical assistance and grants linked to the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) and Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) programs. The Fund is also an innovative financing mechanism to support South-South cooperation and dissemination of DMC development experiences in Asia and the Pacific region.

The record-high replenishment of \$50 million to the Fund in July 2017 demonstrated increased support from the Government of the PRC to ADB and ADB DMCs to further promote domestic and regional development in the form of operational support, policy advice, capacity building, small-scale civil works, among others. To enhance its responsiveness and provide timely support, the Fund has increased the batches of applications to 3 batches from 2 batches per year, raised individual project ceiling to \$2 million from \$1 million and reduced TA progress report submission from twice (semiannual) to once per annum.

During this reporting period - 2017, twelve applications have been submitted to the Ministry of Finance (MOF) PRC for funding consideration, where nine applications totaling \$5.15 million were approved, representing the highest annual approval volume since the Fund's establishment and an approval rate of 75%. The Government of the PRC also expanded the scope of the Fund to include support for ADB Institute (ADBI) in its primary activities such as research, capacity building and training, outreach and knowledge management through a \$1 million contribution to the ADBI special fund.

In the past 13 years, the Fund supported various sectors, most notably public sector management, multisector initiatives, industry and trade, energy, and agriculture and natural resources proposals. As of 31 December 2017, 36 of 41 completed projects supported by the Fund and with a TCR rating were rated either as highly successful (15%) or successful (73%), or a combined success rate of 88%. The five remaining projects were rated as partly/less than successful (10%) and unsuccessful (2%).

Based on a ADB-internal client survey undertaken in December 2017 to assess client satisfaction with the Fund, about 92% of ADB team leaders were positive about user experience with the Fund. In 2018, in an effort to further improve its administration and service, the Fund intends to conduct outreach sessions¹ individually and/or jointly with other trust funds to promote better use of the Fund for greater results, including harnessing the synergies between the BRI, GMS, CAREC and ADB's regional cooperation and integration strategies and operations. The Fund will also use the advantage of information technology to pioneer online applications² for funding support and hereafter monitoring across ADB.

¹ A series of outreach sessions was conducted in February and April 2018 to increase awareness and promote the use of trust funds from PRC, Japan and the Republic of Korea either individually or jointly.

² In April 2018, the Fund started receiving applications electronically from ADB Departments and Offices.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 24 March 2005, the People's Republic of China Poverty Reduction and Regional Cooperation Fund (the Fund) was established under the Asian Development Bank (ADB) with an initial \$20.0 million contribution from the Government of the People's Republic of China (PRC). In March 2012 and July 2017, the Fund was replenished with \$20.0 million and \$50.0 million respectively, increasing PRC's total contribution to \$90.0 million.

2. This 2017 annual report is prepared by ADB's Office of Cofinancing Operations (OCO). The report examines the progress of the Fund operations in 2017 and provides an update of the overall Fund operations from 2005 to 2017.

II. BACKGROUND

A. Overview

3. In recent decades, Asia and the Pacific region has exhibited the fastest growth in the world with its share of global gross domestic product (GDP) increased to 33% in 2016 from 25% in 2000. By 2050, Asia will account for half of global GDP.³ The strong economic gains have translated into substantial poverty reduction and improvements in living standards. While these positive trends are expected to continue, poverty reduction remains an unfinished agenda as Asia and the Pacific still had more than 300 million people living in extreme poverty in 2016.⁴ Regional Cooperation and Integration (RCI) is widely recognized as a mechanism for fast-tracking economic growth, reducing poverty and economic disparity, improving productivity and employment, and strengthening institutions. The challenges and complexity of the task, however, will require closer cooperation and more knowledge sharing among the developing member countries (DMCs) for common prosperity and shared development.

4. The Fund aims to contribute to poverty reduction and economic and social development in DMCs in an accelerated manner and with tangible results. The Fund's key outputs are: (i) stronger DMC ownership in poverty reduction and the development process, (ii) increased sharing of knowledge and experience on poverty reduction and development across DMCs, (iii) good practices in poverty reduction and development through regional cooperation and country-specific activities, (iv) enhanced regional cooperation aimed at poverty reduction and development, and (v) innovation in poverty reduction and regional cooperation activities.

5. The Fund supports five types of activities: (i) DMC institutional and capacity building; (ii) innovative and demonstrative programs and projects; (iii) knowledge sharing including knowledge products and human resources development; (iv) South-South knowledge exchange and dissemination activities around key development topics in which PRC and other developing members have significant development experiences; and/or emerging needs; and (v) grants contributing to regional connectivity.

6. The Fund supports both regional and country-specific activities. For the regional component, efforts to harness the synergies between the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) and the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation

³ ADB.2011. *Asia 2050:Realizing the Asian Century*. Singapore.

⁴ ADB.2017. *Key Indicators for Asia and the Pacific*. Manila. Extreme poverty is defined as those individuals living below the \$1.90/day poverty line.

(CAREC) programs and ADB's regional cooperation and integration strategies and operations are given priority. The PRC is not eligible as a sole beneficiary but can participate in regional activities supported by the Fund.

7. The Fund promotes ADB's overarching goal of poverty reduction, Strategy 2020,⁵ RCI Strategy⁶ and Knowledge Management Directions and Action Plan.⁷ It continues to assist in public-private partnership development in 2017, which strengthened the Fund's relevance and responsiveness to the region's needs.

B. Fund Administration and Monitoring

8. The PRC government appointed ADB as the Fund administrator. Within ADB, OCO acts as the Fund Manager, managing and coordinating the review, submission, and approval of applications by the PRC Ministry of Finance (MOF).

9. For funding eligibility, project applications should: (i) be aligned with ADB's Country Partnership Strategy (CPS), Country Operations Business Plan (COBP) and the Regional Cooperation Partnership Strategy (RCPS); (ii) include discussions with key DMC stakeholders (iii) disseminate and apply DMC expertise; (iv) encourage contributions, including in-kind, from the beneficiary DMCs; and (v) use the Fund in the most cost-effective way.

10. Project applications are submitted to OCO thrice a year⁸ (April for Batch I, July for Batch II and November for Batch III). OCO undertakes a preliminary review of the applications to ensure compliance with the implementing guidelines and eligibility criteria of the Fund and prioritizes applications to be submitted to MOF PRC for funding consideration. The MOF PRC confirms funding decisions on applications. After funding approval, the projects are to be processed following ADB's standard policies, procedures, and guidelines for project approval. Project implementation, supervision, and monitoring are handled by concerned departments and offices following ADB's standard policies and procedures, including consulting services and procurement, social and environmental safeguards, financial management and reporting, anticorruption and governance. To fulfill ADB's fiduciary responsibilities, OCO liaises with related departments and offices on the submission of annual progress reports, a project completion report to assess performance of completed projects, an evaluation report to assess fund performance, and the Fund's annual audited financial report.

III. HIGHLIGHTS OF FUND OPERATIONS IN 2017

A. Approvals

11. Twelve applications were submitted to MOF PRC in 2017. Of these, nine applications totaling \$5.15 million were approved, representing the highest annual approval volume since the Fund's establishment and leaving available balance of \$ 8.45 million as of 31 December 2017 for future allocations⁹. Appendix 1 lists the approved applications in 2017.

⁵ ADB. 2008. *The Long-Term Strategic Framework of the Asian Development Bank*. Manila.

⁶ ADB. 2006. *Regional Cooperation and Integration Strategy*. Manila.

⁷ ADB. 2013. *Knowledge Management Directions and Action Plan (2013–2015): Supporting "Finance ++ at the Asian Development Bank"*. Manila

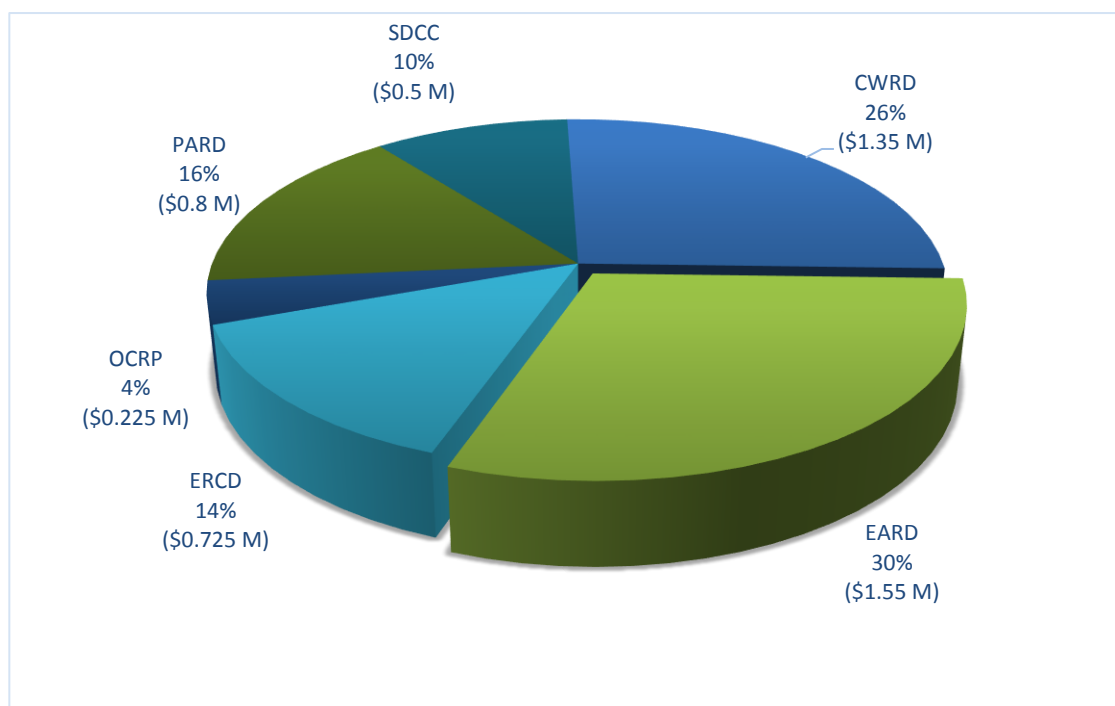
⁸ This started in January 2018. November applications, however, will get approval the following year.

