



Regional: Coordinated Border Management for Results in Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation

Project Name	Coordinated Border Management for Results in Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation
Project Number	47082-001
Country	Regional
Project Status	Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	<p>TA 8584-REG: Coordinated Border Management for Results in Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation</p> <p>Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction US\$ 1.25 million</p>
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Partnerships
Sector / Subsector	Industry and trade - Trade and services
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	
Description	The TA will support TRS analyses at BCPs to establish the causes of cross-border delays related to border control and clearance procedures. It will also help expand JCC pilots and support the efforts of CAREC countries to improve coordination between their border control agencies and move toward CBM
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	
Impact	Improved flow of goods and people transiting through CAREC borders

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Enhanced coordination and cooperation among all relevant border authorities to facilitate the cross-border movement of goods
Progress Toward Outcome	A Customs Cooperation Committee inception workshop was done from 7-9 April 2014. As a result of the workshop a country specific action plan for TA implementation has been formulated and is under implementation. Progress has been made to deliver the outputs.

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	TRS results/indicators established Guidelines to expand JCC developed Improved Inter-agency coordination
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Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

CAREC Trade Facilitation: TA Inception Workshop, 7-9 April 2014, Baku, Azerbaijan. The Inception Workshop was coordinated with AZE SCC and WCO. Country-specific Action Plans for RETA implementation were formulated.

Mongolia Time Release Study (TRS) National Planning Workshop, 29 July to 1 August, 2014, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The National TRS Planning Workshop was coordinated closely with WCO and Mongolia Customs. A TRS action plan was prepared and was discussed with top management of MON customs.

Kyrgyz TRS National Planning Workshop, 10-13 November 2014, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic. Preparations for the TRS workshop were coordinated with KGZ customs and WCO. A draft action plan to conduct the TRS studies in selected border crossing points (BCP) was prepared.

Kazakhstan TRS National Planning Workshop, 17-20 November 2014, Astana, Kazakhstan. Preparations for the TRS workshop were coordinated with KAZ customs and WCO. A draft action plan to conduct the TRS studies in selected border crossing points (BCP) was prepared.

Joint Customs Control (JCC) Case Study. Report on JCC development between PRC and Mongolia finalized and presented to CAREC members.

Coordinated Border Management- Coordination between customs and immigration authorities. First field visit was done from 13 to 24 January 2015. Report has been finalized and presented to PRC and Mongolia.

CBM consultant and TRS consultants have been engaged to assess implementation of TRS and make better use of the data gathered including data provided by the private sector. A regional workshop was held on 17-18 May 2016.

Coordinated Border Management Joint Training for Mongolia (customs, immigration, sanitary phytosanitary agencies) was held in Mongolia from 2-6 May.

A Tajikistan TRS National Planning Workshop was held from 22 to 26 August 2016.

A CAREC Coordinated Border Management Workshop was held from 9 to 11 November 2016 in Bishkek. The workshop was conducted by a WCO expert.

A TRS workshop is planned on 27-28 April 2017 in Almaty.

The project has been extended to end on 30 September 2017.

An international consultant was engaged to assist in providing technical inputs in the finalization of the SPS report to complement the coordinated border management approach to facilitating trade.

Geographical Location

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	The design and components of the project were discussed in the framework of the CAREC Customs Cooperation Committee (CCC). Comments and suggestions from CCC members were incorporated into the TA formulation.
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During Project Implementation	CCC members agreed to work towards prompt implementation of the TA.
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Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	The TA will require 30 person-months of intermittent international consulting services and 56 person-months of intermittent national consulting services. Consultants and resource persons will be specialists in the areas of customs reform, customs law, trade facilitation, and regional cooperation. In view of the TA project's diverse activities, consultants and resource persons will be selected on an individual basis. The consultant will be engaged in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). The proceeds of the TA will be disbursed in accordance with the Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time).
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Timetable

Concept Clearance	08 Mar 2013
Fact Finding	05 Nov 2012 to 09 Nov 2012
MRM	-
Approval	16 Dec 2013
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	23 Mar 2017

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
16 Dec 2013	-	16 Dec 2013	31 Jan 2016	30 Sep 2017	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
0.00	1,250,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,350,000.00	16 Dec 2013	725,279.20

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