# China, People's Republic of: Jiangxi Pingxiang Integrated Rural-Urban Infrastructure Development

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<td>Description</td>
<td>The project will contribute to socially inclusive, environmentally sustainable, and competitive urban-rural development in Pingxiang municipality in Jiangxi Province. The project will be a model for integrated rural-urban development, by supporting towns and bringing services closer to people; combining flood risk management and environmentally sustainable river rehabilitation, improved wastewater management, and rural-urban transport; and developing institutional capacity to ensure project sustainability.</td>
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Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy

Pingxiang is a poverty-stricken, resource-depleted, mountainous city with a population of 1.87 million and an area of 3,827 square kilometers. The city is (i) in the western portion of the poor, flood disaster-stricken Jiangxi Province; (ii) 70 kilometers (km) east of the Chang-Zhu-Tan city-cluster; and (iii) connected to national highways and to the high-speed rail network. Pingxiang has lagged significantly behind national averages and was chosen as one of 12 cities nationwide to showcase industrial transformation, from an economy based on resource extraction to one that is more diverse. Pingxiang experiences serious floods and environmental pollution, and was chosen to become a pilot city for climate-proof, _sponge_ city development. Pingxiang’s urbanization rate is low, and rural poverty is high, and the city was chosen to implement an innovative approach to rural-urban integration in Jiangxi Province, one that delivers infrastructure and jobs in closer proximity to rural residents.

The per capita gross domestic product in Pingxiang’s counties is about half that in the urban core, which is in turn about half that of neighboring Changsha. Lianhua is a national poverty county, and there are 113 designated poverty villages in the municipality. The Pingxiang municipal government (PMG) Resource-Depleted Transitional Development Plan (2013-2020) promotes balanced and sustainable urban-rural development and aims to (i) expand and link the centers of Anyuan and Xiangdong districts, with an expected combined population of 800,000 by 2020; and (ii) strengthen county-level cities as substancers in Lianhua, Luxi, and Shangli counties, with a population of 70,000-120,000 residents in each by 2020.

Implementation Progress

**Description of Project Outputs**

1. Flood risk management and river rehabilitation improved and integrated
2. Wastewater collection and treatment improved
3. Rural-urban linkages improved
4. Inclusive capacity in project planning and management, and urban rural integration developed

**Status of Implementation**

Subgrade has been completed by 70%; Pavement has not started. Project management office is staffed and project implementation consultants were recruited and support implementation and capacity development.

**Description of Project Outputs (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)**

4.26 km of sewer pipelines have been completed and installed using domestic funds
5.35 km of sewer pipelines have been completed and installed using domestic funds
4 training have been conducted by PIC on project management, procurement, construction, safeguards implementation (environment, resettlement, social, gender), water resources management, river rehabilitation. 92 person have participated in trainings; study tours conducted in Chongqing and Shanghai and international study tours are planned for 2019, 2020; 2 teams have been established for road component which includes 2 females. Other items are under implementation.

**Geographical Location**

Pingxiang

**Impact**

Integrated and green urban-rural development in Pingxiang municipality and Jiangxi Province improved (PRC National New-Type Urbanization Plan, 2014-2020)

Socioeconomic wellbeing of residents in cities, towns, and villages in Pingxiang municipality and Jiangxi Province improved (project derived)

**Project Outcome**

**Description of Outcome**

Living conditions of rural and urban residents using integrated infrastructure in Pingxiang improved

**Progress Toward Outcome**

The project was declared effective on 11 July 2016. Midterm review mission (MTR) was completed on 29 June 2018.

**Implementation Progress**

The elapsed time of total implementation period was at 47.75% during MTR and overall implementation period at 39% considering the non-bank financed (NBF) subcomponents that remain as part of project scope and count towards outputs and outcome achievement. (Without consideration of non-bank financed subcomponents, project implementation progressed at 28% during MTR considering also the NBF subcomponents, and at 18% when only considering Asian Development Bank (ADB)-financed packages. Output 2 overall implementation was at 73% at MTR considering also the NBF subcomponents in Lianhua County and Xiangdong District, and at 15% when only considering ADB-financed packages. Output 3 overall implementation was at 53% at MTR. Output 4 overall implementation was at 45% at MTR.

**Geographical Location**

Pingxiang

**Environment**

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**Indirectly Resettlement**

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**Indigenous Peoples**

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Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

A project environmental impact assessment, including an environmental management plan (EMP), was prepared and disclosed in May 2015 in compliance with ADB’s policies and requirements, including ADB’s Safeguard Policy Statement (2009). The environmental impact assessment incorporates findings from a biodiversity and habitat survey and fishery resource impact assessments in the Pingshui and Yuan rivers, two of the project rivers. Mitigating measures to reduce risk to fish habitat are described in the EMP. Most impacts from construction of the rural-urban road will be localized, short-term, and can be effectively mitigated as described in the EMP. An institutional strengthening and capacity development program is defined in the EMP to ensure PMG’s capacity to manage and monitor environmental impacts and risks. Internal and external environmental safeguards monitoring reports were submitted.

Involuntary Resettlement

A total of about 4,000 households with about 17,000 persons are expected to be affected by the project, out of which about 1,000 households with about 4,300 persons will lose more than 10% of their productive assets and/or will be physically displaced. Nearly 325 households with about 400 persons are vulnerable. Five resettlement plans consistent with ADB’s Safeguard Policy Statement were prepared and disclosed on the ADB website. Compensation for lost assets and allowances will be at replacement costs and will be paid to affected persons prior to displacement. Resettlement information booklets were disclosed to the community, village offices, and to affected persons in the local language in April 2015. Each project implementation unit will have at least one fulltime resettlement staff member to carry out internal monitoring and supervision. The implementing agencies possess good capacity to implement land acquisition and resettlement. Training on ADB’s involuntary resettlement policy and procedures will be provided to ensure proper implementation. Internal and external involuntary resettlement safeguards monitoring reports were submitted.

Indigenous Peoples

There is no specific ethnic minority community or group that lives separately and no adverse impact is expected that would trigger ADB policy.

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

Extensive consultation with stakeholders was performed during the PPTA stage. A socioeconomic survey, stakeholder workshop, focus group discussions, and key informant interviews were conducted under the poverty and social assessment, including consultation for the resettlement, social, and environment safeguards.

During Project Implementation

The executing agency and its PMO and the implementing agencies and their PIUs are implementing a grievance redress mechanism as described in the project administration manual, with support from the loan implementation consultants, and will undertake consultations and monitoring with key stakeholders. The PMO will ensure local stakeholders are consulted, that information on the project is disseminated, and that questions and complaints are addressed quickly and effectively. External monitors are engaged for environmental and social and resettlement plan implementation monitoring and evaluation and reports were submitted. No complaints were reported.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services

All consultants will be recruited in accordance with ADB’s Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).

Procurement

All procurement of goods and works will be undertaken in accordance with ADB’s Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time).

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Timetable

Concept Clearance 18 Sep 2013
Fact Finding 23 Mar 2015 to 01 Apr 2015
MRM 22 May 2015
Approval 21 Sep 2015
Last Review Mission -
Last PDS Update 29 Mar 2019

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