⁹ Allocations refer to new projects and administrative cost; available balance excludes contribution receivables and net of MOF PRC approved allocations awaiting ADB approval.

B. Portfolio Distribution

12. **By ADB Department (Figure 1).** The East Asia Department (EARD) and Central and West Asia Department (CWRD) received \$2.9 million (56%) or more than half of total Fund approvals in 2017. The remaining 44% was distributed among the Pacific Department (PARD) – 16%, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department (ERCD) – 14%, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department (SDCC) – 10%, and Office of the Compliance Review Panel (OCRP) – 4%. PARD and OCRP were first time recipients of the Fund with one project for each department or office.

**Figure 1: Distribution by ADB Department, 2017
(% share to total amount)**



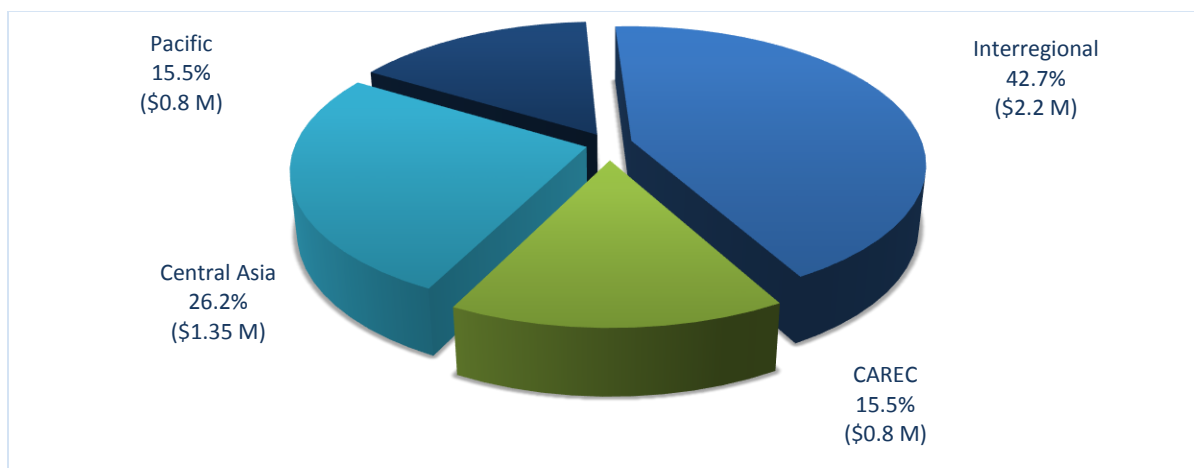
Source: ADB Database.

13. **Geographical Distribution (Figure 2).** Interregional projects received 42.7% of funding while Central Asia¹⁰ and the CAREC¹¹ region received a combined 41.7% of funding for 2017. The Pacific took the remaining 15.5% share. This also marked the first time that a Pacific country obtained a grant from the Fund.

¹⁰ This refers to ADB member countries in Central Asia which received Fund support outside the CAREC Program.

¹¹ The Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program is a partnership of 11 countries (Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, People's Republic of China, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan), supported by 6 multilateral institutions, working together to promote development through cooperation, leading to accelerated growth and poverty reduction.

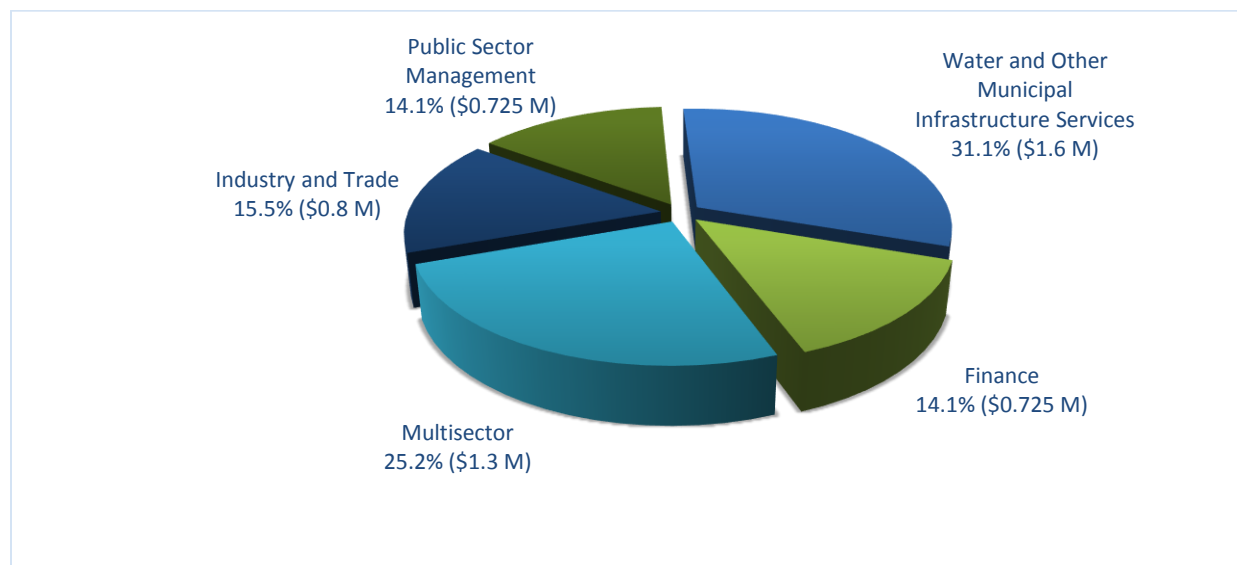
Figure 2: Geographical Distribution, 2017
(% share to total amount)



CAREC = Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation
Source: ADB database

14. **Sector Distribution (Figure 3).** The Fund approved support for five sectors in 2017. Among the sectors, the three biggest recipients were Water (31%), followed by Multisector (25%), and Industry and Trade (16%). The rest were shared equally between Public Sector Management and Finance (14% each).

Figure 3: Distribution by Sector, 2017
(% share to total amount)



Source: ADB database.

C. New Activities

15. In July 2017, a record-high replenishment of \$50 million to the Fund was made by the Government of the PRC. It is an effort to better support the increasing demands from ADB DMCs to further promote domestic and regional development through operational support, policy advice, capacity building, small-scale civil works, among others. The contribution will be made in four equal installments of \$12.5 million each year throughout 2017-2020 of which two have been delivered in September 2017 and June 2018. To enhance the Fund's responsiveness to clients and provide timely support, the Fund has increased the batches of applications to 3 batches from 2 batches per year, raised individual project ceiling to \$2 million from \$1 million, and reduced TA progress report submission from twice (semiannual) to once per annum.

16. In 2017, the Fund approved for the first-time a grant in the Pacific region. The \$0.8 million grant is to help Tete settlement in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG) to build a water supply infrastructure and improve the local residents' access to safe water. Public health challenges arising from limited access to safe water result in low labor productivity, forgone employment opportunities, and increased health-related expenses among households, which in turn exacerbate hardship and constrain sustainable development. The intervention in Tete settlement provides an important opportunity to develop and test an innovative model for community-led water supply which will directly benefit 8,000 local residents and has high potential for scale-up or replication.

17. An ADB-internal client survey was also undertaken in December 2017 to assess satisfaction with the Fund and elicit feedback for improvement. The survey scope covered among others assessment on Fund performance, clarity of implementation guidelines, ease of application process, proper frequency of communications with ADB colleagues, and potential for knowledge sharing between and among PRC and other DMCs. Responses from team leaders of Fund supported projects were generally positive and constructive, with 92% expressing positive user experience with the Fund.

18. Finally, the Fund also expanded its scope of support and provided a \$1 million contribution to the ADB Institute special fund¹² to support its primary activities such as research, capacity building and training, outreach and knowledge management. The contribution will be delivered in two equal installments of which the first was provided in 2017.

