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Section 2B, Epkin – Dyikan [Bashkuugandy] Road
[km 89+500 – km 159+200]

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ABBREVIATIONS	
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AH	Affected household
AP	Affected person
CAREC	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation
CSMP	Construction Social Management Plan
DMS	Detailed Measurement Survey
GRG	Grievance Redress Group
GRM	Grievance Redress Mechanism
IPIG	Investment Projects Implementation Unit
LAR	Land Acquisition and Resettlement
LARP	Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan
MOTR	Ministry of Transport and Roads
ROW	Right of way
SPS	ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement 2009
SSEMP	Site Specific Environmental Management Plan

1. PROJECT BACKGROUND

1. The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic has requested the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to identify, formulate, and prepare an ensuing loan and/or grant for the rehabilitation of CAREC Corridors 1 and 3 Connector Road. The whole corridor will be financed by different financing agencies.

2. The proposed Project will improve the following socioeconomic indicators of the regions of the Kyrgyz Republic:

- Reduce the cost of passenger and cargo transportation between southern and Issyk-Kul and Naryn regions by providing direct access.
- Reduce transport costs due to route cutting and better road conditions.
- Increase in local and international transportation and movement.
- Origination of additional income-generating opportunities for local residents
- Creation of new jobs
- Good state of vehicles/Reduction of operating costs

3. To facilitate the project design and financing from international banking institutes, CAREC Corridors 1 and 3 Connector Road was divided into five (5) sections:

Table 1. CAREC Corridors 1 and 3 Connector Road Sections

Sections	Section length	Source of financing
Section 1	Balykchy (Km 0) to kilometer-post 43 (Km 43), approximately 43 kilometers (km).	ADB
Section 2A	Kochkor (Km 64) to Epkin (Km 89), approximately 25 km.	ADB
Section 2B	Epkin (Km 89,5) to Bashkuugandy (km 159,2), approximately 70 km.	ADB
Section 2C	Bashkuugandy (km 159,2) to Kyzyl-Jyldyz (km 183), approximately 24km, where a Bypass Road is being envisioned to avoid the village of Chayek and part of Kyzyl-Jyldyz.	IsDB
Section 3	Aral (Km 195) to Too-Ashuu (km 286), approximately 91 km.	Source not defined

4. As initial part of the possible funding assistance, the ADB has engaged Kocks Consult GmbH, Germany, to prepare a Feasibility Study and Preliminary Design for the Sections 1, 2A and 2B. The consultancy scope also included an Initial Environmental Examination (IEE); and a social and poverty analysis and impact assessments, in accordance with ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (SPS) 2009. Then, Japan Overseas Consultants was hired to finalize preliminary IEE and Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan (LARP). With reference to the Contract Agreement for Consultancy Services for the engagement, one of the main tasks of the Japan Overseas Consultants was to update/upgrade the draft LARP in Feasibility Stage to the ready implementation LARP in accordance with Detailed Design for the project in accordance with the requirements of the Kyrgyz Republic legislations and ADB's SPS. After completion of the LARP, IEE and detailed design, the company, Gentek International Engineering and consulting limited (Supervision Consultant) has been appointed on 1 August 2018 as Supervision engineer for this CAREC Corridors 1 and 3 Connector Road Project, Section 2B, Epkin – Dyikan [Bashkuugandy] Road [km 89+500 – km 159+200] (further – Project) .

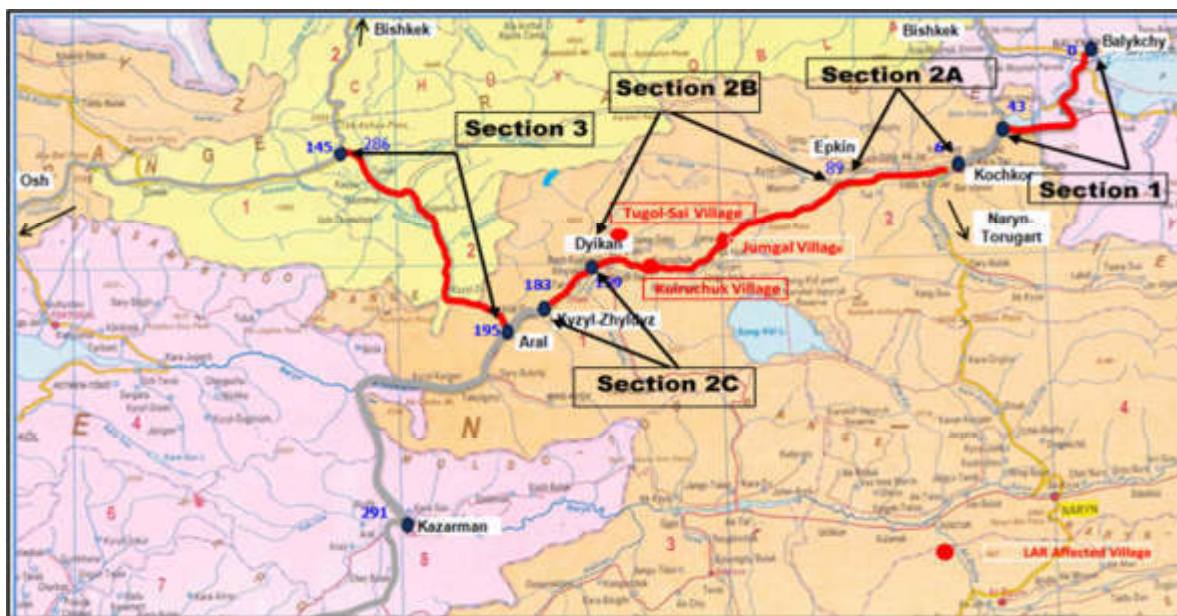
5. The Project road Section 2B Epkin (Km 89,5) to Bashkuugandy (km 159,2) is a 69,7 km east to west highway. Generally, this Section follows the existing alignment up to Bashkuugandy (km 159). The entire of this section is within Naryn Oblast and it traverses small western part of Kochkor District (Kochkor, as the capital); while the most part is in Jumgal District (Chayek as the capital).

6. The details of the proposed road Section project are:

- Rehabilitate and pave the project road to Technical Category II from Epkin (Km 89,5) to Bashkuugandy (km 159,2) according to Kyrgyzstan National Standard with Geometrical and Structural Requirements with design speed of 95 km/hr. design speed outside the settlement areas and 60 km/h within the villages.
- Rehabilitation, repair and/or replacement of bridges and culverts.
- Construction of side drains and other drainage structures.
- Provision of retaining walls and river protection measures, where necessary.
- Provision of adequate road signing and marking.
- Provision of safety barriers.

7. The draft LARP was prepared in 2016 and last updated in 2018 into an implementation-ready in accordance with the detailed design of the Project. The LARP for Section 2B accepted/cleared by ADB¹ and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic (Order dated №333 of September 10, 2019 on LARP approval²).

Section Location Map



2. SOCIAL SAFEGAURDS MONITORING

2.1 Scope and Objectives of the Monitoring

8. To ensure the smooth implementation of the Project in compliance with safeguards requirements set for the Project, social safeguards monitoring is carried out by IPIG and Supervision Consultant to ensure (i) the Contractor's compliance with the Bidding Document provisions that civil works on the sections with land acquisition and resettlement (LAR) impacts can't be started prior to LARP implementation and ADB No objection to start civil works and (ii) the grievance redress mechanism (GRM) is functioning and grievances, if any, are being addressed timely and effectively.

9. Also for the duration of the Project, the IPIG's and Supervision Consultant social safeguard specialists are expected to ensure: (a) regularly oversee the performance of the grievance redress system for the project and report to MOTR and ADB any project-related concerns, queries and complaint registered from the APs, local authorities and other stakeholders; (b) assist MOTR in addressing LAR related

¹ <https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/project-documents/48401/48401-007-rp-en.pdf>

² <http://cbd.minjust.gov.kg/act/view/ru-ru/217587>

complaints throughout the implementation of the project; (c) If unanticipated LAR impact is encountered, facilitate the necessary survey, consultations and preparation of a LARP (as a supplementary document); and secure all requisite clearances, legal opinions and agreements; (d) monitor the Contractor's compliance and performance of required actions regarding HIV/AIDS, human trafficking, and labor core standards in accordance with the contract documents, such as awareness and education of laborers and workers; and (e) ensure that the contractor does not involve child or forced labor in the execution of the civil works contracts in accordance with the provisions of the contract agreement.

