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LOAN NUMBER 3932-BAN(COL)  
[Additional Financing to Loan 3731-BAN and Loan 3732-BAN(COL)]

LOAN AGREEMENT  
(Ordinary Operations [Concessional])  
(Rural Connectivity Improvement Project – Additional Financing)

between

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

and

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

DATED 30 JUNE 2020

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BAN 47243

**LOAN AGREEMENT**  
**(Ordinary Operations [Concessional])**

LOAN AGREEMENT dated 30 June 2020 between PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH ("Borrower") and ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ("ADB").

**WHEREAS**

(A) by a loan agreement dated 13 January 2019 between the Borrower and ADB ("Initial Loan Agreement"), ADB has agreed to provide a loan from its ordinary capital resources in the amount of one hundred million Dollars (\$100,000,000) ("Initial Loan") to the Borrower for the purposes of financing expenditures of the project described in Schedule 1 of the Initial Loan Agreement ("Initial Project");

(B) by a loan agreement dated 13 January 2019 between the Borrower and ADB ("Initial Concessional Loan Agreement"), ADB has agreed to provide a concessional loan from its ordinary capital resources in the amount of one hundred million Dollars (\$100,000,000) ("Initial Concessional Loan") to the Borrower for the purposes of financing expenditures of the Initial Project;

(C) the Borrower has applied to ADB for a loan for the purposes of the scaling up of the Initial Project, as described in Schedule 1 to this Loan Agreement;

(D) the Project will be carried out by the Local Government Engineering Department ("LGED") under the Local Government Division of the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, and for this purpose the Borrower will make available to LGED the proceeds of the loan provided for herein upon terms and conditions satisfactory to ADB; and

(E) ADB has agreed to make a concessional loan to the Borrower from ADB's ordinary capital resources upon the terms and conditions set forth herein;

NOW THEREFORE the parties agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**Loan Regulations; Definitions**

Section 1.01. All provisions of ADB's Ordinary Operations (Concessional) Loan Regulations, dated 1 January 2017 ("Loan Regulations"), are hereby made applicable to this Loan Agreement with the same force and effect as if they were fully set forth herein.

Section 1.02. Wherever used in this Loan Agreement, the several terms defined in the Loan Regulations have the respective meanings therein set forth unless modified herein or the context otherwise requires. Additional terms used in this Loan Agreement have the following meanings:

- (a) "Community Participation Framework" or "CPF" means the community participation framework for the Project, including any update thereto, as agreed to between the Borrower and ADB;
- (b) "Consulting Services" means consulting services as described in the Procurement Regulations and set out in the Procurement Plan, and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan;
- (c) "Department of Environment" means the Borrower's Department of Environment or any successors thereto;
- (d) "EMP" means the environmental management plan for the Project, including any update thereto, incorporated in the IEE;
- (e) "Environmental Safeguards" means the principles and requirements set forth in Chapter V, Appendix 1, and Appendix 4 (as applicable) of the SPS;
- (f) "GAP" means the gender action plan prepared for the Initial Project and revised for the Project, including any update thereto, and agreed to between the Borrower and ADB;
- (g) "Goods" means equipment and materials as set out in the Procurement Plan and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan, including any related Nonconsulting Services such as transportation, insurance, installation, commissioning, training, and initial maintenance;
- (h) "IEE" means the initial environmental examination for the Initial Project as revised for the Project, including any update thereto, prepared and submitted by the Borrower and cleared by ADB;
- (i) "Involuntary Resettlement Safeguards" means the principles and requirements set forth in Chapter V, Appendix 2, and Appendix 4 (as applicable) of the SPS;
- (j) "Loan Disbursement Handbook" means ADB's Loan Disbursement Handbook (2017, as amended from time to time);
- (k) "Nonconsulting Services" means nonconsulting services as described in the Procurement Regulations and set out in the Procurement Plan, and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan;
- (l) "PAM" means the project administration manual for the Project dated 29 April 2020 and agreed between the Borrower and ADB, as updated from time to time in accordance with the respective administrative procedures of the Borrower and ADB;
- (m) "Procurement Plan" means the procurement plan for the Project dated 29 April 2020 and agreed between the Borrower and ADB, as updated



from time to time in accordance with the Procurement Policy, the Procurement Regulations, and other arrangements agreed with ADB;

