Myanmar: Transport Sector Reform and Modernization

Project Name: Transport Sector Reform and Modernization
Project Number: 41087-001
Country: Myanmar
Project Status: Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance: Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount:
- TA 8788-MYA: Transport Sector Reform and Modernization
  Technical Assistance Special Fund
  US$ 1.00 million
- TA 8788-MYA: Transport Sector Reform and Modernization (Supplementary)
  Technical Assistance Special Fund
  US$ 500,000.00
- TA 8788-MYA: Transport Sector Reform and Modernization (Supplementary)
  Technical Assistance Special Fund
  US$ 2.00 million
- TA 8788-MYA: Transport Sector Reform and Modernization (Supplementary)
  Technical Assistance Special Fund
  US$ 999,950.00

Strategic Agendas: Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change: Governance and capacity development
Sector / Subsector: Transport - Transport policies and institutional development
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming: No gender elements

Description: The impact of the technical assistance will be a more effective and sustainable management of the transport sector in Myanmar. The outcome will be improved policies and actionable plans for reforming and modernizing the transport sector. The technical assistance will be implemented under the following four outputs.
- Output 1: Improved transport sector architecture defined.
- Output 2: Restructuring and rationalization strategy for Myanma Railways prepared.
- Output 3: Reengineering plan for Public Works prepared.
- Output 4: Business restructuring strategies for selected state-owned enterprises under the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of Rail Transportation prepared.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy: Myanmar's economy has reached a turning point, potentially separating a history of low growth with a phase of quick catch-up. Modernization of the country's transport system can be an engine for such transformation. An ADB study showed that improving international and national transport systems and services can increase Myanmar's gross domestic product by more than 20% by 2030. Improving transport connectivity and rural accessibility will raise the competitiveness of agricultural products and reduce rural poverty. Investment needs are large because of the low quality and poor condition of existing infrastructure. Addressing them will take time since transport institutions require strengthening.

The government has asked ADB for policy and advisory technical assistance (TA) to help design transport sector reforms and modernization plans. As a first step toward assisting Myanmar, ADB has been preparing a transport sector policy study. This follow-on TA is a second step, which builds on the early findings of the initial study and the policy dialogue developed.

Impact: Transport sector reform and modernization initiated

Project Outcome
Description of Outcome: Government is able to consider and start implementing transport sector reforms and capacity building plans
Progress Toward Outcome: Ongoing
Implementation Progress
Description of Project Outputs
- Improved transport sector architecture defined
- Restructuring and capacity building plan for Myanma Railways prepared
- Restructuring and capacity building plan for Public Works prepared
- Government receives advice on how to restructure selected state-owned enterprises

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)
Consultant for the project preparation of the Myanmar railway modernization project was mobilized in November 2019. Individual international and national consultants to provide additional support to project preparation and implementation have been recruited and mobilized since January 2019. Recruitment of a few more international and national positions to further strengthen the implementation team is ongoing.

Geographical Location

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects
Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement
Indigenous Peoples
During Project Design

During Project Implementation

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services

Under Phase 1 of the TA, ADB recruited 12 individual international consultants and 1 national consultant for a total of about 60 person-months international consultant input and 24 person-months national consultant input. Recruitment of consultants was done in accordance with ADB Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).

Phase 2 of the TA requires an additional 63 person-months of international consultant inputs, and 63 person-months of national consultant inputs. All consultants will be engaged by ADB in accordance with the Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). It will be implemented through individual consultants as under Phase 1 and one consulting firm. Nine existing positions of individual international consultants will be provided additional inputs. Three new positions will be created to cover project due-diligence areas that are common to all projects: social and environmental safeguards, and financial management. The existing position of national transport coordinator will be extended, and supported by a new position of executive assistant. A national urban specialist will be recruited to support engagement in Yangon.

All procurement under the TA will be carried out in accordance with ADB’s Procurement Guidelines (2013, as amended from time to time). Proceeds of the TA will be disbursed in accordance with ADB’s Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time).

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Executing Agencies

Ministry of Transport

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Ministry of Transport and Communications

Yangon

Union of Myanmar

Timetable

Concept Clearance

03 Sep 2014

Fact Finding

- MRM

Approval

11 Dec 2014

Last Review Mission

- Last PDS Update

29 Mar 2019

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Milestones

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