
LOAN NUMBER 2213-PAK(SF)

GRANT NUMBER 0029-PAK(SF)

PROJECT AGREEMENT
(Earthquake Emergency Assistance Project)

between

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

and

NORTH WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE

DATED 23 December 2005

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PROJECT AGREEMENT dated 23 December 2005 between ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ("ADB") and NORTH WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE ("NWFP").

WHEREAS

(A) by a Financing Agreement of even date herewith between the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN (the "Beneficiary") and ADB, ADB has agreed to make to the Beneficiary a loan in various currencies equivalent to one hundred fifty four million two hundred twenty seven thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 154,227,000) and a grant of eighty million (\$80,000,000) on the terms and conditions set forth in the Financing Agreement, but only on condition in each case that a portion of the proceeds of the Loan and the Grant, respectively, be made available to NWFP and that NWFP agree to undertake certain obligations towards ADB as set forth in this Project Agreement; and

(B) NWFP, in consideration of ADB entering into the Financing Agreement with the Beneficiary, has agreed to undertake the obligations set forth in this Project Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

Definitions

Section 1.01. (a) Wherever used in this Project Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms defined in the Financing Agreement, the Loan Regulations (as so defined) and the Grant Regulations (as so defined) have the respective meanings therein set forth, except that for purposes of this Project Agreement, the term "the Project" means Transport and Power Sector Components of the Project, as described in Schedule 1 to the Financing Agreement.

(b) In addition to the terms referred to in paragraph (a) of this Section, the following terms, wherever used in this Project Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires, have the following meanings:

(i) "EA" means the Executing Agency, which is NWFP RA; and

(ii) "IA" means the Implementing Agency and includes line departments in NWFP, SHYDO, FHA and the district governments of Shangla, Kohistan, Battagram, Abbottabad, and Mansehra.

ARTICLE II

Particular Covenants

Section 2.01. (a) NWFP shall carry out the Project with due diligence and efficiency, and in conformity with sound administrative, financial, engineering, environmental and social safeguard practices.

(b) In the carrying out of the Project and operation of the Project facilities, NWFP shall perform all obligations set forth in the Financing Agreement to the extent that they are applicable to NWFP.

(c) NWFP shall ensure that each IA identifies, develops, submits for approval and implements subprojects in accordance with the provisions of the Financing Agreement and this Project Agreement.

Section 2.02. NWFP shall make available, promptly as needed, the funds, facilities, services equipment, land and other resources which are required, in addition to the proceeds of the Loan and the Grant, for the carrying out of the Project.

Section 2.03. (a) In the carrying out of the Project, NWFP shall employ and shall cause the EA and each IA to employ competent and qualified consultants and contractors, acceptable to ADB, to an extent and upon terms and conditions satisfactory to ADB.

(b) Except as ADB may otherwise agree, all goods and services to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan and the Grant shall be procured in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 4 and Schedule 5 to the Financing Agreement. ADB may refuse to finance a contract where goods or services have not been procured under procedures substantially in accordance with those agreed between the Beneficiary and ADB or where the terms and conditions of the contract are not satisfactory to ADB.

Section 2.04. NWFP shall ensure that the EA and each IA shall carry out the Project in accordance with plans, design standards, specifications, work schedules and construction methods acceptable to ADB. NWFP shall furnish, or cause to be furnished, to ADB, promptly after their preparation, such plans, design standards, specifications and work schedules, and any material modifications subsequently made therein, in such detail as ADB shall reasonably request.

Section 2.05. (a) NWFP shall take out and maintain with responsible insurers, or make other arrangements satisfactory to ADB for, insurance of the Project facilities to such extent and against such risks and in such amounts as shall be consistent with sound practice.

(b) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, NWFP undertakes to insure, or cause to be insured, the goods to be imported for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan or the Grant against hazards incident to the acquisition, transportation and delivery thereof to the place of use or installation, and for such insurance any indemnity shall be payable in a currency freely usable to replace or repair such goods.

Section 2.06. NWFP shall maintain, or cause the EA and each IA to maintain, records and accounts adequate to identify the goods and services and other items of expenditure financed out of the proceeds of the Loan or the Grant, to disclose the use thereof in the Project, to record the progress of the Project and to reflect, in accordance with consistently maintained sound accounting principles, its operations and financial condition.

Section 2.07. (a) ADB and NWFP shall cooperate fully to ensure that the purposes of the Loan and the Grant will be accomplished.

(b) NWFP shall promptly inform ADB of any condition which interferes with, or threatens to interfere with, the progress of the Project, the performance of its obligations under this Project Agreement, or the accomplishment of the purposes of the Loan and the Grant.

(c) ADB and NWFP shall from time to time, at the request of either party, exchange views through their representatives with regard to any matters relating to the Project, NWFP and the Loan and the Grant.

Section 2.08. (a) NWFP shall furnish to ADB all such reports and information as ADB shall reasonably request concerning (i) the Loan and the Grant and the expenditure of the proceeds thereof; (ii) the goods and services and other items of expenditure financed out of such proceeds; (iii) the Project; (iv) the administration, operations and financial condition of NWFP; and (v) any other matters relating to the purposes of the Loan and the Grant.

(b) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, NWFP shall ensure that the EA and each IA furnish to ERRRA for delivery to ADB quarterly reports on the execution of the Project and on the operation and management of the Project facilities. Such reports shall be submitted in such form and in such detail and within such a period as ADB shall reasonably request, and shall indicate, among other things, progress made and problems encountered during the quarter under review, steps taken or proposed to be taken to remedy these problems, and proposed program of activities and expected progress during the following quarter.

