



## Project Data Sheet

Project 50218-001

Project Name Rural Roads and Access Project

Project Number 50218-001

Country / Economy Myanmar

Project Status Closed

Project Type / Modality of Assistance Technical Assistance

Source of Funding / Amount **TA 9184-MYA: Rural Roads and Access Project**  
Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 1.00 million

Strategic Agendas Environmentally sustainable growth  
Inclusive economic growth

Drivers of Change Gender Equity and Mainstreaming  
Governance and capacity development  
Knowledge solutions

Sector / Subsector **Transport** / Road transport (non-urban)

Gender Some gender elements

Description The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has approached the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for support to develop and contribute to the financing of a national rural roads and access program. The project will improve about 350 km of rural roads in two pilot regions, Ayeyarwaddy and Sagaing, and develop the technical bases and capacity for the program. The project outcome is improved accessibility of rural people, by way of launching a nationwide rural roads and access program, a part of which ADB will finance.

Project Rationale and  
Linkage to  
Country/Regional  
Strategy

It was estimated that 20 million people in Myanmar live in villages without access to an all-season road, which is over half of Myanmar's rural population. In 2015, ADB carried out a first-ever study of rural access in Myanmar. The study found that nine million people live in one of the 25,000 villages that are not connected by any road. Without a road, people have to walk, bike along narrow paths; they carry goods themselves or on the back of animals. Another 20,000 villages with an estimated 11 million people are connected by a road that is not all-season. These people may be able to use vehicles to reach the nearest township, but the link is likely to become impassable during the rainy season. Myanmar's rural access problem appears very severe by international standards. Myanmar's Rural Access Index (RAI) is estimated at 36%, which is the lowest in Asia. While Myanmar has about 75,000 km of all-season roads, it would need a 250,000 km road network to connect all villages. Investments have long been below needs, while efficiency of spending has remained limited by an absence of clear goals and prioritization criteria, and a fragmented institutional setting. Rural road construction and maintenance have also been of low quality, being insufficiently professionalized. The government proposes to establish a national rural roads and access strategy and program to mobilize effectively larger resources to the task, improve governance and raise quality, inspired from good international examples. The project is aligned with the government's vision of providing rural road access to all villages by 2030.

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**Project Outcome**

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Description of Outcome

Progress Toward Outcome

**Implementation Progress**

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Description of Project Outputs

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

Geographical Location

Ayeyawady Region, Magway  
Region

**Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects**

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Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

**Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation**

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During Project Design

The project stakeholders are (i) the direct beneficiaries, which include women and men of isolated rural communities who will be involved in the planning of, and benefit from the infrastructure, employment and other accompanying measures; (ii) the village tract, township and district authorities including elect bodies that will be involved in the project planning, execution and monitoring; (iii) private contractors that may benefit from some of the road works contracts; and (iv) the Department of Rural Development of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation that will be in charge of the project's overall supervision.

During Project  
Implementation

## Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	The PPTA will be implemented over a period of 19 months (9 months project preparation followed by up to 10 months of procurement support) using a combination of a consulting firm and individual consultants. All consultants will be engaged in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by the Asian Development Bank and its Borrowers (2013, as amended from time to time). To enable a quick start of works and continuity with the ongoing TA8788, an individual consultant in rural road management will be engaged to help DRD finalize the selection of roads and scope of other subcomponents. ADB will hire a consulting firm using quality- and cost-based selection (simplified technical proposal) with a quality to cost ratio of 90:10. The firm will provide 16 months of international consultant input and 35 person-months of national consultant input. Finally, ADB will recruit individual environment, social management, and road safety specialists with expertise in the design of rural road programs in South or Southeast Asia region to implement a context-sensitive design approach. The consulting firm will be responsible for the administration of workshop training, seminars and conferences, and surveys under the project preparatory TA.
Procurement	TA Equipment and assets purchased will adhere to ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time), and upon completion of the project, the assets will be turned over to the executing agency.
Responsible ADB Officer	Shim, Chaorin
Responsible ADB Department	Southeast Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Transport and Communications Division, SERD
Executing Agencies	<i>Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Office Bldg No. 15, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar</i>

## Timetable

Concept Clearance	30 Sep 2016
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	29 Sep 2016
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	09 Oct 2019

## TA 9184-MYA

### Milestones

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
29 Sep 2016	17 Feb 2017	17 Feb 2017	30 Sep 2018	30 Jun 2019	30 Nov 2019

### Financing Plan/TA Utilization

**Cumulative  
Disbursements**

ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart		Project Sponsor	Others	Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries					
1,000,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,030,000.00	17 Jun 2022	892,827.72

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