

The Asian Development Bank's Operations in Education

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ADB – Purpose and Ownership

- Established in 1966
- 67 member countries
- AAA Credit Rating
- Canada the 7th largest shareholder (2nd among non-regionals)
- ADB purpose to reduce poverty in Asia-Pacific



ADB's Market and Product Range

- **Diverse Clientele:** ADB works with about 40 developing member countries, stretching from the Caucasus to the Pacific
- **Core ADB Business:** about 80% of business with governments, remaining 20% with private sector
- **Modalities:** principally loans and grants, also guarantees, and equity.
- **Scale of Financing:** \$11 billion for 82 new projects in 2007

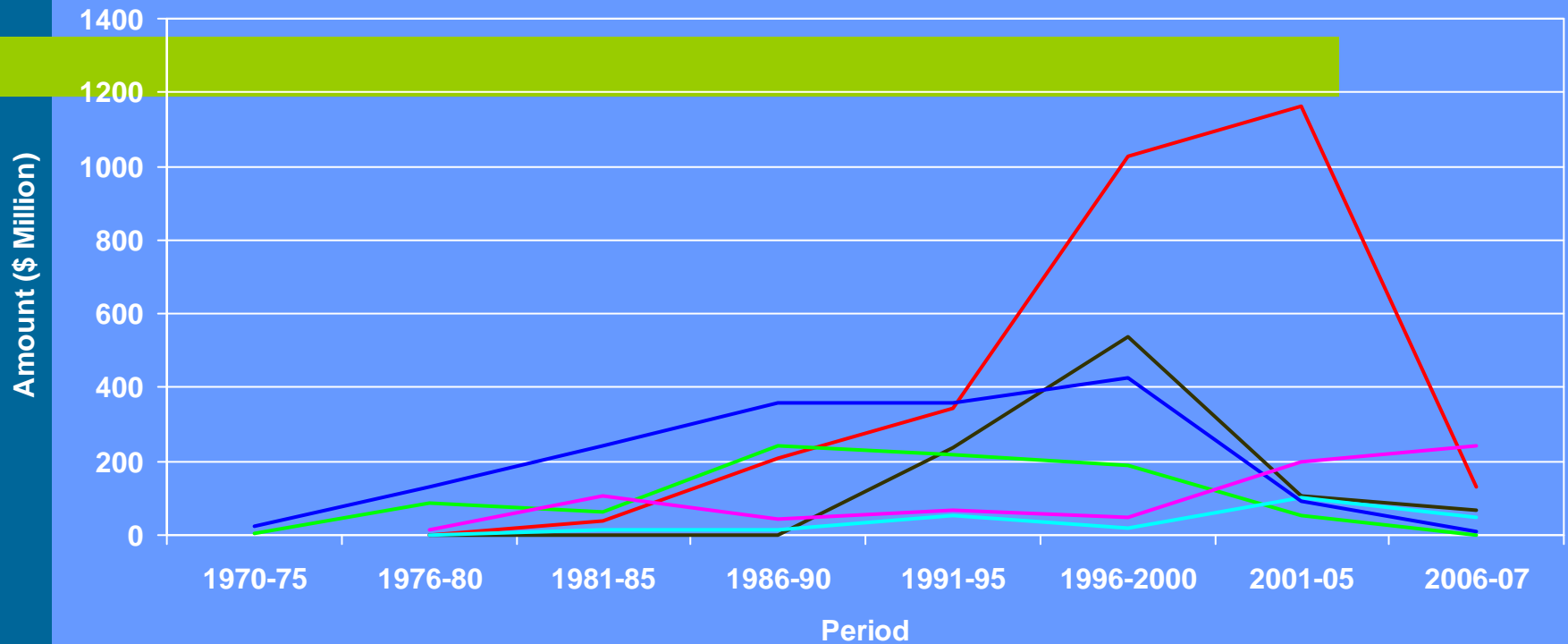


ADB's Investment Priorities

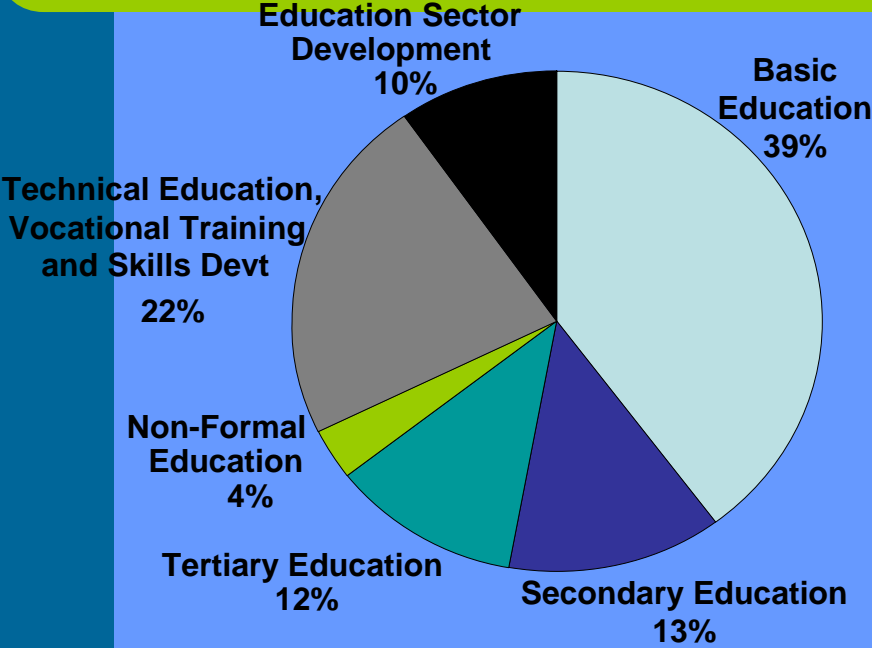
- *Countries:* Pakistan, India and Viet Nam the largest borrowers in 2007
- *Priority Sectors:* Education is one of 5 priority sectors in ADB's long-term strategy;
- *Themes:* ADB integrates gender, private sector development, good governance and capacity development as themes in its operations.



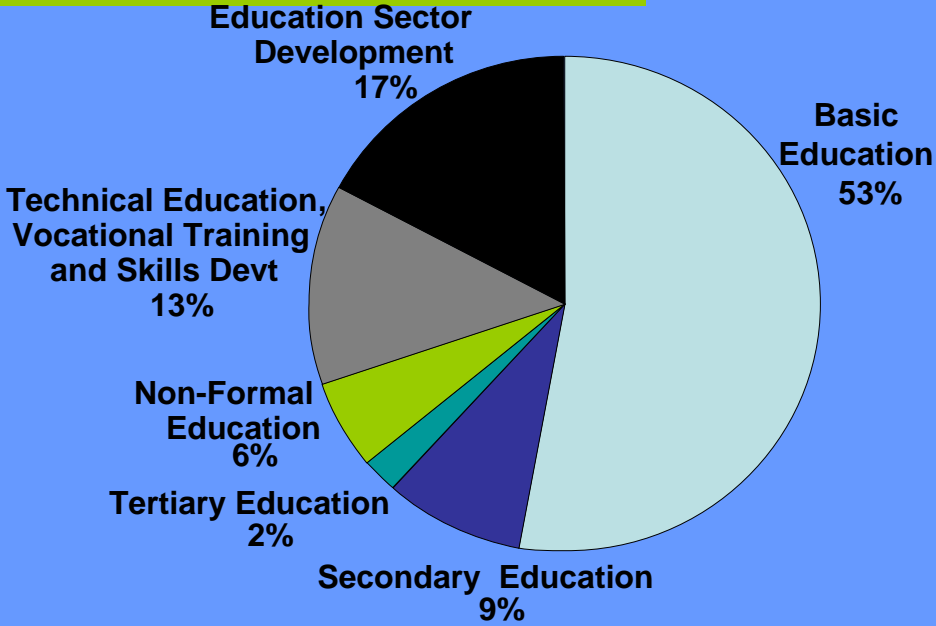
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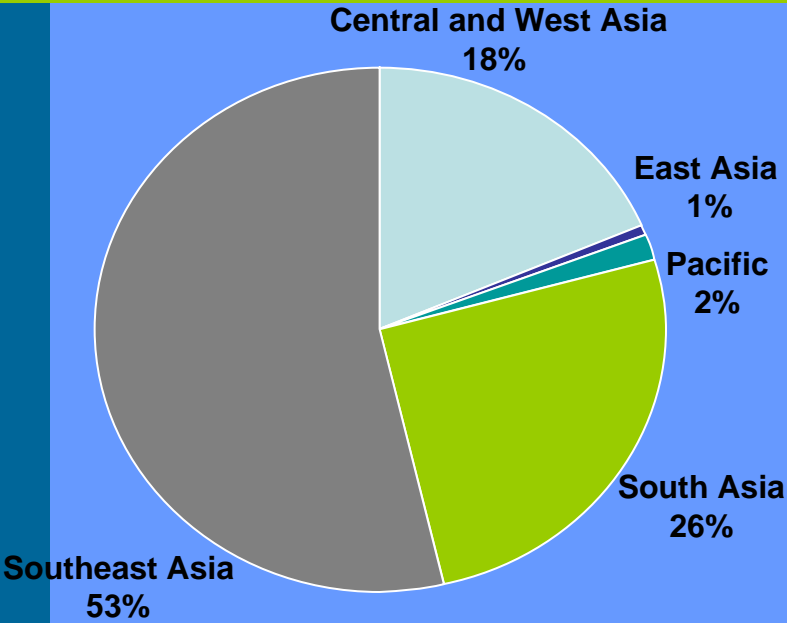