10. Internal monitoring of LARP implementation is being conducted by the Investment Projects Implementation Group (IPIG) as the Project's IR category is B in accordance with ADB SPS and Operation Manual (OM) F1. Monitoring is vital for ensuring that the LARP is effectively implemented, unforeseen impacts related to land acquisition, resettlement activities are identified, and appropriate measures to address the same can be taken in a timely manner.

2.2 Internal Monitoring of LARP implementation

11. The IPIG is responsible for the internal monitoring. The main aim of the internal monitoring is to monitor the process of the LARP implementation such as the compensation process, grievance mechanism and effectiveness of the LARP implementation procedure. Indicators for the internal monitoring related to the LARP implementations processes will be collected by the IPIG/Supervision Consultant and used to assess the progress and results of LARP implementation, and to adjust the work program, if necessary.

12. Internal monitoring is being performed routinely by the IPIG, both directly and with the support of social/resettlement specialists hired by the supervision consultant for the LARP implementation. The results are reported to ADB through the Semiannual Social Monitoring Reports. Indicators for the internal monitoring will be those related to the LARP implementation processes, immediate outputs and results which allow for the assessment of the progress and results of LARP implementation, and the adjustment of the work program, if necessary. Specific monitoring targets are to verify/check:

- the number of AHs with legal ownership;
- the number of AHs with legalizable land and assets;
- the number of AHs without legal or legalizable status;
- the affected/remaining part of the land;
- affected buildings, structures, businesses;
- loss of income and employment;
- allowances for severity and vulnerability;
- full compensation paid on time;
- relocation of movable businesses;
- the GRM Logbook entries;
- number, nature and substance of complains;
- number of grievances resolved at the project level;
- number of grievances forwarded/resolved at other grievance resolution levels.
- the number, type of consultations with APs/host communities and other relevant stakeholders held.

13. The above information is collected by the IPIG/Supervision Consultant which is responsible for monitoring the day-to-day resettlement activities of the Project through one or more of the following instruments:

- review of census information for all AHs;
- consultation and informal interviews with APs;
- sample survey of AHs;
- focus group discussions;
- community consultation meetings.

3. LARP IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

3.1 Project Sections Summaries

14. To facilitate effective LARP implementation and the commencement of physical works, the Project road was divided into five Sections, which do not involve any resettlement, and four Sections, which involve involuntary resettlement, and is currently under LARP implementation³.

Table 2. Sections with LAR impact – to be handed over to the Contractor within 16 months after notification of the start civil works

Ref No.	Original Chainage		Project Mileage		length (m)	NOTE
	Start of sub-section	End of sub-section	Start of sub-section	End of sub-section		
1.	KM 111+400	KM 111+900	KM 111+400	KM 111+900	500	Within 16 months after notification of the start civil works
2.	KM 122+000	KM 132+000	KM 122+000	KM 132+000	10,000	
3.	KM 142+000	KM 144+000	KM 142+000	KM 144+000	2,000	
4.	KM 149+000	KM 150+100	KM 149+000	KM 150+100	1,100	
	Total:				13,600	

Table 3. Section free of LAR impacts - handed over to the Contractor within 28 days after notification of the start civil works

Ref No.	Original Chainage		Project Mileage		length (m)	NOTE
	Start of sub-section	End of sub-section	Start of sub-section	End of sub-section		
1.	KM 89+500	KM 111+400	KM 89+500	KM 111+400	21,900	Within 28 days after notification of the start civil works
2.	KM 111+900	KM 122+000	KM 111+900	KM 122+000	10,100	
3.	KM 132+000	KM 142+000	KM 132+000	KM 142+000	10,000	
4.	KM 144+000	KM 149+000	KM 144+000	KM 149+000	5,000	
5.	KM 150+100	KM 159+200	KM 150+100	KM 159+200	9,100	
	Total:				56,100	

15. The Order on commencement of civil work on the impact free sections (free sections) was issued on November 11, 2018 by the Ministry of Transport and Roads of the Kyrgyz Republic, but in fact civil works on the impact free sections were started on April 2, 2019.

³ LAR impacted sections have been clarified between the parties as IPIG, Supervision Consultant and Contractor in June 2019 and the final agreed project sections are used for this SSMR. LAR impacted sections as per accepted/cleared LARP were given in SSMR for July-December 2019 disclosed at <https://www.adb.org/projects/documents/kqz-48401-007-smr-0>.

16. Prior to taking possession of any land or assets, including handover to a contractor, a LARP implementation report (compliance report) shall be submitted to ADB for approval, certifying that the LARP has been fully implemented in accordance with all the principles and provisions of ADB's SPS 2009 and Kyrgyz Republic laws and regulations. Grievances or objections (if any), will be redressed as per the grievance redress procedure adopted in the LARP. All activities related to LAR will be completed prior to the contractor's possession of acquired land and commencement of civil works at a particular road Section.

17. The handover of sections with LAR impacts in accordance with the contract documents was expected within 16 months after notification of the start of civil work. The date for the handover of impact sections was March 13, 2020. However, for the reasons related to land acquisition financing delay by the MOTR and Covid-19 restrictions, it was not possible implement the LARP in time and handover the impact sections to the Contractor.

18. On 1 December 2020, MoTR terminated contract with the Contractor due to the proven involvement of the contractor in corrupt practices. The bidding process to recruit a new Contractor has been initiated by MoTR. During the reporting period LARP implementation for a whole Section 2B was completed, as well as LARP compliance report is completed and submitted to IPIG.

3.2 Status of civil works on handed over sections

19. During the reporting period, the Contractor performed the following types of works at sections Km: 89+500 – 159+200.

- Existing Road Maintenance – 5 month
- Cutting of Trees (only on handed over sections)
- Clearing and Grubbing – 2.34 ha
- Excavation to spoil unsuitable material from cuttings – 44 750 m³
- Existing asphalt pavement break up and dispose to spoil – 1 200 m³
- Embankment with Cut Material – 19 000 m³
- Embankment with Borrow Material – 18 000 m³
- Subgrade – 25 400 m³

3.3 Summary of LARP

20. Table 5 summarizes the 4 segments with LAR impacts in accordance with the prepared LARP for Section 2B. Below are the actual locations of facilities affected by the project, which were revised and reflected in the final tables in June 2019, taking into account engineering recommendations.

Table 4. Segments with LAR impacts in accordance with the prepared LARP

Segment	From	To	Length (m)	LAR impacts
Kyzart Pass	Km111+400	Km111+900	500	4 HHs operating trailer café/shops with business operations on illegally occupied municipal land
Jumgal village~ Jany-Aryk village	Km122+000	Km132+000	10,000	121 households and 2 entities, including: 71 AHs losing agricultural land/use; 50 HHs and 2 entities losing titled residential land and illegally used municipal land, together with associated non-land assets and business operation
Kuyruchuk village	Km142+000	Km 144+000	2,000	14 AHs and 1 entity losing titled residential land and illegally used municipal land,

				together with associated non-land assets and business in the settlement area
Tugol Sai village	Km149+000	Km150+100	1,100	4 AHs losing titled residential land and illegally used municipal land, together with associated non-land assets.
Total			13,600	143 AHs & 3 entities

21. LARP for Section 2B was accepted/cleared by ADB and disclosed on the 28th of June 2018 and accepted/cleared in accordance with the Order №333 of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic dated September 10, 2019 on the LARP approval. Since mid-September 2019, preparatory activities for the implementation of LARP has begun.

3.4 LARP implementation process

22. Preparatory activities for the implementation of LARP included the following activities: clarification (verification) of objects, minimization the impact due to proposed design changes, updating the valuation report, review, collection of necessary and missing documents, conducting public consultations and meetings, preparation of contracts and opening of Bank accounts and other actions for the successful implementation of LARP.

23. In order to facilitate smooth implementation of land acquisition and resettlement process for the Project, LARP implementation Action Plan has been devised for the Project detailing the key steps and milestones throughout the process. The following steps has been proposed and implemented under the LARP implementation Action Plan.

