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ADB Education Sector Operations Overview

$1.5 Billion
per year
(average in recent trends)

(Approx 6% of ADB Lending Portfolio)

Largest Borrowers (2011-2025)
1. Bangladesh ($2,410 M)
2. Philippines ($1,775 M)
3. India ($1,705 M)
4. PRC ($1,012 M)
5. Sri Lanka ($945 M)

Education Sub-Sectors (2011-2025)
1. TVET ($4.7 B [37])
2. Secondary ($3.0 B [17])
3. Primary ($1.2 B [7])
4. Higher Edu ($1.1 B [11])
5. Non-Formal Edu ($79 M([16])

Lending Modality (2011-2025)
1. Investment ($6.0 B [57])
2. Results-based ($4.7 B [14])
3. Policy-based ($0.7 B [3])
4. Sector Dev ($0.5 B [10])

Directions For ADB Education Sector Operations

Learning Crisis

Skills Mismatch

COVID-19 Learning and Earning Loss

→ A Quality Assured, Inclusive Education System That Ensures Learning for All

- Foundational Learning
- Workforce Development and Entrepreneurship
- Interdisciplinary and Cross-Sectoral Collaboration

Potential Business Opportunities in Education

1. Consultancy service for new curricula, standards, certification and accreditation
2. Procurement of lab equipment (e.g., science lab, training lab, research lab)
3. Consultancy service on inclusive, green and climate-resilient building design (e.g., academic building, research parks)