



# Initial Poverty and Social Assessment

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## BAN: Preparing the Priority Roads Project

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Country/Project Title:	Bangladesh/Preparing the Priority Roads Project		
Lending/Financing Modality:	Project Loan	Department/ Division:	SARD/SATC

### I. POVERTY ISSUES

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

*The National Poverty Reduction Strategy (NPRS) of Bangladesh reaffirms that poverty reduction and increasing the pace of social development are the most important long term strategic goals of the Government of Bangladesh (Government). In line with the millennium development goals, the country's NPRS aims to half the number of poor people by 2015 and to achieve substantial improvement in almost all aspects of human development.*

*In support of the goals of the Government in reducing poverty and improving the quality of lives of their people, ADB will play a major role in increasing efficiency in the transport sector. The Country Strategy and Program for Bangladesh (2006-2010) includes lower domestic transport costs and integration of southwest Bangladesh into national economy as areas of ADB contribution to enhancing pro-poor growth. Improved roads will contribute to increased economic activity, and reduced access gap between rural and urban areas. This will provide people access to economic activities and basic services. The proposed Preparing the Priority Roads Project (Project) will (i) facilitate the integration of southwest Bangladesh into the national economy through improvements in the Faridpur-Barisal national highway (128 km); (ii) enhance the network between Dhaka to Jamuna Bridge through improvements and four-laning of Joydevpur-Chandra-Tangail-Hatikamrul national highway (110km); and (iii) enhance the network between Dhaka and southwest region through rehabilitation and four-laning of Dhaka-Mawa-Bhanga national highway (60 km).*

#### 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 ensuing Project is aimed to reduce poverty and deprivation, and support economic growth by way of the following: (i) providing enhanced access to markets, job, and social services, including health and education; (ii) improving the efficiency and sustainability of the Roads and Highways Department by providing support for capacity building, research and development, and development of financing and implementation arrangement for maintaining national highways throughout their economic life; and (iii) improving road safety.*

#### 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?

*PPTA has allocated two person-months of domestic consultant's time to conduct social and poverty analysis.*

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 ensuing Project is designed to support the Government's poverty reduction strategy by: i) providing equal job opportunities for women and ethnic minorities during project construction and operation; and ii) disseminating information and preparing local communities to take advantage of the enhanced accessibility of various markets, jobs, government policies and initiatives that will become available to them after the construction phase.*

### 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?

*A poverty and social analysis will be carried out through the PPTA to identify the socio-economic profile of the population in the Project influenced areas, expected benefits and constraints and ability of the poor and vulnerable groups to benefit from the Project.*

2. What are the potential needs of beneficiaries in relation to the proposed project?

*Efforts will be made to identify potential needs for the beneficiaries during PPTA study.*

3. What are the potential constraints in accessing the proposed benefits and services, and how will the project address them?

*Efforts will be made to address potential constraints if identified during PPTA study.*

### **B. Consultation and Participation**

1. Indicate the potential initial stakeholders:

*Roads and Highways Department officials, other development partners active in Bangladesh's road sector development; business and community groups; national highway road users, project affected persons etc.*

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.)?

*Workshops, community mobilization, and consultation will be conducted for discussion on the potential needs of the community to be included in the project design, social related issues such as gender, HIV/AIDS, human trafficking, child labor, environment and social safeguard issues.*

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.

*Community meetings and focus group discussions will be organized during the course of the social assessment. These will involve men, women, farmers, indigenous people, schedule castes, high income groups, the poor, shopkeepers, truckers, etc., to ensure a comprehensive perspective on the Project as well as its impacts. In addition, consultations will also be undertaken with the affected households and communities during the course of the resettlement census survey of all affected people along all Project roads.*

### **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?

*The Project design would include measures so that women's groups can be actively engaged in developing the Project to ensure that their needs are addressed. In addition, the EA will be required to ensure that women and men are given equal opportunities for employment on the project. Contractors will be required to ensure equal payment for equal work. A specific clause will be included in the bidding documents of the civil works. Monitoring mechanism will be developed to monitor these actions in due course.*

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

3. Could the proposed project have an adverse impact on women and/or girls or to widen gender inequality?  Yes     No

*Women and men will equally benefit from the Project through employment opportunities during construction and lower costs of transport. However, efforts will be made to identify possible positive and negative impacts on women during the PPTA stage, and, if necessary, to provide some indirect benefits or mitigating features (such as provision for employment of women in project construction work, information campaigns on HIV/AIDS risk, or special resettlement assistance to households headed by women).*

### **III. SOCIAL SAFEGUARD ISSUES AND OTHER SOCIAL RISKS**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Nature of Social Issue</b>	<b>Significant/Limited/ No Impact/Not Known</b>	<b>Plan or Other Action Required</b>
<b>Involuntary Resettlement</b>	<i>Land acquisition and involuntary resettlement are envisaged. The TA will prepare full resettlement plans to address the potential impacts.</i>	<i>Significant</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Short Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Community

			Participation Framework <input type="checkbox"/> No Action <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain
<b>Indigenous Peoples</b>	<i>The PPTA will identify any ethnic group along the project roads and identify the likely project impact on indigenous people and/or ethnic minority.</i>	<i>Not Known</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Other Action <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous Peoples Framework <input type="checkbox"/> No Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain
<b>Labor</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employment Opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Retrenchment <input type="checkbox"/> Core Labor Standards	<i>Child labor issue, employment opportunities for women, provisions on labour (including equal pay for equal work) will be explored during PPTA stage.</i>	<i>Not Known</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Other Action <input type="checkbox"/> No Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain
<b>Affordability</b>	<i>No affordability issues are expected.</i>	<i>No Impact</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain
<b>Other Risks and/or Vulnerabilities</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Human Trafficking <input type="checkbox"/> Others (conflict, political instability, etc.), please specify	<i>The issues of HIV/AIDS, gender, human trafficking, and road safety will be explored during PPTA stage.</i>	<i>Not Known.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Other Action <input type="checkbox"/> No Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain
<b>IV. PPTA/DUE DILIGENCE RESOURCE REQUIREMENT</b>			
1. Do the TOR for the PPTA (or other due diligence) include poverty, social and gender analysis and the relevant specialist/s? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No    If no, please explain why.			