



Tajikistan: Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridor 6 (Ayni-Uzbekistan Border Road) Improvement Project

Project Name	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridor 6 (Ayni-Uzbekistan Border Road) Improvement Project								
Project Number	45432-002								
Country	Tajikistan								
Project Status	Active								
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant Loan								
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Grant 0301-TAJ: CAREC Corridor 6 (Ayni-Uzbekistan Border Road) Improvement Project</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Concessional ordinary capital resources / Asian Development Fund</td> <td>US\$ 100.00 million</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Loan 8259-TAJ: CAREC Corridor 6 (Ayni-Uzbekistan Border Road) Improvement Project (Formerly Roads Improvement Project)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OPEC Fund for International Development</td> <td>US\$ 14.00 million</td> </tr> </table>	Grant 0301-TAJ: CAREC Corridor 6 (Ayni-Uzbekistan Border Road) Improvement Project		Concessional ordinary capital resources / Asian Development Fund	US\$ 100.00 million	Loan 8259-TAJ: CAREC Corridor 6 (Ayni-Uzbekistan Border Road) Improvement Project (Formerly Roads Improvement Project)		OPEC Fund for International Development	US\$ 14.00 million
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration								
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Partnerships								
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Road transport (non-urban)								
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming								
Description	<p>The project will finance the rehabilitation and reconstruction of a road of approximately 113 km between Ayni-Panjakent and the border with Uzbekistan, the improvement of road safety, the upgrading of Sarazm border post infrastructure and community development including improvement of feeder roads and public facilities and provision of training for local communities.</p> <p>The impact of the project will be enhanced regional cooperation and inclusive economic growth in Tajikistan, particularly in the Sughd province. The outcome will be improved connectivity and mobility along the CAREC Corridor 6 (Ayni-Uzbekistan Border Road). The outputs will comprise (i) approximately 113 km of rehabilitated and reconstructed road between Ayni-Panjakent and the border with Uzbekistan; (ii) improved road safety; and (iii) upgraded Sarazm border post infrastructure and improved local communities.</p>								
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The project road part of the historic Silk Road runs east west following the Zarafshan River through the valley, crossing the Ayni and Panjakent districts before ending at the border with Uzbekistan in the west. The connecting road in Uzbekistan (national road A377) links with Samarkand (about 40 km from the border) via the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Corridor 6 in Uzbekistan. Through the north south transport artery the CAREC Corridor 6 in Tajikistan the project road goes (i) northeast to Khudjand (the provincial center), and onward to Uzbekistan; and (ii) south to Dushanbe, onward to Afghanistan and east west bound to the Kyrgyz Republic and Uzbekistan respectively through the CAREC Corridor 3 in Tajikistan.</p> <p>The project road is a vital link in the national network, and is regionally strategic as it provides a trade corridor with Uzbekistan in the long term, particularly for northern Tajikistan. Improvements to this road will increase regional connectivity, reduce transport costs, and strengthen competitiveness. This will also improve access to markets and social services for impoverished local communities; stimulate development of agriculture, tourism and mining industries that in return create job opportunities and improve the region's living standards.</p>								
Impact	Enhanced regional cooperation and inclusive economic growth in Tajikistan, particularly in the Sughd province								

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Improved connectivity and mobility along the CAREC Corridor 6 (Ayni-Uzbekistan Border Road)
Progress Toward Outcome	Project implementation will be completed on 31 March 2017. Assessment of the project progress towards outcome will be made by the end of 2017.