¹² ADB 2017. *Contributions to the Special Fund for the Asian Development Bank Institute from the People's Republic of China acting through the People's Republic of China Regional Cooperation and Poverty Reduction Fund*. Manila. (<https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/institutional-document/226216/r2-17.pdf>)

Box Story 1: KSTA 9481-UZB: Water and Sanitation Strategy Development and Capacity Building

The Knowledge and Support Technical Assistance (KSTA) will strengthen urban water supply and sanitation (WSS) sector reform initiatives in Uzbekistan. It will assist government to formulate aspects of a medium-term national urban WSS sector development strategy, build institutional capacity in the national WSS training center, formulate and deliver priority training modules for the training center, and assist it to improve and refine WSS regulations. The TA is consistent with the country partnership strategy.

The impact of the proposed KSTA will be improved health and living conditions nationwide. The outcome of the proposed KSTA will be enhanced urban WSS institutional and service-oriented capacity. The KSTA will accomplish the following outputs:

Output 1: Medium-term Urban WSS Sector Development and Investment Strategy prepared including three key sections: (i) drinking water resource management and protection, (ii) WSS development strategy and proposed investments, and (iii) water and wastewater discharge standards. The technical assistance will also assess alternative contracting arrangements, including international finance institution loans, and potential public private partnership (PPP) modalities, considering possible participation of local contractors.

Output 2: Training Center Kommunalukuv capacity strengthened through completion of the following sector specific activities:

- a. WSS sector diagnostic assessment and formulation of an institutional development program.
- b. Formulation of a capacity development program for Kommunalukuv personnel.
- c. Confirmation of a twinning arrangement with a WSS knowledge-based facility.
- d. Development of the Kommunalukuv methodological toolkit, including:
 - (i) diagnostic assessment, (ii) appropriate methodological guidelines incorporating international best practices, (iii) formulation of training modules, (iv) piloting and refining of the training modules, (v) training of Kommunalukuv trainers, and (vi) supervising and monitoring Kommunalukuv trainers during initiation. The three priority training modules are: basic corporate knowledge, operation and maintenance, and financial management and billing systems.

Output 3: WSS regulatory framework improved by assisting Kommunalukuv to review and refine DCM 306 and other regulations based on recent sector findings and emerging developments.

Box Story 2: KSTA 9293-REG: Modernizing Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures to Facilitate Trade

The Knowledge and Support Technical Assistance (KSTA) supports the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Common Agenda for the Modernization of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures for Trade Facilitation. It aims for economic growth through diversification and competitiveness, with strategies to develop agriculture-based value chains and improve quality through better services that incorporate sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures. Regional SPS modernization also forms part of the CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy 2020, contributing to the overall CAREC 2020 strategic objectives of expanded trade and improved competitiveness. It further supports the longer-term objectives of CAREC 2030 such as to promote regional trade in agriculture through alignment of SPS measures with international standards, build capacity on product quality and diversity, and improve shipment linkages.

The impact of this KSTA will be expanded trade, improved competitiveness, and movement of people and goods along CAREC corridors and across borders made efficient. The outcome of the KSTA will be modernized SPS systems with capacity to ensure food safety, animal and plant health. The KSTA will accomplish the following outputs:

Output 1: Sanitary and phytosanitary working groups organized. The TA will assist each country in creating a national SPS working group, which will develop and oversee the implementation of national strategies to modernize SPS measures. The group may be a subset of the National Trade Facilitation Committee or similar mechanism if it already exists, or a precursor of such once it is constituted. Representatives from these groups will constitute the regional SPS working group.

Output 2: National sanitary and phytosanitary measures substantially aligned with international standards. Regulations, procedures, and requirements will be formulated to align with the principles of the SPS Agreement and international standards under the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and Codex Alimentarius Commission. National SPS working groups will define risk-based: (i) national pest lists and import requirements, (ii) categories of animal diseases important to trade, goods subject to veterinary control, and notifiable diseases and, (iii) assessment criteria and categories for food products. These groups will set up risk-based inspection and testing through a mandatory HACCP system, and harmonize chemical and microbiological food safety parameters and sampling protocols with Codex and other standards. The regional SPS working group will develop CAREC unified certificates for export, import, and transit and agree on mutual recognition of laboratory results.

Output 3: Technical capacities on SPS measures at selected common borders improved. National SPS working groups will develop and implement a border SPS management strategy, formulate standard operating procedures for border control, and select at least two border points to pilot the strategy. The TA will train personnel on the modernized SPS regulations, procedures, and requirements.

Box Story 3: KSTA 9466-REG: Strengthening Compliance Review and Accountability to Project Affected Persons of Financial Intermediaries

The Knowledge and Support Technical Assistance (KSTA) will focus on awareness raising and capacitating financial intermediaries (FIs) including government agencies, involved or would be involved in ADB-assisted projects on compliance review. It will provide for the exchange of ideas; compile experiences and good practices; and development of a knowledge product on compliance review and accountability to project affected persons by FIs which sub-lend funds in ADB-assisted projects. There will be sharing of knowledge of best practices amongst various participating countries, such as the People's Republic of China, India, and other countries from regional departments such as Central West, South, South East and East Asia Regional Departments. Good lessons and best practices will improve knowledge, understanding, better compliances of safeguards, improved project quality and development effectiveness under ADB and each country's financed projects.

The impact of this regional TA will be development effectiveness and accountability to project affected persons improved. The TA will have the following outcome: operational understanding of compliance supervision and accountability practices enhanced. The KSTA intends to accomplish the following outputs:

Output 1: Compliance review, supervision and accountability knowledge events conducted. Through this TA, Office of Compliance Review Panel (OCRCP) will organize three regional workshops with one each in India, the Peoples' Republic of China and one in Southeast Asia. The workshop will disseminate information on the compliance review function of the ADB Accountability Mechanism; present current practices on the compliance supervision and how accountability to project affected persons are implemented by various IFIs and developing member countries (DMCs).

Output 2: ADB publication of good practice on compliance and accountability published. This knowledge product will compile current practices on compliance review as applied to FIs, government and private sector. Good practices will be culled out from the presentations, discussions, and exchange of ideas during the workshops which will be documented as input to the knowledge product. The knowledge product will be made available online and will be disseminated to the government officials (particularly those in regulatory agencies); FIs who are involved in ADB projects; and to borrowers of FIs which directly implement projects.

The first workshop was held in Beijing and Xiamen, back to back, on 12 June and 14 and 15 June 2018, respectively. The participants included representatives of 7 Multilateral Development Banks (MDB), 4 international non-governmental and civil society organizations (NGOs/CSOs), and 12 DMCs from Central and West Asia and Southeast Asia region, including more than 50 participants from 18 PRC Banks.

IV. HIGHLIGHTS OF OVERALL FUND OPERATIONS (2005–2017)

A. Approvals and Status of Implementation

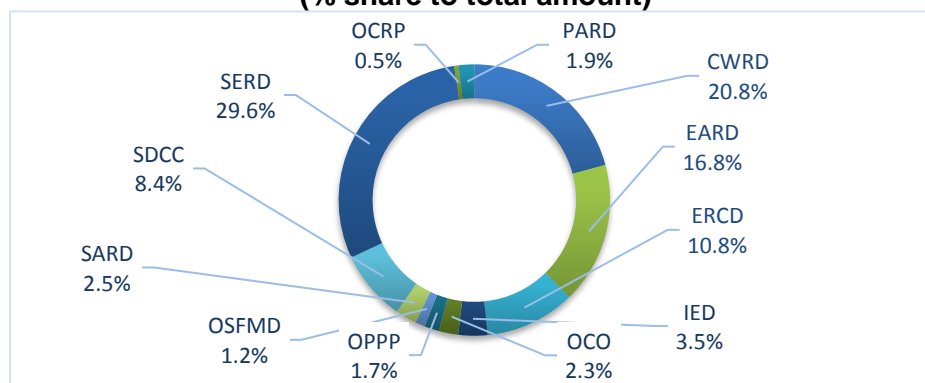
19. A total of 113 applications were submitted to PRC MOF for funding consideration from March 2005 to December 2017. Of these, 94 applications (83%) totaling \$43.2 million were approved. This includes 7 supplementary approvals for funding and 2 applications combined with prior approvals. The 94 applications represent 85 projects, of which 77 have already been approved by ADB as of 31 December 2017. Of the 77 approved projects, 50 (65%) have been financially closed while 27 (35%) remains active. Appendix 2 summarizes all MOF approved applications from 2005–2017 while Appendix 3 provides a detailed list of all approved project applications.

20. As of 31 December 2017, 41 of the 50 completed projects have a TCR rating¹³. Of the 41 projects supported by the Fund, 36 were rated either as highly successful (15%) or successful (73%). The five remaining projects were rated as partly/less than successful (10%) and unsuccessful (2%). The combined success rate of 88% is higher than the 81% success rating of ADB TAs which supported RCI initiatives, and the 62% success rating of non-RCI projects.¹³

B. Portfolio Distribution

21. **By ADB Department/Office (Figure 4).** The regional departments received more than 71% of the total Fund support, mainly for SERD (30%), CWRD (21%) EARD (17%), SARD (3%), and most recently PARD (2%) reflecting the prominence of assistance for the GMS and CAREC regions. Funding for knowledge and capacity development projects (19%) were distributed between ERCD (11%) and SDCC (8%). The remaining 8% financed activities of various departments and offices, including training programs in results-based monitoring and evaluation of the Independent Evaluation Department (4%) and capacity building for the Asian Export-Import Bank Forum members administered by the Office of Cofinancing Operations (2%).

