
GRANT NUMBER 0590-BAN (EF)

GRANT AGREEMENT
(Externally Financed - Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund)
(Southwest Transmission Grid Expansion Project)

between

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

and

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

DATED 10 SEPTEMBER 2018

BAN 51137

**GRANT AGREEMENT
(Externally Financed)**

GRANT AGREEMENT dated 10 September 2018 between PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH ("Recipient") and ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ("ADB").

WHEREAS

(A) by a loan agreement of even date herewith between the Recipient and ADB ("ADB Loan Agreement"), ADB has agreed to make a loan to the Recipient from ADB's ordinary capital resources in the amount of three hundred fifty million Dollars (\$350,000,000) for the purposes of financing Parts A and C, and a portion of Part B, of the Project described in Schedule 1 to the ADB Loan Agreement;

(B) by a grant agreement of even date herewith ("JFJCM Grant Agreement"), ADB has agreed to make the proceeds of a grant from the Japan Fund for the Joint Crediting Mechanism available to the Recipient in an amount of seven million Dollars (\$7,000,000) for the purposes of financing a portion of Part B of the Project;

(C) the Recipient has also applied to the Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund ("EAKPF") for a grant, to be administered by ADB, for the purposes of financing Part D of the Project;

(D) the Project will be carried out by the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Limited ("PGCB"), and for this purpose the Recipient will make available to PGCB the proceeds of the grant provided for herein upon terms and conditions satisfactory to ADB; and

(E) ADB has agreed to make the proceeds of the grant from EAKPF available to the Recipient upon the terms and conditions set forth herein and in the Project Agreement between ADB and PGCB;

NOW THEREFORE the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

Grant Regulations; Definitions

Section 1.01. All the provisions of ADB's Externally Financed Grant Regulations, dated 1 January 2017 ("Grant Regulations"), are hereby made applicable to this Grant Agreement with the same force and effect as if they were fully set forth herein.

Section 1.02. Wherever used in this Grant Agreement, the several terms defined in the Grant Regulations and the ADB Loan Agreement have the respective meanings therein set forth unless modified herein or the context otherwise requires.

ARTICLE II

The Grant

Section 2.01. ADB agrees to make available to the Recipient a grant from EAKPF in the amount of five hundred thousand Dollars (\$500,000) ("Grant").

ARTICLE III

Use of Proceeds of the Grant

Section 3.01. (a) The Recipient shall provide the proceeds of the Grant to PGCB under a Subsidiary Financing Agreement upon terms and conditions satisfactory to ADB.

(b) The Recipient shall cause the proceeds of the Grant to be applied to the financing of expenditure on the Project in accordance with the provisions of this Grant Agreement and the Project Agreement.

Section 3.02. The proceeds of the Grant shall be allocated and withdrawn in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Grant Agreement, as such Schedule may be amended from time to time by agreement between the Recipient and ADB.

Section 3.03. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, the Recipient shall procure, or cause to be procured, the items of expenditure to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 4 to the ADB Loan Agreement.

Section 3.04. Withdrawals from the Grant Account in respect of Goods, Works and Services shall be made only on account of expenditures relating to:

- (a) Goods which are produced in and supplied from and Works and Services which are supplied from such member countries of ADB as shall have been specified by ADB from time to time as eligible sources for procurement; and
- (b) Goods, Works and Services which meet such other eligibility requirements as shall have been specified by ADB from time to time.

Section 3.05. The Grant Closing Date for the purposes of Section 8.02 of the Grant Regulations shall be 31 December 2023 or such other date as may from time to time be agreed between the Recipient and ADB.

ARTICLE IV

Particular Covenants

Section 4.01. In the carrying out of the Project and operation of the Project facilities, the Recipient shall perform, or cause to be performed, all obligations set forth in Schedule 4 to the ADB Loan Agreement and the Project Agreement.

Section 4.02. ADB shall disclose the annual audited financial statements for the Project and the opinion of the auditors on the financial statements within 14 days of the date of ADB's confirmation of their acceptability by posting them on ADB's website.

Section 4.03. The Recipient shall enable ADB's representatives to inspect the Project, the Goods, Works and Services, and any relevant records and documents.

Section 4.04. The Recipient acknowledges and agrees that this Grant Agreement is entered into by ADB, not in its individual capacity, but as grant administrator for EAKPF. Accordingly, the Recipient agrees that (i) it may only withdraw Grant proceeds to the extent that ADB has received proceeds for the Grant from EAKPF, and (ii) that ADB does not assume any obligations or responsibilities of EAKPF in respect of the Project or the Grant other than those set out in this Grant Agreement.

ARTICLE V

Suspension

Section 5.01. The following are specified as additional events for suspension of the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals from the Grant Account for the purposes of Section 8.01(k) of the Grant Regulations:

- (a) the Recipient shall have failed to perform any of its obligations under the ADB Loan Agreement;
- (b) the Recipient shall have failed to perform any of its obligations under the JFJCM Grant Agreement; and
- (c) the Recipient and PGCB shall have failed to perform any of their respective obligations under the Subsidiary Financing Agreement.

