



Afghanistan: Railway Development Study

Project Name	Railway Development Study		
Project Number	42533-012		
Country / Economy	Afghanistan		
Project Status	Closed		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance		
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 7259-AFG: Railway Development Study		
	Technical Assistance Special Fund		US\$ 1.20 million
	TA 7259-AFG: Railway Development Study (Supplementary)		
	Technical Assistance Special Fund		US\$ 700,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration		
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Governance and capacity development		
Sector / Subsector	Transport / Rail transport (non-urban)		
Gender	Effective gender mainstreaming		
Description	The study will focus on the northern part of Afghanistan and will assess the long-term traffic demand and the sector's capacity, review available options, and develop recommendations for the Government. The TA will carry out technical, social, environmental, financial, and economic assessments for two major routes: (i) from Hairatan at the border with Uzbekistan to Herat in the west via Mazar-e-Sharif, and (ii) from Shirkhan Bendar at the border with Tajikistan via Kunduz to Naibabad joining Mazar-e-Sharif to Herat.		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The TA is linked to the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy, endorsed at the 6th Ministerial Conference in November 2007. The implementation Action Plan for the strategy endorsed at the 7th Ministerial Conference in November 2008 focuses on the development of the six CAREC corridors and prioritizes investments and technical assistance (TA) projects covering a 10-year period of 2008-2017. The TA is included in the Action Plan (Appendix 3) for Afghanistan.		
Impact	Contribution to sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction in the country as well as to regional cooperation and integration by facilitating intra- and interregional trade along the CAREC transport corridors 3 and 6. It will enhance Afghanistan's economic competitiveness and provide all-year accessibility to its neighbors.		
Project Outcome			
Description of Outcome	Development of an affordable, safe, efficient, and sustainable railway system in the northern region of Afghanistan.		
Progress Toward Outcome	Phase 1 study completed and resulted in a Project.		
Implementation Progress			
Description of Project Outputs	Study on railway development in the northern part of Afghanistan undertaken.		
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	Phase II study completed and phase III is in progress TA final report with phase I and II studies submitted		
Geographical Location			
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects			
Environmental Aspects			
Involuntary Resettlement			
Indigenous Peoples			
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation			
During Project Design			
During Project Implementation			
Business Opportunities			
Consulting Services	The TA requires a total of 66 person-months of consultants' inputs (22 person-months international and 44 person-months national). ADB will select and engage the consultants in accordance with its Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2007, as amended from time to time), using the quality- and cost-based selection (QCBS) method and simplified technical proposal procedures.		
Responsible ADB Officer	ADB Disclosure		
Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department		
Responsible ADB Division	Transport and Communications Division, CWRD		
Timetable			

Concept Clearance	10 Dec 2008
Fact Finding	11 Mar 2009 to 25 Mar 2009
MRM	-
Approval	27 Mar 2009
Last Review Mission	-
PDS Creation Date	16 Dec 2008
Last PDS Update	21 Feb 2011

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
27 Mar 2009	21 Apr 2009	21 Apr 2009	30 Apr 2010	30 Apr 2011	12 Aug 2011

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,900,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,960,000.00	17 Jun 2022	1,575,206.32

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