



# Bangladesh: South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Dhaka–Sylhet Corridor Road Investment Project

Project Name	South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Dhaka–Sylhet Corridor Road Investment Project	
Project Number	53382-001	
Country	Bangladesh	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan	
Source of Funding / Amount	MFF Facility Concept: South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Dhaka Sylhet Corridor Road Investment Project	
	Ordinary capital resources	US\$ 1,900.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development	
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Road transport (non-urban)	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	The project will improve road connectivity and efficiency of the estimated 215 kilometer section of the existing Dhaka-Sylhet-Tamabil international trade corridor on the National Highway No. 2.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	While the transport system of Bangladesh consists of roads, railways, inland waterways, maritime shipping facilities, and civil aviation, road transport's modal share is dominant with over 70% of passenger traffic and 60% of freight traffic being carried by road. Traffic has been growing at an average rate of above 8% per year. The number of vehicles also increased at a rapid speed, with an average growth of 15% annually since 2015, reaching 3,419,884 in March 2018. The limited capacity and deteriorating conditions of the road infrastructure has created a major bottleneck on many subregional trade corridors connecting to other SASEC countries despite the government's efforts for gradually upgrading those corridors to facilitate international trade. The low capacity and quality of the road infrastructure has also prevented balanced development among different growth centers within Bangladesh. Also, it has inevitably led to serious road safety issues, with nearly 25,000 road traffic fatality estimated annually.	
Impact	An efficient and modern road transport system in Bangladesh achieved, and subregional connectivity and trade improved.	
Outcome	Road connectivity and safety of the Dhaka-Sylhet international trade corridor improved.	
Outputs	The Dhaka-Sylhet international trade corridor upgraded with stronger road safety, gender-responsive, and climate resilience features Awareness of communities on road safety improved Institutional capacity of RHD enhanced	
Geographical Location	Dhaka, Sylhet	
<b>Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects</b>		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
<b>Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation</b>		
During Project Design		
During Project Implementation		
<b>Business Opportunities</b>		
Consulting Services	All consultants will be recruited according to ADB's Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time).	
Procurement	For procurement of goods, works and consulting services, ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, amended from time to time) shall apply.	
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Responsible ADB Department	South Asia Department	
Responsible ADB Division	Transport and Communications Division, SARD	
Executing Agencies	Roads and Highways Department Sarak Bhaban Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208 Bangladesh	

Timetable	
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Fact Finding	15 Jun 2020 to 26 Jun 2020
MRM	03 Aug 2020
Approval	-
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Last PDS Update	27 Feb 2020

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