**Figure 4: Distribution by ADB Department, 2005–2017
(% share to total amount)**



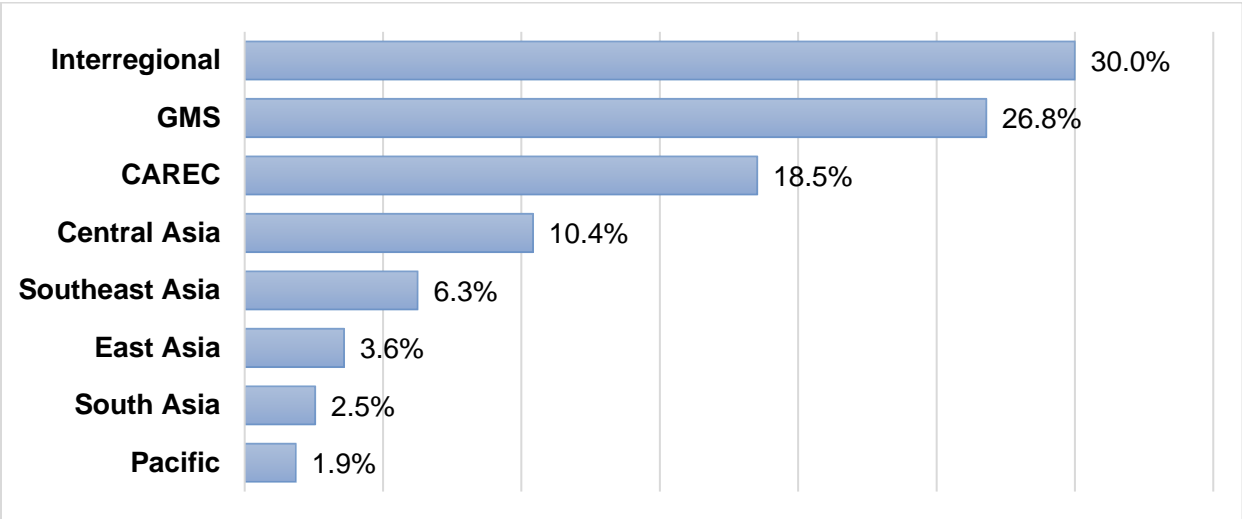
CWRD = Central and West Asia Department, EARD = East Asia Department, ERCD = Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department, IED = Independent Evaluation Department, OCO = Office of Cofinancing Operations, OCRP = Office of the Compliance Review Panel, OPPP = Office of Public Private Partnership, PPF = Procurement, Portfolio and Financial Management Department, SARD = South Asia Department, SDCC = Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, SERD = Southeast Asia Department.

¹³ The TCR rating for the main project and supplementary project were counted as one.

¹³ ADB 2015. *Thematic Evaluation Study: Asian Development Bank Support for Regional Cooperation and Integration*. Manila: ADB

22. **Geographical Distribution (Figure 5).** Interregional projects received the largest share (30%) of Fund support. Interregional projects cover countries across several regions, including the Association of Southeast Asian Nation Plus Three (ASEAN+3) which consists of ASEAN nations and the three East Asia nations of PRC, Japan, and South Korea. The rest of the Funds were distributed across the GMS¹⁴(27%), CAREC (19%), Central Asia (10%), Southeast Asia (6%), East Asia¹⁵ (4%), and South Asia (3%) and the Pacific (2%). Support for the GMS and CAREC subregional cooperation programs reached 50% of total funding, indicating that these regions are given priority in line with the Fund’s objectives.

Figure 5. Geographical Distribution, 2005–2017
(% share to total amount)



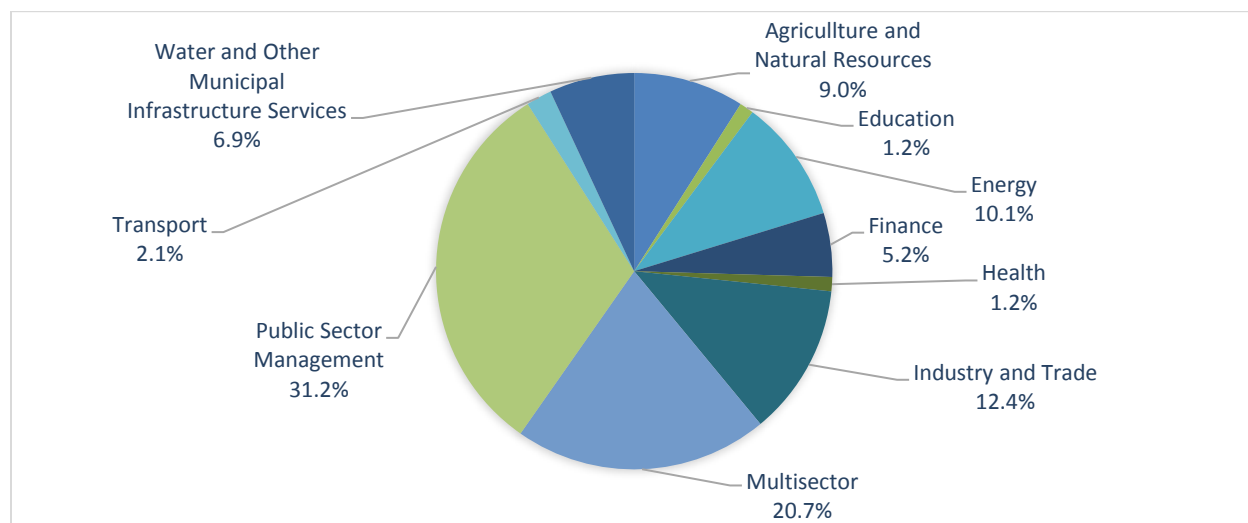
CAREC = Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation, GMS= Greater Mekong Subregion.
Source: ADB database.

23. **Sector Distribution (Figure 6).** Public Sector Management (31%) and Multisector (21%) continue to account for more than half of the Fund’s approvals, reflecting the fund’s strong focus on capacity building of central and local government agencies, training of public servants at different levels, and knowledge development in a wide range of areas, mainly in the context of regional cooperation and integration. The breakdown of sector recipients is completed as follows: Industry and Trade (12%), Energy (10%), Agriculture and Natural Resources (9%), while the remaining 17% is shared among the transport, social, and finance sectors.

¹⁴ The Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) is a natural economic area bound together by the Mekong River, covering 2.6 million square kilometers and a combined population of around 326 million. The GMS countries are Cambodia, the People’s Republic of China (PRC, specifically Yunnan Province and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region), Lao People’s Democratic Republic (Lao PDR), Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam. In 1992, with assistance from ADB, the six countries entered a program of subregional economic cooperation, designed to enhance economic relations among the countries.

¹⁵ Under the ADB country groupings, East Asia refers to PRC and Mongolia.

**Figure 6. Distribution by Sector, 2015–2017
(% share to total amount)**



ANR= Agriculture and Natural Resources; WOMIS= Water and Other Municipal Infrastructure Services.
Source: ADB database.

C. Cofinancing

24. As of 31 December 2017, the Fund has cumulatively leveraged more than \$155 million for cofinancing projects from development partners. Out of the 77 approved projects, 51 (66%) were cofinanced with ADB and other multilateral and bilateral development partners from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), to the Nordic Development Fund (NDF), Australia, Canada, France, Finland, Japan, Republic of Korea, Netherlands, New Zealand, and Sweden (Appendix 4).

V. PARTNERING THE WAY FORWARD

25. In 2017, the Fund made a replenishment of \$50 million, approved 9 projects to support ADB's efforts in fighting poverty and promoting regional cooperation through enhanced linkage with BRI, GMS and CAREC in Asia and the Pacific. In doing so, the Fund had demonstrated responsiveness, innovativeness and efficiency. For instance, the Fund increased the batches of applications to 3 batches from 2 batches per year and raised individual project ceiling to \$2 million from \$1 million. The Fund supported the first small-scale water-supply infrastructure grant "Grant-PNG: Water Supply Scheme for Tete Settlement" in Papua New Guinea in the Pacific region which will bring direct benefits to the local community in an innovative community-driven approach. The Fund expanded the scope of the Fund to support ADBI in its primary activities such as research, capacity building and training, outreach and knowledge management through \$1 million contributions to the ADBI special fund, of which the first installment of \$0.5 million has been transferred. Overall, the Fund's contributions were well received by ADB, ADBI and DMC clients.