- (n) "Procurement Policy" means ADB's Procurement Policy - Goods, Works, Nonconsulting and Consulting Services (2017, as amended from time to time);
- (o) "Procurement Regulations" means ADB's Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers - Goods, Works, Nonconsulting and Consulting Services (2017, as amended from time to time);
- (p) "Project Executing Agency" for the purposes of, and within the meaning of, the Loan Regulations means LGED or any successor thereto acceptable to ADB, which is responsible for the carrying out of the Project;
- (q) "Project facilities" means the facilities to be improved, constructed or provided under the Project;
- (r) "Safeguards Monitoring Report" means each report prepared and submitted by the Borrower to ADB that describes progress with implementation of and compliance with the EMP, including any corrective and preventative actions;
- (s) "Services" means Consulting Services and Nonconsulting Services;
- (t) "SPS" means ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009);
- (u) "Target Areas" means the 16 districts in which the Project roads are located;
- (v) "Tribes, Minor Races, Ethnic Sects and Communities Safeguards" means the principles and requirements set forth in Chapter V, Appendix 3, and Appendix 4 (as applicable) of the SPS; and
- (w) "Works" means construction or civil works as set out in the Procurement Plan and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan, including any related Nonconsulting Services and project related services that are provided as part of a single responsibility or turnkey contract.

## ARTICLE II

### The Loan

Section 2.01. (a) ADB agrees to lend to the Borrower from ADB's ordinary capital resources (concessional) an amount of one hundred million Dollars (\$100,000,000).

(b) The Loan has a principal repayment period of 20 years, and a grace period as defined in subsection (c) hereinafter.

(c) The term "grace period" as used in subsection (b) hereinabove means the period prior to the first Principal Payment Date in accordance with the amortization schedule set forth in Schedule 2 to this Loan Agreement.

Section 2.02. The Borrower shall pay to ADB an interest charge at the rate of 2% per annum during the grace period and thereafter, on the amount of the Loan withdrawn from the Loan Account and outstanding from time to time.

Section 2.03. The interest charge and any other charge on the Loan shall be payable semiannually on 1 May and 1 November in each year.

Section 2.04. The Borrower shall repay the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn from the Loan Account in accordance with the amortization schedule set forth in Schedule 2 to this Loan Agreement.

Section 2.05. The currency of repayment of the principal amount of the Loan and the currency of payment of the interest charge for the purposes of Sections 4.03(a) and 4.04 of the Loan Regulations shall be the Dollar.

### ARTICLE III

#### Use of Proceeds of the Loan

Section 3.01. The Borrower shall cause the proceeds of the Loan to be applied exclusively to the financing of expenditures on the Project in accordance with the provisions of this Loan Agreement.

Section 3.02. The proceeds of the Loan shall be allocated and withdrawn in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 3 to this Loan Agreement, as such Schedule may be amended from time to time by agreement between the Borrower and ADB.

Section 3.03. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, the Borrower shall procure, or cause to be procured, the items of expenditure to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 4 to this Loan Agreement.

Section 3.04. Withdrawals from the Loan Account in respect of Goods, Works, and Services shall be made only on account of expenditures relating to:

- (a) Goods which are produced in and supplied from and Works and Services which are supplied from such member countries of ADB as shall have been specified by ADB from time to time as eligible sources for procurement; and
- (b) Goods, Works, and Services which meet such other eligibility requirements as shall have been specified by ADB from time to time.



Section 3.05. The Loan Closing Date for the purposes of Section 8.02 of the Loan Regulations shall be 31 May 2024 or such other date as may from time to time be agreed between the Borrower and ADB.

## ARTICLE IV

### Particular Covenants

Section 4.01. In the carrying out of the Project and operation of the Project facilities, the Borrower shall perform, or cause to be performed, all obligations set forth in Schedule 4 to this Loan Agreement.

Section 4.02. (a) The Borrower shall (i) maintain separate accounts and records for the Project; (ii) prepare annual financial statements for the Project in accordance with financial reporting standards acceptable to ADB; (iii) have such financial statements audited annually by independent auditors whose qualifications, experience and terms of reference are acceptable to ADB, in accordance with auditing standards acceptable to ADB; (iv) as part of each such audit, have the auditors prepare a report, which includes the auditors' opinion(s) on the financial statements and the use of the Loan proceeds, and a management letter (which sets out the deficiencies in the internal control of the Project that were identified in the course of the audit, if any); and (v) furnish to ADB, no later than 6 months after the end of each related fiscal year, copies of such audited financial statements, audit report and management letter, all in the English language, and such other information concerning these documents and the audit thereof as ADB shall from time to time reasonably request.

(b) ADB shall disclose the annual audited financial statements for the Project and the opinion of the auditors on the financial statements within 14 days of the date of ADB's confirmation of their acceptability by posting them on ADB's website.

