



Initial Poverty and Social Assessment

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UZB: CASAREM – Talimarjan Power Generation and Transmission Project

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Country/Project Title: **UZB: CASAREM - Talimarjan Power Generation and Transmission Project**

Lending/Financing Modality: Base case assumes Project Loan but MFF will be considered during project preparation Department/ Division: CWRD/CWEN

I. POVERTY ISSUES

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

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.

One of the four pillars for reducing UZB poverty and meeting MDG goals identified by the Government Interim Welfare Improvement Strategy Paper (I-WISP) targets GDP growth rates of 8.0-8.5% with industry sector growth rates targeted at 11-13%. The Government's plans to develop the southern region into an industrial zone are currently constrained by lack of power. The proposed Investment Project will provide the needed electricity infrastructure to meet these plans.

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 proposed investment project aims to help in restoring regional trade by removing transmission network constraints and increasing generation capacity in Uzbekistan. The project will also improve UZB domestic electricity supply.

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?

Not applicable.

2. What resources are allocated in the PPTA/due diligence?

Social Development Specialist consultant will be part of the PPTA consultants for the project.

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)?

Opportunity for pro-poor design will be identified during the PPTA activities.

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?

The potential primary beneficiaries of the project would be the general population in urban and rural areas resulting from elimination of load shedding and industrial sector in southern UZB resulting from improved electricity infrastructure.

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

Affordable and reliable power supply to the households and industrial sector.

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

Increased electricity tariff that would result in electricity costing more than 20% household income. Review of tariffs and social impact will be investigated by PPTA consultant.

B. Consultation and Participation

1. Indicate the potential initial stakeholders.

General households, business community, community based organization (Makhala), local governments, social institutions such as schools, hospitals, 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.)?

Stakeholders' consultations through community meetings, discussions and interviews will be conducted during the PPTA.

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

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?

Due to greater reliability on electricity supply to domestic households, women and children will directly benefit in their domestic activities, and have increased access to media and information as well as longer hours for children to be able to study at home.

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

III. SOCIAL SAFEGUARD ISSUES AND OTHER SOCIAL RISKS

| Issue | Nature of Social Issue | Significant/Limited/ No Impact/Not Known | Plan or Other Action Required |
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| Involuntary Resettlement | Land acquisition and resettlement impacts in the project is expected to be limited or temporary for construction of transmission line. | Limited | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Short Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Resettlement Framework <input type="checkbox"/> No Action <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain |
| Indigenous Peoples | No adverse impact is expected as the people in the project areas are mostly homogenous Uzbeks. The social assessment survey will confirm for any IP in the area as defined by ADB Policy on Indigenous People. | No Impact | <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 |
| Labor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employment Opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Retrenchment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core Labor Standards | Employment opportunity is expected during construction. | Limited | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Action <input type="checkbox"/> No Action <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain |
| Affordability | The project is not expected to result in price increases. But affordability will be included in the social economic survey. | Not known | <input type="checkbox"/> Action <input type="checkbox"/> No Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain |

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| <p>Other Risks and/or Vulnerabilities</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Human Trafficking</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Others (conflict, political instability, etc.), please specify</p> | <p>The construction site will have an influx of workers and might increase the risk of HIV/AIDS. Awareness campaign will be conducted on preventing HIV/AIDS.</p> | <p>Limited</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Plan</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Action</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No Action</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain</p> |
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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.
3. 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.