ADB’s possible proposals for GEF-7

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Considering ADB’s portfolio and pipeline of upcoming projects, we identified the following possible synergies and grant needs:

**ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND MITIGATION:**

❖ Seismic Safety Improvement Project (SSIP): To build earthquake-resilient schools and improve the country’s ability to respond to natural disasters. The project is improving and strengthening about 46 schools and is supporting the development of disaster preparedness plans and earthquake awareness campaigns.

Possible synergies and grant needs:
• Solar panels for schools benefitting from ADB SSIP ($500k)
Financing **critical infrastructure** and **capacity** to balance territorial development and foster **economic recovery** and **environmentally** (and financially) **sustainable growth**

- By ranking and prioritizing investment for “clusters of growth”, as identified in a unified regional territorial development strategy
- By upgrading capacity for planning and implementing urban and environmental technical norms/standards

Possible synergies and grant needs:
- Energy efficiency measures in 3 secondary cities (Vanadzor, Dilijan and possibly Gyumri) – needs assessment ($100k);
- Climate-proof water resources management – a road map ($80k).
Sustainable Urban Development Investment Program: among other goals of the project is road and transport network improvements in the capital, Yerevan, and institutional development and capacity building.

Possible synergies and grant needs:

- **Reversal of land erosion** in the surroundings on Yerevan ($500k), as part of “greening” initiatives for the city under SUDIP or/and its expansion (under discussion with Municipality)