26. In 2018, building on past achievements and based on the 2017 ADB-internal client survey, the Fund will continue to improve administration, efficiency, collaboration with other funding partners and ease of use to better serve ADB and its DMCs in poverty reduction and regional cooperation for common prosperity and shared development. In 2018, the Fund intends to better support the increasing development needs of ADB and DMCs by promoting synergies

between BRI, GMS, CAREC, and ADB's regional cooperation and integration strategies and operations, improving user-experience with the Fund through outreach sessions¹⁶ individually and/or jointly with other trust funds, further raising the efficiency of application, review and approval process. The Fund will also use the advantage of information technology to pioneer online applications¹⁷ for funding support and hereafter monitoring across ADB.

27. Looking forward, with an available balance of \$ 45.95 million as of 31 December 2017 for future allocations¹⁸, the Fund is better prepared to reinforce its support to ADB and ADB DMCs in a result-oriented, pragmatic and efficient manner. The Fund will continue to deepen its engagement and partnership with parties related to enhance its role in poverty reduction, regional cooperation and knowledge sharing in innovative and sustainable approaches, including exploring synergies across various regional cooperation initiatives such as BRI, GMS and CAREC for common prosperity and shared development of the region.

¹⁶ A series of outreach sessions was conducted in February and April 2018 to increase awareness and promote the use of trust funds from PRC, Japan and the Republic of Korea.

¹⁷ In April 2018, the Fund started receiving applications electronically from ADB Departments and Offices.

¹⁸ Allocations refer to new projects and administrative cost; available balance includes contribution receivables coming in 2018, 2019 and 2020, of which 2018 installment has been delivered in June 2018, and net of MOF PRC approved allocations awaiting ADB approval

**APPROVED APPLICATIONS BY MINISTRY OF FINANCE, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
(2017)**

Project Title	TA/Grant No.	Department	Amount (\$'000)	PRC Govt. Approval Date	TA Approval Date ¹	Expected Completion Date
<i>Batch I</i>			5,150			
1 Revitalizing the Ecosystem of Ravi River Basin	9463-PAK	CWRD	550	08-Dec-17	12-Dec-17	30-Sep-19
2 Water and Sanitation Strategy Development and Capacity Building	9481-UZB	CWRD	800	08-Dec-17	21-Dec-17	28-Feb-21
3 Enhancing Regional knowledge Sharing Partnership	9531-REG	EARD	750	08-Dec-17	15-Jun-18	31-Jul-20
4 Modernizing Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures to Facilitate Trade	9500-REG	EARD	800	08-Dec-17	13-Feb-18	30-Sep-20
5 Capacity Building Support for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Financial Regulators Training	9501-REG	ERCD	600	08-Dec-17	12-Feb-18	31-Dec-19
6 Strengthening Asia's Financial Safety Nets and Resolution Mechanisms	9497-REG	ERCD	125	08-Dec-17	29-Jan-18	31-Dec-20
7 Strengthening Compliance Review and Accountability to Project Affected Persons of Financial Intermediaries	9466-REG	OCRCP	225	08-Dec-17	14-Dec-17	31-May-19
8 Water Supply Scheme for Tete Settlement	FP	PARD	800	08-Dec-17	TBD	TBD
9 Strengthening Institutions for Localizing Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development	9387-REG	SDCC	500	08-Dec-17	23-Mar-18	30-Sep-20
Total Committed Funds 2017			5,150			

CWRD=Central and West Asia Department, EARD=East Asia Department, FP=For Processing; ERCD = Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department; OCRCP = Office of the Compliance Review Panel, PARD = Pacific Department, SDCC=Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department; TBD=to be determined.

Source: ADB Database

¹ TA Approval Date and Expected Completion Date were updated as of 30 June 2018 from Technical Assistance Information System.

**SUMMARY OF MOF APPROVED APPLICATIONS
(2005–2017)**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
Number of Approvals	11	9	9	10	4	2	3	5	7	8	9	8	9	94
By Batch														
Batch 1	6	6	6	6	2	-	1	3	4	3	3	6	9	55
Batch 2	5	3	3	4	2	-	2	2	3	5	6	2	-	37
Special Batch						2								2
By Type of Application														
New Projects	10	8	9	8	3	2	2	5	7	8	6	8	9	85
Supplementary Financing ²⁰	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	3	-		7
Mergers	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		2
Total Project Cost (in \$'000)														
Batch 1	4,100	2,970	4,022	4,250	2,000	1,000	1,300	2,300	3,325	3,800	4,025	4,950	5,150	43,192
Batch 2	2,300	1,670	2,522	2,250	1,000	-	500	1,400	2,100	1,500	1,225	3,750	5,150	25,367
Batch 2	1,800	1,300	1,500	2,000	1,000	-	800	900	1,225	2,300	2,800	1,200	-	16,825
Special Batch						1,000								1,000
Allocation per CFA²¹ (\$'000)														
Allocation per CFA ²¹ (\$'000)	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	-	-	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	12,000	52,000
Utilization Rate (%)														
Utilization Rate (%)	103	74	101	106	50	-	-	63	83	95	101	124	43	83

MOF= Ministry of Finance

²⁰ This refers to request for additional financing from Fund.

²¹ Excludes the \$0.5 million contribution in 2017 to the Asian Development Bank Institute Special Fund.

**PROJECTS FUNDED BY PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA FUND
(2005–2017)**

Project Title	Project Number ¹	Department	PRCF Approved Amount (\$'000)	MOF PRC Approval Date	TA/Grant Approval Date ²	Completion/Expected Completion Date	Status	TCR Rating	
2005 Approvals			4,100						
<i>Batch I</i>			<i>2,300</i>						
1	Support to Trade Facilitation and Capacity Building in GMS	6328-REG	SERD	400	3-Jun-05	19-Jul-06	31-Dec-10	Closed	S
2	Development Study of the GMS Economic Corridors	6310-REG	SERD	400	3-Jun-05	20-Mar-06	14-Nov-12	Closed	S
3	Implementation of the Greater Mekong Sub-region Cross-border Transport Agreement	6307-REG	SERD	400	3-Jun-05	06-Mar-06	28-Sep-12	Closed	S
4	Enhancing the Business Environment of the Greater Mekong Sub-region	6266-REG	SERD	200	3-Jun-05	31-Oct-05	28-Nov-08	Closed	U
5	Greater Mekong Sub-region Phnom Penh Plan for Development Management Phase II (Supplementary)	6237-REG	SERD	500	3-Jun-05	27-Jul-05	30-Apr-09	Closed	S
6	Capacity Building for Regional Cooperation in Central Asia	6288-REG	CWRD	400	3-Jun-05	16-Dec-05	28-Feb-09	Closed	S
<i>Batch II</i>			<i>1,800</i>						
7	Partnership on Persistent Organic Pollutants Pesticides Management for Agricultural Production in Central Asian Countries	6339-REG	CWRD	400	22-Dec-05	25-Aug-06	16-Oct-08	Closed	PS
8	Technical Training and Capacity Building for Selected ASEAN+3 Countries on Regional Economic and Financial Monitoring	6342-REG	ERCD	500	22-Dec-05	12-Sep-06	31-Mar-11	Closed	S
9	Strengthening Carbon Financing for Regional Grassland Management in Northeast Asia	7534-REG	EARD	400	22-Dec-05	17-May-10	30-Sep-14	Closed	S
10	Expansion of Sub-regional Cooperation in Agriculture in the Greater Mekong Sub-region	6324-REG	SERD	250	22-Dec-05	23-Jun-06	12-Oct-10	Closed	S
11	Human Resources Development for Trade in the GMS ³	6328-REG	SERD	250	22-Dec-05	19-Jul-06	31-Dec-10	Closed	S
2006 Approvals			2,970						
<i>Batch I</i>			<i>1,670</i>						
12	Support Preparations for the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Business Development Forum	6340-REG	CWRD	200	13-Jun-06	25-Aug-06	30-Apr-07	Closed	S
13	Enhancement of Sub-regional Cooperation in BIMP-EAGA and IMT-GT	6352-REG	SERD	250	13-Jun-06	07-Nov-06	30-Nov-09	Closed	S
14	Expansion of Sub-regional Cooperation in Agriculture in the Greater Mekong Sub-region ⁴	6324-REG	SERD	350	13-Jun-06	23-Jun-06	12-Oct-10	Closed	S

¹ Project Number in italics denotes that the project is either cofinanced by ADB and/or other partners.

² TA Approval Date and Expected Completion Date were updated as of 30 June 2018 from the ADB mainframe.

³ Additional funding before ADB project approval for TA 6328-REG.

⁴ Additional funding before ADB project approval for TA 6324-REG.

