



Azerbaijan: Irrigation and Drainage System Development in Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic

Project Name	Irrigation and Drainage System Development in Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic	
Project Number	53098-001	
Country	Azerbaijan	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan	
Source of Funding / Amount	Loan: Irrigation and Drainage System Development in Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic	
	Ordinary capital resources	US\$ 85.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Agricultural drainage - Irrigation - Rural water policy, institutional and capacity development	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	The project will support rehabilitation and modernization of the irrigation and drainage networks serving about 23,230 ha land in Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic (NAR) of Azerbaijan. The project will also help strengthen institutional capacity of the irrigation system management including support to water user associations. The project will include two indicative outputs: (i) irrigation and drainage infrastructure improved and/or constructed; and (ii) capacity of State Amelioration and Water Management Committee (SAWMC) and water users associations (WUAs) in irrigation and project management improved.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The lagging performance of agriculture points to its low productivity, providing mainly low wage and seasonal jobs that contribute to poverty vulnerability. Improving agricultural productivity is central to developing the rural economy and is the most direct route to improving employment and income opportunities. A number of bottlenecks need to be resolved in order to realize these opportunities. One of the most pressing constraints lies in the irrigation sub-sector. Total irrigated area was 1,446,000 hectares (ha) in 2017, accounting for 64.55% of the total cultivated land in Azerbaijan. However, the irrigation systems are not performing to its designed capacity. There is a need to fill in gaps in irrigation, introduce new technologies, improve access to finance and essential logistics, and develop a quality infrastructure.	
Impact		
Outcome		
Outputs		
Geographical Location		
Safeguard Categories		
Environment		B
Involuntary Resettlement		B
Indigenous Peoples		C
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects	Environment categorisation will be reconfirmed during project preparation. Detailed environmental impacts will be assessed and an initial environmental examination report including environmental management plan will be prepared during project preparation.	
Involuntary Resettlement	Involuntary resettlement categorisation will be reconfirmed during project preparation. Detailed impacts will be assessed and resettlement plan will be prepared during project preparation.	
Indigenous Peoples	Indigenous peoples categorisation will be reconfirmed during project preparation.	
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design	Key stakeholders including government agencies, local administrations, farmer communities, and civil society organisations will be consulted during project preparation through various means including interviews, focused group discussions, meetings and questionnaire.	
During Project Implementation	The executing and implementing agencies will continue to consult relevant key stakeholders during project implementation.	
Business Opportunities		
Consulting Services	Details of the consulting services required for the project will be discussed and agreed during the project preparation.	
Procurement	Procurement plan for works, goods, and consulting services will be prepared during project preparation.	
Responsible ADB Officer	Zhou Yaozhou	
Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department	

Responsible ADB Division	Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, CWRD
Executing Agencies	State Amelioration & Water Management Committee of Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic Khatai district, Nakhchivan City Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic Azerbaijan

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	21 Dec 2020
Fact Finding	01 Mar 2021 to 05 Mar 2021
MRM	03 May 2021
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	26 Sep 2019

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