Table 5. LARP Implementation Action Plan and status as of 31 December 2020

Key Steps	Status as of 31 December 2020	Compliance
Step 1: The LARP is accepted/cleared by the ADB and the Kyrgyz Government, endorsed by the issuance of the Governmental Ordinance and disclosed on the IPIG and ADB websites.	<u>Completed (Q3, 2018)</u> , Endorsed LARP disclosed on IPIG and ADB websites. The Government's Order issued on 10 September 2019 (Q3 2019).	Compliant
Step 2: The Ministry of Finance is negotiating with Demir Kyrgyz International Bank (DKIB) on the commission for opening an account to which money for compensation will be transferred.	<u>Completed (Q4, 2019)</u> , Agreement with DKIB concluded and the money has been transferred to the IPIG account to pay APs' compensation. Payment for Land plots will also be on credit cards.	Compliant
Step 3: IPIG activates and maintains a functional Grievance Redress Mechanism throughout the Project implementation period.	<u>Completed (Q3, 2018)</u> , GRM is established and functional in the Project area. Grievances are recorded in the maintained logs, regularly collected, reported on and addressed.	Compliant
Step 4: The LAR-Commission was established and functioning during the preparation of the draft LARP to confirm the list of displaced persons and affected	<u>Completed (Q3, 2018)</u> , LAR Commission established and confirmed the APs and their affected assets.	Compliant

Key Steps	Status as of 31 December 2020	Compliance
assets and during LARP implementation to assist IPIG team		
<p>Step 5: (i) IPIG engages a lawyer to prepare individual agreements on land and assets acquisition.</p> <p>(ii) At this stage, actions were taken to minimize the impact on households and adjustments to the cost of losses associated with data changes were executed.</p> <p>(iii) Opening bank accounts for all APs</p>	<p>Completed (Q1, 2020) – The individual agreements on the acquisition of land and compensation for the loss of non-land improvements and income of 55 APs were prepared and concluded. Legitimization of titles for 2 APs is completed in Q3 2020 due to Covid-19.</p> <p>As a result of actions taken to minimize the impact on households 57 APs remained on the updated list.</p> <p><u>Completed (Q1, 2020).</u> – Bank accounts are open to all 57 APs.</p>	Compliant
<p>Step 6: Determination of places for moving mobile wagons.</p> <p>Signing of the APs' agreements for the movement of mobile wagons.</p>	<p><u>Completed (Q1, 2020)</u></p> <p>On the basis of the meeting with the participation of IPIG representatives, the Project Supervision Consultant, and the district administration, an act was drawn up on the agreement to move to the Road Operating Enterprise site.</p>	Compliant
<p>Step 7: Signing of the contracts and agreements with APs and disbursement of compensation</p>	<p>Compensation for the loss of non-land assets and income was paid to 55 APs (Q1 2020).</p> <p>Individual agreements on the acquisition of land plots and compensation for the loss of non-land assets were prepared and concluded for 2 APs (Q3 2020).</p> <p>In September 2020, payment of compensations was fully completed, including the remaining 2 APs and payment for land plots to 14 APs.</p>	Compliant
<p>Step 8: Prior to taking possession of any land or assets, including handover to a contractor, a LARP implementation report (compliance report) shall be submitted to ADB for approval, certifying that the LARP has been fully implemented in accordance with all the principles and provisions of ADB's SPS and the Kyrgyz Republic laws and regulations. Grievances or objections (if any), will be redressed as per the grievance redress procedure adopted in this LARP. All activities related to LAR</p>	<p>I. A compliance report for LARP implementation was prepared for the Kyzart pass [km 111.4 - km 111.9] and Kuyruchuk [km 142.0 - km 144.0] sections (Q2 -Q3, 2020), where all 14 APs, including 4 APs at the Kyzart pass and 10 APs in Kuyruchuk village, received compensations in Q1 2020. Compliance report for abovementioned sections</p>	Compliant

Key Steps	Status as of 31 December 2020	Compliance
will be completed prior to the contractor's possession of acquired land and commencement of civil works at a particular road Section.	<p>accepted/cleared by ADB in September 2020 and disclosed⁴.</p> <p>II. LARP implementation for the Section 2 B was fully completed in Q3 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compensation for the loss of non-land assets and income was paid to 55 APs in Q1 2020; - The remaining 2 APs and payment for land plots to 14 APs in September 2020. <p>As a result of full LARP implementation Compliance report for a whole Section 2 B , including remaining sections as Jumgal village [km 122+000 - km 132+000] and Tugol-Sai village [km 149+000 - km 150+100], is prepared, revised and submitted for ADB approval on 15 December 2020.</p> <p>During the field visit it was found that LAR-impacted sections are not handed over to the Contractor before ADB No objection to start civil works and no civil works ongoing in Jumgal village [km 122+000 - km 132+000] and Tugol-Sai village [km 149+000 - km 150+100] sections.</p>	

3.5 LAR Impacts according to the Final LARP and Implementation of the LARP

24. The final LARP for Section 2B prepared in 2018 determined a total 143 AHs (618 APs) and 3 public facilities. At the same time 21 households are severely affected, including (i) 1 household that will lose housing; (ii) 3 households will suffer from a permanent business stoppage; (iii) 4 households will suffer from a business interruption during construction; and (iv) 15 households will lose more than 10% of agricultural or residential land. Also, 39 households are vulnerable, which either live below the poverty line, or are managed by women, or there are persons with disabilities in the family.

25. In accordance with the LARP, 19,616.6 m² of residential and agricultural land should be withdrawn from 91 households in four villages. In addition, 8,496.2 m² of municipal, illegally used land will be returned for project use, affecting 54 households. Along with affected land plots: (i) 1 household will lose a residential building of 70.8 m²; (ii) 10 households will lose 199.6 m² of non-residential buildings and structures; (iii) 54 households and 3 public facilities should be shifted or restored 4,042.9m of various fences; (iv) 45 households will lose 1,028 trees/shrubs/seedlings; (v) 61 households will lose permanent crops of 16,734.5 m²; (vi) 3 households will suffer from a permanent business stoppage; and (vii) 7 owners will suffer from a business interruption.

26. During the preparatory activities of the LARP implementation stage, engineers and relevant specialists of the Supervision Consultant and Contractor took measures to minimize the project impact. The engineers, topographers in consultation with resettlement specialist proposed additional measures to

⁴ <https://www.adb.org/projects/documents/kgz-48401-007-smr-1>

adjust the detailed design in order to minimize the impact on the AHs. The project decision was proposed to slightly shift the axis to the left side in order to minimize the impact on agricultural land plots of residents of the Jumgal and Jany-Aryk villages. Moving the axis to the right and left sides will not have any new impact on other land plots, since the land to which the axis is to be moved is state owned. The absence of a new impact was checked by the resettlement specialist, survey engineers of the supervision Consultant, together with representatives of the Jumgal Gosregister and land specialists of the Jumgal and Jany-Aryk local authorities. Engineering decisions completely excluded the impact of the project on all 74 agricultural land plots (71 AHs owners and 2 AHs users). Technical details, plans, confirmation letter and other necessary information were reflected in the SSMR №3 for the previous reporting period.⁵

27. In the period from October to November 2019, work was carried out for clarification the facilities that fall under the Project Impact. A resettlement specialist, an independent evaluator together with survey engineers, representatives of local authorities and the Gosregister, carried out this work. Photos taken during the clarification process are in the Annex 2.

28. As a result of actual setting-out of the project and clarification of the facilities at places, it was revealed that some objects that were previously affected by the project in accordance with the LARP, on the basis of the current situation and project design, are not impacted by the project. Detailed information was reflected in the SSMR №3 for the previous reporting period.

29. For the households excluded from the list of AHs, the official letters from IPIG was handed to them in February 2020. For users of agricultural lands, which are excluded from the list of AHs, the official letter from IPIG was handed personally to the heads of ayil okmotu under signature. After receiving the official letter, representatives of the ayil okmotu informed the landowners and land users during personal meetings.

30. As a result of made adjustments at the preparatory stage of the LARP implementation, the number of AHs decreased to 57, including 16 owners of privately owned land plots and 41 owners of non-land assets and business.

