Armenia: Preparing the Rural Roads Rehabilitation Project I

Project Name: Preparing the Rural Roads Rehabilitation Project I
Project Number: 40610-012
Country: Armenia
Project Status: Closed
Project Type / Modality of Assistance: Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount:
- TA 4895-ARM: Preparing the Rural Roads Rehabilitation Project I
  - Technical Assistance Special Fund: US$ 150,000.00

Strategic Agendas:
- Inclusive economic growth

Drivers of Change:
- Governance and capacity development

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

Gender Equity and Mainstreaming:
- No gender elements

Description:
The objectives of the project are to (i) reduce rural poverty by increasing access of rural populations to jobs, markets, and social services; (ii) maximize benefits of improved connectivity to rural communities; (iii) encourage participatory process to involve communities in road infrastructure improvement and preservation; (iv) strengthen capacity of responsible road agency and communities; and (v) identify and mobilize resources for sustaining rural road networks.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy:
About 38% (1.2 million) of the Armenian population lives in rural areas, of which more than 45% are poor. About 92% of a total of 947 communities in the country are located in rural areas. Although poverty was reduced from 55% in 1999 to 30% in 2005, the pace of poverty reduction was much slower in rural areas.

The Government considers rural infrastructure development as a cornerstone of the Government’s Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP). It has thus developed rural infrastructure development programs with the main purpose of reducing rural poverty. In the road sector, the Government has developed a _lifeline roads network_ program (LRNP) which will improve access of rural communities to the national highway system in the most optimal manner. The Program targets high priority rural roads totaling about 2,700 km. The US Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) committed $67 million for the next 5 years to provide grant assistance to rehabilitation of rural roads with a total length of about 940 km in support of the Program. The Government requested ADB to consider financing priority rural roads totaling about 220 km in parallel to MCC’s support in order to maximize the impact of the first group of high priority rural roads totaling about 1,200 km. The Government has completed its preliminary feasibility study on the roads proposed for ADB financing.

The SSTA and Rural Road Sector Project (formerly Rural Road Rehabilitation Project I) are in line with PRSP and ADB’s interim operational strategy for Armenia. The substantial part of the first phase of the SSTA was completed on 15 June 2007. The final liquidation was completed in December 2007.

Impact

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome

Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs

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

Geographical Location

Safeguard Categories

| Environment | B |
| Involuntary Resettlement | C |
| Indigenous Peoples | C |

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

Consulting Services yet to be determined.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance
17 Nov 2006

Fact Finding
23 Nov 2006 to 29 Nov 2006

MRM
-

Approval
13 Dec 2006

Last Review Mission
-

PDS Creation Date
22 Jan 2007

Last PDS Update
16 Apr 2008

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Milestones

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