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	113 km of rehabilitated and reconstructed road between Ayni-Panjakent and the border with Uzbekistan Improved road safety Upgraded Sarazm border post infrastructure and improved local communities
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	<p>(1) Civil Works Progress: The design-and-build contract for the main road was awarded on 10 October 2012; work commencement on 9 November 2012. As of March 2016, all major original works were almost completed. In December 2015, ADB approved extension of the civil works contract from 9 November 2015 to 31 July 2016 to allow completion of minor outstanding works, as well as rehabilitation of two additional bridges in Dupula and Urmitan. In May 2016, ADB approved another variation order to the main civil work contract to cover, among others, additional works (construction of the gallery) to improve operational characteristics of the road and increase the safety of road users. ADB also approved further extension of the main civil works contract until 31 January 2017. Rehabilitation works have been completed.</p> <p>(2) Improved road safety: Contract for procurement of road maintenance equipment was signed on 10 June 2015; equipment was delivered in the first quarter 2016. The draft National Road Strategy and Action Plan was submitted to EA for review and comments in August 2015 and approved by MOT on 15 September 2015. Implementation of the Action plan is being completed.</p> <p>(3) Feeder road improvement and maintenance: Two separate contracts for rehabilitation and improvement of rural roads in Ayni and Panjakent districts were awarded in June 2015. Rehabilitation works started in August 2015 and completed by 30 November 2016.</p> <p>(4) Border post infrastructure upgrading: The works at Sarazm custom border post comprise the design and construction of an administrative building, customs control building (terminal), canteen, storehouses, checkpoints, bus scanner shelters, toilet buildings, dog cages, disinfection barrier, and asphalted light vehicles parking and other vehicle transit and movement areas, street lighting, landscaping etc. and other associated works including internal and external engineering services. The contract for Sarazm Border Infrastructure Improvement was awarded on 16 October 2015. The works started in November 2015 and were completed in October 2016.</p>
Geographical Location	Ayni/Sughd Province, Panjakent/Sughd Province

Safeguard Categories

Environment	B
Involuntary Resettlement	B
Indigenous Peoples	C

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	The project does not pass through any environmentally sensitive areas and will not result in significant negative environmental impacts. An initial environmental examination has been prepared by Ministry of Transport (MOT) and disclosed on ADB website. The project will have temporary and reversible environmental impacts during implementation. Project-affected people were consulted.
Involuntary Resettlement	Major impacts are the relocation of few residential houses and possible temporary income loss of several shops during road construction. MOT has prepared a resettlement plan to mitigate the impacts and assigned a dedicated staff with resources to carry out the land acquisition and resettlement activity of the project. The resettlement plan was disclosed to affected persons through public consultations and also disclosed on the ADB website.
Indigenous Peoples	No indigenous peoples are living in the project area

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	Consultations with community-based organizations, local governments and communities, and project affected people were held during project processing.
During Project Implementation	Meetings with community-based organizations, local governments and communities, project affected people, and/or NGOs are being held as needed from time to time.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	Consultants will be selected in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by the Asian Development Bank and its Borrowers (April 2010, as amended). Advance contracting and retroactive financing to expedite project implementation will follow ADB's procurement and consulting services guidelines.
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Procurement All procurement under ADB financing will be carried out in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2010, as amended from time to time). Advance contracting and retroactive financing to expedite project implementation will follow ADB's procurement and consulting services guidelines.

Responsible Staff

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	08 Feb 2012
Fact Finding	31 May 2012 to 14 Jun 2012
MRM	20 Jul 2012
Approval	11 Sep 2012
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	24 Mar 2017

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
11 Sep 2012	02 Oct 2012	05 Nov 2012	30 Sep 2016	31 Mar 2017	-

Financing Plan			Grant Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)		Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	122.00		Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	100.00		11 Sep 2012	100.00	0.00	100%
Counterpart	22.00		Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00		11 Sep 2012	95.59	0.00	96%

Status of Covenants						
Category	Sector	Safeguards	Social	Financial	Economic	Others
Rating	-	-	-	-	-	Satisfactory

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Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
12 Sep 2012	30 Oct 2012	03 Dec 2012	30 Sep 2016	-	-

Financing Plan			Loan Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)		Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	14.00		Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	0.00		12 Sep 2012	0.00	14.00	100%

Counterpart	0.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	14.00	12 Sep 2012	0.00	14.00	100%

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