

In accordance with the Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PQ–330 dated October 10, 2023, “On measures for further improvement of the road sector,” and the General Procurement Notice issued by the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) on September 27, 2019, the “Restoration of the Local Road Network in the Republic of Karakalpakstan and Khorezm Region” project is being implemented.

Resettlement Planning Framework (RPF)

1. The Resettlement Planning Framework (RPF) was prepared by the Avtoylinvest Agency (AIA) with support from RPLUS and EcoStandart LLC, consultants from the Republic of Uzbekistan. These firms were engaged by AIA to prepare a full package of safeguard reports for the project. This RPF is intended to be applied to both the Republic of Karakalpakstan and the Khorezm region.
2. This RPF is specific to the Local Road Network Reconstruction Project in Karakalpakstan and Khorezm and has been prepared in accordance with the applicable legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the requirements of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). The RPF must be reviewed and approved by both the Government of Uzbekistan (GoU) and the AIIB.
3. The project is proposed to be supported by the AIIB (the Bank). It is preliminarily classified as Category B under the Bank’s 2022 Environmental and Social Framework (ESF). The project requires application of Environmental and Social Standards (ESS) 1 – Environmental and Social Assessment and Management, and ESS 2 – Involuntary Resettlement (including land acquisition).
4. This RPF is based on lessons learned from numerous documents prepared and implemented in relation to land acquisition and involuntary resettlement under projects financed by the AIIB and other international financial institutions, as well as on best practice examples gained during the implementation of Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs) in the infrastructure and energy sectors.
5. Accordingly, this RPF serves as the main guiding document for the preparation of site-specific Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs) for each project district under the AIIB-supported project.
6. The RPF should be read in conjunction with AIIB’s ESS 2 on Involuntary Resettlement (ESF 2022) and the applicable laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan. It provides guidance on how to prepare and implement the RAPs, outlines project objectives and implementation timelines, describes the process for census and socio-economic surveys, inventory of affected assets, identification of severely affected and vulnerable households (HHs), and establishes the cut-off date and legal criteria for project-affected persons (APs). The document also defines the legal framework and institutional arrangements, outlines the assessment methodologies, and describes the approach to determine unit compensation rates for each type of impact or loss. Furthermore, the RPF defines eligibility for compensation and outlines mechanisms for restoring livelihoods and improving living standards of APs. Public participation and consultation processes, as well as a grievance redress mechanism for timely resolution of complaints during project implementation, are also provided in the document.
7. The document sets out the principles and procedures for resettlement and ensures that once resettlement needs are identified, land acquisition, resettlement, and potential loss of access to physical and economic assets are carried out in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the AIIB’s ESF 2022, and international best practices, under the responsibility of the implementing agency – the Avtoylinvest Agency.
8. The final RPF will be published on the websites of AIA and AIIB and will be made available to project stakeholders in both electronic and printed formats.
9. The primary objective of the RPF is to assist AIA during the RAP preparation stage by identifying the types, nature, and extent of potential economic and/or physical displacement impacts and ensuring that adequate mitigation measures are provided. It also guarantees that

project-affected persons (APs) will:

- a) Be informed of their rights and options regarding the resettlement process;
- b) Participate in meaningful consultations and have the opportunity to influence project planning and choose technically and economically viable alternatives;
- c) Receive prompt and effective compensation at full replacement cost for loss of land, assets, or access resulting from subproject activities.