Table 6. The impact of the project on the AHs

Ref.No	Impact item	Total of AHs	Owners (AHs)	Leaseholders (AHs)	Employees (AHs)
A	As per final LARP (2018)	143	141	2	0
«-»	Non-land assets / Business	-15	-15	0	0
«-»	Agricultural land	-71	-69	-2	0
B	At implementation (2020)	57	57	0	0
C	Difference (C=A-B)	-86	-84	-2	0

3.6 LARP implementation

31. The implementation of the LARP started in March 2020. APs' data updates were completed in February 2020. In February – March 2020, contracts were prepared and concluded with 55 APs (out of 57 APs) for the payment of compensations. Legitimization of title documents for land was required for 2 APs in Jumgal village.

32. In accordance with the LARP implementation schedule, in March 2020 the payment of losses for 55 APs (loss of non-land assets and businesses), with the exception of the costs of land plots, was completed.

⁵ https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/project-documents/48401/48401-007-smr-en_3.pdf

33. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic was unable to provide timely funding and payment of compensation for land plots to 16 APs (15 APs in Jumgal village and 1 AP in Tugol-Sai village). This became the reason for the division of the LARP implementation process into 2 stages. At the first stage, a compliance report of the LARP implementation was prepared for the Kyzart pass [km 111.4 - km 111.9] and Kuyruchuk [km 142.0 - km 144.0] sections. Payment of compensation for losses of APs in these sections was fully completed in March 2020. LARP Compliance report for these two sections was accepted/cleared by ADB and disclosed at ADB and IPIG websites in September 2020.⁶

34. Compensation payments for land acquisition in the remaining two sections as Jumgal village [122.0km – 132.0km] and Tugol-Sai village [149.0km– 150.1km], including two APs with legalized rights, have been completed in September 2020. The table below provides information on the LARP implementation status for a whole Section 2B as of September 30, 2020⁷⁸.

Table 7. LARP implementation status as of 30 September 2020

No.	LARP Section	Section's Length, km	AHs		Status of LARP implementation, payment of compensation
			Total	with land plots subject to compensation	
1	Kyzart Pass	0.5	4	0	Compensation payment is 100% completed.
2	Jumgal village	10.0	41	15	Compensation payment is 100% completed.
3	Kuyruchuk village	2.0	10	0	Compensation payment is 100% completed.
4	Tugol Say village	1.1	2	1	Compensation payment is 100% completed.
	Total	13.6	57	16	Compensation payment is 100% completed.

35. Currently, compliance report for a whole Section 2B, including remaining sections as Jumgal village [km 122+000 - km 132+000] and Tugol-Sai village [km 149+000 - km 150+100], is accepted/cleared by ADB and disclosed⁹¹⁰.

4. SOCIAL DUE DILIGENCE FOR RELOCATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

36. During the construction work related to the rehabilitation of the road, there is a need to relocate public utilities such as electricity poles (lighting) and water pipes. Most of these public utilities are included in the design of the project, but some of them can be identified and included at the project implementation stage.

37. The impact assessment for the relocation of public utilities are not covered by the LARP for the Connector Road Project, Section 2B. In this regard, during the reporting period Social due diligence (SDD)

⁶ https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/project-documents/48401/48401-007-smr-en_2.pdf

⁷ http://piumotc.kg/uploads/Safeguard%20policy/2%D0%92_section_Kyzart_Kuyruchuk_Compliance_Report.pdf

⁸ https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/project-documents/48401/48401-007-smr-en_2.pdf

⁹ http://piumotc.kg/uploads/Safeguard%20policy/2%D0%92_Compliance_Report_2021_01%2022%20fin_ENG.pdf

¹⁰ https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/project-documents/48401/48401-007-smr-en_4.pdf

for utility relocation was carried out. SDD report was prepared in October 2020, submitted and accepted/cleared by ADB¹¹. SDD report covers the utilities included in the design and detected during the road construction period. SDD for the utilities which can be identified in the future during the project implementation stage (if any) will be carried out before any relocation and will be included on an ongoing basis in the project quarterly progress reports and semi-annual social safeguards monitoring reports. There are no impacts in the sections already handed over to the contractor and the utility relocation will not be started in sections unless LARP and SDD are completed.

5. GRIEVANCE REDRESS MECHANISM

38. The Grievance Redress Mechanism for this Project was established during the preparation of the LARP. When the Project implementation started, the GRGs were re-activated at all levels and trained in tasks related to the LARP and the Project implementation.

39. For the effective operation of the GRM MOTR issued a new order on the GRM and updating the members of the GRG. The updated members of “Grievance Redress Group” was approved by Order No.43 dated February 12, 2020 by the Ministry of Transport and Roads of the Kyrgyz Republic.

40. During the reporting period in August 2020, a complaint was received from one affected person - the owner of a commercial pavilion in Jumgal village that she was excluded from the LARP list and she would not receive compensation, and also she is worried about the impact of vibration on the pavilion building. It should be noted that prior to the start of the implementation of the LARP, based on the results of the layout in the nature of the project, it was established that in fact this trade pavilion is located at a distance of 70 cm (centimeters) from the edge of the road construction line and will not be affected by the Project. A written notification about the exclusion of this object from the LARP list was delivered to the owner on 11 March 2020. Regarding this complaint, a repeated written notification has been given that the property of this affected person is not affected by the project. In addition, explanatory work was carried out with the applicant that: 1) In this section, construction work will be carried out without vibration; 2) before the start of construction work, commission inspection of buildings and structures along the route will be carried out to determine the actual state; 3) if, through the fault of the Contractor, her pavilion suffers, the Contractor will compensate for the damage caused; 4) so that she does not worry about this issue. The appeal was registered in the log and a response was prepared. The appeal has been closed.

Table 8. Grievance Log extract for the reporting period July - December 2020

1	26.08.2020	Sultanova Nurzhamal	Km127 + 600, Jumgal district, Jumgal v.	She complained that her commercial pavilion was excluded from the impact of the project and she did not receive compensation.	The notification No. 14-8/219 dated 09.03.2020 about N. Sultanova was delivered on 11.03.2020. A written response №14-6/530 dated 26.08.2020 was provided to the complaint that her object is not affected by the project.	09.09.2020
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¹¹ <https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/project-documents/48401/48401-007-sddr-en.pdf>

6. PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PARTICIPATION

41. In the process of LARP implementation, group and individual meetings were held with APs and other interested parties. The main purpose of these meetings is to provide the necessary information about the LARP implementation process and procedures. The photos taken during the meetings and individual consultations are given in the Annex 2.

42. In addition, in the process of preparing SDDR on relocation of public utilities, meetings and necessary consultations with local interested parties was conducted. The details of this meetings detailed described in the SDD report.

7. OTHER SOCIAL MONITORING ACTIVITIES

7.1 Activities taken within Site Specific Environmental Management Plan (SSEMP)

43. The Contractor has prepared the Site Specific Environmental Management Plan (SSEMP). One of the items in the Management Plan will be road safety trainings for all school children located along the Project road. The road safety trainings will be conducted in the period 2020-2021 academic year by the Contractor and supervised and reported on by Gentek and IPIG's resettlement/social specialists. Unfortunately, as a result of the situation related to COVID-19, it was not possible to carry out the above planned activities.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND NEXT STEPS

44. Based on the Project needs, the following recommendations on the social safeguards monitoring activities are planned:

- I. Conduct regular monitoring of the activities of the Contractor on the site - ongoing;
- II. Conduct consultations with all affected/displaced persons as needed ;
- III. Ensure a proper engagement of the local authorities' in the LAR activities - ongoing;
- IV. Ensure a LARP implementation completion with Compliance report approval by ADB to handover the remaining two LAR impacted sections to the Contractor as soon as possible;
- V. Revisit Project local authorities (ayil okmotu) and refresh recording and reporting procedure on grievances. If necessary, conducts another training on the GRM roles at the local level;
- VI. Make coordination between GRM focal points more effective (Gentek, Contractor, IPIG and ayil okmotu); regularly coordinate with all these focal points in order to address grievances in a timely and effective manner – ongoing;
- VII. Ensure social due diligence for all project activities, including relocation of public utilities and archeological sites excavation works (if any) before start of any civil works;
- VIII. Ensure regular monitoring on site and conduct the necessary information work with representatives of local authorities and residents. If necessary, prepare a Communication and Participation plan in order to provide regularly updated and reliable information on the ground on the start of construction works, LAR and other issues related to the implementation of the project;
- IX. Ensure the conduct necessary meetings and training/guidance for new Contractor as needed to ensure compliance with ADB SPS.