(c) Promptly after physical completion of the Project, but in any event not later than three (3) months thereafter or such later date as ADB may agree for this purpose, NWFP shall ensure that the EA and each IA shall prepare and furnish to ERRRA for delivery to ADB a report, in such form and in such detail as ADB shall reasonably request, on the execution and initial operation of the Project, including its cost, the performance by NWFP of its obligations under this Project Agreement and the accomplishment of the purposes of the Loan and the Grant.

(d) NWFP acknowledges that consistent with its commitment to good governance, accountability, and transparency, ADB reserves the right to investigate, directly or through its agents, any activities relating to the Project. All contracts financed by ADB in connection with the Project shall include provisions specifying the right of ADB to audit and examine the records and accounts of the EA, IAs and all contractors, suppliers, consultants and other service providers as they relate to the Project.

Section 2.09. (a) NWFP shall ensure that the EA and each IA shall (i) maintain separate accounts for the Project and each subproject, and for the Project's

overall operations, including separate accounts for the Loan and the Grant; (ii) have such accounts and related financial statements (balance sheet, statement of income and expenses, and related statements) audited annually, in accordance with appropriate auditing standards consistently applied, by independent auditors whose qualifications, experience and terms of reference are acceptable to ADB; and (iii) furnish to ADB, promptly after their preparation but in any event not later than 4 months after the close of the fiscal year to which they relate, certified copies of such audited accounts and financial statements and the report of the auditors relating thereto (including the auditors' opinion on the use of the Loan and the Grant proceeds and compliance with the financial covenants of the Financing Agreement as well as on the use of the procedures for imprest account/statement of expenditures), all in the English language. NWFP shall ensure that the EA and each IA shall furnish to ADB such further information concerning such accounts and financial statements and the audit thereof as ADB shall from time to time reasonably request.

(b) NWFP shall enable ADB, upon ADB's request, to discuss the EA's and IA's financial statements and its financial affairs from time to time with the auditors appointed by NWFP pursuant to Section 2.09(a) hereabove, and shall authorize and require any representative of such auditors to participate in any such discussions requested by ADB, provided that any such discussion shall be conducted only in the presence of an authorized officer of NWFP unless NWFP shall otherwise agree.

Section 2.10. NWFP shall enable ADB's representatives to inspect the Project, the goods financed out of the proceeds of the Loan or the Grant all relevant plants, sites, works, properties and equipment of the EA and each IA, and any relevant records and documents.

Section 2.11. (a) NWFP shall, promptly as required, take all action within its powers to maintain its corporate existence, to carry on its operations, and to acquire, maintain and renew all rights, properties, powers, privileges and franchises which are necessary in the carrying out of the Project or in the conduct of its business.

(b) NWFP shall at all times conduct its business in accordance with sound administrative, financial, environmental and social safeguard practices, and under the supervision of competent and experienced management and personnel.

Section 2.12. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, NWFP shall not sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any of its assets which shall be required for the efficient carrying on of its operations or the disposal of which may prejudice its ability to perform satisfactorily any of its obligations under this Project Agreement.

Section 2.13. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, NWFP shall apply the proceeds of the Loan and the Grant to the financing of expenditures on the Project in accordance with the provisions of the Financing Agreement and this Project Agreement, and shall ensure that all goods and services financed out of such proceeds are used exclusively in the carrying out of the Project.

ARTICLE III**Effective Date; Termination**

Section 3.01. This Project Agreement shall come into force and effect on the date on which the Financing Agreement shall come into force and effect. ADB shall promptly notify NWFP of such date.

Section 3.02. All the provisions of this Project Agreement shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding any cancellation or suspension under the Financing Agreement.

ARTICLE IV**Miscellaneous**

Section 4.01. Any notice or request required or permitted to be given or made under this Project Agreement and any agreement between the parties contemplated by this Project Agreement shall be in writing. Such notice or request shall be deemed to have been duly given or made when it shall be delivered by hand or by mail, telegram, cable, telex, facsimile or radiogram to the party to which it is required or permitted to be given or made at its address hereinafter specified, or at such other address as such party shall have designated by notice to the party giving such notice or making such request. The addresses so specified are:

For ADB

Asian Development Bank
P.O. Box 789
0980 Manila, Philippines

Cable Address:

ASIANBANK
MANILA

Telex Numbers:

29066 ADB PH (RCA)
42205 ADB PM (ITT)
63587 ADB PN (ETPI)

Facsimile Numbers:

(632) 636-2444
(632) 636-4444

For NWFP

Secretary, Works & Services
Civil Secretariat
Government of NWFP
Peshawar, Pakistan

Facsimile Number:

(92-91) 9210867.

Section 4.02. (a) Any action required or permitted to be taken, and any documents required or permitted to be executed, under this Project Agreement by or on behalf of NWFP may be taken or executed by its Additional Chief Secretary or by such other person or persons as he shall so designate in writing notified to ADB.

(b) NWFP shall furnish to ADB sufficient evidence of the authority of each person who will act under paragraph (a) of this Section, together with the authenticated specimen signature of each such person.

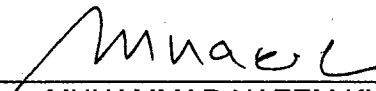
Section 4.03. No delay in exercising, or omission to exercise, any right, power or remedy accruing to either party under this Project Agreement upon any default shall impair any such right, power or remedy or be construed to be a waiver thereof or an acquiescence in such default; nor shall the action of such party in respect of any default, or any acquiescence in any default, affect or impair any right, power or remedy of such party in respect of any other or subsequent default.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto, acting through their representatives thereunto duly authorized, have caused this Project Agreement to be signed in their respective names and to be delivered at the principal office of ADB, as of the day and year first above written.

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

By 
HARUHIKO KURODA
President

NORTH WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE

By 
MUHAMMAD NAEEM KHAN
Ambassador of the Islamic Republic
of Pakistan to the Philippines
Authorized Representative