## Viet Nam: Northern Mountain Provinces Transport Connectivity Project

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### Strategic Agendas
- Environmentally sustainable growth
- Inclusive economic growth
- Regional integration

### Drivers of Change
- Governance and capacity development
- Partnerships

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

### Gender Equity and Mainstreaming
- Some gender elements

### Description
- to be updated

### Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy
- to be updated

### Impact
- Economic, sociocultural and environmental development in lagging and border areas accelerated (Viet Nam National Transport Strategy 2020)

### Project Outcome
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<th>Road connectivity to GMS corridors in northwestern provinces of Viet Nam improved.</th>
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### Implementation Progress
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<th>Safe and climate-resilient national highways in lagging provinces of northwestern Viet Nam completed</th>
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### Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

### Geographical Location
- Lai Chau, Lao Cai, Quang Nam, Yen Bai

### Safeguard Categories
- Environment: A
- Involuntary Resettlement: A
- Indigenous Peoples: B

### Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

#### Environmental Aspects
The project’s safeguard categorization is A for environment. An environmental impact assessment (EIA) was prepared and uploaded to the ADB website in April 2018. Without mitigation measures, the project’s environmental impacts have the potential to be significant. Three hectares of protection and/or protected forest are anticipated to be affected by the project, including one hectare of protected forest in the Hoang Lien Van Ban Nature Reserve (HLVBNR). This impact will be fully offset in compliance with the Vietnam Forestry Law (2018). The project design is consistent with the HLVBNR master plan (2012), and the impacts on HLVBNR and its protection objectives will not be significant. Suitable disposal sites will need to be identified for the disposal of significant amounts of spoil, which was estimated at 6.3 million cubic meters. Spoil disposal will be strictly prohibited. Training will be provided to construction workers on the nature reserve’s sensitivities. Other anticipated construction environmental impacts include fugitive dust, construction noise, temporary traffic disturbance and occupational and community safety at construction sites. Adherence to the environmental management plan (EMP) will reduce residual impact significance to acceptable levels. Incremental effects of operational traffic on ambient noise and air quality are not expected to be significant. The capacity of the PMU2 to oversee the EMP implementation will be strengthened through the training provided by the environment specialist of the CSC and an external monitoring consultant during project implementation. Public consultation involving 1,100 potentially affected people and more than 50 representatives from relevant provincial and district authorities was carried out during EIA preparation to inform the project design and environmental assessment process. A grievance redress mechanism has been defined.
Involuntary Resettlement  

The project’s safeguard categorization is A for involuntary resettlement. A total of 776,897 square meters of private and public lands in Lao Cai, Yen Bai, and Lai Chau provinces will be acquired affecting 957 households (4,370 people). 115 households (454 APs) will be severely affected, six households (28 APs) will experience physical displacement, 634 households (2,669 APs) will experience economic displacement due to loss of income from affected land or business. Three Resettlement Plans (RPs) compliant with ADB Safeguard Policy Statement (SPS) and Government of Vietnam requirements have been prepared to mitigate the impacts in consultation with the affected households. The RPs were disclosed on ADB website on 23 August 2018. Mitigation of involuntary resettlement impacts include: compensation at replacement cost for affected property, assistance for resettlement within existing communities, livelihood development program, ongoing meaningful consultations, including detailed needs assessment for livelihood development. Details of the grievance redress mechanism (GRM) are included in RPs. Continuing capacity building for PMU2 and local authorities will be provided through project supervision consultants.

Indigenous Peoples  

The project’s safeguard categorization is B for indigenous peoples. Ethnic minority (EM) peoples are the overwhelming majority in the project areas (70% to 86% of the total population). Both positive and negative impacts are identified. The EM will be mainly affected by involuntary land acquisition and resettlement. Other identified risk includes HIV transmission, human trafficking, and other risks associated with road safety. Positive impacts include economic benefits from improved access for mobility and opportunity to participate in planned livelihood development program as detailed in project’s resettlement plans (RPs). The project will not involve physical displacement of affected EM households outside their customary lands or development of the EM cultural and natural resources. Ethnic Minority Development Plans (EMDPs) in compliance with ADB SPS and other relevant documents (i.e. HIV and Human Trafficking Awareness Program, Road Safety Program, Consultation Participation and Communication Plan) were prepared to mitigate the identified impacts. 29 public consultations and 52 focus group discussions (FGDs) were conducted with the affected EM communities in project areas during the preparation of the plans. The EMDPs were uploaded and disclosed on ADB website on 31 August 2018.

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation  

During Project Design  

TBD  

During Project Implementation  

TBD  

Responsible ADB Officer  

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Timetable  

Concept Clearance  

29 Nov 2016  

Fact Finding  

09 Aug 2018 to 15 Aug 2018  

MRM  

21 Sep 2018  

Approval  

11 Dec 2018  

Last Review Mission  

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Last PDS Update  

29 Mar 2019  

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Milestones

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