(c) The Borrower shall enable ADB, upon ADB's request, to discuss the financial statements for the Project and the Borrower's financial affairs where they relate to the Project with the auditors appointed pursuant to subsection (a)(iii) hereinabove, and shall authorize and require any representative of such auditors to participate in any such discussions requested by ADB. This is provided that such discussions shall be conducted only in the presence of an authorized officer of the Borrower, unless the Borrower shall otherwise agree.

Section 4.03. The Borrower shall enable ADB's representatives to inspect the Project, the Goods, Works and Services, and any relevant records and documents.

**ARTICLE V****Suspension; Acceleration of Maturity**

Section 5.01. The following is specified as an additional event for suspension of the right of the Borrower to make withdrawals from the Loan Account for the purposes of Section 8.01(m) of the Loan Regulations: the Initial Loan or the Initial Concessional Loan shall have become liable for suspension or cancellation in accordance with the terms of the Initial Loan Agreement or Initial Concessional Loan Agreement respectively.

Section 5.02. The following is specified as an additional event for acceleration of maturity for the purposes of Section 8.07(d) of the Loan Regulations: the event specified in Section 5.01 of this Loan Agreement shall have occurred.

**ARTICLE VI****Effectiveness**

Section 6.01. A date 90 days after the date of this Loan Agreement is specified for the effectiveness of this Loan Agreement for the purposes of Section 9.04 of the Loan Regulations.

**ARTICLE VII****Miscellaneous**

Section 7.01. The Senior Secretary, Secretary, any Additional Secretary, Chief, Joint Secretary, Joint Chief, Deputy Secretary, Deputy Chief, Senior Assistant Secretary, Senior Assistant Chief, Assistant Secretary or Assistant Chief of Economic Relations Division of the Ministry of Finance of the Borrower is designated as representative of the Borrower for the purposes of Section 11.02 of the Loan Regulations.

Section 7.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the Loan Regulations:

**For the Borrower**

Economic Relations Division  
Ministry of Finance  
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar  
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(880) 2-918-0788

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Mandaluyong City  
1550 Metro Manila  
Philippines

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(632) 8636-2444

(632) 8636-2340.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto, acting through their representatives thereunto duly authorized, have caused this Loan Agreement to be signed in their respective names as of the day and year first above written and to be delivered at the principal office of ADB.

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF  
BANGLADESH

By 

FATIMA YASMIN  
Secretary  
Economics Relations Division  
Ministry of Finance

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

By 

MANMOHAN PARKASH  
Country Director  
Bangladesh Resident Mission

**SCHEDULE 1****Description of the Project**

1. The objective of the Project is to increase transport efficiency and to generate related employment in the Target Areas.
2. The Project will scale up the Initial Project and shall comprise improving the condition of approximately 930 km of rural roads to all-weather standards which incorporate climate resilience and safety features.
3. The Project is expected to be completed by 30 November 2023.

## SCHEDULE 2

## Amortization Schedule

Date Payment Due	Payment of Principal (expressed in USD)*
1 November 2025	2,500,000
1 May 2026	2,500,000
1 November 2026	2,500,000
1 May 2027	2,500,000
1 November 2027	2,500,000
1 May 2028	2,500,000
1 November 2028	2,500,000
1 May 2029	2,500,000
1 November 2029	2,500,000
1 May 2030	2,500,000
1 November 2030	2,500,000
1 May 2031	2,500,000
1 November 2031	2,500,000
1 May 2032	2,500,000
1 November 2032	2,500,000
1 May 2033	2,500,000
1 November 2033	2,500,000
1 May 2034	2,500,000
1 November 2034	2,500,000
1 May 2035	2,500,000
1 November 2035	2,500,000
1 May 2036	2,500,000
1 November 2036	2,500,000
1 May 2037	2,500,000
1 November 2037	2,500,000
1 May 2038	2,500,000
1 November 2038	2,500,000
1 May 2039	2,500,000
1 November 2039	2,500,000
1 May 2040	2,500,000
1 November 2040	2,500,000
1 May 2041	2,500,000
1 November 2041	2,500,000
1 May 2042	2,500,000
1 November 2042	2,500,000
1 May 2043	2,500,000
1 November 2043	2,500,000
1 May 2044	2,500,000
1 November 2044	2,500,000
1 May 2045	2,500,000
Total	100,000,000

\* The arrangements for payment are subject to the provisions of Sections 3.04 and 4.03 of the Loan Regulations.



### SCHEDULE 3

#### Allocation and Withdrawal of Loan Proceeds

##### General

1. The table attached to this Schedule sets forth the Categories of items of expenditure to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan and the allocation of the Loan proceeds to each such Category ("Table"). (Reference to "Category" in this Schedule is to a Category of the Table.)

