



Bangladesh: SASEC Railway Connectivity Investment Program

Project Name	SASEC Railway Connectivity Investment Program
Project Number	46452-001
Country	Bangladesh
Project Status	Approved
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 8597-BAN: SASEC Railway Connectivity Investment Program Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 1.50 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Rail transport (non-urban) - Transport policies and institutional development
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements
Description	<p>The PPTA will support the following major outputs and activities (i) Updating the Railway Sector Master Plan; (ii) Assessment of the rolling stock maintenance sector of BR and recommendations for the strategy, investments and organization; (iii) Update the design for the Dhirasram Inland Container Depot (ICD) and associated structures to create a logistic chain with possible private sector involvement linking the ICD with Chittagong Port; (iv) Support BR in the Government-internal approval process; and (v) Procurement Advisory Services for BR.</p> <p>The TA for \$1,500,000 equivalent will be financed on a grant basis by ADB's Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF-IV). The PPTA is funded by TASF, as no other resources are timely available to fund the scope as required to support the preparation of the SASEC Railway Connectivity Investment Program MFF. The Government will provide counterpart support in the form of counterpart staff, office accommodation, previous studies, reports and surveys, and other in-kind contributions. The detailed cost estimate is presented in Table A4.2.</p>
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Most of the project preparation is financed under the TA-loan-2688-BAN: Subregional Transport Project Preparatory Facility, Rail Component (TA-loan). This Project Preparatory Technical Assistance (PPTA) will provide additional studies necessary for processing the Investment Program, to update design previously completed by BR and to provide additional support to BR during the procurement phase that cannot be covered under the TA-loan.
Impact	
Project Outcome	
Description of Outcome	
Progress Toward Outcome	
Implementation Progress	
Description of Project Outputs	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	
Geographical Location	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects	

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	<p>The Projects will benefit the poor and the vulnerable by providing increased employment and market opportunities, improved means of transport and better access to social service facilities. In case any involuntary resettlement impacts are identified during the planning stage, these will also be mitigated through provisions in the Safeguard Policy Statement, national laws and policies. Most of the beneficiaries, especially the vulnerable and the women headed households, will be consulted during the resettlement planning stage and while conducting the poverty and social assessment. People from all the socio economic strata were meaningfully consulted during the preparatory phase. Community meetings and focus group discussions were organized as part of the poverty and social analysis. The local consultative meetings involved all relevant stakeholders including representatives of the poor and other socially excluded groups (e.g., women, indigenous people, etc) to disseminate the information as well as to get the feedback about the project design and its potential impacts. Other key stakeholders such as the relevant line departments, local Government representatives and NGOs were also consulted. Consultations were also undertaken with the affected households and communities during the course of the census survey and socioeconomic survey for the preparation of the safeguards planning documents.</p>
During Project Implementation	<p>The project will help improve people's access to and use of opportunities, services, resources and assets which will further empower them. Throughout the project cycle meaningful consultations will be held with the project beneficiaries providing them information regarding the project design and implementation. This will further empower the communities. The project will benefit all socio economic categories as they can easily commute from one place to another.</p> <p>The TA became effective on 15 December 2014.</p> <p>The TA closing date was extended from 31 March 2015 to 31 March 2016 in order to fully implement the TA and complete all tasks of the scope of works.</p>

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	<p>The TA will be implemented by (i) a firm of consultants over 9 months from July 2014 to March 2015; and (ii) services to be carried out by individual consultants, e.g. as Procurement Advisor and to support Government-internal approvals will be implemented from July 2014 until December 2016. About 27 person-months of international consulting and about 45 person-months of national consulting will be provided. ADB will engage the consultants in accordance with its Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time) using the quality- and cost-based selection with a quality-cost ratio of 90:10. This quality-cost ratio is proposed in light of the high complexity of the TA, which requires specialized inputs from qualified consultants with experience in the fields of railway design and transport, traffic forecasting and traffic modeling, and multimodal transport. The consulting firms will submit simplified technical proposals.</p>
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Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	18 Dec 2013
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	19 Mar 2015

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual

18 Dec 2013

15 Dec 2014

15 Dec 2014

31 Mar 2015

31 Mar 2016

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500,000.00	18 Dec 2013	0.00

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