



# Social Monitoring Report

Project Number: 50050-003  
July 2020

Social and Resettlement External Monitoring Report No.2

## People's Republic of China: Guangxi Regional Cooperation and Integration Promotion Investment Program – Tranche 1

Prepared by Guangxi Project Management Office for the Asian Development Bank

This social monitoring report is a document of the borrower. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent those of ADB's Board of Directors, Management, or staff, and may be preliminary in nature.

In preparing any country program or strategy, financing any project, or by making any designation of or reference to a particular territory or geographic area in this document, the Asian Development Bank does not intend to make any judgments as to the legal or other status of any territory or area.

**Asian Development Bank**

**Asian Development Bank**

**Guangxi Regional Cooperation and Integration  
Promotion Investment Program - Tranche 1**

( Loan Number: 3501/3508 )

**Social and Resettlement External  
Monitoring Report**

**No.2**

July 2020

# Contents

<b>I. Project Overview .....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>II. Construction Progress .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>III. Resettlement progress and evaluation .....</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>IV. Findings and Suggestions .....</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Appendix: .....</b>	<b>9</b>

## **I. Project Overview**

Guangxi Regional Cooperation and Integration Promotion Investment Program will promote the implementation of the regional cooperation development strategy and action plan between Guangxi of China and ASEAN countries by focusing on the development of the North-South economic corridor under GMS. The investment scope of the project covers: (i) Fangchenggang City and county-level Dongxing City; (ii) Chongzuo City, county-level Pingxiang City, and Daxing County; (iii) Baise City, border Longbang Town, Yuexu Town of Jingxi; (iv) Qinzhou City. The project has 10 subprojects:

Subproject 1. Fangchenggang Training Center for PRC and Vietnamese Workers in Fangchenggang Polytech Vocational School The construction contents include: automobile training building, electromechanical training building, trade training building and the supporting facilities.

Subproject 2: Development of Pingxiang Cross-border Labor Cooperation Demonstration Park. The construction contents include: entrepreneurship and employment skills exchange center, business center, training base, canteen and dormitory, etc.

Subproject 3: Improvement of Training for PRC and Vietnamese Workers and Local SMEs. Provide with the training designs and training courses for PRC and Vietnamese workers and local SMEs in the border cities of Fangchenggang, Chongzuo and Baise etc.

Subproject 4: Expansion of SME Financing in Guangxi. Cooperate with financial Intermediaries to provide financing to SMEs in the border cities of Guangxi (especially Fangchenggang, Chongzuo, Baise, etc.) through on-lending process.

Subproject 5: Development of Smart Port for Longbang Border

Economic Zone. Provide cross-border trading logistics and information services in Longbang Cross-border Economic Cooperation Zone, including China-Vietnam vehicle joint inspection, customs clearance, sanitary inspection and quarantine, international multimodal transport, global supply chain management, cross-border order management etc.

Subproject 6: Expansion of Pingxiang Border Trade Service Center. This subproject has been implemented by domestic funds, and so the loan savings will be re-allocated to the additional new components.

Subproject 7: This subproject was canceled, and replaced by a new component of Improving Innovation Capacities of Guangxi Border Area.

Subproject 8: Project Advisory Study on Improving Cross-border Financial and Investment Services including Feasibility Study on Guarantees for Noncommercial Risks.

Subproject 9: Advisory Study on Services for Guangxi Commercial Development, including analyzing the needs of SMEs in border areas for business development services, evaluating the capabilities of SME service center, and formulating strategies and action plans for improving business development services, and accordingly on the basis of the study results to make preparation for the components of commercial development services under Tranche 2.

Subproject 10: Project Management and Capacity Building, including providing the support of project management and capacity building for the EA and IAs.

In this Project, only Subproject 1 and Subproject 2 have resettlement activities, while other subprojects have no resettlement impacts.

In February 2019, Guangxi PMO recruited the resettlement monitoring agency (for invulnerable resettlement and social safeguard) to carry out the external monitoring of the resettlement activities and social

safeguard. Because the land acquisition activities were started in the second half 2019, and so the monitoring was started from the second half 2019. This report is the No.2 external monitoring report, covering the resettlement activities of the subprojects under Tranche 1 during the period from January 1 to June 30, 2020.

## **II. Construction Progress**

Due to the impacts of the global COVID-19 epidemic, the construction activities of the project were re-started till April, 2020. As of the cut-off day of this reporting period (June 30, 2020) , compared with the last reporting period, there were no substantial changes in the construction progress.

### **Subproject 1. Fangchenggang Training Center for PRC and Vietnamese Workers and SMEs in Fangchenggang Polytech Vocational School**

As of June 30, 2020, construction of No. 3, 4 and 5 dormitory buildings and the training building had been started, and the accumulative disbursement was up to 69.03%.

### **Subproject 2: Development of Pingxiang Cross-border Labor Cooperation Demonstration Park**

As of June 30, 2020, the construction was undergoing, and the accumulative disbursement was up to 82.49%.

