

INITIAL POVERTY AND SOCIAL ANALYSIS

Country:	<input type="text" value="Mongolia"/>	Project Title:	<input type="text" value="Regional Improvement of Border Services"/>
Lending/Financing Modality:	<input type="text" value="Project"/>	Department/ Division:	<input type="text" value="East Asia Department
Public Management Financial Sector and
Regional Cooperation Division"/>

I. POVERTY IMPACT AND SOCIAL DIMENSIONS
<p>A. Links to the National Poverty Reduction Strategy and Country Partnership Strategy</p> <p>The proposed Project is consistent with ADB's Interim Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) for Mongolia (2014–2016) and with the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Trade and Transport Facilitation Strategy (TTFS) 2020. The TTFS aims at expanding trade and improving competitiveness by improving physical infrastructure along corridors and facilitating trade through better border management and greater use of information and communication technology.</p>
<p>B. Poverty Targeting</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Intervention <input type="checkbox"/> Individual or Household (TI-H) <input type="checkbox"/> Geographic (TI-G) <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Income MDGs (TI-M1, M2, etc.)</p> <p>The proposed Project will benefit the Government of Mongolia (GOM) by facilitating international trade. Traders will benefit because of reduction in cost and time to move goods across borders thus reducing overall cost of trade transaction.</p>
<p>C. Poverty and Social Analysis</p> <p>1. Key issues and potential beneficiaries. The proposed Project will enable increased trade along the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) corridors and will reduce the cost and time of compliance with trade procedures at major border crossing points (BCPs).</p> <p>2. Impact channels and expected systemic changes. Indirect impacts will be to improve efficiency of importing and exporting through trade facilitation benefiting the traders and increase employment opportunities resulting from an increase in trade. By eliminating physical and administrative obstacles to trade at border crossing points the project will contribute to a general lowering of prices for goods.</p> <p>3. Focus of (and resources allocated in) the PPTA or due diligence. There are no resources allocated for PPTA. However, staff consultants have been engaged to support the due diligence process in addition to ADB's team members and team leader.</p>
II. GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT
<p>1. What are the key gender issues in the sector/subsector that are likely to be relevant to this project or program? Although women actively participate in social and economic lives in Mongolia, they are significantly underrepresented in decision-making. The proposed Project will have an indirect impact by increasing trade and employment opportunities for women traders. Other gender issues relate to communicable diseases and human trafficking. Equal participation and consultation with women will be ensured during project design</p> <p>2. Does the proposed project or program have the potential to make a contribution to the promotion of gender equity and/or empowerment of women by providing women's access to and use of opportunities, services, resources, assets, and participation in decision making? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impacts are indirect.</p> <p>3. Could the proposed project have an adverse impact on women and/or girls or widen gender inequality?^a <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No The project will not have any negative social impacts or adverse impacts on women and girls.</p> <p>4. Indicate the intended gender mainstreaming category: <input type="checkbox"/> GEN (gender equity) <input type="checkbox"/> EGM (effective gender mainstreaming) <input type="checkbox"/> SGE (some gender elements) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NGE (no gender elements)</p>
III. PARTICIPATION AND EMPOWERMENT
<p>1. Who are the main stakeholders of the project, including beneficiaries and negatively affected people? Identify how they will participate in the project design.</p> <p>The main stakeholders of the proposed Project include central and local governments and their line agencies, traders and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) who are conducting international trade activities and regional partners (Russia and PRC). Project design will include stakeholder consultations to these groups, including women traders, to identify impediments to trade so the project design and measures enhance project benefits to the stakeholders.</p>

2. How can the project contribute (in a systemic way) to engaging and empowering stakeholders and beneficiaries, particularly, the poor, vulnerable and excluded groups? What issues in the project design require participation of the poor and excluded?

The proposed Project will contribute to facilitate international trade which will positively affect traders and SMEs. The project design will incorporate the views of women traders and female customs officials on enhancing the project benefits to them, and prevention of adverse impacts as trade grows.

3. What are the key, active, and relevant civil society organizations in the project area? What is the level of civil society organization participation in the project design?

Opportunities for inclusion of civil society organizations will be sought.

Information generation and sharing (M) Consultation (M) Collaboration Partnership

4. Are there issues during project design for which participation of the poor and excluded is important? What are they and how shall they be addressed? Yes No This will be confirmed during loan fact-finding.

IV. SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS

A. Involuntary Resettlement Category A B C FI

1. Does the project have the potential to involve involuntary land acquisition resulting in physical and economic displacement? Yes No

No land acquisition or impacts on private property is required. Border Crossing Points to be improved are located in state-owned land managed by the Customs Authority. There are no informal settlers living on these lands.

2. What action plan is required to address involuntary resettlement as part of the PPTA or due diligence process?

Resettlement plan Resettlement framework Social impact matrix
 Environmental and social management system arrangement None

B. Indigenous Peoples Category A B C FI

1. Does the proposed project have the potential to directly or indirectly affect the dignity, human rights, livelihood systems, or culture of indigenous peoples? Yes No The project area population mainly consists of Dariganga and Khalkh, both Mongol mainstream groups, who are not considered indigenous peoples by the Government of Mongolia or ADB.

2. Does it affect the territories or natural and cultural resources indigenous peoples own, use, occupy, or claim, as their ancestral domain? Yes No

3. Will the project require broad community support of affected indigenous communities? Yes No

4. What action plan is required to address risks to indigenous peoples as part of the PPTA or due diligence process?

Indigenous peoples plan Indigenous peoples planning framework Social Impact matrix
 Environmental and social management system arrangement None

V. OTHER SOCIAL ISSUES AND RISKS

1. What other social issues and risks should be considered in the project design?

Creating decent jobs and employment (M) Adhering to core labor standards Labor retrenchment
 Spread of communicable diseases, including HIV/AIDS (M) Increase in human trafficking (M) Affordability
 Increase in unplanned migration Increase in vulnerability to natural disasters Creating political instability
 Creating internal social conflicts Others, please specify _____

2. How are these additional social issues and risks going to be addressed in the project design?

During due diligence, social issues and risks will be assessed and measures will be incorporated in the project design and included in the summary poverty reduction and social strategy.

VI. PPTA OR DUE DILIGENCE RESOURCE REQUIREMENT

1. Do the terms of reference for the PPTA (or other due diligence) contain key information needed to be gathered during PPTA or due diligence process to better analyze (i) poverty and social impact; (ii) gender impact, (iii) participation dimensions; (iv) social safeguards; and (v) other social risks. Are the relevant specialists identified?

Yes No

There is no PPTA.

2. What resources (e.g., consultants, survey budget, and workshop) are allocated for conducting poverty, social and/or gender analysis and participation plan during the PPTA or due diligence?

An ADB social development specialist will address these issues.