



Advance Contracting Notice

Date: 25 June 2015

Country/Borrower: People's Republic of China

Title of Proposed Project:

PRC (47030): Jiangxi Pingxiang Integrated Rural-Urban Infrastructure Development

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Brief Description of the Project:

1. The project will contribute to socially inclusive, environmentally sustainable, and competitive urban-rural development in Pingxiang municipality, Jiangxi province. The project will be a model for integrated rural-urban development, by bringing services closer to people and combining flood risk management and environmentally sustainable river rehabilitation, improved wastewater management, rural-urban transport, and developing institutional capacity to ensure the sustainability of the project.

2. The project has four outputs:

- (i) **Integrated flood risk management and river rehabilitation improved.** This component comprises works on 71 kilometer (km) of eight rural-urban rivers in Lianhua, Luxi, and Shangli counties; and Xiangdong District including (a) river widening and removal of sediments, (b) new and rehabilitated embankments, (c) about 90 hectare of riparian revegetation, (d) about 46 hectare of wetland protection and rehabilitation, (e) construction/reconstruction of 35 small adaptable weirs for farmland irrigation, and (f) construction of 2 new pedestrian bridges (Lianhua and Luxi) and reconstruction of one local bridge (Luxi). Non-structural measures included in output 4 enhance the effectiveness of the flood protection infrastructure.
- (ii) **Wastewater collection and treatment improved.** This component includes improvement and expansion of sewer pipe networks in subcenters of Lianhua

County and Xiangdong District and construction of two sewer networks and wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) in two townships. A total of about 184 km of new sewer mains, secondary sewers, and interceptors will be installed. A new WWTP and pump station with 5,000 cubic meters per day capacity will be built in Xuanfeng Town in Luxi County and a new WWTP and pump station with 2,500 cubic meters per day capacity will be built in Tongmu Town in Shangli County.

- (iii) **Rural-urban linkages improved.** This component includes a 44 km rural-urban Class II road with a width of 10 meter (m) and six bridges with a total length of 953 m and a 482 m tunnel. The road is one of the four bypass roads in the Pingxiang Integrated Transport Plan (2012). The road will link towns and villages to urban and industrial areas in Luxi and Shangli counties, and Anyuan District; and expand the existing road network in the project area to improve traffic capacity, and reduce transport costs and travel time for people and goods.
- (iv) **Inclusive capacity development for project planning and management supported.** Loan implementation consultants will support project management, monitoring, and evaluation. They will carry out capacity development programs, study tours, policy dialogue, and stakeholder consultation on (a) procurement and financial management; (b) urban-rural flood risk management and climate resilience partnership development, i.e., development of flood early warning systems, disaster response plan, and guidance on water resource management plan; (c) ecological river management supporting sustainable urban-rural sponge city development; (d) wastewater management system design, construction, management, operation, services and tariff reform, and rural wastewater and sanitation; (e) rural road and traffic safety, sustainable rural-urban transport, and public transport management; and (f) urban-rural development and governance partnership development.

Brief Description of Goods and Related Services, Works or Consulting Services to be Procured and Retroactive Financing:

ADB has approved advance contracting and retroactive financing for smooth project implementation. Advance action includes (i) tendering, bid evaluation and award of contracts for civil works and equipment contract packages up to the recommendation of contract award; and (ii) recruitment of consultants. Retroactive financing will cover eligible expenditures not exceeding \$30 million, equivalent to 20% of the loan amount, incurred before loan effectiveness, but not earlier than 12 months before signing of the Loan Agreement. The advance procurement actions will be undertaken in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time) and ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).

Date of Advance Contracting and Retroactive Financing Approval:

Date of Advance Contracting Approval: 22 May 2015
Date of Retroactive Financing Approval: 22 May 2015