ADB’s Urban Development Operations to Promote SDGs and Sustainable Development

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Focus Areas

- **Inclusive Cities**: providing urban services and infrastructure for poor and vulnerable communities
- **Green Cities**: promoting urban environmental improvement, energy efficiency, and climate change resilience
- **Competitive Cities**: providing strategic physical and social infrastructure to foster economic growth

Linkage with SDG 8: Economic Growth and SDG 11: Livable Cities

ADB urban development projects are designed:

- as comprehensive urban development projects covering water, sanitation and wastewater, solid waste, road and drainage, flood, etc.
- to improve access to urban services, environmental conditions, and public health
- to attract business and investment, and tourist visits, thus increase employment opportunities
- to increase household income and reduce poverty

China: Guangxi Nanning Urban Environmental Upgrading Project

- Project components: flood, wastewater, solid waste, public park, and capacity development
- Public satisfaction with the urban environment increased based on surveys
- Incidence of dysentery reduced from 46 to 35 per 100,000 and diarrhea reduced from 52 to 46 per 100,000
- Number of tourists increased 1.3mil to 2.3 mil

Myanmar: Mandalay Urban Services Improvement Project

- Project components: water supply, wastewater and drainage, and capacity development
- HH with access to improved water supply increased from 19,000 to 124,000
- NRW reduced from 52% to 25%
- Direct wastewater discharge reduced from 85,000m³/day to 25,000m³/day
- Flood frequency reduced from 1 in 6 mos to 1 in 2 yrs