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Honorable Ivane Matchavariani
Governor for Georgia at the Asian Development Bank
Minister of Finance of Georgia

Honorable Minister Matchavariani,

TA 9534-REG: Enhancing ADB's support for Social Protection to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals — Request for No-Objection

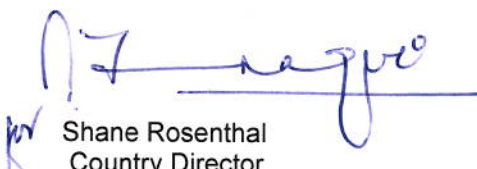
We are pleased to inform you that the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved the Regional Capacity Development Technical Assistance (TA) for Enhancing ADB's support for Social Protection to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. The TA aims to increase social protection investments in selected member countries. It has three outputs: (i) improved capacity to design, implement, expand, and monitor social protection programs; (ii) strengthened knowledge sharing and partnerships on social protection; and (iii) updated the ADB's Social Protection Indicator. A copy of the TA is attached for your information.

This TA will continue to support the monitoring and reporting on progress of social protection coverage and expenditure in Asia and Pacific through updating the Social Protection Indicator (SPI). It will support the data collection and the reporting using 2018 data and aims to cover all member countries from Asia and the Pacific. The Social Protection Indicator (SPI) database and reports are a unique source of social protection statistics in the region. For more information or clarification, please contact Mr. Michiel Van Der Auwera, Senior Financial Sector Specialist (Social Security), Social Development Thematic Group, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department (mvanderauwera@adb.org) and Imelda O. Marquez (imarquez@adb.org) or Flordeliza C. Huelgas (fhuelgas.consultant@adb.org).

This letter seeks your no-objection to the inclusion of your country in the TA. We would appreciate receiving confirmation that the Government has no objection to the above TA by countersigning on the space provided herein and mailing a signed copy to Mr. Van Der Auwera. If we do not receive any response within 21 days of the date of this letter, we will assume that the Government has no objection to your country's participation in this TA.

We look forward to continuing our close collaboration

Sincerely,



Shane Rosenthal
Country Director

Attachment: TA report

cc: E. Tikaradze, Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs; T. Gabunia, First Deputy Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs; N. Gagua, Deputy Minister of Finance; T. Barkalaia, Deputy Minister of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs.

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We, hereby, confirm the Government's no objection to be included in TA 9534-REG: Enhancing ADB's support for Social Protection to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals:

On behalf of the Government

Name

Designation

Date

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