ARTICLE VI

Effectiveness

Section 6.01. The following are specified as additional conditions to the effectiveness of this Grant Agreement for the purposes of Section 9.01(e) of the Grant Regulations:

- (a) the ADB Loan Agreement shall have been duly authorized by, and executed and delivered on behalf of, the Recipient, and all conditions precedent to its effectiveness, other than a condition requiring the effectiveness of this Grant Agreement, shall have been fulfilled; and
- (b) the JFJCM Grant Agreement shall have been duly authorized by, and executed and delivered on behalf of, the Recipient, and all conditions precedent to its effectiveness, other than a condition requiring the effectiveness of this Grant Agreement, shall have been fulfilled.

Section 6.02. The following are specified as additional matters, for the purposes of Section 9.02(c) of the Grant Regulations, to be included in the opinion or opinions to be furnished to ADB:

- (a) that the ADB Loan Agreement shall have been duly authorized by, and executed and delivered on behalf of, the Recipient and is legally binding upon the Recipient in accordance with its terms; and
- (b) that the JFJCM Grant Agreement shall have been duly authorized by, and executed and delivered on behalf of, the Recipient and is legally binding upon the Recipient in accordance with its terms.

Section 6.03. A date 90 days after the date of this Grant Agreement is specified for the effectiveness of this Grant Agreement for the purposes of Section 9.04 of the Grant Regulations.

ARTICLE VII

Termination

Section 7.01. The Grant Agreement and all obligations of the parties thereunder shall terminate on the date on which the ADB Loan Agreement terminates.

ARTICLE VIII

Miscellaneous

Section 8.01. The Senior Secretary or Secretary or any Additional Secretary or Chief, Joint Secretary or Joint Chief, Deputy Secretary or Deputy Chief, Senior Assistant Secretary or Senior Assistant Chief, Assistant Secretary or Assistant Chief of the Economic Relations Division of the Recipient is designated as representative of the Recipient for the purposes of Section 11.02 of the Grant Regulations.

Section 8.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the Grant Regulations:

For the Recipient

Economic Relations Division
Ministry of Finance
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar
Dhaka 1207, Bangladesh

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For ADB

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(632) 636-2444


(632) 636-2293.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto, acting through their representatives thereunto duly authorized, have caused this Grant Agreement to be signed in their respective names as of the day and year first above written and to be delivered at the principal office of ADB.

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

By 
KAZI SHOFIQL AZAM
Secretary
Economic Relations Division
Ministry of Finance

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

By 
MANMOHAN PARKASH
Country Director
Bangladesh Resident Mission

SCHEDULE

Allocation and Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds

General

1. The table attached to this Schedule sets forth the Categories of items of expenditure to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant and the allocation of the Grant proceeds to each such Category ("Table"). (Reference to "Category" in this Schedule is to a Category or Subcategory of the Table.)

Basis for Withdrawal from the Grant Account

2. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, the proceeds of the Grant shall be allocated to items of expenditure, and disbursed on the basis of the withdrawal percentage for each item of expenditure, as set forth in the Table.

Reallocation

3. Notwithstanding the allocation of Grant proceeds and the withdrawal percentages set forth in the Table,

- (a) if the amount of the Grant allocated to any Category appears to be insufficient to finance all agreed expenditures in that Category, ADB may, by notice to the Recipient, (i) reallocate to such Category, to the extent required to meet the estimated shortfall, amounts of the Grant which have been allocated to another Category but, in the opinion of ADB, are not needed to meet other expenditures, and (ii) if such reallocation cannot fully meet the estimated shortfall, reduce the withdrawal percentage applicable to such expenditures in order that further withdrawals under such Category may continue until all expenditures thereunder shall have been made; and
- (b) if the amount of the Grant allocated to any Category appears to exceed all agreed expenditures in that Category, ADB may, by notice to the Recipient, reallocate such excess amount to any other Category.

Disbursement Procedures

4. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, the Grant proceeds shall be disbursed in accordance with the Loan Disbursement Handbook.

Retroactive Financing

5. Withdrawals from the Grant Account may be made to finance eligible expenditures incurred under the Project before the Effective Date, but not earlier than 12 months before the date of this Grant Agreement in connection with items to be retroactively financed, subject to a maximum amount equivalent to 20% of the Grant amount.

Condition for Withdrawals from Grant Account

6. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Grant Agreement, no withdrawals shall be made from the Grant Account until (a) the Subsidiary Financing Agreement shall have been duly executed and delivered between the Recipient and PGCB and shall have become binding on the parties thereto in accordance with its terms; and (b) the recruitment of qualified executive director of finance, general manager of finance and deputy general manager of project finance shall have been advertised and the submission of applications shall have been closed.

TABLE

ALLOCATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF GRANT PROCEEDS			
Number	Item	Total Amount Allocated for EAKPF Financing (\$) Category	Basis for Withdrawal from the Grant Account
1	Capacity development*	450,000	100% of total expenditure claimed
2	Consulting services*	50,000	100% of total expenditure claimed
	TOTAL	500,000	

*Subject to the condition for withdrawal described in paragraph 6 of this Schedule.