ANNEX 2: PHOTOMATERIALS FROM THE ACTIVITIES DURING REPORTING PERIOD



Discussions with representatives of local authorities, Gosregister and engineers



Clarification of objects and AP's, work with engineers, representatives of local authorities and Gosregister



Work with representatives of the Gosregister and local authorities



Meetings with APs and members of local communities



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ACRONYMS

ADB	—	Asian Development Bank
EM	—	External Monitoring
GRG	—	Grievance Redress Group
IPIG	—	Investment Project Implementation Group
SA KADASTR	—	State Agency KADASTR. (Former State Registration Agency)
DMS	—	Detailed Measurement Survey
SPS ADB	—	ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement 2009
PBM	—	Performance Based Management
AH	—	Affected Household
GRM	—	Grievance Redress Mechanism
MoTC	—	Ministry of Transport and Communications
SDDR	—	Social Due Diligence Report
AP	—	Affected Persons
LARP	—	Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan
LAR	—	Land Acquisition and Resettlement
IEE	—	Initial Environmental Examination
CAREC	—	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation

1. PROJECT BACKGROUND

1. The Government of the Kyrgyz Republic has requested the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to identify, formulate and prepare a follow-up loan and / or grant for the rehabilitation of the CAREC Corridors 1 and 3 connection road. The entire corridor will be funded by different funding agencies.

2. The proposed Project will improve the following socio-economic indicators across the regions of the Kyrgyz Republic:

- Reducing the cost of passenger and freight traffic between South and Issyk-Kul and Naryn oblasts by providing direct access;
- Reducing transport costs by reducing routes and improving road conditions;
- Increased scope of local and international traffic and movement;
- Providing local residents with additional income opportunities;
- Creation of new job opportunities;
- Good condition of vehicles / reduced operating costs.

3. To facilitate project design and financing from international banking institutions, the CAREC Corridor 1 and 3 interconnection road has been divided into five (5) sections.

Table 1. Sections of CAREC Corridors 1 and 3 Connecting Road

Sections	Length of section	Funding source
Section 1	Balykchi - 43 km (km 0 - km 43), approximately 43 km	ADB
Section 2A	Kochkor - Epkin (km 64 - km 89), approximately 25 km.	ADB
Section 2B	Epkin - Bashkuugandy (km 89.5 - km 159.2), approximately 69.7 km.	ADB
Section 2C	Bashkuugandy - Kyzyl-Zhyldyz (km 159.2 - km 183), approximately 23.8 km, where a Bypass Road is being envisioned to avoid the village of Chaek and part of Kyzyl-Zyldyz.	IsDB
Section 3	Aral - Too-Ashuu (km 195 - km 286), approximately 91 km.	Source is not identified

4. As an initial part of possible financial assistance, ADB engaged KOCKs Consult GmbH, Germany, to prepare a Feasibility Study and Preliminary Design for Sections 1, 2A, and 2B. The consultancy scope also included Initial Environmental Examination (IEE); and social and poverty analysis and impact assessments, in accordance with ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (SPS) 2009. Then, Japan Overseas Consultants was hired to finalize preliminary IEE and Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan (LARP).

With reference to the Contract Agreement for Consultancy Services for the engagement, one of the main tasks of the Japan Overseas Consultants was to update/upgrade the draft LARP in Feasibility Stage to the ready implementation LARP in accordance with Detailed Design for the project in accordance with the requirements of the Kyrgyz Republic legislations and ADB's SPS. After completion of the LARP, IEE and detailed design, the company, with Roughton International Ltd.

and sub-consultants RAM Engineering Associates LLC has been appointed on 4 March 2020 as Supervision engineer for this CAREC Corridors 1 and 3 Connector Road - Additional Financing: Phase 2 (Section 1 and Section 2A, Balykchi (Km 0) to kilometer-post 43 (Km 43), and Kochkor (Km 64) to Epkin (Km 89), in total approximately 68 km.

5. Section 1, 43km in length, traverses the Balykchy City and Ton Rayon in Issyk-Kul oblast and Kochkor Rayon in Naryn Oblast. Rehabilitation of Section 1 will be on existing right of way (ROW) and there will be no Land Acquisition and Resettlement (LAR). Section 1 consists of three distinct subsections with typical landscapes (see Figure 1):

- (i) Urban subsection (km0-km3). This subsection is within the Balykchy City. Rehabilitation of this subsection will not affect any private land and non-land asset except some public facilities of the railway sector at km 1.2. The affected public facilities will be restored by the contractor with costs under civil works.
- (ii) Rural subsection (km3-km14). This subsection traverses two rural settlements with no LAR impact. As indicated in Figure 1, existing structures, trees and crops along this subsection are at safety distance from the ROW.
- (iii) Uninhabited/arid subsection (km14-km43). There are neither settlements nor private assets next to the ROW of this subsection.

6. Section 2A, 27km in length, is within Kochkor Basin of Naryn Oblast with flat land terrain. This section traverses 3 settlements where 29 households will lose residential land or use of municipal land; while a 700m new alignment at the beginning of this section will need to acquire agricultural land plots from 10 households of Tendik village.

7. Information about the characteristics of the project road:

- Number of lanes: 2 (inter-city standard)
- Lane width: 3,5-3,75 m.
- Carriageway width: 7,00-7,50 m.
- Total road width: 15.00 m

8. In settlements, the road is increased to a 4-lane configuration with pedestrian walkways.

9. Roughton International Ltd. and sub-consultant RAM Engineering Associates LLC are appointed as Construction Supervision Consultants (CSC).

10. The construction, repair and rehabilitation contract is awarded to JV Sinohydro Corporation Ltd - Power China Road Bridge Group Co.

The work and services provided by the Contractor under the Contract consist of two main parts:

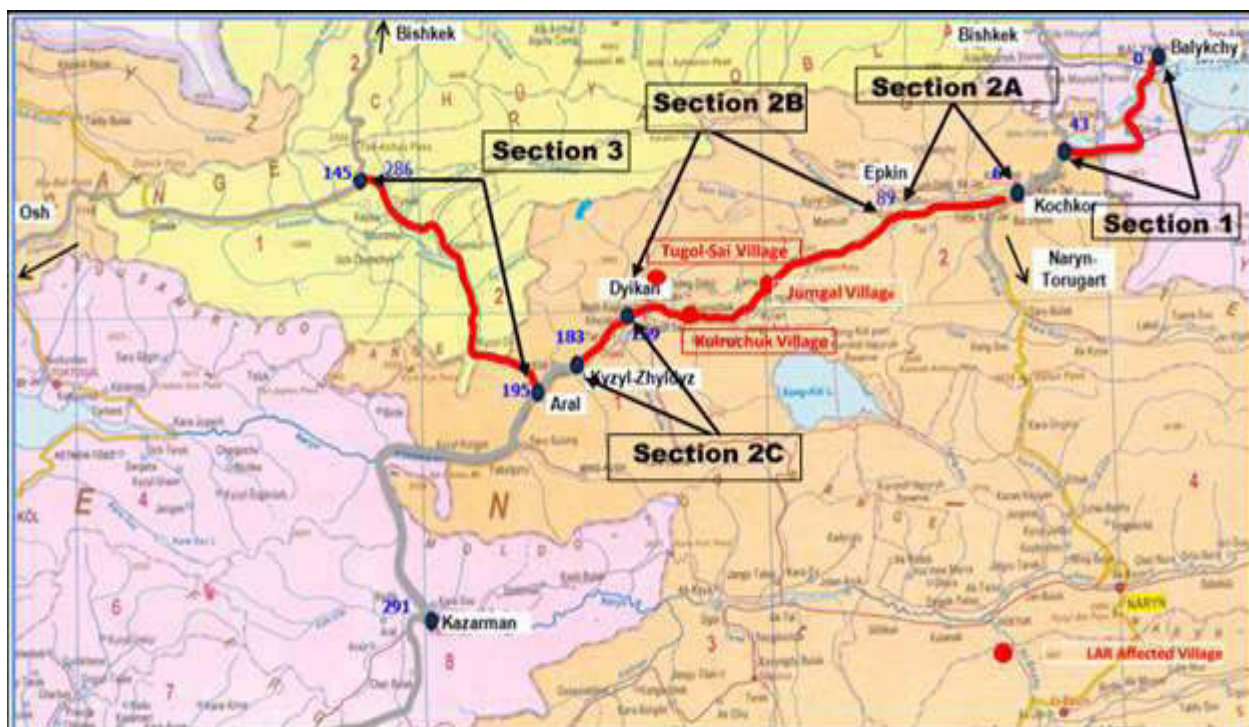
- Part A - Rehabilitation works for an estimated contract duration of 2 years with a 36-month defect notification period (defect period);
- Part B - Maintenance (PBM) of the rehabilitated road on a performance basis for the duration of the Contract, which is 5 years. As stated above, the defect period and PBM will begin simultaneously and continue for the first three years.

