



Main findings from the assessment of The Asian Development Bank (ADB) 2013¹

CONTEXT

THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK...

...is an international **development finance institution** which has as its mission to alleviate poverty and help create a world in which everyone can share in the benefits of sustained and inclusive growth. It provides loans, technical assistance and grants for development projects and supports developing member countries

... adopted, in 2008, a **long-term strategic framework – Strategy 2020** – to guide its operations and support its mission and overall vision of an Asia and Pacific region free of poverty. It focuses on five core areas: infrastructure development, environment (including climate change), regional co-operation and integration, finance sector development, and education.

... defines itself as a results-driven organisation and adopted a **corporate results framework** in 2008. A revised framework was approved in January 2013.

... was assessed by MOPAN in 2003, 2006 and 2010. It has improved its performance over the three years since the last assessment. The 2013 MOPAN assessment was very positive overall.

KEY STRENGTHS OF ADB

- ADB has a **clear strategy** which is aligned to its mandate. The Bank is commended for its efforts to align its mandate with the changing needs of developing member countries.
- ADB is committed to **managing for development results** at both the corporate and country-level. At the corporate level, this is evident through the refinement of the former results framework (2009-2012) and the recent adoption of an outcome-oriented results framework (2013-2016). At the country level, the commitment to results is manifest through the quality of the results frameworks.
- Audit practices, anti-corruption measures and risk management processes are in place. **Financial accountability** is one of the ADB's strengths.
- It is positive that ADB **uses performance information** to revise policies and plan new interventions, acts upon recommendations and allocates recourse based on performance
- The programming of ADB's country and regional processes is **performance-oriented**. Milestones and targets are set to track the progress of project implementation
- ADB makes strong **contributions to policy dialogue** and the Bank respects the views of its clients.
- The quality and independence of ADB's **evaluations**, managed by the Independent Evaluation Department, are noted.

¹ This document presents the main findings from MOPAN's 2013 "ADB Institutional Report".



KEY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT FOR ADB

- ADB was perceived as adequate in **adjusting its procedures** to local conditions and capacities. Some procedures were seen as delaying project/programme implementation.

The full assessment report, the Executive Summary and the management response by ADB to this assessment are available at: www.mopanonline.org