



China, People's Republic of: Guangxi Guilin Comprehensive Ecological Rehabilitation

Project Name	Guangxi Guilin Comprehensive Ecological Rehabilitation	
Project Number	53079-001	
Country	China, People's Republic of	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan	
Source of Funding / Amount	Loan: Guangxi Guilin Comprehensive Ecological Rehabilitation	
	Ordinary capital resources	US\$ 140.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Knowledge solutions	
Sector / Subsector	Finance - Trade finance Industry and trade - Industry and trade sector development - Trade and services Transport - Water transport (non-urban) Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Renovation and protection of cultural heritage - Urban policy, institutional and capacity development - Urban sanitation	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	The proposed project aims to improve livelihood of poor villages in Guilin and ecological protection of the Li River through restoration of Li River and old ethnic minority villages	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic context. Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region (GZAR) remains one of the poorer provinces, with per capita gross domestic product of CNY37,712, ranking 27th out of 31 provinces. About 9.9% of the population is living below the poverty line compared with the national average of 5.2%. A significant part of GZAR is mountainous and it has the largest ethnic minority population in the PRC accounting for 37.1% of GZAR's total population in 2015. - Government Strategy. One of the overall objectives of the Thirteenth Five Year Plan for Guangxi Tourism Development is to alleviate poverty through tourism and Guilin is being planned to become a world-class tourist city and an international tourist destination. There were estimated three million population living in poverty in rural villages in 2015; and as stated in the Thirteenth Five Year Plan for the Guilin, they plan to have all population live out of poverty by 2020. The tourism potential of Guilin needs to be improved and upgrading its tourism potential depends on the rehabilitation of the Li River and the restoration of old villages. - Need for sanitation facilities along the Li River. Li River has significant importance to the livelihood of Guangxi. It crosses two counties and three districts: Lingchuan and Yangshuo Counties, and Yanshan, Qixing and Diecai districts. XXX Households along the Li River disposes liquid and solid sanitary waste directly to the river making the water polluted. While the river has quality standard 2, it is in danger of becoming degraded because several villages along the river do not have proper sewerage facilities. It is necessary to improve the facilities in these villages to protect the river. Li River is also the lifeblood of Guilin which tourists flock to visit. - Need for improved infrastructure and hinterland connections of heritage site villages. Some heritage site villages cannot be reached through the river due to shallow waters and lack of berths and docks. Due to this limited accessibility raw materials and agricultural products produced in the hinterlands cannot reach urban areas. Moreover, tourists also cannot reach these villages which have living cultural heritage and traditional values, which contribute to inter-cultural understanding and tolerance. - Need for income generating activities for villagers. Moreover, there are several villages along the river that are living in poverty. Poverty incidence in these villages is X%, it is X% lower compared to the national average. X counties or villages are living below the poverty line, which is defined as X CNY GDP per capita in 2018. It is important to assist these people by creating more jobs and raising their incomes. - Need for strengthened capacity for sustainable tourism development. The project will initiate modern sustainable tourism management systems, improve capacity building of stakeholders, and increase the level of professionalism in the tourism sector by enhancing monitoring and inspection skills and initiating vocational, and other training programs. 	
Impact		
Outcome		
Outputs		
Geographical Location		
Safeguard Categories		
Environment	A	
Involuntary Resettlement	B	
Indigenous Peoples	A	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects	Category A for environment. The category will be confirmed based on the environmental due diligence.	
Involuntary Resettlement	Category B for involuntary resettlement. The category will be confirmed based on the social safeguards due diligence.	
Indigenous Peoples	Category A for indigenous people. The category will be confirmed based on the social safeguards due diligence.	

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design During project design and implementation stage, a joint project management office (PMO) is envisaged to be setup within the EA.

During Project Implementation

Business Opportunities

Procurement Advance contracting and retroactive financing will be pursued in line with ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time) to facilitate project implementation in goods, works, non-consulting and consulting services. The government has been advised that advance contracting and retroactive financing do not commit ADB to finance the project.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	27 Sep 2019
Fact Finding	01 Sep 2020 to 01 Sep 2020
MRM	30 Nov 2020
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	27 Sep 2019

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