Sri Lanka: Integrated Road Investment Program (Tranche 4)

Project Name: Integrated Road Investment Program (Tranche 4)
Project Number: 47273-006
Country / Economy: Sri Lanka
Project Status: Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance: Loan
Source of Funding / Amount: Loan 3610-SRI: Integrated Road Investment Program-Tranche 4

Ordinary capital resources
US$ 150.00 million

Strategic Agendas:
- Environmentally sustainable growth
- Inclusive economic growth

Drivers of Change:
- Gender Equity and Mainstreaming
- Governance and capacity development

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

Gender:
- Effective gender mainstreaming

Description:
Tranche 4 will improve and maintain about 3,108 kilometers (km) of rural access roads, 248 km of national roads, project management and consulting services financed under tranches 1, 2 and 3.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy:
The absence of an all-weather road connectivity is a serious problem in Sri Lanka’s rural areas, preventing communities from accessing socioeconomic centers. Poor road infrastructure has a strong link to poverty and affects economic growth in rural areas, agricultural productivity, and employment. The Government of Sri Lanka is addressing this problem through a country-wide rural road investment program - aimed at providing all-weather road connectivity to eligible unconnected rural habitations. The Asian Development Bank’s (ADB’s) country partnership strategy, 2018-2022 for Sri Lanka aims to address the major constraints to improving quality of growth and is closely aligned with the government’s priorities. The country partnership strategy reconfirms continuing ADB assistance for developing the transport sector, including rural roads, which are critical for rural development in providing access to markets, health, education, and administrative services.

Impact:
Connectivity between rural communities and socioeconomic centers in Sri Lanka improved.

Project Outcome:
- Description of Outcome: Transport efficiency on project roads increased.
- Progress Toward Outcome: As of 30 September 2022, progress is 86%. The overall progress slowed down due to COVID-19 during 2020/21, followed by the current economic crisis.

Implementation Progress:
- Description of Project Outputs: Road conditions between the selected rural communities and socioeconomic centers improved. Capacity of road agencies enhanced.
- Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues):
  1. Contracts awarded to improve 2,710 km of rural roads and 2,531 km completed. Performance Based Maintenance is in progress on the road section rehabilitation is completed. 378 km national road awarded and 96 km completed. Procurement is ongoing for 32 km length national roads.
  2. Altogether 140 workshops, training and seminars were conducted. Out of this 65 are related to the capacity development of road agencies (RDA, PRDA and Local Authorities). Approximately 500 staff members benefited. Rural road design standard, construction specification, and maintenance manual endorsed by RDA

Geographical Location: Nation-wide

Safeguard Categories:
- Environment: B
- Involuntary Resettlement: B
- Indigenous Peoples: C

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects:
Tranche 4 is classified as category B, consistent with Tranches 1, 2 and 3 and in accordance with the Safeguard Policy Statement (2009). All Tranche 4-financed projects have been appraised under Tranches 1 and 2; and the environmental assessment and review framework, initial environmental examinations (IEEs), and climate risk assessments remain valid. The due diligence report indicates that the compensatory planting is not as specified in the environmental management plans, therefore RDA is requested to follow up and provide its plan on how it will be achieved. Other environmental safeguard requirements are either complied or being complied with. Monitoring reports are being submitted regularly as required and have been disclosed. There are no outstanding complaints. None of the project roads passed through reserved forest or national parks, sanctuaries, or habitats of protected species, and none of the roads disturbed any cultural heritage or monuments of cultural or historical importance. All bidding documents contained the provincial-specific environmental management plans, environmental monitoring plans, and road-specific environmental code of practice checklists, from which respective contractors prepared road-specific environmental management plans.
Involuntary Resettlement

Tranche 4 is categorized as category B for involuntary resettlement following ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009). The categorization follow those of the previous tranches. All Tranche 4-financed projects have been appraised under Tranches 1 and 2. The due diligence report covering all projects confirms that safeguard impacts are minimal, as envisaged at appraisal, and that Tranches 1, 2 and 3 are compliant with the social safeguards requirements outlined in the resettlement framework and indigenous peoples planning framework prepared for the MFF. All requirements in the frameworks have been met, and all planning documents have been disclosed. The government has committed adequate resources to implement safeguard measures, and project implementation consultant staffs are in place to provide support. Monitoring reports have been submitted and disclosed, and there are no outstanding complaints.

Indigenous Peoples

Tranche 4 is categorized as category C for indigenous peoples following ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009). The categorization follow those of the previous tranches. All Tranche 4-financed projects have been appraised under Tranches 1 and 2. The due diligence report covering all projects confirms that safeguard impacts are minimal, as envisaged at appraisal, and that Tranches 1, 2 and 3 are compliant with the social safeguards requirements outlined in the resettlement framework and indigenous peoples planning framework prepared for the MFF. All requirements in the frameworks have been met, and all planning documents have been disclosed. The government has committed adequate resources to implement safeguard measures, and project implementation consultant staffs are in place to provide support. Monitoring reports have been submitted and disclosed, and there are no outstanding complaints.

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

Business Opportunities

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services

No procurement consulting services will occur under tranche 4, as all procurement was done under tranches 1 and 2.

Procurement

Procurement of civil works is ongoing for 32 km length national roads.

Responsibilities

Responsible ADB Officer

Sinclair, Nirojan Donald

Responsible ADB Department

South Asia Department

Responsible ADB Division

Sri Lanka Resident Mission (SLRM)

Executing Agencies

Ministry of Highways

Timetable

Concept Clearance

Fact Finding

MRM

Approval

Last Review Mission

Last PDS Update

- 13 Sep 2017 04 Dec 2017

13 Dec 2017

13 Dec 2022

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