11. The details of the proposed works on road Section under the project are:

- Rehabilitate and pave the project road to Technical Category II according to Kyrgyzstan National Standard with Geometrical and Structural Requirements with design speed of 95 km/hr. design speed outside the settlement areas and 60 km/h within the villages.
- Rehabilitation, repair and/or replacement of bridges and culverts.
- Construction of side drains and other drainage structures.
- Provision of retaining walls and river protection measures, where necessary.
- Provision of adequate road signing and marking.
- Provision of safety barriers.

12. The draft LARP was prepared in 2018 in accordance with the detailed design of the Project. The LARP for Section 1 and 2A approved by ADB and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Figure 1. Section Location Map



2. SOCIAL SAFEGUARD MONITORING

2.1 Scope and Objectives of Monitoring

13. To ensure the smooth implementation of the Project in accordance with the safeguards requirements established for the Project, social safeguards monitoring is carried out by IPIG and the Supervision Consultant to ensure (i) that the Contractor adheres to the provisions of the Tender Documentation that construction works on land acquisition and resettlement (LARs) could not be initiated prior to the implementation of the LARP, and ADB did not object to the commencement of construction work and (ii) the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) is operational and grievances, if any, are dealt with in a timely and efficient manner.

14. Also throughout the project, IPIG and Supervision Consultant specialists should ensure: (a) Regular oversight of the project's grievance system and report to MOTC KR and ADB of any project-related issues, inquiries, and grievances filed by APs, local authorities and other concerned parties; (b) provide assistance to MOTC in resolving LAR-related complaints throughout the project implementation period; (c) In the event of an unforeseen impact of the LAR, facilitate the necessary survey, consultation and preparation of the LAR (as a supplementary document); and obtain all necessary permits, legal opinions and agreements; (d) monitor the Contractor's adherence to and implementation of the necessary actions in relation to HIV / AIDS, human trafficking and basic labor standards in accordance with contract documents, such as awareness and training of workers and employees; and (e) ensure that the contractor does not employ child or forced labor in construction contracts in accordance with the terms of the contract.

15. Internal monitoring of the implementation of the LARP is carried out by the Investment Projects Implementation Group (IPIG), since in accordance with the SPS ADB 2009 and Operational Manual (OM) F1, the project has been assigned category “B”. Monitoring is vital to ensure effective implementation of the LARP, identify unforeseen land acquisition impacts, resettlement activities, and take appropriate action in a timely manner.

2.2 Internal Monitoring of LARP Implementation

16. The IPIG is responsible for internal monitoring. The main purpose of internal monitoring is to track the LARP implementation process, such as the compensation process, the grievance mechanism and the effectiveness of the LARP implementation procedure. Internal monitoring indicators related to the LARP implementation processes will be collected by the IPIG / Supervision Consultant and used to assess progress and results of the LARP implementation and to adjust the work program if necessary.

17. Internal monitoring is being performed routinely by the IPIG, both directly and with the support of social/resettlement specialists hired by the supervision consultant for the LARP implementation. The results will be reported to ADB through the Semiannual Social Monitoring Reports. Indicators for the internal monitoring will be those related to the LARP implementation processes, immediate outputs and results which allow for the assessment of the progress and results of LARP implementation, and the adjustment of the work program, if necessary. Specific monitoring targets will be to verify/check:

- the number of AHs with legal ownership;
- the number of AHs with legalizable land and assets;
- the number of AHs without legal or legalizable status;
- the affected/remaining part of the land;
- affected buildings, structures, businesses;
- loss of income and employment;
- allowances for severity and vulnerability;
- full compensation paid on time;
- relocation of movable businesses;
- the GRM Logbook entries;
- number, nature and substance of complains;
- number of grievances resolved at the project level;
- number of grievances forwarded/resolved at other grievance resolution levels.
- the number, type of consultations with APs/host communities and other relevant stakeholders held.

18. The above information will be collected by the IPIG/Supervision Consultant which is responsible for monitoring the day-to-day resettlement activities of the Project through one or more of the following instruments:

- review of census information for all AHs;
- consultation and informal interviews with APs;
- sample survey of AHs;
- focus group discussions;
- community consultation meetings.

3. LARP IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

3.1. Project Sections Summaries

19. To facilitate effective LARP implementation and the commencement of physical works, the Project road was divided into five Sections, which do not involve any resettlement, and four Sections, which involve involuntary resettlement, and is currently under LARP implementation.

Table 1. Sections with LAR impact and free of LAR impacts

Subsection	Mileage		Length (km)	LAR impact
	Start	End		
Section 1				
1	0+000	43+000	43,000	Free section
Итого			43,000	
Section 2A				
1	62+400	63+500	1,100	4,800 km LAR impacted subsections
3	65+500	66+700	1,200	
5	70+700	71+400	0,700	
7	86+000	87+800	1,800	
2	63+500	65+500	2,000	22,300 km free subsections
4	66+700	70+700	4,000	
6	71+400	86+000	14,600	
8	87+800	89+500	1,700	
Total			27,100	

20. The Order on commencement of civil work on the impact free sections (free sections) was issued on 22 June 2020 by the Ministry of Transport and Roads of the Kyrgyz Republic. However, for the reasons related to Covid-19 restrictions in fact civil works on the impact free sections can't started on time.

21. Prior to taking possession of any land or assets, including handover to a contractor, a LARP implementation report (compliance report) shall be submitted to ADB for approval, certifying that the LARP has been fully implemented in accordance with all the principles and provisions of ADB's SPS 2009 and Kyrgyz Republic laws and regulations. Grievances or objections (if any), will be redressed as per the grievance redress procedure adopted in the LARP. All activities related to LAR will be completed prior to the contractor's possession of acquired land and commencement of civil works at a particular road Section.

22. The LARP for Section 2A Kochkor - Epkin of the CAREC Corridor 1 and 3 Connecting Road (km 62.4 - km 89.5) was approved by ADB and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, Government Order No. 30-r dated February 18, 2021 (Annex 1).

23. Under the contract with the Contractor, the impact sections will be handover to the Contractor upon completion of all payments and ADB's approval of the Compliance Report.

3.2. Summary of LARP

24. Table 3 summaries the 4 segments with LAR impact. LAR impacts at these four subsections last for about 4.8 km, accounting for 18% of the whole Section 2A of 27.1km. LAR impact at the four subsections are as follows:

- (i) New alignment subsection of 1,100m. The new alignment of 1100m (km 62.4 to km 63.5) will need to acquire 24,453m² of agricultural land from 10 households of Tendik village.
- (ii) Settlement area of Kok-Zhar village of 1,200m in length (km 65.5 to km 66.7). The project will cause 5 households to lose residential land and associated fences and trees.
- (iii) Settlement area of Chekildek village of 700m in length (km 70.7 to km 71.4). Similarly, the project will cause 5 households to lose residential land and associated fences and trees.
- (iv) Settlement area of Epkin village of 1,800m in length (km 86.0 to km 87.8). The project will cause 19 households to lose residential land and associated non-land assets, including an abandoned and yet in-completed building (pavilion).

