



Project Summary Information

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Project Name	Sylhet to Tamabil Road Upgrade Project ¹
Document Code	PD000153-PSI-BGD
Country	People's Republic of Bangladesh
Sector/Subsector	Transport / Road
Status of Financing	Approved
Project Description	<p>The Project is to upgrade National Highway N2 between Sylhet City to Tamabil border point from a two-lane single carriageway to a four-lane dual carriageway highway. It consists of three components as described below.</p> <p>Component 1. Construction works, equipment installation and O&M works (inclusive of land acquisition). The Project will support construction of road works, traffic engineering, traffic management and tolling facilities (e.g., road earthworks, bridges and structures, pavements, installation of traffic management equipment and traffic surveillance, roadside service facilities, tolling and communication systems). Additionally, the Project will also support Roads and Highways Department (RHD) in conducting workshops for processing cold mix bitumen materials in a selected test road and a maintenance camp of the Sylhet Division.</p> <p>Component 2. Consulting services. This component will comprise two subcomponents: (1) for the project road, preparation of detailed design enhancements and construction supervision of the Project, and (2) for selected priority roads of the RHD network, preparation of feasibility studies, environmental and social safeguard documents and preliminary designs.</p> <p>Component 3: Project management support and capacity building. Component 3 comprises the project management costs of the project implementation unit. The project will also support the training, capacity building and institutional development of RHD for operating, managing and maintaining the RHD networks of the project division areas.</p>

¹ Includes "Improvement of Sylhet - Tamabil Road to a 4-lane Highway with separate SMVT lane".

Objective	The objective of the proposed project is to improve intercity connectivity in Bangladesh and cross-border connectivity between Bangladesh and India by upgrading Bangladesh National Highway N2 between Sylhet and Tamabil.
Expected Results	The project objective indicators include (a) reduced travel time for selected road user groups, namely Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV), buses and private cars and Light Goods Vehicles (LGV); and (b) improved safety rating. Other intermediate indicators include completion rates of earthworks, pavement and accounted works ² , direct jobs created for domestic labor, etc.
Environmental and Social Category	Category A
Environmental and Social Information	<p>The AIIB's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP), including the Environmental and Social Standards (ESS) and Environmental and Social Exclusion List (ESEL) are applicable for the proposed project. The Project has been assigned Category A in accordance with the ESP due to the scale and complexity of the involuntary resettlement (approximately 620 residential units, 914 commercial units and 170 units having both residence and shops) involved.</p> <p>The project will have positive impacts in terms of substantial improvements in travel time and associated cost savings; improved connectivity to health, educational and other social services; and better access to employment opportunities. However, the project will have negative short-term environmental impacts, mostly during construction phase. An Environmental and Social Assessment (ESIA) including the management plan (ESMP) has been prepared, which details mitigation measures to address various environmental and social impacts due to the project. Furthermore, a climate risk assessment was conducted for the project road. Climate adaptation activities have been incorporated into the road design.</p> <p>The Project's adverse social impacts will primarily comprise involuntary resettlement for people with businesses and residences along the right-of-way. A Resettlement Planning Framework (RPF) has been prepared to address the involuntary resettlement and provides guidance on the preparation of Resettlement Action Plan (RAP). The RAP was prepared in line with the RPF. Along with that, an IT-based monitoring system has been developed with the support of AIIB's Special Fund to track the progress of relocation and resettlement assistance, including a detailed inventory of PAPs, status of compensation and other milestones.</p>

² Quantity surveyed and qualified for payment.

Consultations were held in phases during the preparation of the ESIA, RPF and RAP and will continue throughout the construction phase. Environmental and social documents, including local language translations, have been disclosed by RHD and by AIIB respectively. (See the links below)

Road and Highways Department Website:

RPF

English version:

<http://rhd.portal.gov.bd/site/notices/dc27e73f-ecc8-4447-87e3-93624bb74496/Resettlement-Planning-Framework-Improvement-of-Sylhet-Tamabil-Road-to-a-4-Lane-Highw;>

Bangla version:

http://rhd.portal.gov.bd/sites/default/files/files/rhd.portal.gov.bd/notices/ca852117_74d7_460b_a0f3_21e5490af928/596c717c4b9428db000ee201285303c0.pdf

RAP

https://rhd.portal.gov.bd/sites/default/files/files/rhd.portal.gov.bd/notices/18fee3f7_7034_48c5_ba35_901abd669f8d/2020-03-25-11-49-fe925cd4762a84f7df27a5b6f16a2101.pdf

ESIA

English version:

https://rhd.portal.gov.bd/sites/default/files/files/rhd.portal.gov.bd/notices/5cb90c04_305b_4a0d_858e_df78cd563f9a/2020-04-02-19-52-91d4bb36592344dff0d1525ebb24aa91.pdf

ESIA Executive Summary Bangla version:

https://rhd.portal.gov.bd/sites/default/files/files/rhd.portal.gov.bd/notices/1b9404b8_2c67_4424_bdbd_468e1b649e6d/Executive%20Summary%20Sylhet-Tamabil%204-Lane%20Upgradation.pdf

AIIB website (for all above documents)

<https://www.aiib.org/en/projects/details/2018/proposed/Bangladesh-Sylhet-Tamabil-Road.html>

Cost and Financing Plan	For Loans/Credits/Others		Amount (USD million)
	AIIB Loan		404.0
	AIIB Grant (AIIB Project Preparation Special Fund)		0.8
	Government of Bangladesh		180.5
	Total		585.3
Borrower	People's Republic of Bangladesh		
Implementing Entity	Roads and Highways Department		
Estimated date of loan closing (SBF)	May 15, 2025		
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Date of Concept Decision	Sep/2018		
Date of Appraisal Decision	Oct/2019		
Date of Financing Approval	April/2020		

Independent Accountability Mechanism	<p>The Project-affected People’s Mechanism (PPM) has been established by the AIIB to provide an opportunity for an independent and impartial review of submissions from Project-affected people who believe they have been or are likely to be adversely affected by AIIB’s failure to implement its Environmental and Social Policy in situations when their concerns cannot be addressed satisfactorily through Project-level Grievance Redress Mechanisms or AIIB Management’s processes.</p> <p>For information on how to make submissions to the PPM, please visit</p> <p>https://www.aiib.org/en/policies-strategies/operational-policies/policy-on-the-project-affected-mechanism.html</p>
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