



Regional: Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation: Knowledge Sharing and Services in Transport and Transport Facilitation (Phase 2)

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Project Number	48335-002																							
Country / Economy	Regional Afghanistan Azerbaijan Georgia Kazakhstan Kyrgyz Republic Mongolia Pakistan China, People's Republic of Tajikistan Turkmenistan Uzbekistan																							
Project Status	Active																							
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance																							
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Operational Priorities	OP2: Accelerating progress in gender equality OP6: Strengthening governance and institutional capacity OP7: Fostering regional cooperation and integration																							
Sector / Subsector	Transport / Transport policies and institutional development																							
Gender	Some gender elements																							
Description	The knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will support the implementation of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Transport Strategy Plans, which will continue to promote regional cooperation through competitive and sustainable transport corridors. This TA builds on and continues the work under TA 8789-REG and TA 8804-REG which have significantly advanced knowledge exchange in transport within the CAREC region and supported the critical role of ADB as the CAREC Secretariat. The TA is aligned with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Strategy 2030, ADB's Operational Plan for Regional Cooperation and Integration (20162020), and the CAREC Strategy 2030.																							
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	There remains a strong demand from CAREC countries for operationally-relevant knowledge solutions to advance the implementation of transport initiatives in the above priority areas. However, the CAREC countries are still constrained to effectively deliver on these new areas as they have inadequate knowledge and capabilities (policy, regulatory, institutional) to plan and implement appropriate policies and programs in these areas. At the same time, there is a wealth of experience in other countries (including developing ones) in implementing policies and programs in these areas, which CAREC countries can benefit from. There is a continuing need for a knowledge management function to solicit good practices on the transport priorities areas, index and catalog both past and new information, ensure dissemination of this knowledge in a form that is of operational use, and serve as an information broker, as experienced from current TAs, to facilitate knowledge exchange between and among various stakeholders. Lessons learned from implementing the current TAs are: (i) continuing engagement and support at the national level is needed to successfully carry out the regional transport strategies, as key actions need policy/institutional change at the national level (e.g. development of national road safety strategies; development of road asset management systems; aviation policy reforms, etc.); (ii) support and coordination with regional cooperation coordinators fielded in each CAREC member country is necessary to enhance communication with the national government, conduct appropriate capacity-building activities, and ensure effective dissemination of knowledge products; (iii) resource persons are valuable and could contribute significantly to the development of knowledge products and capacity-building activities; (iv) knowledge dissemination needs to be continued to ensure the uptake of best practices in all transport priority areas; and (v) feedback from countries and demand-based knowledge delivery are valuable in ensuring that country-specific needs are addressed. During the 16th TSCC meeting held in May 2017, the CAREC member countries confirmed their strong continued demand for additional TA in all priority areas of the CAREC transport program. The 17th TSCC meeting held in April 2018 and the CAREC Senior Officials Meeting in June 2018 endorsed the preparation of the new CAREC Transport Strategy 2030. The Strategy will be presented to the 18th CAREC TSCC meeting in April 2019 for review and endorsement. Thus, a new TA is needed to facilitate regional cooperation and continually help increase capacity of the transport agencies in CAREC countries.																							
Impact	Reliability, resilience and sustainability of transportation systems improved																							
Project Outcome																								
Description of Outcome	The capacity of CAREC countries to implement CAREC transport sector strategic plans enhanced																							
Progress Toward Outcome																								
Implementation Progress																								

Description of Project Outputs	Policy dialogue and knowledge sharing among member countries facilitated Skills and capacity of the transport agencies in CAREC member countries on key topics in transport improved Knowledge products produced and disseminated
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	
Geographical Location	Afghanistan - Nation-wide; Azerbaijan - Nation-wide; China - Nation-wide; Georgia - Nation-wide; Kazakhstan - Nation-wide; Kyrgyz Republic - Nation-wide; Mongolia - Nation-wide; Pakistan - Nation-wide; Tajikistan - Nation-wide; Turkmenistan - Nation-wide; Uzbekistan - Nation-wide

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	Individual international and national consultants will be hired on an intermittent basis on output-based contracts where appropriate. Resource persons with specialized knowledge in key area of the TA's scope will also be hired on the basis of need. ADB will engage the consultants following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions.
Procurement	ADB will procure a small amount of office equipment and software to support the delivery of the outputs. The Transport and Communications Division of the Central and West Asia Department will undertake the procurement. All licenses and registrations will be secured under ADB's name to facilitate transfer upon completion of the TA. Procurement will follow the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions.

Responsible ADB Officer	Samukhin, Oleg
Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Transport and Communications Division, CWRD
Executing Agencies	Asian Development Bank

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	22 Mar 2019
Fact Finding	01 Feb 2019 to 01 Feb 2019
MRM	-
Approval	02 Jul 2019
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	02 Jul 2019

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
02 Jul 2019	-	02 Jul 2019	31 Dec 2021	30 Jun 2024	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,400,000.00	1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,400,000.00	28 Feb 2023	1,315,401.63

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