##### Basis for Withdrawal from the Loan Account

2. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, the proceeds of the Loan shall be allocated to items of expenditure, and disbursed on the basis of the withdrawal percentage for each item of expenditure set forth in the Table.

##### Reallocation

3. Notwithstanding the allocation of Loan proceeds and the withdrawal percentages set forth in the Table,

- (a) if the amount of the Loan allocated to any Category appears to be insufficient to finance all agreed expenditures in that Category, ADB may, by notice to the Borrower, (i) reallocate to such Category, to the extent required to meet the estimated shortfall, amounts of the Loan which have been allocated to another Category but, in the opinion of ADB, are not needed to meet other expenditures, and (ii) if such reallocation cannot fully meet the estimated shortfall, reduce the withdrawal percentage applicable to such expenditures in order that further withdrawals under such Category may continue until all expenditures thereunder shall have been made; and
- (b) if the amount of the Loan allocated to any Category appears to exceed all agreed expenditures in that Category, ADB may, by notice to the Borrower, reallocate such excess amount to any other Category.

##### Disbursement Procedures

4. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, the Loan proceeds shall be disbursed in accordance with the Loan Disbursement Handbook.

##### Retroactive Financing

5. Withdrawals from the Loan Account may be made to finance eligible expenditures incurred under the Project before the Effective Date, but not earlier than 12 months before the date of this Loan Agreement in connection with Goods, Works and Services, subject to a maximum amount equivalent to 20% of the Loan amount.

TABLE

ALLOCATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF LOAN PROCEEDS			
Number	Item	Total Amount Allocated for ADB Financing (\$)	Basis for Withdrawal from the Loan Account
		Category	
1	Works	90,100,000	65% of total expenditure claimed
2	Consulting Services	5,000,000	100% of total expenditure claimed*
3	Unallocated	4,900,000	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	100,000,000	

\* Exclusive of taxes and duties imposed within the territory of the Borrower.

**SCHEDULE 4****Execution of Project; Financial Matters**Implementation Arrangements

1. The Borrower shall ensure or cause the Project Executing Agency to ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the detailed arrangements set forth in the PAM. Any subsequent change to the PAM shall become effective only after approval of such change by the Borrower and ADB. In the event of any discrepancy between the PAM and this Loan Agreement, the provisions of this Loan Agreement shall prevail.

Procurement

2. The Borrower shall ensure or cause the Project Executing Agency to ensure that:

- (a) the procurement of Goods, Works and Services is carried out in accordance with the Procurement Policy and the Procurement Regulations;
- (b) Goods, Works and Services shall be procured based on the detailed arrangements set forth in the Procurement Plan, including the procurement and selection methods, the type of bidding documents, and ADB's review requirements. The Borrower may modify the detailed arrangements set forth in the Procurement Plan only with the prior agreement of ADB, and such modifications must be set out in updates to the Procurement Plan; and
- (c) (i) all Goods and Works procured and Services obtained (including all computer hardware, software and systems, whether separately procured or incorporated within other goods and services procured) do not violate or infringe any industrial property or intellectual property right or claim of any third party; and (ii) all contracts for the procurement of Goods, Works and Services contain appropriate representations, warranties and, if appropriate, indemnities from the contractor, supplier, consultant or service provider with respect to the matters referred to in this subparagraph.

3. The Borrower shall ensure that the Project Executing Agency does not award any Works or Nonconsulting Services contracts until:

- (a) the Department of Environment has granted the final approval of the IEE; and
- (b) the Borrower has incorporated the relevant provisions from the EMP into the Works contract.



Community Participation Framework (CPF)

4. The Borrower shall, or shall cause the Project Executing Agency to, implement the CPF as agreed with ADB and in conformity with all relevant applicable laws and regulations of the Borrower.

5. The Borrower shall ensure, or cause the Project Executing Agency to ensure, no section or part thereof under any Works contract awarded for the Project shall be handed over to the contractor unless the applicable provisions of the CPF have been implemented in full.

Operation and Maintenance

6. The Borrower shall ensure that it allocates sufficient funds for operation and maintenance of the roads to be constructed or upgraded under the Project, and ensure that the funds are made available to the Project Executing Agency on a timely basis for the same purpose.

Environment

7. The Borrower shall ensure or cause the Project Executing Agency to ensure that the preparation, design, construction, implementation, operation and decommissioning of the Project and all Project facilities comply with (a) all applicable laws and regulations of the Borrower relating to environment, health and safety; (b) the Environmental Safeguards; and (c) all measures and requirements set forth in the IEE, the EMP, and any corrective or preventative actions set forth in a Safeguards Monitoring Report.

