



Bangladesh: Climate Resilient Livelihood Improvement and Watershed Management in Chittagong Hill Tracts Sector Project

Project Name	Climate Resilient Livelihood Improvement and Watershed Management in Chittagong Hill Tracts Sector Project	
Project Number	54047-001	
Country	Bangladesh	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan	
Source of Funding / Amount	Loan: Third Chittagong Hill Tracts Rural Development Project	
	concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund	US\$ 100.00 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 production - Agro-industry, marketing, and trade - Rural market infrastructure	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Gender equity	
Description	<p>The proposed project will take a holistic approach to improve livelihoods and sustainable use of natural resources in the CHT. It will do so by addressing selected deficiencies in all five forms of capital that are lacking in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT). Specifically, the project will address physical capital by improving roads and bridges, water supply and sanitation and irrigation schemes, market facilities, and providing agricultural equipment. It will build human capital by improving vocational skills in the rural non-farm sector related to agriculture value chains and developing capacity of the CHT institutions and stakeholders. Social capital will be improved by strengthening the local government institutions to continue the system of participatory planning and implementation of subprojects that has been established under the Second Chittagong Hill Tracts Rural Development Project. Natural capital will be improved by supporting the restoration of critical watersheds through village community forest management and implementing several pilot projects in rural solid waste management. Finally, financial capital will be improved by enhancing fund flow arrangements for disbursement of annual development plan funds and leveraging private investment in basic agro-processing facilities. Subprojects will be selected through an inclusive and bottom-up approach based on community stated priorities.</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The CHT is a geographically and ethno-culturally distinct region of Bangladesh. Situated in the southeast, it is the only extensively hilly area of the country. Historically, the population of CHT was made up of 11 distinct ethnic groups, each with its unique language, culture and heritage. Since the mid-1950s, the people of the CHT have been displaced from their ancestral lands, firstly due to the Kaptai Hydroelectric Project (completed in 1960), and later (since the late 1970s) to several transmigration programs to settle Bengali people from the plains in the CHT. These were seen as acts of aggression by the indigenous communities, which led to an armed uprising for autonomy and the rights of indigenous peoples. Following a 2-decade long conflict, a peace accord was signed in 1997, and along with it the promise of a new era of peace, harmony and development. More than 2 decades on, the CHT ranks amongst the poorest districts of Bangladesh. Measured in terms of a single dimensional index of household income and expenditure, the population below the poverty line in the CHT districts of Bandarban, Khagrachari, and Rangamati in 2010 was 40.1%, 25.5% and 20.3% respectively. In comparison, the national average poverty head count in the same year was 31.4%. However, using a multi-dimensional index including non-income covariates, poverty levels in the CHT are believed to be much higher. Such analysis also shows that indigenous communities are poorer than the non-indigenous communities.</p>	
Impact	enhanced human health and well-being, reduced vulnerability, and improved food security of the CHT people	
Outcome	Sustainable livelihood opportunities and access to basic services for the rural population in the CHT including women and vulnerable groups enhanced	
Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural roads rehabilitated Community infrastructure developed Watershed management strengthened Agriculture production, processing, and marketing improved Rural non-farm skills related to agriculture value chains improved 	
Geographical Location	Bandarban, Khagrachari, Rangamati	
Safeguard Categories		
Environment	B	
Involuntary Resettlement	A	
Indigenous Peoples	A	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services To be procured following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	06 Aug 2020
Fact Finding	03 May 2021 to 13 May 2021
MRM	05 Jul 2021
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	06 Aug 2020

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