



Myanmar: Connectivity Infrastructure Development Project

Project Name	Connectivity Infrastructure Development Project		
Project Number	48238-001		
Borrower/Company	YOMA STRATEGIC HOLDINGS		
Country	Myanmar		
Location			
Approval Number	7440/3220		
Type or Modality of Assistance	7440	Loan	USD 100.00 million Committed
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth		
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Partnerships Private sector development		
Sector / Subsector	Information and communication technology - ICT infrastructure Transport - Multimodal logistics - Road transport (non-urban)		
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements		
Responsible ADB Department	Private Sector Operations Department		
Responsible ADB Division	Infrastructure Finance Division 2		
Responsible ADB Officer	Taneja, Anshukant		
Project Sponsor(s)			
Description	The project involves investments in various infrastructure facilities in Myanmar which will improve connectivity of people and goods such as telecom, flotilla, port and airport, and distribution and logistics, which Yoma Strategic Holdings (Yoma) plans to make over the next two years.		
Objectives and Scope	The connectivity improvement project will support the long-term investments of Yoma Strategic Holdings (YSH) in connectivity infrastructure subprojects in Myanmar to advance inclusion of isolated people, reduce urban-rural development gaps, and attract private investment into diverse geographic areas and sectors. These objectives will be achieved by giving people and goods better access to more opportunities and markets, improving productivity through reduced transport and other transaction costs, and promoting domestic and international trade. Initial subprojects will include telecom towers, cold storage logistics, and fleet leasing.		
Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The project is aligned with the Interim Country Partnership Strategy for Myanmar, 2012- 2014, which places importance on enhancing connectivity. The project addresses the critical shortage of connectivity, promotes access to markets and basic social services, improves rural infrastructure to boost productivity and incomes, lowers transaction costs, enhances opportunities for domestic and cross-border trade and investment, and improves access to reliable and sustainable utility services. The project will also complement various projects being processed by the public sector operations department of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in the relevant sectors, including several road and technical assistance projects.		

Safeguard Categories

Environment	B
Involuntary Resettlement	B
Indigenous Peoples	C

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	<p>Safeguard Category: B</p> <p>YSH and the project companies will establish and maintain an Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS) to screen, assess, and address environmental and social impacts and risks meeting the requirements of ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement, including the submission and review of safeguards documents.</p> <p>Proposed infrastructure will not be located within the boundaries or traversing environmentally sensitive areas such as protected areas, wetlands, or historical or cultural site. Potential impacts during construction (e.g., noise, soil erosion, air, and water pollution) can be mitigated, and are short-term and temporary. Potential residual impacts during operation (e.g., visual; pollution of land and water from hazardous materials and wastes; occupational and community health and safety, including electromagnetic exposure) can also be mitigated using tested mitigation measures.</p>
Involuntary Resettlement	<p>Safeguard Category: B</p> <p>1. Key impacts. Some of the project components (telecom towers and cold storage logistics facilities) will be located either on leased lands or lands purchased through negotiated settlements. No involuntary resettlement impacts are envisaged for the first subprojects. Only in the event of the unavailability of suitable sites through negotiated settlements would the requirement for involuntary resettlement be triggered.</p> <p>2. Strategy to address the impacts. The corporate ESMS of the borrower includes guidelines and procedures for addressing involuntary resettlement impacts in line with the ADB Safeguard Policy Statement requirements. Entity-level environmental and social procedures, including site selection criteria, will be developed in line with the corporate ESMS provisions.</p> <p>3. Plan or other Actions. Environmental and social management system arrangement</p>
Indigenous Peoples	<p>Safeguard Category: C</p> <p>1. Key impacts. The site selection procedures and guidelines by the project companies will ensure avoidance of lands owned or occupied by indigenous communities. No land acquisition or impacts on indigenous peoples are envisaged.</p> <p>Is broad community support triggered?No</p> <p>2. Strategy to address the impacts. The corporate ESMS of the borrower includes guidelines and procedures for addressing indigenous peoples' impacts in line with the ADB SPS requirements. Entity-level environmental and social procedures, including site selection criteria that avoid lands with indigenous peoples' impacts, will be developed in line with the corporate ESMS provisions.</p> <p>3. Plan or other actions. Environmental and social management system arrangement</p>
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	

Timetable for assistance design, processing and implementation

Concept Clearance	23 Jun 2014
Due Diligence	
Credit Committee Meeting	27 Oct 2014
Approval	10 Dec 2014
Last PDS Update	07 Apr 2015
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