



Bangladesh: Support for Preparation of South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Dhirasram Inland Container Depot Project

Project Name	Support for Preparation of South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Dhirasram Inland Container Depot Project				
Project Number	56172-001				
Country / Economy	Bangladesh				
Project Status	Approved				
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance				
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>TA 10040-BAN: Support for Preparation of South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Dhirasram Inland Container Depot Project</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 1.00 million</td> </tr> </table>	TA 10040-BAN: Support for Preparation of South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Dhirasram Inland Container Depot Project		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.00 million
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth				
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Governance and capacity development Private sector development				
Sector / Subsector	Transport / Multimodal logistics				
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements				
Description	<p>The proposed South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Dhirasram Inland Container Depot (DICD) Project will support construction of a new inland container depot (ICD) in the north of Dhaka with direct rail link to Chattogram Port and Indian borders. The project will apply the public-private partnership (PPP) scheme where a concessionaire will finance construction of the superstructure of DICD and procurement of cargo handling equipment, and will be responsible for operation and maintenance. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will finance construction of the substructure of DICD.</p> <p>The project will strengthen the national logistics network enabling operation of more container freight trains connecting with the port and Indian borders. The project will contribute to modal shift toward environment-friendly and sustainable multimodal transport in Bangladesh. Also, it will alleviate road congestion in Dhaka by replacing the Kamlapur ICD in the city center once the DICD is operational. Accordingly, the project will reduce truck inflow and greenhouse gas (GHG) emission from logistics operation.</p> <p>The project will be aligned with the following impacts: trade logistics improved, and export diversification advanced.¹ The project outcome will be capacity of container transportation by rail in Bangladesh increased. The project outputs will be: i) substructure of DICD constructed,² ii) National ICD Development Plan prepared; and iii) readiness of DICD operation and supervision advanced. The indicative amount of regular ordinary capital resources loan from ADB is \$250 million out of the total project cost of \$794.6 million. Investment by a PPP concessionaire is expected to be at \$108 million while Bangladesh Railway's counterpart financing is \$416.2 million.</p>				
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The ensuing loan will develop Bangladesh's largest ICD at Dhirasram in the north of Dhaka, with direct rail link with Chattogram Port and Indian borders. The DICD is expected to substantially increase container transport capacity of Bangladesh Railway.				
Impact					
Project Outcome					
Description of Outcome					
Progress Toward Outcome					
Implementation Progress					
Description of Project Outputs	<p>Readiness of DICD operation and supervision advanced.</p> <p>2.National Inland Container Depot development plan and other documents prepared.</p>				
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)					
Geographical Location	Dhirasram				
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	ADB will engage the consultants following ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions. A firm consultant will advance project readiness of the ensuing loans through implementation of the study including capacity development of Bangladesh Railway and Container Company of Bangladesh Ltd. Individual consultants will be engaged to support Bangladesh Railway in the: i) review of deliverables by the firm consultant for quality assurance; ii) preparation of documents for government procedures; and iii) communication with other agencies and stakeholders for project coordination. The consultants will procure goods as required for implementation of assignment, including office equipment.
Procurement	Not applicable.

Responsible ADB Officer	Kasahara, Kaoru
Responsible ADB Department	South Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Transport and Communications Division, SARD
Executing Agencies	Bangladesh Railway

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	13 Dec 2022
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	13 Dec 2022

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	-	0.00

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