Table 3. Segments with LAR impacts in accordance with the prepared LARP

Subsection	Km. Section		Length (m)	LAR impact
	Beginning	End		
New road	62+400	63+500	1100	HHs losing farmland agricultural land in Tendik village (suburb (Kochkor)
Kok-Zhar	65+500	66+700	1200	5 AHs lose walls and trees on land used as residential
Chekildek	70+700	71+400	700	5 AHs lose walls and trees on land used as residential
Epkin	86+000	87+800	1800	19 5 AHs lose walls and trees on land used as residential, including AH, which lose the unfinished building
Total			4800	39 AHs

25. The final LARP for Section 1 and 2a prepared in 2018 determined a total affect 248 persons from 39 households without double counting, including 12 severely affected households (67 persons). Among the 39 affected households, 16 are vulnerable

26. In accordance with the LARP, the acquisition of land in the villages of Tendik, Kok-Zhar, Chekildek, and Epkin in the amount of 24'959.4 m², including 21'453.0 m² of agricultural land and 3'506.4 m² of residential land, respectively, and affects 39 households. The land acquisition has a significant impact on the 12 affected households, including 7 HHs and 5 HHs, losing more than 10% of their agricultural and residential land, respectively. 26 AHs lose various types of land fences with a total are AHs lose 313 non-bearing trees.

27. The area of the affected municipal land is 46.0 m² and it was used as part of the land plot assigned to the Kok-Jar aiyl okmotu building. The fences of the aiyl okmotu area and affected trees will be restored by the Contractor at the cost of construction works. Municipal land is not subject to compensation.

28. Taking into account the situation with the country's budget during the preparatory activities for the implementation of the LARP, the engineers and relevant specialists of the Supervision Consultant and the Contractor take measures to minimize the impact of the project. Engineers, surveyors, and resettlement specialists suggested additional measures that have been taken to adjust the detailed design to minimize the impact on households.

3.3. LARP implementation Preparatory activities

29. Preparatory activities for the implementation of the LARP included the following:

- clarification (verification) of objects,
- minimizing the impact due to proposed design changes,
- updating the assessment report,
- viewing, collection of necessary and missing documents,
- holding public consultations and meetings,
- preparation of contracts and opening bank accounts, as well as
- other actions for the successful implementation of the LARP.

30. In order to facilitate smooth implementation of land acquisition and resettlement process for the Project, LARP implementation Action Plan has been devised for the Project detailing the key steps and milestones throughout the process. The following steps has been proposed and implemented under the LARP implementation Action Plan.

Table 2. LARP Implementation Action Plan.

Key Steps	Status as of 30 Dec 2020
Step 1: The LARP is approved by the ADB and the Kyrgyz Government, endorsed by the issuance of the Governmental Ordinance and disclosed on the IPIG and ADB websites.	The approved LARP is disclosed on the ADB website. The order of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic is expected.
Step 2: IPIG and Ministry of Finance develop compensation payment mechanisms	<u>In the process</u>
Step 3: IPIG activates and maintains a functional Grievance Redress Mechanism throughout the Project implementation period.	<u>Completed (Q3 2018). Updated (1Q 2020).</u> The GRM has been established and is operating in the Project area. Complaints upon admission will be logged and reviewed.
Step 4: The LAR-Commission was established and functioning during the preparation of the final LARP to confirm the list of displaced persons and affected assets and during LARP implementation to assist IPIG team.	<u>Completed (Q3 2018).</u> The LAR-Commission established and confirmed the list of APs and their affected assets. In connection with the measures to minimize the impact, an update of the assessment report was prepared. Completed in Q2 2021.
Step 5: IPIG lawyer to prepare individual agreements on land and assets acquisition.	<u>In process</u>
Step 6: AP documents were checked and bank accounts were issued. Signing of the contracts and	<u>In process</u>

Key Steps	Status as of 30 Dec 2020
agreements with APs and disbursement of compensation.	
<p>Step 7: Prior to taking possession of any land or assets, including handover to a contractor, a LARP implementation report (compliance report) shall be submitted to ADB for approval, certifying that the LARP has been fully implemented in accordance with all the principles and provisions of ADB's SPS 2009 and the</p> <p>Kyrgyz Republic laws and regulations. Grievances or objections (if any), will be redressed as per the grievance redress procedure adopted in this LARP. All activities related to LAR will be completed prior to the contractor's possession of acquired land and commencement of civil works at a particular road Section. Under the Contractor's contract, the LAR impact areas will be transferred to the Contractor upon completion of all payments and ADB approval of the Compliance Report.</p>	<u>Expected</u>

31. During the reporting period (January-June 2021), the Consultant's specialists carried out work to minimize the impact of the project and worked out options for technical solutions to bypass the project impact objects and exclude them from the LARP.

32. During the reporting period, together with the surveyors of the Supervision Consultant and the Contractor, visits were made to Section 2A Kochkor - Epkin (km 62 + 400 - km 89 + 500) to clarify the impact on household assets in accordance with the proposed amendments to minimize the project impact based on prepared plans.

33. In the villages of Kok-Zhar, Chekildek and Epkin, in order to avoid impact on land plots, it was decided to design combined sidewalks with a width of 1.0-1.5 m.

34. Together with a specialist in social guarantees and a specialist of the GU KADASTR of the Kochkor region, in June 2021, the design marks and registration data were reconciled.

35. The audit revealed some false information about the state registration of real estate of households in Section 2A. Therefore, preparatory work for the commencement of payments of compensation from the project impact was completed only by the end of June 2021. Based on the verified information, a short report was prepared on updating the assessment of losses of the AP in section 2A.

36. Based on the previous AP loss assessment report, a LARP was prepared for Sections 1 and 2A. On section 1 (Balykchy-Kochkor), resettlement was initially excluded. On Section 2A (Kochkor-Epkin) in the LARP, 39 households were affected by resettlement. Including 10 HHs in Tendik village, 7 HHs in Kok-Zhar village, 3 HHs in Chekildek village, and 19 HHs in Epkin village.

37. The technical training to minimize the project impact in June 2021 was completed. For each affected household along the road of Section 2A, project impact plans have been prepared, specifying the area of the affected land.

38. For the current period, after measures to minimize the impact of the project, the number of project-affected households has been reduced to 31. Including, 10 HHs in Tendik village, 7 HHs in Kok-Zhar village, 2 HHs in Chekildek village and 12 HHs in Epkin village.

39. The amount of compensation after minimizing the impact of the project is determined in the amount of 3'641'736 soms, including the total cost of land plots 1'284'318 soms and other losses and charges amount to 2'357'418 soms. More details in the table below.

Table 3. Amount of compensation after minimizing project impact

Item name	Number.	Area	Cost
		m2	soms
Cost of losses for the lost agricultural land plots	10	21'488,00	902'495
Cost of losses for the loss of residential land	3	449,10	188'622
Cost of losses for the loss of commercial land	4	357,78	193'201
Cost of losses for the loss of residential buildings	0	0	0
Cost of losses for the loss of non-residential buildings	1	63,6	171'481
Cost of losses for loss of fences	18	1'071,35	434'286
Cost of losses for loss of green space	312		235'840
Other assets			0
Costs of documents re/registration	17		244'850
The cost of crop losses			601'665
Cost of losses for loss of business			0
Special assistance for severely affected	7		524'684
Special assistance to vulnerable households	13		144'612
Total			3'641'736

40. In accordance with the amendments to the Action Plan, it is planned to complete the implementation of the LARP on July 31, 2021.

4. SOCIAL DUE DILIGENCE ACTIVITIES FOR RELOCATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

41. During the construction work related to the rehabilitation of the road, there is a need to relocate public utilities such as electricity poles (lighting) and water pipes. Most of these public utilities are included in the design of the project, but some of them can be identified and included at the project implementation stage.

42. The impact assessment for the relocation of public utilities are not covered by the LARP for the Connector Road Project, Section 1 and 2a. In this regard, it was necessary to conduct SDD for engineering utilities, which can be determined in the future at the stage of project implementation.

43. In Section 2A, the project envisages several intersections of power lines, one intersection of the water supply line and one intersection of the communication line is expected. No project impacts are expected at these intersections. All construction work will be carried out within the existing boundaries (no displacement) and on municipal land plots.

44. Also on Section 2A, the project provides for the installation (rearrangement) of higher supports with an increase in size of more than 7 m and the installation of new lighting lamps in the residential areas. The length of the projected lines: overhead line 10 kV - 0.430 km; overhead line 0,4 kV - 2.056 km; installation of new lighting lamps - 4.715 km

45. All construction work will also be carried out within the existing boundaries (no displacement) and on municipal land plots.