### **Subproject 3: Improvement of Training for PRC and Vietnamese Workers and Local SMEs**

As of June 30, 2020, the bidding process was underway.

### **Subproject 4: Expansion of SME Financing in Guangxi**

As of June 30, 2020, totally 8 SMEs had been approved with the loan.

### **Subproject 5: Development of Smart Port for Longbang Border Economic Zone**

As of June 30, 2020, the bidding process was underway.

### **Subproject 6: Expansion of Pingxiang Border Trade Service Center**

This subproject has been implemented by domestic funds, and so the savings of the loan allocation thereof will be re-allocated to other new components.

**Subproject 7: Project Advisory Support for Exploring PPP Opportunities for Improving Border Services**

This subproject was canceled and replaced by a new component of Improving Innovation Capacities of Guangxi Border Area. As of June 30, 2020, the bidding process had been completed.

**Subproject 8: Project Advisory Support on Improving Cross-border Financial and Investment Services including Guarantees for Noncommercial Risks**

As of June 30, 2020, the bidding process was underway.

**Subproject 9: Strengthening Business Development Services in Guangxi**

As of June 30, 2020, the bidding process was underway.

### **III. Resettlement Progress and Evaluation**

As of June 30, 2020, the construction activities of Subproject 1 and Subproject 2 were undergoing. There were no additional land acquisitions.

The social and gender monitoring table prepared for the two subprojects in Pingxiang and Fangchenggang cities in the last monitoring report is now under monitoring, and the monitoring results are shown in Appendix 1. Subproject 3 is now under the process of bidding, and the gender and social issues during training for the workers both of PRC and Vietnam will be addressed in the next monitoring report.

## **IV. Findings and Suggestions**

### **Findings:**

The construction components under Tranche 1 are undergoing. However, due to the impacts of the COVID-19 epidemic, compared with the last reporting period, the progress in this reporting period was slow.

1. In this project, only Subproject 1 ( Fangchenggang Training Center for PRC and Vietnamese Workers in Fangchenggang Polytech Vocational School) and Subproject 2 (Development of Pingxiang Cross-border Labor Cooperation Demonstration Park) have land acquisition and house demolition which however were completed before signing the Project Agreement. There are no additional resettlement activities in this reporting period.
2. Subproject 3 (Improvement of Training for PRC and Vietnamese Workers and Local SMEs) which has social and gender impacts is now under the bidding process.
3. The internal monitoring mechanism is being gradually established. The progress report for the first half of 2020 is in preparation, being delayed compared to the schedule.
4. As for the Output 2 (Strengthening the capacity building for community development and regional cooperation), except for encouraging and promoting local residents to participate in cross-border trading activities, other activities have not been started.

### **Suggestions:**

1. The PMO and the relevant implementing agencies should continue to address the social and gender-related issues during the project implementation.
2. The PMOs of all subprojects should accelerate the establishment of

the internal monitoring mechanism, and supervise the contractors to effectively strengthen awareness and prevention of infectious diseases and human trafficking.

3. The PMO and the PMOs of all subprojects should strengthen the establishment of internal monitoring mechanisms to provide a good platform for the collection of the accurate data and information of various types.
4. The PMO should supervise the social experts of the consulting firm to carry out the scheduled training of social and gender issues, guide the relevant personnels of PMO, IAs and local women's federations etc. how to follow up the planned and scheduled indicators in the PAM, maintain proper records and manage archives.
5. The PMO should supervise the social experts of the consulting firm to report the implementation status of the Social and Gender Action Plan of the project in each monitoring report.

## Appendix 1:

**Table 1 Monitoring of Social and Gender Action Plan**

**Name of Project: Guangxi Regional Cooperation Development Promotion Project - Tranche 1**

Date: June 30, 2020

Activities	Performance indicators & targets	Participating Institutions	Implementation period	Funds required & sources	Monitoring results
<b>Output 1: Creation of additional job opportunities by the project</b>					
<p>1. Construction period: 60% of non-skilled labor are from the local area, including 33% of female. Among the employed non-skilled labor, at least 10% from poverty households.</p>	<p>(i) Number of non-skilled labors employed locally.            (ii) Among the local employed non-skilled labors:            Number of female labors            Number of non-skilled labors from poverty households</p>	<p>Fangchenggang Polytech Vocational School, Pingxiang Urban Construction Investment Company Ltd., Baise Baidong Investment Co. Ltd.</p>	<p>September 2019 - June 2020</p>	<p>No need to mobilize additional funds</p>	<p>The project construction employed 602 local non-technical workers, accounting for 32% of the total local non-technical workers. Among them: female 462 persons, accounting for 28%; 117 persons from poverty</p>

