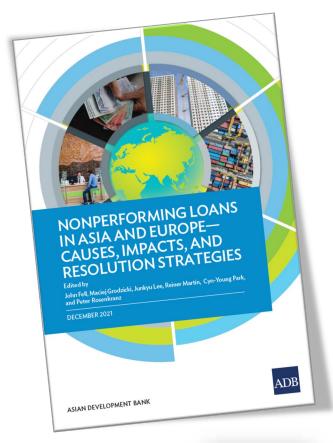
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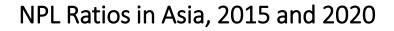
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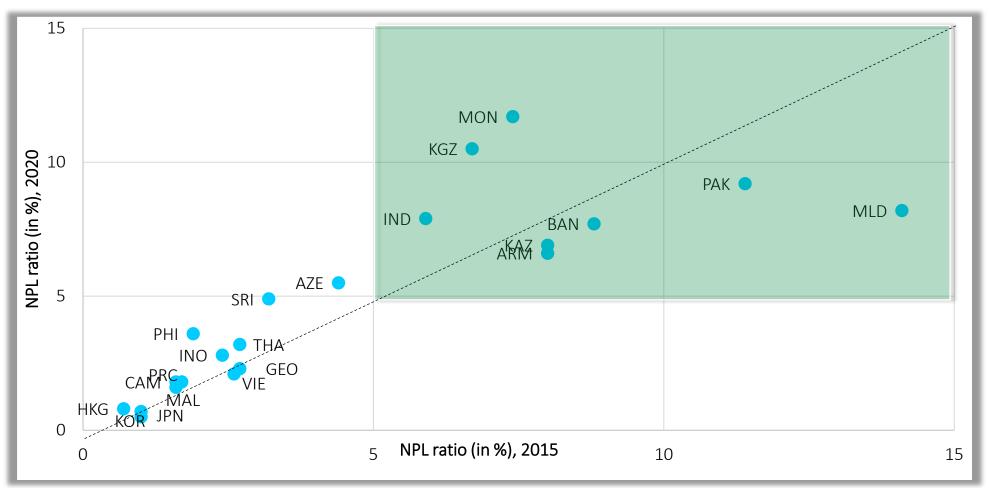
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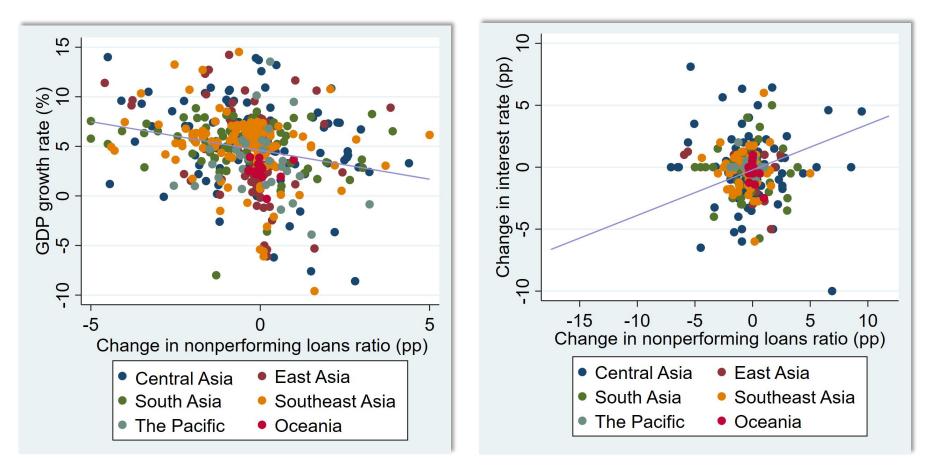


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## NPL ratios are negatively correlated with GDP growth; and tend to increase in tandem with interest rates

NPL ratios, GDP growth, and interest rates in Asia, 1997–2020



GDP = gross domestic product; pp = percentage points.

Note: Interest rates refer to central bank policy rates.

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### **Key Recommendations**









Pandemic leads to substantial rise in debt, which was already quite elevated

Credit conditions and quality could deteriorate when temporary financial relief is lifted, and regulatory forbearance phased out



A sharp increase in NPLs could compromise swift postpandemic economic recovery



Need to strengthen the region's NPL resolution mechanisms



Policies need to support NPL market development for swift NPL disposal



Past crises taught us we need stronger regional financial cooperation





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