

COMMUNITY AND GENDER¹ ACTION PLAN²

(Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridor 2 Road Investment Program)

Outcome: Better connectivity and an efficient transport system along Uzbekistan section of the CAREC Corridor 2 Road will boost sustainable economic development.³

Outputs⁴:

- (i) 222km of reconstructed Uzbekistan section of CAREC Corridor 2 road expanded from 2-lane to 4-lane
- (ii) Strengthened transport logistics
- (iii) Improved road sector sustainability
 - road asset management support
 - community development program that will optimize benefits of the road to the local population, and that will minimize negative externalities on the local community, especially to women

	Activity	Target/ Sub-Output	Rationale/ Objectives	Responsibility	Timing
Component 1: Social Preparation					
1.1	Conduct a series of orientation/ training-workshops with local leaders and community residents of Saramaya Khokimiyats/ Makhallas prior to the start of road construction.	<p>Leaders and residents of Saramaya and Tuprakala Khokimiyats/ Makhallas become equipped with the appropriate knowledge, skills and a gender-sensitive/responsive attitude that enable them to prevent, detect, intercept, respond to, or refer cases of STDs, HIV/AIDS, prostitution, human trafficking and other problems that may emerge as a result of the community's integration into the CAREC corridor 2 road.</p> <p>A gender-sensitive and responsive training module is developed and utilized.</p> <p>Number of orientation/ training-workshops held.</p> <p>Local government plans incorporate measures that mitigate the negative social impacts of the road project.</p>	Capacitate people and local government structures to deal with any negative externality of the road project so that project benefits they receive will still outweigh its disadvantages.	EA	Q 2, 2011

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Component 2: Development of the Physical and Social Infrastructure that will Promote Business Opportunities in Saramaya and Tuprakala					
2.1.	Plan a Social Community Complex (SCC) in Saramaya aligned with the ⁵ Cabinet of Ministers Degree No 277	A physical infrastructure with the amenities of a stop-over station for travelers using the road a planned and construction is initiated	<p>To comply with the requirement of the Uzbekistan Cabinet of Ministers Decree No. 277 on the development of road site infrastructure</p> <p>To provide a comfortable resting place for tired travelers and drivers, and thereby lessening risks of accidents on the road.</p> <p>To allow the local population to earn from the sale of goods and services to drivers and travelers crossing the desert area of Sarayama/Tuprakala.</p>	EA	Q 3, 2011
2.2	Conduct livelihoods training seminar	<p>Manual for livelihood training</p> <p>Number of male and female beneficiaries of livelihood training.</p> <p>Feasibility studies for proposed businesses prepared</p> <p>NGOs, training institutions and other resource centers tapped as trainers</p> <p>Network established with Women's Committee, Business Women Association and other non-government organizations (NGOs) and Saramaya.</p> <p>Financing scheme/ loan facility for business applicants is sourced out from financial institutions</p> <p>Sex-disaggregated data on the number and average amount of loans accessed, and repayment performance.</p> <p>Number of male and female trainees who set up a business</p>	<p>To capacitate Saramaya/Tuprakala residents, especially women, to engage in business and benefit from the infrastructure development</p> <p>To broaden the social network base of local residents</p> <p>To assist local entrepreneurs in accessing loans</p> <p>To measure economic impact of increasing accessibility of local residents to</p>	EA, CGDS	Q 2, 2011
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		Average monthly income derived from business activity	entrepreneurial training and credit facilities.		
2.3.	Organize an association of local women entrepreneurs	Core group of women leaders developed	To establish a group of women who will serve as community role models and who will support each other in their entrepreneurial undertakings. The association of local women's entrepreneurs will serve as the de-facto Gender and Development Focal Point (GFP) of the community.	EA, CGDS	Q 2, 2011
		Core group of women leaders (GFP) undergo additional GAD trainings	To deepen knowledge and appreciation of GFP members on gender equality and women's empowerment concepts.	EA, CGDS	Q 2, 2011
Component 3: Ensuring Benefits for Women's Health					
3.1	Establish partnership for medical services between Gazli polyclinic/ hospital and Saramaya Khokimiyats	Identify health focal point (HFP) in Gazli hospital and Saramaya Khokimiyat HFPs Memorandum of Understanding on the Partnership signed	To improve quality and quantity of health services in Saramaya.	CGDS, HFP, Khokimiyat	Q 2, 2011
3.2	Identify effective cooperation module/agreement between local Khokimiyats, Road Fund PMU to ensure delivery of regular medical care services in Saramaya Khokimiyat	Cooperation module/agreement identified		CGDS, HFP, Khokimiyat	Q 2, 2011
3.4	Improve health post in Saramaya Khokimiyat	Health post in Saramaya Khokimiyat improved		CGDS, HFP, Khokimiyat	Q 2, 2011

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Component 4: Implementation and Monitoring					
4.1	Set up mechanisms for effective Implementation and Monitoring of the Plan.	Recruitment of a community and gender development specialist under Community Development Program component, Development of a monitoring tool and guideline for the regular reporting on progress of implementation	To ensure that the CDGAS Plan is implemented and meeting its targets.	PMU	Q 2, 2011
4.2.	Collect sex disaggregated data on road stakeholders.	Sex-disaggregated database/ profile on employees, Road Fund, and on the population in Saramaya Khokimiyat and Makhallas is available	To have a ready database as reference in measuring project impact in the future, and for other research and profiling needs.	EA, CGDS	Q 2, 2011
4.3	Conduct regular monitoring and reporting to ensure implementation of CGAP	Monitoring reports produced	To monitor implementation progress of CGAP	EA, CGDS	Quarterly

CGDS = Community and Gender Development Specialist, PMU = Program Management Unit, HFP = Health Focal Point.

¹ Gender in this context means 'men and women' and refers to providing equal opportunities for men and women under all project activities.

² The Community and Gender Action Plan is a 'living document', which can be changed during the project processing and implementation period in order to meet Government's needs

³ DMF, Proposed MFF, Uzbekistan CAREC Corridor 2 Road Investment Program February 2010, p.3

⁴ DMF, Proposed MFF, Uzbekistan CAREC Corridor 2 Road Investment Program February 2010

⁵ Cabinet of Ministers Decree for Measure on Development of Road Site Infrastructure and Services of Uzbek National Highway No. 277, 22 Oct 2009