					households, accounting for 8%.
2. Operational period: (i) 60% of unskilled labors from local (including Vietnamese labors), giving priority to the poor, vulnerable groups, women and ethnic minorities; (ii) 70% of unskilled labor from local, of which 50% women receiving training.	(i) Number of local employed non-skilled labors. (ii) Among the local employed non-skilled labors: Number of female labors; number of labors from poverty vulnerable families; number of labors from ethnic minorities.	Fangchenggang Polytech Vocational School, Pingxiang Urban Construction Investment Company Ltd., Baise Baidong Investment Co. Ltd., GPMO, Women's Federation, project administration institutions and other local government departments.	September 2019 - June 2020		During construction period
<b>Output 2: Strengthening the capacity building for community development and regional cooperation</b>					
1. Identification of the vulnerable groups: Identify the vulnerable groups of the local communities (regardless of gender and ethnic groups).	Number of vulnerable groups as defined in ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009).	GPMO, IAs and social development consultants of other government institutions.	September 2019 - June 2020		Not yet started.
2. Encourage the local residents to	Number of local residents	Village Committees, IAs,	September 2019		Not yet started.

<p>actively participate in the planning and implementation of community development and regional cooperation: encourage the local residents and IAs to jointly participate in and finalize the planning, implementation and management of the community development and regional cooperation.</p>	<p>who participate in the planning and management of the community development and regional cooperation.</p>	<p>(to be coordinated by the GPMO)</p>	<p>- June 2020</p>		
<p>3. Improve the economic conditions of the local residents through cross-border trade: encourage and promote the local residents' participation in cross-border trade.</p>	<p>(i) Number of people participating in capacity building training (especially on e-commerce), especially the number of female.  (ii) Number of people participating in cross-border trade (especially female).  (iii) Earnings of each household.  (iv) Disposal income of female in a family.  (v) Income from cross-border trade.</p>	<p>Fangchenggang Polytech Vocational School, Pingxiang Urban Construction Investment Company Ltd., Baise Baidong Investment Co. Ltd., project administration institutions, Women's Federation, GPMO, other local government departments.</p>	<p>January - June, 2020</p>		<p>(i) Totally 1,310 persons participating in e-commerce training, including 805 female.  (ii) About 3000 person-times participating in cross-border trade, including: 1200 female.  (iii) Earnings of each household: about RMB 150-200/household.</p>

					(iv) Disposal income of female in a family: RMB 400 /month/person (v) Income from cross-border trade: RMB 600/month/person; trade amount RMB 7850/month/person.
4. Business plan preparation and consultation on new business development: capacity building for the local residents to prepare business plans and start new business.	(i) Numbers of meetings organized. (ii) Number of local residents and females participating in the consultation meeting. (iii) Number of new businesses developed by female and other community residents.	GPMO, project administration units, Women's Federation, and other government institutions.	September 2019 - June 2020		Not yet started.
<b>Output 3: Strengthening the awareness, prevention and control of infectious diseases and human trafficking.</b>					
1. All labors are fully aware of the dangers of infectious diseases (HIV) and human trafficking.	(i) Number of posters, brochures, meetings, seminars on infectious diseases and human	EA, IAs, health care clinic, civil affairs bureaus.	September 2019 - June 2020	AIDS prevention subsidy funds from Central	(i) Posters on infectious diseases and human trafficking: 2 times;

	trafficking.			Government: requiring RMB50000.	distribution of AIDS prevention materials: 85000 copies; meeting held: 4 times.
2. Checking and medical consultation services for laborers and local residents.	(ii) Number of labors who understand the dangers of infectious diseases and human trafficking.			AIDS prevention subsidy funds from Central Government: requiring RMB 70000.	Number of person-times screened for AIDS immunization antibody: 35009
3. Health and medical check for the for project related employees.	(iii) Number of people participating in infectious disease check.			AIDS prevention subsidy funds from Central Government: requiring RMB50000.	Number of condoms distributed: 35000 pieces
4. Ensure provision of condoms in entertainment places.	(iv) Number of condoms placed at the entertainment places within the project area.			AIDS prevention subsidy funds from Central	AIDS publicity activities: 2 times; AIDS trainings: 20 times; training participants: 645

				Government: requiring RMB50000.	persons-times.
5. Publicity activities and training on AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and human trafficking.	(v) Number of people covering by publicity and training on AIDS, STDs and human trafficking.				Publicity posters: 2 times; meetings held: 4 times.
<b>Output 4: Institutional capacity building of the project</b>					
1. Provide training on the Social Development and Gender Action Plan for the for key staff of the IAs and EA (at least once for each subproject) .	(i) Number of training sessions. (ii) Number of people receiving training.	EA, IAs, social development specialists			Training provided by resettlement external monitoring expert: 1 time; training participants: 70 persons.
2. Capacity building for the staff on gender and social development: recruit one social development / gender equality specialist to provide training on design and deployment of gender and social development issues.	(i) Number of training sessions. (ii) Number of people receiving training.	EA, IAs, social development specialists			Training provided by resettlement external monitoring expert: 1 time; training participants: 70 persons.