**Cambodia: Rural Roads Improvement Project II**

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**Strategic Agendas**
- Environmentally sustainable growth
- Inclusive economic growth

**Drivers of Change**
- Governance and capacity development
- Knowledge solutions
- Partnerships
- Private sector development

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

**Gender Equity and Mainstreaming**
- Effective gender mainstreaming

**Description**
The project will rehabilitate about 1,200 kilometers (km) of rural roads in ten provinces (Banteay Meanchey, Battambang, Kampong Cham, Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Speu, Kampong Thom, Pursat, Siem Reap, Takeo and Thbuong Khmum) to paved condition. The rehabilitated roads will provide poor rural provinces with a safer, cost-effective rural road network with all-year access to markets and other social services. The project will also support a sustainable road maintenance regime in the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD), a community-based road safety program, an HIV/AIDS and human trafficking awareness and prevention program (HHTPP), and climate change adaptation measures.

**Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy**
The overarching objective of ADB’s country partnership strategy, 2011-2013 for Cambodia is poverty reduction, in line with the government’s socioeconomic development priorities. The strategy focuses on two strategic objectives: (i) inclusive economic growth through provision of physical infrastructure, as well as interventions in other development activities such as vocational training, agriculture, and finance sector development; and (ii) social development and equity. Rehabilitating and enhancing the climate resilience of rural roads under the project will improve the access of the rural poor to markets and social services, and is a core means of promoting inclusive economic growth and reducing poverty, as well as enhancing social development and equity. The strategy includes four road projects; all are consistent with the sector assistance program evaluation recommendation to shift the focus to rehabilitating provincial and rural roads, rather than national roads. The government’s national strategy for growth for 2013-2018 (Rectangular Strategy for Growth, Employment, Equity, and Efficiency, Phase III) emphasizes the need to develop physical infrastructure with three core areas (agriculture sector promotion, private sector development and employment, and capacity building and human resource development). The project supports this strategy, particularly as it enhances connectivity, balanced economic development, and access to social services in the nine remote rural provinces.

**Impact**
Improved access to markets, jobs, and social services in ten project provinces

**Project Outcome**

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<td>Progress Toward Outcome</td>
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**Implementation Progress**
1. Rural Road Improvements in nine provinces
2. Increased rural road safety and community awareness
3. Efficient project management
4. Strengthened capacity for rural road asset management

1. Rural Road Improvements in nine Provinces - Out of 22 civil works contracts, one CW12 is not yet awarded. Construction to the awarded works are ongoing.
2. Strengthened capacity for rural road asset management - Consultant for CS2 has been mobilized on 29 December 2017 and are now in process of assessing existing situation on the following: (i) existing institutional and organizational; (ii) existing engineering practices; (iii) existing rural road asset management system and GIS; (iv) private sector and BEC; (v) axle load control issues; (vi) Training assessment; and (vii) legal issues.
3. Increased rural road safety and community awareness - Activities under this component is ongoing. This program will mainly focus on the promotion of safe speed, correct helmet use, cyclist and pedestrian safety, traffic rules and first aid, involving children and local community. Activities under this component consist of beneficiary education of pre-construction and ongoing civil works, data collection and analysis, safe school zone and implementation, community-based social enforcement and road safety engineering.
4. Efficient project management - MRM continues to implement the project and overall supervision.
5. Enhanced Mekong River Island connectivity - ADB approved civil works contract for CW8, to improve 5 Mekong River Island roads, 50.0 km and 11 jetties (Kampong Cham and Tbong Khmum Provinces) on 8 December 2016, and construction will be completed by end of 2018.

Geographical Location

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

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Environmental category for the project is B given the nature of the proposed project (i.e. improvement of existing roads, no widening of roads, etc.). Some of project roads in Battambang and Pursat are located in the transition zone of Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve (TLSBR). In addition, some activities under the Connectivity Improvements for Mekong River Islands Output, including the construction of 11 jetties, will take place near the Mekong River. Although none of the project activities are expected to have serious impacts on nearby areas (TLSBR and Mekong River), the Ministry of Rural Development has obtained no objection on the project implementation from relevant authorities (the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology, and the Cambodian Mekong River Commission). The initial environmental examination, including Mekong River Island Connectivity Output and its environmental assessment and review framework, has been prepared in compliance with the ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement.

Involuntary Resettlement

Since none of the project roads will be widened, resettlement impacts are expected to be minimal. Therefore, project has been classified as category C for resettlement under ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (SPS). Nevertheless, a resettlement framework has been prepared in compliance with SPS to mitigate involuntary resettlement impacts in case they arise, due to road widening, during project implementation.

Indigenous Peoples

Since the social assessments in the project areas during project design did not indicate the presence of indigenous peoples, the project is categorized as category C for indigenous peoples under ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement.

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

HIV/AIDS and Human Trafficking Awareness Program, cumulative achievements from May 2016 to July 2018, a total of 216 women as members of commune and district AIDS committees have been trained. A total of 5,429 construction workers, with 734 are women have been trained and raised awareness at the project sites. The first road safety campaign was organized on 6-9 February 2018. The consultant is working closely with SEO and PDRD to undertake effective community education and awareness on road safety. Activities will continue until 2019.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services

All consultants financed by ADB will be recruited according to ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants. Consulting services financed by Export-Import Bank of Korea and Nordic Development Fund will follow their own consultant selection and recruitment procedures.

Procurement

International competitive bidding procedures will be used for civil works contracts estimated to cost $1,000,000 or more. National competitive bidding for goods will be adopted for contracts estimated between $100,000 and $500,000. Shopping will be used for contracts for procurement of works and equipment worthless than $100,000.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance 04 Feb 2013
Fact Finding 04 Jul 2013 to 22 Jul 2013
MRM 10 Apr 2014
Approval 08 Aug 2014
Last Review Mission

Last PDS Update 27 Sep 2018
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