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Project Summary Information

	April 9, 2021
Project Name	Gujarat Education Infrastructure and Technology Modernization Program
Project Number	P000479
AllB member	Republic of India
Sector/Subsector	Education
Status of Financing	Under Preparation
Project Description	AIIB's financing will support the strategic development and rehabilitation of the school network in Gujarat to address the pressing infrastructure needs. AIIB will finance the infrastructure and technology components of the Gujarat Outcomes for Accelerated Learning Program (GOAL). GOAL will focus on: improved school infrastructure with enhancement of child friendly learning environments; improved
	foundational learning and assessments; strengthened teacher development; and decentralized district-based planning and management systems for educational outcomes.
Objective	The project objective is to create international-standard student friendly schools with state-of-the-art technology and facilities for creating child friendly learning environments through large-scale school infrastructure upgradation.
Expected Results	The program is expected to improve student outcomes in schools in Gujarat through infrastructure consolidation and facelift, technology, curriculum reforms and professional development of teachers. AllB's financing will flow exclusively into DLI 5 of GOAL: Improved learning environment in schools and teacher education institutions (6,000 schools and five teacher education institutes).
Environmental and Social Category	The World Bank (WB) has categorized the ES risks of this program as "Moderate", which is similar to Category B if AIIB's ESP were applicable.
Environmental and Social Information	This Program will be co-financed with WB as lead co-financier, and its environmental and social (ES) aspects have been assessed in accordance with the WB's Policy on PforR financing (PforR Policy). AIIB's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) was designed to apply to investment projects and has no provisions for its application to PforR operations. Therefore, theWB's PforR Policy will apply to this operation in lieu of AIIB's ESP.
	The WB has categorized the ES risks of this program as Moderate (which is similar to Category B if AIIB's ESP were applicable). As required under the WB's PforR Policy, the program excludes activities that are likely to have significant adverse ES impacts that are sensitive, irreversible, or unprecedented (similar to Category A if AIIB's ESP were applicable).

	An Environmental and Social Systems Assessment (ESSA), which involves assessing the Government of Gujarat's Education Department for GOAL has been conducted by the WB in accordance with its PforR Policy. The ESSA is complemented by a program action plan at the operational level. The findings and recommendations of the ESSA as well as the corresponding program action plan are based on review of relevant environmental and social management systems of the Samagra Shiksha Program in Gujarat, and further consultations with key stakeholders. These include recommendations to strengthen environment systems focus on among others (a) improving implementation/outreach of existing systems/standards on environment health and safety to address inter-district variations that exist currently; (b) scaling-up the 'green school' model; and (c) addressing disaster and climate related challenges through up-stream planning, improving building/infrastructure design and sensitization/preparedness and curriculum delivery. With respect to strengthening social systems, recommendations include screening for E&S risks/impacts for all civil works. In addition, though land acquisition and/or resettlement is not anticipated, in case the need arises, the WB core safeguard policy on land acquisition and resettlement will be followed and due process are to be instituted in consultation with WB task team. Virtual state-level consultations were conducted by the WB as part of the ESSA preparation and the final version of the ESSA has been disclosed on the client ¹ and World Bank ² websites. Per the Right to Education Act 2009, the Government of Gujarat has authorized local authorities to perform grievance redress mechanism function. The system also specifies the type of grievance, authority charged with provision, time duration for decision, the appellate authority, and time for grievance redressal by the appellate authority.			
Cost and Financing	Indicative Program Cost:	USD1,071 million		
Plan				
	Financing Plan:			
	AIIB:	USD250 million		
	World Bank:	USD500 million		
	Government of Gujarat:	USD321 million		
Borrower	Republic of India			
Implementing Entity	Education Department, Government of Gujarat			

¹ <u>GOAL-SEEP-ESSA.pdf (ssagujarat.org)</u> ²<u>https://documents.worldbank.org/en/publication/documents-reports/documentdetail/991051614354535449/final-environmental-and-social-systems-assessment-essa-gujarat-outcomes-</u> for-accelerated-learning-goal-p173704

Estimated date of	September, 2027					
loan closing						
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Date of Concept	April, 2021	-				
Decision						
Estimated Date of	Q2 2021					
Appraisal Decision						
Estimated Date of	Q3 2021					
Financing Approval						
Independent	AIIB's Policy on the Project-affected People's Mechanism (PPM) addresses issues raised under AIIB's ESP, which doe					
Accountability	not apply to this operation. S	Submissions to the PPM under	the program would, therefore, i	not be eligible for consideration		
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Mechanism by the PPM. The WB's independent accountability mechanism addresses issues raised by persons adversely affected by a WB-financed operation and allows them to report alleged noncompliance with the WB's operational policies and procedures, including its PforR Policy.