

INITIAL POVERTY AND SOCIAL ANALYSIS

Country:	PRC	Project Title:	Jiangxi Ji'an Sustainable Urban Transport Project
Lending/Financing Modality:	Project loan	Department/ Division:	EARD/EATC

I. POVERTY ISSUES

A. Links to the National Poverty Reduction Strategy and Country Partnership Strategy

Jiangxi Ji'an is a prefectural level city in Jiangxi Province about 250 km south of the provincial capital of Nanchang. The city center is about 50 sq. km and has a population of about 500,000. The master plan for the center city envisions an expanded area of 150 to 200 sq. km and a population of up to 1.5 to 2.0 million by 2030. The Project is consistent with the ADB's PRC Country Strategy Program, especially the Pillar I of "Inclusive Growth and Balanced Development". Under Pillar I, ADB will help the PRC build a harmonious society and boost development in areas where growth and development are lagging. The economy of Jiangxi Province lags behind nearby provinces and remains relatively poor. Incomes have been rising rapidly in recent years but remain less than 60 percent of the national average.

B. Targeting Classification

General Intervention Individual or Household (TI-H) Geographic (TI-G) Non-Income MDGs (TI-M1, M2, etc.)

The project will provide easy access to semi urban and rural households to be part of mainstream and benefit from economic development. The project will contribute in poverty reduction by increasing access to market, new economic opportunities for entrepreneurs and employment opportunities for both men and women.

C. Poverty Analysis

1. If the project is classified as TI-H, or if it is policy-based, what type of poverty impact analysis is needed? N.A
2. What resources are allocated in the PPTA/due diligence? N.A
3. If GI, is there any opportunity for pro-poor design (e.g., social inclusion subcomponents, cross subsidy, pro-poor governance, and pro-poor growth)? Please explain.

The project will directly contribute in poverty reduction through (i) improved access to market and employment opportunities, (ii) attracting new enterprises, (iii) greater mobility for both self employed and wage earners, (iv) employment generation during project construction, and (v) new job opportunities in various services like transport hub, railway platform, etc. Based on ADB's *Handbook on Social Analysis*, a detailed poverty analysis will be carried to understand the issues and challenges related to poverty and how to address the same, especially for farmers in the villages affected by this urban development.

II. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

A. Initial Social Analysis

Based on existing information:

1. Who are the potential primary beneficiaries of the project? How do the poor and the socially excluded benefit from the project?

The households and businesses in Ji'an will directly benefit from the project. They will have better access to both rail and road transport system. The integrated hub approach will help in easy and safe mobility, which will provide access to new employment opportunities and enterprise development.

2. What are the potential needs of beneficiaries in relation to the proposed project?

The potential project beneficiaries expect that with greater access and improved rail and road transport they are supported for earning more income and improve their overall quality of life. The needs of affected rural villages will be assessed during the PPTA to identify measures to make this development more inclusive for them.

3. What are the potential constraints in accessing the proposed benefits and services, and how will the project address them?

The constraints include lack of information, livelihood planning, skills, need for investing in new enterprise, and road safety concerns. The Project will address the safety issue in the design itself, adopting an integrated approach. During the PPTA, a social development monitoring and action plan (SDMAP) will be prepared which will include skill enhancement and support programs to support beneficiaries to optimize benefit from project services.

B. Consultation and Participation

1. Indicate the potential initial stakeholders.

The major stakeholders include government agencies at national, provincial and city level, the local communities, farmers, entrepreneurs, women, and project affected households.

2. What type of consultation and participation (C&P) is required during the PPTA or project processing (e.g., workshops, community mobilization, involvement of nongovernment organizations and community-based organizations, etc.)?

The project will have a consultation and participation strategy to ensure meaningful consultation with all stakeholders. The consultation and participation strategy will ensure timely information to communities, project affected households and all relevant agencies. The project agencies will disseminate information about master development plan and how this project complements the same for ensuring better social and economic status of the communities and project beneficiaries.

3. What level of participation is envisaged for project design?

Information sharing Consultation Collaborative decision making Empowerment

4. Will a C&P plan be prepared during the project design for project implementation? Yes No Please explain.

The consultation and participation plan will facilitate the consultation process during project preparation and project implementation.

C. Gender and Development

Proposed Gender Mainstreaming Category EGM

1. What are the key gender issues in the sector/subsector that are likely to be relevant to this project/program?

Some of the key issues will be to ensure easy and equal access to project benefits, employment opportunities, skill enhancement and participation of women in overall project planning and implementation. The Project will not only ensure participation of women but will ensure women can benefit from new economic opportunities. The project will consider potential gender issues and gender specific design features. Possibilities could include:

- (i) physical design features at bus terminal/transfer facilities and/or on BRT buses which are gender/women friendly;
- (ii) employment targets for women in any civil works and associated maintenance;
- (iii) promotion of women's livelihood, especially those from affected villages;
- (iv) consideration of pedestrian and other transport needs which may differ in their importance based on gender; and
- (v) promotion of road safety awareness, designed appropriately for different target audiences, particularly women and children.

2. Does the proposed project/program have the potential to promote gender equality and/or women's empowerment by improving women's access to and use of opportunities, services, resources, assets, and participation in decision making?

Yes No Please explain.

Physical design features of project components should incorporate the needs and concerns of women. A gender action plan will be prepared during PPTA to ensure appropriate measures and resource commitments are included in the project to benefit women.

3. Could the proposed project have an adverse impact on women and/or girls or to widen gender inequality?

Yes No Please explain

The impact of the urban development on affected villages could adversely affect the livelihoods of women. New livelihood options will be identified under the project and as part of the resettlement plan.

III. SOCIAL SAFEGUARD ISSUES AND OTHER SOCIAL RISKS			
Issue	Nature of Social Issue	Significant/Limited/No Impact/Not Known	Plan or Other Action Required
Involuntary Resettlement	About 250 households and 1,000 persons will be directly affected by land acquisition and demolition of houses and businesses.	Significant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resettlement Plan
Indigenous Peoples	There are no ethnic minorities in the entire project area. The local government reports that Ji'an city is more than 99% Han Chinese.	No impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None
Labor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employment Opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Retrenchment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Core Labor Standards	Project will create employment opportunities during project construction. There is no adverse impact on labour issues.	Limited	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Action (SDMAP)
Affordability	Project will ensure the tariff and fee structure is not a constraint to access and use the facilities.	Limited	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action
Other Risks and/or Vulnerabilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Human Trafficking <input type="checkbox"/> Others (conflict, political instability, etc.), please specify	The risk will be assessed during PPTA particularly taking into consideration if there is any influx of construction labor.	Limited	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Action (SDMAP)
IV. PPTA/DUE DILIGENCE RESOURCE REQUIREMENT			
<p>1. Do the TOR for the PPTA (or other due diligence) include poverty, social and gender analysis and the relevant specialist/s? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>2. Are resources (consultants, survey budget, and workshop) allocated for conducting poverty, social and/or gender analysis, and C&P during the PPTA/due diligence? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No The PPTA will engage an international expert for 2 pm and national consultant for 5 pm to undertake poverty and social analysis.</p>			