Involuntary Resettlement and Tribes, Minor Races, Ethnic Sects and Communities

8. The Borrower shall ensure or cause the Project Executing Agency to ensure that the Project does not have any Involuntary Resettlement Safeguards impacts or Tribes, Minor Races, Ethnic Sects and Communities Safeguards impacts. If the Project does have any such impacts, the Borrower shall take all steps required to ensure that the Project complies with the applicable laws and regulations of the Borrower and with the SPS.

Human and Financial Resources to Implement Safeguards Requirements

9. The Borrower shall make available or cause the Project Executing Agency to make available necessary budgetary and human resources to fully implement the EMP.

Safeguards – Related Provisions in Bidding Documents and Works Contracts

10. The Borrower shall ensure or cause the Project Executing Agency to ensure that all bidding documents and contracts for Works contain provisions that require contractors to:

- (a) comply with the measures relevant to the contractor set forth in the IEE and the EMP (to the extent they concern impacts on affected people

- during construction), and any corrective or preventative actions set forth in a Safeguards Monitoring Report;
- (b) make available a budget for all such environmental and social measures;
  - (c) provide the Borrower with a written notice of any unanticipated environmental risks or impacts that were not considered in the IEE or the EMP or any resettlement or indigenous peoples risks or impacts that arise during construction, implementation or operation of the Project;
  - (d) adequately record the condition of roads, agricultural land and other infrastructure prior to starting to transport materials and construction; and
  - (e) reinstate pathways, other local infrastructure, and agricultural land to at least their pre-project condition upon the completion of construction.

#### Safeguards Monitoring and Reporting

11. The Borrower shall cause the Project Executing Agency to do the following:
- (a) submit semiannual Safeguards Monitoring Reports to ADB and disclose relevant information from such reports to affected persons promptly upon submission;
  - (b) if any unanticipated environmental and/or social risks and impacts arise during construction, implementation or operation of the Project that were not considered in the IEE and the EMP, promptly inform ADB of the occurrence of such risks or impacts, with detailed description of the event and proposed corrective action plan; and
  - (c) report any actual or potential breach of compliance with the measures and requirements set forth in the EMP promptly after becoming aware of the breach.

#### Prohibited List of Investments

12. The Borrower shall ensure or cause the Project Executing Agency to ensure that no proceeds of the Loan are used to finance any activity included in the list of prohibited investment activities provided in Appendix 5 of the SPS.

#### Labor Standards, Health and Safety

13. The Borrower shall ensure or cause the Project Executing Agency to ensure that the core labor standards and the Borrower's applicable laws and regulations are complied with during Project implementation. The Borrower shall ensure that the Project Executing Agency includes specific provisions in the bidding documents and contracts financed by ADB



under the Project requiring that the contractors, among other things: (a) comply with the Borrower's applicable labor law and regulations and incorporate applicable workplace occupational safety norms; (b) do not use child labor; (c) do not discriminate workers in respect of employment and occupation; (d) do not use forced labor; (e) allow freedom of association and effectively recognize the right to collective bargaining; and (f) disseminate, or engage appropriate service providers to disseminate, information on the risks of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, to the employees of contractors engaged under the Project and to members of the local communities surrounding the Project area, particularly women.

14. The Borrower shall cause the Project Executing Agency to strictly monitor compliance with the requirements set forth in paragraph 13 above and provide ADB with regular reports.

#### Gender and Development

15. The Borrower shall ensure or cause the Project Executing Agency to ensure that (a) the GAP is implemented in accordance with its terms; (b) the bidding documents and contracts include relevant provisions for contractors to comply with the measures set forth in the GAP; (c) adequate resources are allocated for implementation of the GAP; (d) progress on implementation of the GAP, including progress toward achieving key gender outcome and output targets, are regularly monitored and reported to ADB; and (e) key gender outcome and output targets in the GAP are achieved.

#### Counterpart Support

16. The Borrower shall ensure that the Project Executing Agency has sufficient funds to satisfy its liabilities arising from any Works, Goods or Services contract.

#### Governance and Anticorruption

17. The Borrower and the Project Executing Agency shall (a) comply with ADB's Anticorruption Policy (1998, as amended to date) and acknowledge that ADB reserves the right to investigate directly, or through its agents, any alleged corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practice relating to the Project; and (b) cooperate with any such investigation and extend all necessary assistance for satisfactory completion of such investigation.

18. The Borrower and the Project Executing Agency shall ensure that the anticorruption provisions acceptable to ADB are included in all bidding documents and contracts, including provisions specifying the right of ADB to audit and examine the records and accounts of the executing and implementing agencies and all contractors, suppliers, consultants, and other service providers as they relate to the Project.