



ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK



Introducing the Water Organisation Partnerships for Resilience (WOP4R)

As lead consultant, Royal HaskoningDHV is honoured to announce the next phase in the Asian Development Bank's successful Water Organisation Partnerships programme – WOP4R.

Build a more resilient future through partnerships

Founded in 2007, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) created its Water Organisation Partnerships (WOP) mentorship program to help water organisations address the Asia Pacific region's increasingly complex resource challenges.

Approximately 300 million people in the area lack safe access to basic drinking water services, and 1.2 billion live without adequate sanitation. The need to provide safe and sustainable water services is made more urgent by climate change, population growth, and rapid economic development.

So far, more than 80 leading water organisations (known as mentors) have partnered with water entities (recipients) wanting to improve their water management operations by sharing their proven knowledge, skills, and experience.

With the launch of WOP4R – the latest phase of this program – you are invited to join the next generation of mentors helping to build a more resilient future for water entities in the Philippines, Bangladesh, Tajikistan, Nepal, Timor-Leste, and the Kyrgyz Republic.

Share your expertise for the greater good

By becoming a mentor, you can share your first-hand experience solving challenges – such as improving asset management – through peer-to-peer knowledge sharing and collaborative solution support. Building on the success of the WOP program, ADB is expanding its support to a greater range of water entities, including:



Urban water and sanitation utilities

Urban water and sanitation utilities must expand and improve service delivery to meet the needs of a growing population. Climate change is also making it harder to consistently source safe resources and protect utility assets from extreme weather events.



River basin management

River basin management organisations face difficulties managing limited water resources and providing sustainable water access to multiple users and communities, including agriculture and energy providers.



Agriculture and irrigation

Agriculture accounts for approximately 80% of freshwater use in the APAC region, but limited access makes it difficult to meet rising demand for food while promoting more efficient use of irrigated water.

Why become a WOP4R mentor?

Becoming a mentor gives your employees an exciting opportunity to work on projects that demand creative problem solving and strategic collaboration. It also contributes to your corporate social responsibility initiatives by improving regional water resilience and access to safe water services. Some WOP4R participants have even used the program to develop new business opportunities. ADB covers all expenses for training and field visits, including travel, with partnerships typically running for 12–18 months based on a mutually agreed plan that focuses on realistic outcomes. As lead consultant, Royal HaskoningDHV will manage the WOP4R program lifecycle and deliver technical support to ADB. This includes coordinating program activities between partnered organisations, and monitoring and reporting on program implementation. We will also help develop and disseminate relevant knowledge products for all participants.



Corporate social responsibility



Learning experience



Reward and motivation for staff



Opportunities for business



Are you ready to twin up and become a mentor?

[Register your interest here](#) or scan the QR code.

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