Pakistan: Regional Improving Border Services Project

Project Name: Regional Improving Border Services Project
Project Number: 46378-001
Country: Pakistan
Project Status: Closed
Project Type / Modality of Assistance: Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount: TA 8405-PAK: Regional Improving Border Services Project
Technical Assistance Special Fund
US$ 800,000.00

Strategic Agendas
Inclusive economic growth
Regional integration

Drivers of Change
Sector / Subsector
Industry and trade - Trade and services
Transport - Transport policies and institutional development

Gender Equity and Mainstreaming
No gender elements

Description
The PPTA will (i) develop an investment project bankable by ADB loan; (ii) conduct due diligence for technical, economic, financial, social, and environmental viability of the project; and (iii) assist the EA in developing required documentation for country resource allocation including PC-1 for submission to the Planning Commission.

The output of the project will be a modernized border crossing point that meets users’ demand of quality border crossing services and is ready to develop into an integrated and coordinated border management regime such as the single window system.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy
Pakistan provides a key transit trade route for Afghanistan through ports at Karachi and Bin Qasim and border crossing point at Attari and Wagha. The trade volume, particularly transit import to Afghanistan, has grown exponentially since mid-2000s due to national building efforts in Afghanistan. Torkham is the biggest transit station for Afghan transit trade (84% of cargo flows via Torkham). Traffic volume at Torkham border crossing point now amounts 1,100 vehicles per day. However, Torkham faces some challenges to meet the demand of its quality service such as non-availability of modern and sufficient physical infrastructure (office, examination yard; staff residences); insufficient road infrastructure; non-availability of container/vehicular and baggage scanners; non-availability of suitable communication and IT infrastructure; absence of hardware for biometric system; poor logistics for staff/officers; lack of equipment/scanners to detect explosives; cumbersome cross-border procedures; and insufficient facilities to manage movement of people (estimated to be more than 30,000 people per day).

The TA is in preparation for an ensuing loan. The project will modernize border point infrastructure of a selected border crossing point (either Torkham at the Afghanistan border or Wagha at the Indian border) to help it meet the demand for quality border crossing services.

Impact

Project Outcome

Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs

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

Geographical Location
Nation-wide

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects
Environmental Aspects
Involuntary Resettlement
Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation
During Project Design
PPTA Consultants identified all key stakeholders for consultations, information sharing and community needs and suggestions. ADB took lead in fostering donor coordination through regular donor coordination meetings to avoid duplication of efforts and maximize development impact of each donor’s intervention.

During Project Implementation
Consultation, information sharing and ensuring community needs continued during project implementation. Six ADB missions were fielded during the TA implementation and (i) reviewed the progress of the TA; (ii) identified key issues to be cleared to design the ensuing project implementable and bankable by ADB; and (iii) discussed the schedule for TA implementation and subsequent loan processing.
The consultant team for Phase 1 (developing a border cross point migration plan and designing the ensuring loan) submitted the Final Report in July 2014. The consulting firm for Phase 2 submitted the Final Report in July 2015. A steering committee for Land Acquisition Resettlement Assessment has been created to facilitate and conduct social and poverty analysis of the Project’s land acquisition and resettlement plans for Phase 2 (conducting technical, economic, financial, social and environmental due diligence) is ongoing. LARPs were disclosed in ADB website in September 2015. The project was completed on 30 September 2015.
The consultants were engaged by ADB in accordance with ADB’s Guidelines on the use of Consultants (2010, as amended from time to time). The consultant team for the 1st phase, consisting of 3 individual international and 4 individual consultants, was mobilized in October 2013 and completed their tasks in June 2014. The Phase 1 Final Report was submitted in July 2014.

The consulting firm for the 2nd phase, consisting of 5 international and 5 national consultants, was mobilized in August 2014 and completed their tasks in June 2015. The Phase 2 Final Report was submitted in July 2015.

Responsibilities

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Timetable

| Concept Clearance | - |
| Fact Finding | - |
| MRM | - |
| Approval | 18 Jul 2013 |
| Last Review Mission | - |
| Last PDS Update | 29 Mar 2016 |

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