	Project Title	Project Number ¹	Department	PRCF Approved Amount (\$'000)	MOF PRC Approval Date	TA/Grant Approval Date ²	Completion/Expected Completion Date	Status	TCR Rating
15	Capacity Building for Designing, Negotiating and Implementing Free Trade Agreements in Selected Asian Developing Member Countries	6345-REG	ERCD	500	13-Jun-06	02-Oct-06	20-Sep-12	Closed	S
16	ASEAN+3 Regional Guarantee and Investment Mechanism - Phase 2	6373-REG	ERCD	300	13-Jun-06	18-Dec-06	27-Jun-11	Closed	HS
17	Second ASEAN+3 Seminar on Poverty Reduction	6382-REG	EARD	70	13-Jun-06	15-Sep-06	30-Mar-07	Closed	
	<i>Batch II</i>			1,300					
18	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation: Capacity Development for Regional Cooperation in CAREC Participating Countries, Phase I	6375-REG	CWRD	500	1-Dec-06	18-Dec-06	30-Nov-10	Closed	S
19	Trans-boundary Animal Disease Control for Poverty Reduction in the Greater Mekong Sub-region (Phase II)	6390-REG	SERD	300	1-Dec-06	27-Mar-07	11-Oct-16	Closed	PS
20	CAREC Members Electricity Regulators Forum	6389-REG	CWRD	500	1-Dec-06	26-Mar-07	17-Dec-09	Closed	S
	2007 Approvals			4,022					
	<i>Batch I</i>			2,522					
21	Strengthening Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation, 2007-2011	6409-REG	CWRD	500	2-Jul-07	27-Aug-07	31-Aug-13	Closed	S
22	Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening of the ASEAN Free Trade Area Units of Selected ASEAN Member Countries (Phase 1)	6451-REG	ERCD	500	2-Jul-07	28-Mar-08	30-Sep-14	Closed	S
23	Enhancing the Development Effectiveness of the GMS Economic Cooperation Program (Supplementary)	6262-REG	SERD	500	2-Jul-07	18-Sep-07	30-Jun-12	Closed	S
24	GMS Core Environment Program and Biodiversity Conservation Corridors Initiative (Phase 1, Supplementary)	6289-REG	SERD	500	2-Jul-07	11-Feb-08	31-Jan-16	Closed	S
25	GMS Public Health Forum on Regional Cooperation in Communicable Disease Control and Health Systems Development (supplementary)	6413-REG	SERD	22	2-Jul-07	07-Nov-07	30-Apr-10	Closed	HS
26	Capacity Building for Monitoring and Evaluation in Participating Countries	6410-REG	IED	500	2-Jul-07	03-Sep-07	25-Nov-11	Closed	S
	<i>Batch II</i>			1,500					
27	Phnom Penh Plan for Development Management Phase III(Supplementary)	6407-REG	SERD	500	16-Nov-07	07-Mar-08	31-Jan-12	Closed	HS
28	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute 2009-2012	6488-REG	CWRD	500	16-Nov-07	24-Sep-08	25-Sep-15	Closed	S
29	Supporting Boao Forum for Asia	6444-REG	ERCD	500	16-Nov-07	13-Feb-08	8-Mar-11	Closed	S
	2008 Approvals			4,250					
	<i>Batch I</i>			2,250					
30	Enhancing Transport and Trade Facilitation in the Greater Mekong Sub-region	6450-REG	SERD	500	24-Jun-08	28-Mar-08	22-Dec-14	Closed	S

	Project Title	Project Number ¹	Department	PRCF Approved Amount (\$'000)	MOF PRC Approval Date	TA/Grant Approval Date ²	Completion/Expected Completion Date	Status	TCR Rating
31	Trans-boundary Animal Disease Control for Poverty Reduction in the Greater Mekong Sub-region (Phase II) (supplementary) ⁵	6390-REG	SERD	200	24-Jun-08	27-Feb-09	11-Oct-16	Closed	PS
32	Mongolia: Developing a Computable General Equilibrium Modeling Framework for Analyzing the Impact of Power Trading between Mongolia and People's Republic of China	6494-REG	EARD	150	24-Jun-08	16-Oct-08	14-Sep-11	Closed	S
33	Development Study of the GMS Economic Corridors (supplementary) ⁶	6310-REG	SERD	400	24-Jun-08	7-Jul-08	14-Nov-12	Closed	S
34	Regional Knowledge and Partnership Networks for Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Growth	6502-REG	SDCC	500	24-Jun-08	14-Nov-08	28-Oct-16	Closed	PS
35	Capacity Development for National Economic Policy Analysis and Development Management, Phase III	7226-CAM	SERD	500	24-Jun-08	12-Jan-09	27-Nov-13	Closed	S
	<i>Batch II</i>			2,000					
36	Capacity Development for Monitoring and Evaluation	7348-REG	IED	500	17-Dec-08	17-Sep-09	31-Mar-16	Closed	
37	Implementing the Greater Mekong Sub-region Human Resource Development Strategy Framework and Action Plan 2009-2011	7275-REG	SERD	500	17-Dec-08	29-Apr-09	12-Feb-14	Closed	S
38	Accelerating the Implementation of the Core Agriculture Support Program	6521-REG	SERD	500	17-Dec-08	23-Dec-08	5-Jul-16	Closed	
39	Deposit Insurance Establishment	7337-REG	EARD	500	17-Dec-08	27-Aug-09	18-Mar-13	Closed	S
	2009 Approvals			2,000					
	<i>Batch I</i>			1,000					
40	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation: Working with the Private Sector in Trade Facilitation	7353-REG	EARD	500	31-May-09	25-Sep-09	31-Dec-15	Closed	PS
41	Asia Pacific Procurement Partnership Initiative	7437-REG	PPFD	500	31-May-09	11-Dec-09	25-Jul-17	Closed	
	<i>Batch II</i>			1,000					
42	Strengthening Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation, 2007-2011(supplementary) ⁷	6409-REG	CWRD	500	9-Dec-09	22-Feb-10	31-Aug-13	Closed	S
43	GMS Phnom Penh Plan (PPP) for Development Management, Phase IV (supplementary)	7431-REG	SERD	500	9-Dec-09	5-Feb-10	31-Jul-13	Closed	S
	2010 Approvals			1,000					
	<i>Special Batch</i>			1,000					
44	Supporting the Boao Forum for Asia in Regional Economic Integration and Partnership Dialogues	7651-REG	OCO	500	6-May-10	22-Nov-10	30-Oct-15	Closed	S
45	Strengthening the Coordination of the GMS Program	7561-REG	SERD	500	6-May-10	15-Jul-10	30-Apr-18	Active	
	2011 Approvals			1,300					
	<i>Batch I</i>			500					

⁵ Additional funding approval for TA 6390-REG.

⁶ Additional funding approval for TA 6310-REG.

⁷ Additional funding approval for TA 6409-REG.

Project Title	Project Number ¹	Department	PRCF Approved Amount (\$'000)	MOF PRC Approval Date	TA/Grant Approval Date ²	Completion/Expected Completion Date	Status	TCR Rating
46 Regional Program for Research and Capacity Development on Water Security	7845-REG	SDCC	500	15-Apr-11	12-Aug-11	20-Jan-16	Closed	S
<i>Batch II</i>			800					
47 Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Growth Network in Asia Pacific (supplementary) ⁸	6502-REG	SDCC	400	20-Nov-12	29-Apr-13	28-Oct-16	Closed	PS
48 Support for Pan-Beibu Gulf Economic Cooperation ⁹	8017-REG	EARD	400	20-Nov-12	13-Dec-11	31-Mar-16	Closed	
2012 Approvals			2,300					
<i>Batch I</i>			1,400					
49 Provision of Knowledge Products and Services to DMCs through Systematic Knowledge	8392-REG	ERCD	500	20-Nov-12	30-May-13	30-Sep-18	Active	
50 GMS Phnom Penh Plan for Development Management, Phase V (supplementary)	8225-REG	SERD	500	20-Nov-12	22-Jan-13	30-Oct-15	Closed	HS
51 Supporting Capacity Development Needs of CAREC 2020 (supplementary)	8301-REG	CWRD	400	20-Nov-12	17-Dec-12	30-Jun-19	Active	
<i>Batch II</i>			900					
52 CAREC Trade Facilitation Program: Promoting Cooperation in Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	8386-REG	EARD	500	1-Mar-13	18-Jun-13	17-Dec-15	Closed	
53 Technical Training and Capacity Building for Selected Asian Countries on Regional Economic and Financial Monitoring - Phase II	8433-REG	ERCD	400	1-Mar-13	16-Aug-13	19-Feb-16	Closed	S
2013 Approvals			3,325					
<i>Batch I</i>			2,100					
54 South Asia Sub-regional Economic Cooperation Power System Expansion	8412-NEP	SARD	500	20-Jun-13	30-Jul-13	1-Jul-17	Closed	
55 Second GMS Corridor Towns Development Project	8425-REG	SERD	500	20-Jun-13	13-Aug-13	2-Nov-17	Closed	
56 Promoting Regional Knowledge Sharing Partnerships	8430-REG	EARD	600	20-Jun-13	16-Aug-13	31-Dec-18	Active	
57 Design of e-Governance Master Plan and Review of ICT Capacity in Academic Institutions	8398-MYA	SDCC	500	20-Jun-13	4-Jul-13	28-Dec-15	Closed	HS
<i>Batch II</i>			1,225					
58 Developing Local Currency Bonds for Infrastructure Finance in ASEAN+3	8510-REG	SDCC	225	13-Nov-13	21-Nov-13	29-Feb-16	Closed	HS
59 Implementing the Greater Mekong Sub-region Human Resource Development Strategy Framework and Action Plan Phase II	8549-REG	SERD	500	13-Nov-13	9-Dec-13	31-Dec-17	Active	
60 Asia-Pacific Community of Practice on Managing for Development Results - Strengthening Knowledge Partnerships on MfDR	8636-REG	SDCC	500	13-Nov-13	8-Apr-14	27-Jan-16	Closed	S
2014 Approvals			3,800					
<i>Batch I</i>			1,500					

⁸ Additional funding approval for TA 6502-REG.

