The Importance of Technical Assistance in Achieving SDG 9
A snapshot of SDG 9 progress in the SONCA region shows a need for action in boosting infrastructure resilience and catalyzing manufacturing and innovation.

### 2021 SDG Progress: Indicator for SGD 9

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Source: SDG Gateway Asia Pacific

### Expected progress: Indicator for SGD 9

**GOAL 9**

- 9.1 Infrastructure development
- 9.c Access to ICT & the Internet
- 9.2 Sustainable/inclusive industrialization
- 9.4 Sustainable & clean industries
- 9.5 Research and development
- 9.b Domestic technology development
- 9.3 Small-scale industries access to finance
- 9.a Resilient infrastructure

### North and Central Asia - Expected Gap

Legend key

- **RED** REVERSE trend
- **YELLOW** ACCELERATE progress
- **GREEN** ON-TRACK indicators
- **GREY** CAN'T be measured

Source: SDG Gateway Asia Pacific
The general trend of international support to infrastructure is positive, but not stable which can undercut development plans especially in smaller economies.

9.A.1 RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: OFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT TO INFRASTRUCTURE (MILLION USD)

The involvement of an IFI in preparing and financing infrastructure projects increases the possibility for additionality and crowding-in meaning more viable and diversified channels for investment.
Channeling TA to find and support feasible investment projects in manufacturing can contribute to greater economic resilience, job creation and achieving SDG 9

9.2 MANUFACTURING VALUE ADDED AS A PROPORTION OF GDP (%)

TA has a **significant impact** when used to promote manufacturing by assisting beneficiaries in preparing project documentation aligning projects with **green and social standards** at an early stage.

Source: Compiled using UNIDO data
The EDB uses different TA instruments in promoting progress for SDG 9

Every third EDB TA project is directly linked to achieving progress on SDG 9
TA lessons learned in the process:

- TA needs to be used to fill the gaps that are halting the development of “bankable” and effective infrastructure, industry and innovation projects in the region.
- TA offers the opportunity to create strong synergetic effects for development.
- TA for capacity building for SDG 9 data collection and progress tracking.
- TA should be used as an important addition to developing investment projects by giving both IFI and the Beneficiaries an opportunity to strengthen linkages with other SDGs.
- TA linked to SDG 9 tend to have a “high leverage” compared to consequential investments.
- For TA to be relevant it needs to be delivered on time.
- For TA to be successful it needs have clear ownership from all stakeholders.
- The TA being done today will become the development change and progress of tomorrow.
Thank you!

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