



Initial Poverty and Social Assessment

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AFG: Roshan Phase III Expansion Project

An initial poverty and social assessment (IPSA) is prepared in the early stage of the project cycle to assess the significance of social issues for a project. In accordance with ADB's public communications policy (PCP, 2005), the IPSA is disclosed upon completion. The final summary social assessment is included as an appendix to the project's report and recommendation of the President.

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INITIAL POVERTY AND SOCIAL ANALYSIS

Country/Project Title:	AFG: Roshan Phase III Expansion Project		
Lending/Financing Modality:	Direct loan	Department/ Division:	PSOD/PSIF1

I. POVERTY ISSUES

A. Linkages to the National Poverty Reduction Strategy and Country Partnership Strategy³

1. Based on the country poverty assessment, the country partnership strategy and the sector analysis describe how the project would directly or indirectly contribute to poverty reduction and how it is linked to the poverty reduction strategy of the partner country.

The project will address remaining unmet demand for affordable telecom services in semi-urban and rural areas. Increasing the telephone density in a war-torn country like Afghanistan is vital to the nation's reconstruction efforts.

B. Targeting Classification

1. Select the targeting classification of the project:
 General Intervention Individual or Household (TI-H); Geographic (TI-G); Non-Income MDGs (TI-M1, M2, etc.)
2. Explain the basis for the targeting classification:

The project is expected to enhance the connectivity between remote areas of a geographically divided war-torn country. It will indirectly contribute to economic growth by creating employment and business opportunities in underdeveloped areas, promoting mobile phone based banking services and to assist in providing access to information, commercial markets and public service delivery.

C. Poverty Analysis

1. If the project is classified as TI-H, or if it is policy-based, what type of poverty impact analysis is needed? N/A
2. What resources are allocated in the PPTA/due diligence? N/A
3. If GI, is there any opportunity for pro-poor design (e.g., social inclusion subcomponents, cross subsidy, pro-poor governance, and pro-poor growth)?

The project should help bridge the substantial unmet demand for cellular communication services especially in rural and semi-urban areas, thus leading to pro-poor economic growth.

II. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

A. Initial Social Analysis

Based on existing information:

1. Who are the potential primary beneficiaries of the project? How do the poor and the socially excluded benefit from the project? Similar to the Grameen rural phone program implemented in Bangladesh, residents in semi-urban and major rural areas will benefit from the expanded coverage of mobile telephone services. Poor villagers who cannot afford purchasing a mobile unit will benefit from the plan to increase the number of public pay telephones from 2,100 to 6,850. Small and medium-sized enterprise providers who serve as subcontractors will also benefit from increased income from mobile telephone business. Construction of BTS towers and operation of public call offices will also generate income and jobs for the local community.
2. What are the potential needs of beneficiaries in relation to the proposed project?
 Potential staff, dealers and subcontractors may need training on mobile telephone business operation.
3. What are the potential constraints in accessing the proposed benefits and services, and how will the project address them?
 None.

B. Consultation and Participation

1. Indicate the potential initial stakeholders.
 Potential stakeholders include the local governments and owners of land/building identified for lease/purchase.
2. What type of consultation and participation (C&P) is required during the PPTA or project processing (e.g., workshops, community mobilization, involvement of nongovernment organizations and community-based organizations, etc.)?
 Selection of sites will be done in consultation with relevant stakeholders.
3. What level of participation is envisaged for project design?
 Information sharing Consultation Collaborative decision making Empowerment

4. Will a C&P plan be prepared? Yes No Please explain.
 Consultation activities is integral to overall project design.

C. Gender and Development

1. What are the key gender issues in the sector/subsector that are likely to be relevant to this project/program?
 None.
2. Does the proposed project/program have the potential to promote gender equality and/or women's empowerment by improving women's access to and use of opportunities, services, resources, assets, and participation in decision making?
 Yes No Please explain.
3. Could the proposed project have an adverse impact on women and/or girls or to widen gender inequality?
 Yes No Please explain

III. SOCIAL SAFEGUARD ISSUES AND OTHER SOCIAL RISKS

Issue	Nature of Social Issue	Significant/Limited/ No Impact/Not Known	Plan or Other Action Required ¹³
Involuntary Resettlement	A typical base transceiver stations (BTS) requires 144 square meters of land/space. Sites will be leased through private market transactions on a willing lessor – willing lessee basis.	No impact.	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Short Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Resettlement Framework <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain
Indigenous Peoples	BTS will be constructed in semi-urban and in major rural areas. All residents will benefit from expanded mobile phone network coverage.	No impact.	<input type="checkbox"/> Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Other Action <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous Peoples Framework <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain
Labor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employment Opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Retrenchment <input type="checkbox"/> Core Labor Standards ¹⁷	BTS construction is expected to generate jobs for the local community.	No impact.	<input type="checkbox"/> Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Other Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain
Affordability	Subscription packages/rates will be introduced to make mobile telephony, internet access and short messaging service affordable to the youth, students, women and family.	Limited.	<input type="checkbox"/> Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain
Other Risks and/or Vulnerabilities <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Human Trafficking <input type="checkbox"/> Others (conflict, political instability, etc.), please specify	None.	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Other Action <input type="checkbox"/> No Action <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain

IV. PPTA/DUE DILIGENCE RESOURCE REQUIREMENT

1. Do the TOR for the PPTA (or other due diligence) include poverty, social and gender analysis and the relevant specialist/s?
 Yes No If no, please explain why.
2. Are resources (consultants, survey budget, and workshop) allocated for conducting poverty, social and/or gender analysis, and C&P during the PPTA/due diligence? Yes No If no, please explain why.