China, People's Republic of: Chongqing Urban and Rural Infrastructure Development II Project

**Project Name**
Chongqing Urban and Rural Infrastructure Development II Project

**Project Number**
45509-001

**Country**
China, People's Republic of

**Project Status**
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**Project Type / Modality of Assistance**
Technical Assistance

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

**Drivers of Change**
Governance and capacity development

**Sector / Subsector**
Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Irrigation
Transport - Road transport (non-urban)
Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Urban water supply

**Gender Equity and Mainstreaming**
Effective gender mainstreaming

**Description**
The proposed project aims to reduce poverty and enhance quality of life to support balanced socioeconomic development in Chongqing, People's Republic of China (PRC) through improved access to safe drinking water and all-weather roads, and resilience to flood risk in the eleven project districts and counties.

Chongqing is one of four centrally-administered municipalities of the People's Republic of China (PRC). Located in the upper middle reaches of the Yangtze River, Chongqing is a part of the less-developed western region which is targeted by the PRC's national preferential policies under the National Strategy for Development of the West (NSDW). Although the NSDW has contributed to double Chongqing's gross domestic product (GDP) in the past five years, economic benefits have been unevenly distributed due to Chongqing's topographical characteristics of vast hinterlands and predominantly hilly and mountainous terrain. In Chongqing, a few rapidly developing central districts co-exist with poverty-stricken peripheral counties, and widening development gaps among districts and counties. Within districts and counties, imbalanced socioeconomic development is also increasingly evident where urban expansion meets rural areas. The urban-rural average income gap increased to 3.4 times in 2010 and 1.45 million people live below the designated poverty line of CNY1,400 per annum.

In accordance with the national and municipal strategic priorities, Chongqing has shifted its focus from traditional centralized urban development to balanced urban rural development. However, many rural villages, small towns and cities still struggle with poor basic infrastructures. In addition to insufficient rural road access and limited water supply provision, frequent flooding in second and third-tier cities becomes a clear development hindrance. The Chongqing Municipal Government (CMG) is focusing on improving basic urban infrastructures and closing inter- and intra-district and county development gaps. The rationale for the project is to support CMG's efforts to (i) reduce flooding risks to enhance urban safety, improve local environment and support the development of small towns and cities; (ii) provide safe drinking water to improve local health conditions in peri-urban areas; (iii) expand all-weather roads, thereby improving accessibility to basic social services and economic activities in rural areas; (iv) improve investment climate of project districts and counties; and (v) develop capacity to achieve balanced urban and rural development and management.

**Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy**
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**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**

**Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects**
### Environmental Aspects

#### Involuntary Resettlement

#### Indigenous Peoples

#### Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

**During Project Design**

Based on the findings of pre-reconnaissance mission, major stakeholders include (i) persons directly affected by the project in a positive or negative manners, including agricultural workers and their families, and urban residents in the project areas, other local communities living adjacent to the development areas; (ii) national municipal, district and county government agencies; (iii) project implementing units (PIUs), and operation and maintenance entity of the project facilities; and (iv) industries and local commerce.

**During Project Implementation**

During the PPTA, the county/district governments and project implementing units (PIUs) are undertaking public consultations and ensure participatory approach to design project components, GAP, SAP, EMOP, and resettlement plans. Consultation includes: (i) socioeconomic baseline survey of selected components to establish socioeconomic profile and needs assessment of potential beneficiaries; (ii) focus group discussions of both women and men, ethnic minorities in ethnic minority counties; and (iii) district/country level and village level key informant interviews of various local government agencies, women's federations, clinic and school representatives, and village leaders on their knowledge of local issues and opinion on project design and impacts. Where appropriate, local development planning, pedestrian road design and flood protection and river rehabilitation component designs are incorporating the local people's opinion through appropriate consultation process.

### Business Opportunities

#### Consulting Services

In accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2010, as amended from time to time), a consulting firm will be engaged using the quality- and cost-based selection (QCBS) method with a standard quality:cost ratio of 90:10 using simplified technical proposal procedure. The consultant team comprised seven international consultants and nine national consultants are subdivided to technical, financial and economic, safeguards and social and governance teams.

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### Request for Information


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