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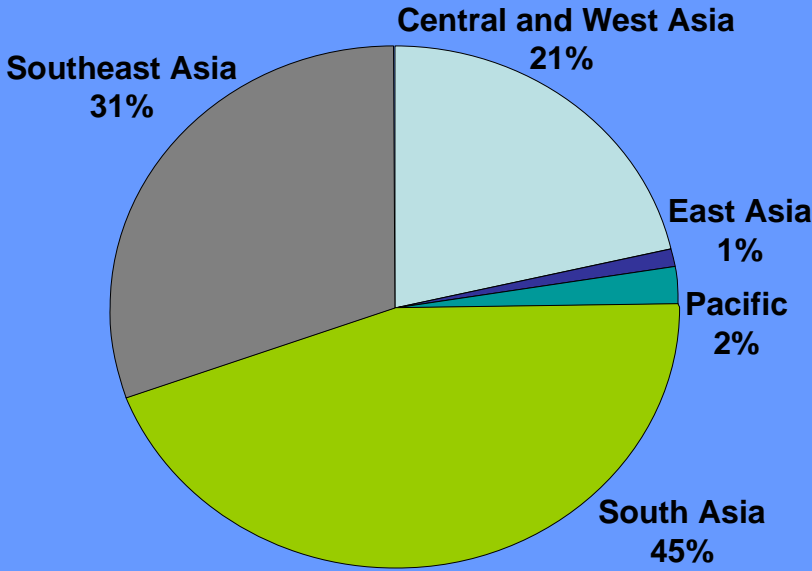


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ADB Education Sector Lending and Grants By Region



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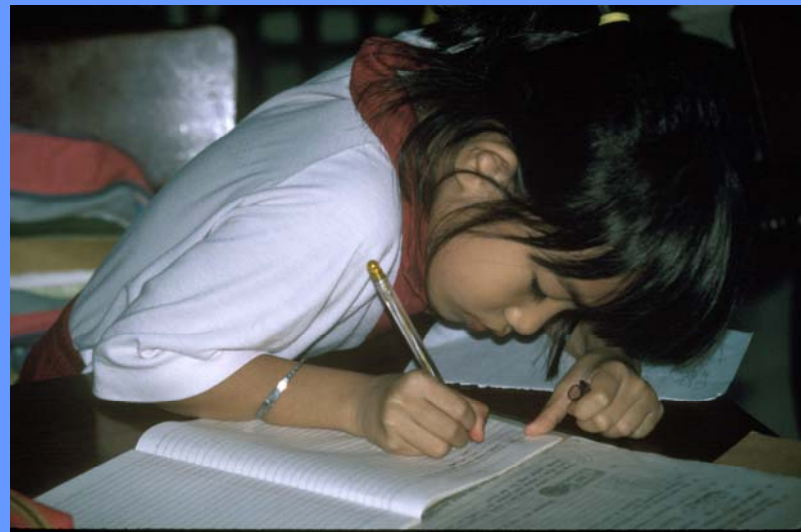
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ADB Priorities for Education Operations

- **Sector-wide Reform:** supporting national governments to develop and implement policies, often with other donors (e.g. Bangladesh, Cambodia)
- **Focus on Higher Levels of Education:** Continue the shift to TVET/skills and tertiary/higher education
- **Improve Effectiveness of Education:** In all subsectors, continue to increase support to innovative and effective
 - means (e.g. ICT for education);
 - incentives (financing incentives and other incentives); and
 - partnerships (Public-Private Partnerships, other partnerships)

ADB Education Projects – Typical Features

- **Investment in Educational Infrastructure and Materials:** including civil works, books, furniture, equipment. Such investments improve learning environments, increase capacity, and improve operating efficiency
- **Technical Assistance:** policy or technical advice funded by ADB TA, including sector plans, curriculum and materials development, policy development, teacher training.
- **Capacity Development:** focusing on both national and sub-national education administrations.



Canadian Firms and the ADB

- Canadian firms' share of goods and works procured amounted to \$29 million in 2007 (29th place)
- Canadian firms do better in consulting contracts with \$17 million in 2007 (6th place)
- Total ADB procurement in 2007 was \$7.1 billion
- Canadian firms are particularly successful in the education sector





THANK YOU!