

Mongolia Vegetable Production and Irrigated Agriculture Project

Project Title

TrTA 9607-MON:
Vegetable Production and
Irrigated Agriculture
(51423-001)

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Project Completion

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Contracting Authority

Asian Development
Bank (ADB)

Beneficiary

Government of Mongolia

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Overview

In order to help Mongolia reap the full benefits of the vegetable sub-sector the proposed Project (Mongolia Irrigated Agriculture and Vegetable Project) will help increase the production and marketing of vegetable products (tentative Project outcome), which will result in an increase in income and employment opportunities for rural households (tentative Project impact). This will be achieved through value chain interventions supported by the Project which will help overcome a number of constraints. While the selection and design of such interventions will be decided during the assignment, we envisage that these could be concentrated under two Project outputs: (i) vegetable production improved; and (ii) vegetable value chains infrastructure improved.

The Project has an estimated cost of \$42.4 million, including an ADB loan of \$40 million, a \$2 million grant, and \$0.4 million government contribution. The Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry (MOFALI) will be the Executing Agency (EA). The Project will follow the project modality, rather than the sector modality. i.e. the Project will support specific identified investments, rather than based on considerations relating to the sector as a whole with investment in a large number of unidentified sub-projects.

The TrTA preparatory project

The purpose of the Transactional Technical Assistance (TRTA) is to support the Government of Mongolia in the design and due diligence of the proposed Project, in order to inform the decisions (through a number of reports) of the board of the ADB (and Government) on the approval of the Project.

The objectives of the TRTA are to: (i) ensure the project design is suitable for ADB financing through identifying the most appropriate project components and providing innovative ideas, concepts, management approaches and technology to enhance project impacts; (ii) review proposed project components based on detailed due diligence assessment of technical, economic and financial, governance, social and environmental safeguards, and project risk and mitigation measures; (iii) provide training to the executing agency, implementing agencies, their project implementing units, and other relevant stakeholders, to increase institutional capacity on effective project development and implementation; (iv) coordinate the project activity at all levels; (v) maintain high quality of project design and reporting; (vi) maintain firmly the schedule and project processing milestones and (iv) prepare project documents, including feasibility study reports, safeguard documents, and ADB's draft report and recommendations of the president (RRP).

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Expected outputs

The TrTA will deliver the following outputs specifically for the ensuing Mongolia Irrigated Agriculture and Vegetable Production Project.

- Technical design developed and feasibility assessments conducted.
- Assessment and planning on social, environment, gender and safeguards completed.
- Investment plan and procurement packages prepared.
- Project management capacity of the executing and implementing agencies Improved.