⁹ Includes partial cancellation of \$100,000 made on 4 July 2014.

Project Title	Project Number ¹	Department	PRCF Approved Amount (\$'000)	MOF PRC Approval Date	TA/Grant Approval Date ²	Completion/ Expected Completion Date	Status	TCR Rating
61 Core Environment Program and Biodiversity Conservation Corridors Initiative in the GMS, Phase 2 (supplementary) ¹⁰	7987-REG	SERD	500	23-Jun-14	12-Dec-11	30-Jun-18	Active	
62 Study for a Power Sector Financing Road Map within CAREC	8727-REG	CWRD	500	23-Jun-14	26-Sep-14	29-Mar-17	Closed	
63 CAREC: Working with the Private Sector in Trade Facilitation (Phase 2)	8746-REG	EARD	500	23-Jun-14	30-Oct-14	30-Jun-19	Active	
<i>Batch II</i>			2,300					
64 CAREC Knowledge Sharing and Services in Transport and Transport Facilitation	8789-REG	CWRD	400	10-Dec-14	12-Dec-14	31-Dec-18	Active	
65 Harmonizing the GMS Power Systems to Facilitate Regional Power Trade	8830-REG	SERD	500	10-Dec-14	16-Dec-14	31-Dec-19	Active	
66 Infrastructure Public-Private Partnership Pipeline Development Support	8908-REG	EARD	750	10-Dec-14	23-Jun-15	1-Aug-19	Active	
67 Building Capacity for Enhanced Connectivity in Southeast Asia (supplementary)	8836-REG	SERD	250	10-Dec-14	28-May--15	31-Dec-18	Active	
68 Greater Mekong Sub-region Integrated Urban Development to Support Cross Border Economic Zones	8989-REG	SERD	400	10-Dec-14	12-Nov-15	31-Dec--18	Active	
2015 Approvals			4,025					
<i>Batch I</i>			1,225					
69 Strategy for Northeast Asia Power System Interconnection	9001-MON	EARD	500	23-Jul-15	27-Nov15	15-Aug-19	Active	
70 Supporting the Asian Exim Banks Forum	8973-REG	OCO	500	23-Jul-15	05-Oct-15	31-Oct-18	Active	
71 Provision of Knowledge Products and Services to Developing Member Countries through Systematic Knowledge Sharing (supplementary) ¹¹	8392-REG	ERCD	225	23-Jul-15	03-Nov-15	30-Sep-18	Active	
<i>Batch II</i>			2,800					
72 Universal Health Coverage for Inclusive Growth: Supporting the Implementation of the Operational Plan for Health 2015-2020 (supplementary)	8983-REG	SDCC	500	06-Jan-16	17-Aug-16	31-Dec-20	Active	
73 Capturing the Opportunities and Addressing the Risks (supplementary)	8978-KGZ	CWRD	200	06-Jan-16	17-Nov-16	31-Dec-19	Active	
74 Promoting Regional Knowledge Sharing Partnerships (supplementary) ¹²	8430-REG	EARD	500	06-Jan-16	21-Nov-16	31-Dec-18	Active	
75 Regional Evaluation Capacity Development II	9118-REG	IED	500	06-Jan-16	18-May-16	31-Dec-19	Active	
76 Connecting the Railways of the Greater Mekong Subregion	9123-REG	SERD	500	06-Jan-16	21-Jun-16	31 Jul-18	Active	

¹⁰ Funding allocation is returned to the Fund pool as this project elapsed the 6-month period for ADB approval after MOF PRC approval per Fund Implementation Guidelines (Section 6), and made no request for extension of ADB approval hereafter.

¹¹ Additional funding approval for TA 8392-REG.

¹² Additional funding approval for TA 8430-REG.

Project Title	Project Number ¹	Department	PRCF Approved Amount (\$'000)	MOF PRC Approval Date	TA/Grant Approval Date ²	Completion/Expected Completion Date	Status	TCR Rating
Support for Project Implementation of the Nepal Earthquake Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program (supplementary)	8910-NEP	SARD	600	06-Jan-16	4-Mar-16	31-Dec-19	Active	
2016 Approvals			4,950					
<i>Batch I</i>			<i>3,750</i>					
78 Strengthening Water Security in the Aral Sea Basin	FP	CWRD	500	11-Jul-16	TBD	TBD	TBD ¹³	
79 Policy Coordination and Planning of Border Economic Zones of the PRC and Viet Nam	9293-REG	EARD	400	11-Jul-16	10-Jan-17	29-Mar-19	Active	
80 Energy Supply Improvement Investment Program (Tranche 2)	0523-AFG	CWRD	1,000	11-Jul-16	5-Dec-16	30-Jun-23	Active	
81 Strengthening Knowledge Management in Central and West Asia	8936-REG	CWRD	650	11-Jul-16	18-Nov-16	31-Dec-18	Active	
82 Advancing RCI through BIMP-EAGA and IMT-GT (supplementary)	8814-REG	SERD	700	11-Jul-16	31-Aug-16	30-Nov-18	Active	
83 Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation: Supporting Capacity Development Needs of CAREC 2020 (supplementary) ¹⁴	8301-REG	CWRD	500	25-Oct-16	8-Dec-16	30-Jun-19	Active	
<i>Batch II</i>			<i>1,200</i>					
84 Promoting Green Local Currency Denominated Bonds for Infrastructure Development ASEAN+3	9294-REG	ERCD	500	27-Dec-16	24-Jan-17	30-Nov-18	Active	
85 Promoting Low Carbon Development in CAREC Program Cities	9308-REG	EARD	700	27-Dec-16	06-Apr-17	31-Dec-19	Active	
2017 Approvals			5,150					
<i>Batch I</i>			<i>5,150</i>					
86 Revitalizing the Ecosystem of Ravi River Basin	9463-PAK	CWRD	550	08-Dec-17	12-Dec-17	30-Sep-19	Active	
87 Water and Sanitation Strategy Development and Capacity Building	9481-UZB	CWRD	800	08-Dec-17	21-Dec-17	28-Feb-21	Active	
88 Enhancing Regional knowledge Sharing Partnership	9531-REG	EARD	750	08-Dec-17	15-Jun-18	31-Jul-18	Active	
89 Modernizing Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures to Facilitate Trade	9500-REG	EARD	800	08-Dec-17	13-Feb-18	30-Sep-20	Active	
90 Capacity Building Support for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Financial Regulators Training	9501-REG	ERCD	600	08-Dec-17	12-Feb-18	31-Dec-19	Active	
91 Strengthening Asia's Financial Safety Nets and Resolution Mechanisms	9497-REG	ERCD	125	08-Dec-17	29-Jan-18	30-Dec-20	Active	
92 Strengthening Compliance Review and Accountability to Project Affected Persons of Financial Intermediaries	9466-REG	OCRP	225	08-Dec-17	14-Dec-17	31-May-19	Active	
93 Water Supply Scheme for Tete Settlement	FP	PARD	800	08-Dec-17	TBD	TBD	FP	
94 Strengthening Institutions for Localizing Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development (supplementary)	9387-REG	SDCC	500	08-Dec-17	23-Mar-18	31-Dec-20	Active	

¹³ Per Fund Implementation Guidelines (Section 6), the 6-month period for approval has elapsed.

¹⁴ Additional funding approval for TA 8301-REG.

Project Title	Project Number ¹	Department	PRCF Approved Amount (\$'000)	MOF PRC Approval Date	TA/Grant Approval Date ²	Completion/ Expected Completion Date	Status	TCR Rating
Total Committed Funds			43,192					
Total PRC Commitment¹⁵			52,000					
Balance			8,808					

ASEAN = Association of Southeast Asian Nations, ASEAN+3 = ASEAN+ People's Republic of China, Japan, and Korea, BIMP-EAGA=Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines-East Asian Growth Area, CAREC = Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation, CWRD = Central and West Asia Department, DMC = developing member country, EARD = East Asia Department, ERCD = Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department, FP = For Processing, GMS=Greater Mekong Sub-region, ICT = Information and Communications Technology, IED = Independent Evaluation Department, IMT-GT=Indonesia-Malaysia Third Growth Triangle, MfDR = Managing for Development Results, MOF= Ministry of Finance. OCO = Office of Cofinancing Operations, PPF = Procurement, Portfolio and Financial Management Department, PRC= People's Republic of China, RCI=Regional Cooperation and Integration, SDCC = Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, SARD = South Asia Department, SERD = Southeast Asia Department, TA = technical assistance, TBD= To be determined, TCR= Technical Assistance Completion Report. (HS= Highly Successful; PS = Partly/Less than Successful; S =Successful; U= Unsuccessful). Source: ADB database

¹⁵ Excludes the \$500,000 provided to ADDBI.