46. On one section (km 69 + 090 to km 69 + 330), according to the initial project, the project provided for a change in the turning radius of the road and 4 power line poles located along the road had to be relocated at a distance of 6-8 meters. Along the road on this section, there are lands of the State Fund of Agricultural Lands (SFAL), which are leased and processed by farmers.
47. For the survey on the site the specialists of the Consultant and Contractor, the Local Administration and the District Power Network Agency had a joint visit to the site.
48. Several options were considered for changing the places of power pole relocation. All specialists agreed on the most optimal solution to relocate the power transmission poles on the right side of the road (northern side) behind the existing irrigation flume. The relief of the terrain allows the installation of power poles without additional impacts and there are access roads.
49. On the basis of the decision made, the Contractor submitted the official letter to the district power network agency to agree on changes to the project and a new location of the relocating power lines poles. For the current period, the management of the power network agency has already prepared an updated plan for power lines poles in this section.
50. Replacement and transfer of existing electrical power line poles to new ones will be carried out within the state land borders in compliance with the above requirements.
51. Installation of lighting poles in populated areas will be carried out within the right-of-way at the edge of the roadside shoulder.
52. SDDR prepared in April-May 2021 and approved by ADB in June.
53. There is no impact on the sites already transferred to the contractor and the relocation of utilities on the sites will not begin until the LARP is completed.
54. During the implementation of the project for the relocation of utilities, the following types of work are envisaged: drinking water pipelines, electric poles (lighting), and irrigation infrastructure.
55. Subcontractors who have the necessary licenses and permits in accordance with the requirements and legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic will carry out the relocation of drinking water pipelines and power supply poles (lighting).
56. Social monitoring will be carried out prior to any relocation of utilities, and information will be included on an ongoing basis in quarterly project progress reports and semi-annual social safeguard monitoring reports.
57. Construction works on Section 1 (Balykchy-Kochkor) have been ongoing since the spring of 2021 within the municipal land right of way for the construction of the highway. Monitoring has not established any impacts on household property.
58. In Section 2A, where the impact of the project on households is determined (subsections 1, 3, 5 and 7 - total 4,800 km under the influence of the LAR), the Contractor cannot start construction work until the LARP implementation process is completed.

5. GRIEVANCE REDRESS MECHANISM

59. The Grievance Redress Mechanism for this Project was established during the preparation of the LARP. When the Project implementation started, the GRGs were re-activated at all levels and trained in tasks related to the LARP and the Project implementation
60. For the effective operation of the GRM, MoTC has issued a new order on the GRG and renewal of the members of the GRG. The updated group members of GRG were approved by Order No. 43 of February 12, 2020 by the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic.

61. During the preparation period for the implementation of the LARP, residents of Tendik, Kok-Zhar, Chekildek and Epkin villages and representatives of project-affected households were additionally informed about their rights and the mechanism for handling applications and complaints. Photo in Annex 2.

62. During the reporting period, no complaints or appeals were received.

6. PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS AND PARTICIPATION

63. In preparation for the implementation of the LARP, meetings were held with residents of the villages of Tendik, Kok-Zhar, Chekildek and Epkin. Representatives of the project-affected households were additionally informed about the procedure for calculating and paying compensations, their rights, and the mechanism for considering appeals and complaints. Photo in Annex 2.

64. In addition, work was carried out to collect and update information about the owners of the facilities affected by the project and the documents of title. There are cases of change of ownership and transfer of property by inheritance.

65. The information on the passport data of the heads of households has also been updated.

66. Before the start of the LARP implementation process, group and individual meetings with APs and other concerned parties will be held. The main purpose of these meetings is to provide the necessary information on the process and implementation of the LARP.

67. Also, in the process of preparing the SDDR on the transfer of engineering communications, meetings and consultations were held with representatives of local government and other stakeholders.

7. OTHER SOCIAL MONITORING ACTIVITIES

7.1 Activities taken within Site Specific Environmental Management Plan (SSEMP)

68. The Contractor has prepared the Site Specific Environmental Management Plan (SSEMP). One of the items in the Management Plan will be road safety trainings for all school children located along the Project road. The road safety trainings will be conducted in the period 2020-2021 academic year by the Contractor and supervised and reported on by Roughton and IPIG's resettlement/social specialists.

7.2 Contractor's staff

69. In accordance with the terms of the contract, the Contractor employs 60% of the managerial / engineering staff from among foreign citizens and 40% of representatives of the local population with the appropriate qualifications. Regarding the working staff, then 20% may be foreign citizens and 80% of the local population.

70. Information on employment is distributed to local authorities and other available channels of information dissemination.

Table 6. Number of Contractor's staff

Year	Total number of Contractor staff	Number of foreign workers	Number of local workers
2020	9	4	5

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND NEXT ACTIVITIES

71. Based on the Project needs, the following recommendations on the social safeguards monitoring activities are proposed:

- (i). Ensure a proper planning and carrying out of LARP implementation activities including the opening of bank current accounts, preparation of contracts for the purchase of land plots, and payment of compensation.
- (ii). Address to Project local authorities (ayil okmotu) and refresh recording and reporting procedure on grievances. If necessary, conducts another training on the GRM roles at the local level;
- (iii). Improving the efficiency of coordination between GRM coordinators (Consultant, Contractor, IPIG and ayil okmotu); coordinate regularly with all of these focal points to deal with grievances in a timely and effective manner - constantly
- (iv). Conduct regular monitoring of the Contractor's activities at the site – constantly.

ANNEX 1. Order of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, February 18, 2021 No. 30-r

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2021-жылдын 18-февралы, № 30-р

2018-жылдын 28-декабрында Бишкек шаарында кол коюлган Кыргыз Республикасы менен Азия өнүктүрүү банкынын ортосундагы Зайым берүү жөнүндө макулдашууну (Стандарттык операциялар жепиладетилген шарттарда) (Фактирүүчү жолдун долбоору, БАРЭК 1 жана 3 коридорлору, Фаза 2 – Кошумча кармалоо) аткаруу максатында:

1. Бириктирүүчү жолдун долбоору, БАРЭК 1 жана 3 коридорлору, Фаза 2 – Кошумча кармалоо боюнча расмий тилде тиркектен Жерди алуу коюу жана көчүрүү планы көңүлгө алынып.

2. Кыргыз Республикасынын Транспорт, архитектура, курулуш жана коммуникациялар министрлиги Көчүрүү планына ылайык мүлкү жана/же киреше булактары Долбоордун таасирине кабылган жактарга төмөнкүлөрдүн эсебинен акчалай компенсация төлөп берүүнү камсыз кылынат:

- көчүрүү үчүн арналган чыгымдарга жогоруда аталган Макулдашууда каралган гранттык каражаттардын;
- Кыргыз Республикасынын Транспорт, архитектура, курулуш жана коммуникациялар министрлигинин каражаттарынын.

Премьер-министр



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от 18 февраля 2021 года № 30-р

В целях выполнения Соглашения о предоставлении займа (Стандартные операции на льготных условиях) (Проект соединительной дороги, коридоры ЦАРЭС 1 и 3, Фаза 2 – Дополнительное финансирование) между Кыргызской Республикой и Азиатским банком развития, подписанного 28 декабря 2018 года в городе Бишкек:

1. Принять к сведению прилагаемый на официальном языке План изъятия земли и переселения по Проекту соединительной дороги, коридоры ЦАРЭС 1 и 3, Фаза 2 – Дополнительное финансирование.

2. Министерству транспорта, архитектуры, строительства и коммуникаций Кыргызской Республики обеспечить выплату денежной компенсации лицам, имущество и/или источники доходов которых подпадают под воздействие Проекта, согласно Плану, за счет:

- грантовых средств, предусмотренных вышеуказанным Соглашением на расходы, предназначенные для переселения;
- средств Министерства транспорта, архитектуры, строительства и коммуникаций Кыргызской Республики Кыргызской Республики.

Премьер-министр



У.А.Марипов

ANNEX 2. Photos

Fieldwork in the section of relocation of power line poles
km 69+090 to km 69+330



Fieldwork to clarify the project impact boundaries

