



Samoa: Central Cross Island Road Upgrading Project

Project Name	Central Cross Island Road Upgrading Project				
Project Number	51268-001				
Country	Samoa				
Project Status	Proposed				
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant				
Source of Funding / Amount	<table><tr><td>Grant: Central Cross Island Road Upgrading Project</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund</td><td>US\$ 31.00 million</td></tr></table>	Grant: Central Cross Island Road Upgrading Project		concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund	US\$ 31.00 million
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Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth				
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Partnerships Private sector development				
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Road transport (non-urban) - Transport policies and institutional development				
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming				
Description	<p>The Government of Samoa requested assistance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the Central Cross Island Road Upgrading (the ensuing Project) a priority investment in transport sector. Samoa's land transport depends on key arterial roads that serve the two main islands, Upolu where capital Apia is located, and Savai'i. Upolu is served by three cross-island roads strategically located at the eastern, western, and central sections. The Central Cross Island Road is the key arterial road connecting West Coast Road in Apia with the South Coast Road in Siumu. The project road is 19.70 kilometers (km) that provides access to 8 villages to the capital, Apia. The existing two-lane narrow carriageway (4 meters 5 meters) road with surface seal carrying up to 6,000 average daily traffic (ADT) along first 5 km, and up to 1,500 ADT thereafter, is unsafe for road users and in need of upgrading. The project will also improve institutional capacity of executing and implementing agencies to plan, execute and maintain investment projects and will provide support to the Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment (MNRE) to improve their capacity in updating the current cadastral system.</p>				
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>Although passable throughout the year, significant sections of the project road have fallen into disrepair and become a safety concern for commuters as well as pedestrians walking along the roadside. This is especially an issue along the first 3 km of the road which is situated in a semi-urban area. In 2012, tropical cyclone Evan hit Samoa and caused significant damage to its road infrastructure. Some of the critically damaged road sections (5 locations total of 3,720 km) were since widened and resurfaced by the Government. The existing narrow road lanes without adequate pedestrian facilities in semi-urban areas, deficient drainage throughout the entire length, as well as unsafe horizontal and vertical alignment in hilly road sections will become a significant hazard as traffic levels increase, particularly in wet conditions.</p>				
Impact	Strengthened transport sector governance framework Improved, sustained, and climate-proofed road transport network				
Outcome	More reliable and safer road network.				
Outputs	Upgraded and safe Central Cross Island Road. Strengthened institutional capacity.				
Geographical Location	Apia, Siumu Village				

Safeguard Categories		
Environment		B
Involuntary Resettlement		B
Indigenous Peoples		C

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design		
During Project Implementation		

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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	03 May 2018
Fact Finding	20 Feb 2019 to 28 Feb 2019
MRM	30 May 2019
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
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