**PROJECTS WITH OTHER COFINANCING
(2005–2017)
(\$'000)**

	Project Title	TA No.	Fund	TASF	Others	Total Financing	Fund Contribution (%)
1	Support to Trade Facilitation and Capacity Building in GMS	6328-REG	650	650	-	1,300	50%
2	Development Study of the GMS Economic Corridors	6310-REG	800	400	-	1,200	67%
3	Implementation of the Greater Mekong Sub-region Cross-border Transport Agreement	6307-REG	400	400	1,935 (Australia)	2,735	15%
4	Enhancing the Business Environment of the Greater Mekong Sub-region	6266-REG	200	300	-	500	40%
5	Greater Mekong Sub-region Phnom Penh Plan for Development Management Phase II (Supplementary)	6237-REG	500	1,110	2,463 (France, New Zealand)	4,073	12%
6	Strengthening Carbon Financing for Regional Grassland Management in Northeast Asia	7534-REG	400	-	1,000 (RCIF)	1,400	29%
7	Technical Training and Capacity Building for Selected ASEAN+3 Countries on Regional Economic and Financial Monitoring	6342-REG	500	-	400 (JSF)	900	56%
8	Expansion of Sub-regional Cooperation in Agriculture in the Greater Mekong Sub-region	6324-REG	600	400	200 (IFAD)	1,200	50%
9	Enhancement of Sub-regional Cooperation in BIMP-EAGA and IMT-GT	6352-REG	250	871	-	1,121	22%
10	ASEAN+3 Regional Guarantee and Investment Mechanism - Phase 2	6373-REG	300	600	-	900	33%
11	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation: Capacity Development for Regional Cooperation in CAREC Participating Countries, Phase I	6375-REG	500	490	-	990	51%
12	Trans-boundary Animal Disease Control for Poverty Reduction in the Greater Mekong Subregion (Phase II)	6390-REG	500	150	1,000 (RCIF)	1,650	30%
13	Strengthening Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation, 2007-2011	6409-REG	1,000	7,750	1,000 (RCIF)	9,750	10%
14	Enhancing the Development Effectiveness of the GMS Economic Cooperation Program (supplementary)	6262-REG	500	2,500	900 (RCIF)	3,900	13%
15	GMS Core Environment Program and Biodiversity Conservation Corridors	6289-REG	500	1,680	27,680 (Netherlands, Sweden, PRF, Finland, CCF)	29,860	2%

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	Initiative (Phase 1, supplementary)						
16	GMS Public Health Forum on Regional Cooperation in Communicable Disease Control and Health Systems Development (supplementary)	6413-REG	22	200	-	222	10%
17	GMS: Phnom Penh Plan for Development Management Phase III	6407-REG	500	1,000	1,800 (New Zealand, France, EAKPF)	3,300	15%
18	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute 2009-2012	6488-REG	500	4,000	500 (RCIF)	5,000	10%
19	Enhancing Transport and Trade Facilitation in the Greater Mekong Sub-region	6450-REG	500	-	1,250 (RCIF, Australia)	1,750	29%
20	Regional Knowledge and Partnership Networks for Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Growth	6502-REG	900	-	500 (EAKPF)	1,400	64%
21	Capacity Development for National Economic Policy Analysis and Development Management, Phase III	7226-CAM	500	150	-	650	77%
22	Implementing the Greater Mekong Sub-region Human Resource Development Strategy Framework and Action Plan 2009-2011	7275-REG	500	-	750 (RCIF)	1,250	40%
23	Accelerating the Implementation of the Core Agriculture Support Program	6521-REG	500	1,500	-	2,000	25%
24	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation: Working with the Private Sector in Trade Facilitation	7353-REG	500	1,261	1,500 (RCIF)	3,261	15%
25	Asia Pacific Procurement Partnership Initiative	7437-REG	500	1,100	-	1,600	31%
26	GMS Phnom Penh Plan for Development Management, Phase IV (supplementary)	7431-REG	500	2,150	500 (EAKPF)	3,150	16%
27	Strengthening Coordination of the GMS Program	7561-REG	500	5,000	450 (RCIF)	5,950	8%
28	Support for Pan-Beibu Gulf Economic Cooperation	8017-REG ¹	400	400	-	800	50%
29	GMS Phnom Penh Plan for Development Management, Phase V (supplementary)	8225-REG	500	750	500 (EAKPF)	1,750	29%
30	Supporting Capacity Development Needs of CAREC 2020 (supplementary)	8301-REG	900	2,500	-	3,400	26%

¹ Includes partial cancellation of \$100,000 made on 4 July 2014.

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31	Technical Training and Capacity Building for Selected Asian Countries on Regional Economic and Financial Monitoring - Phase II	8433-REG	400	-	500 (RCIF)	900	44%
32	South Asia Sub-regional Economic Cooperation Power System Expansion	8412-NEP	500	-	1,000 (JFPR)	1,500	33%
33	Second GMS Corridor Towns Development Project	8425-REG	500	1,500	385 (IDRMF)	2,385	21%
34	Design of e-Governance Master Plan and Review of ICT Capacity in Academic Institutions	8398-MYA	500	500	500 (EAKPF)	1,500	33%
35	Implementing the Greater Mekong Sub-region Human Resource Development Strategy Framework and Action Plan Phase II	8549-REG	500	750	500 (RCIF)	1,750	29%
36	Core Environment Program and Biodiversity Conservation Corridors Initiative in the GMS, Phase 2	7987-REG	500	800	22,568(Finland, Sweden, NDF, GEF-TF, GEF-SCCF)	23,868	2%
37	Study for a Power Sector Financing Road Map within CAREC	8727-REG	500	1,000	-	1,500	33%
38	CAREC: Working with the Private Sector in Trade Facilitation (Phase 2)	8746-REG	500	500	500 (RCIF)	1,500	33%
39	CAREC Knowledge Sharing and Services in Transport and Transport Facilitation	8789-REG	400	2,650	-	3,050	13%
40	Harmonizing the GMS Power Systems to Facilitate Regional Power Trade	8830-REG	500	2,500	-	3,000	17%
41	Building Capacity for Enhanced Connectivity in Southeast Asia	8836-REG	250	250	1,000 (EAKPF/RCIF)	1,500	17%
42	Greater Mekong Sub-region Integrated Urban Development to Support Cross Border Economic Zones	8989-REG	400	500	-	900	44%
43	Strategy for Northeast Asia Power System Interconnection	9001-MON	500	-	1,250 (CCF, EAKPF)	1,750	29%
44	Universal Health Coverage for Inclusive Growth: Supporting the Implementation of the Operational Plan for Health 2015-2020 (supplementary)	8983-REG	500	1,500	-	2,000	25%
45	Capturing the Opportunities and Addressing the Risks	8978-KGZ	200	1,000	-	1,200	17%
46	Support for Project Implementation of the Nepal Earthquake	8910-NEP	600	2,800	-	3,400	18%

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	Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program (supplementary)						
47	Strengthening Knowledge Management in Central and West Asia (supplementary)	8936-REG	650	1,500	-	2,150	30%
48	Advancing RCI through BIMP-EAGA and IMT-GT (supplementary)	8814-REG	700	1,000	-	1,700	41%
49	Asia-Pacific Community of Practice on Managing for Development Results – Strengthening Knowledge Partnerships on MfDR	8636-REG	500	-	51(CFMfDR)	551	91%
50	Revitalizing the Ecosystem of Ravi River Basin	9463-PAK	550	460	200(WFPF-MDTF)	1210	45%
51	Water and Sanitation Strategy Development and Capacity Building	9481-UZB	800	200	-	1000	80%
	Total²		25,772	56,722	72,782	155,276	16.60%

ASEAN = Association of Southeast Asian Nations, ASEAN+3 = ASEAN + PRC, Japan and Korea, BIMP-EAGA = Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area, CAREC = Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation, CCF = Climate Change Fund, CfMFDR = Cooperation Fund for Managing Development Results, EAKPF = e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund, GEF-TF=Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, GEF-SCCF=Global Environment Facility-Special Climate Change Fund, GMS = Greater Mekong Sub-region, GovCF=Governance Cooperation Fund, HIV Fund = Cooperation Fund for Fighting HIV/AIDS in Asia and the Pacific, ICT = Information and Communications Technology, IDRMF=Integrated Disaster Risk management Trust Fund, IFAD = International Fund for Agricultural Development, IMT-GT = Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle, JFPR = Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction, JSF = Japan Special Fund, WFPF-MDTF = Multi-Donor Trust Fund under the Water Financing Partnership Facility, NDF=Nordic Development Fund, PRF = Poverty Reduction Fund, RCIF = Regional Cooperation and Integration Fund, TA = Technical Assistance

² The total refers to projects approved until 31 December 2017 only. As of 31 March 2018, there were three other projects supported by Fund which were approved in 2018 with other cofinancing totaling \$2.1 million (RETAs 9387,9497 and 9500).