



# Kazakhstan: Preparing the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridors 3 and 6 Turkistan Road Network Improvement Project

Project Name	Preparing the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridors 3 and 6 Turkistan Road Network Improvement Project				
Project Number	54217-002				
Country	Kazakhstan				
Project Status	Active				
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance				
Source of Funding / Amount	<table><tr><td>TA 6538-KAZ: Preparing the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridors 3 and 6 Turkistan Road Network Improvement Project</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td><td>US\$ 225,000.00</td></tr></table>	TA 6538-KAZ: Preparing the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridors 3 and 6 Turkistan Road Network Improvement Project		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 225,000.00
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Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration				
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Partnerships Private sector development				
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Road transport (non-urban)				
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements				
Description	The technical assistance (TA) will support phase 1 of preparatory activities to help scope and structure the proposed Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Corridors 3 and 6 Turkistan Road Network Improvement Project (the project). TA activities include: (i) preparing a strategic procurement plan and recommending a suitable contracting modality; (ii) reviewing the project's alignment; (iii) collecting initial environmental and social safeguards data and support draft safeguards documentation; and (iv) defining subsequent project activities, including the scope and financing modality of further project due diligence.				
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Shymkent is Kazakhstan's third largest city and has a population of about 1.0 million people in 2020; it is a major economic and transit hub at the heart of the Turkistan region, which sustains an additional 2.0 million people. Shymkent is the center of a radial network connecting three major agglomerations within a 2.5 hours and 180 kilometer (km) radius: (i) Taraz, Kazakhstan's sixth largest city; (ii) Tashkent, Uzbekistan's capital of 2.5 million people; and (iii) Turkistan city, the provincial capital of the Turkistan region and a prime tourist destination. About 273,000 people live in Turkistan's district of Saryagash, which is the main gateway between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. The project will improve the capacity, safety, and sustainability of major road links in Kazakhstan's southern region of Turkistan, and enhance regional connectivity and trade with national and international markets. The project will primarily finance 102 km of a road bypassing the city of Saryagash, providing a high-capacity corridor for freight traffic presently traversing urban areas. The project road is aligned with CAREC corridors 3 and 6, and will strengthen Kazakhstan's role as a hub of major international transit routes. The project will thus support economic growth by (i) lowering transport costs and improving logistics efficiency; (ii) enhancing accessibility and trade to domestic and international markets, jobs, and services, (iii) supporting the development of global value chains, notably in non-oil sectors; and (iv) strengthening the sustainability of existing road assets, through the increased involvement of the private sector.				
Impact					
Project Outcome					
Description of Outcome					
Progress Toward Outcome					
Implementation Progress					
Description of Project Outputs					
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)					
Geographical Location	Nation-wide				
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	The consultants will provide their expertise in procurement, civil engineering, and social and environmental safeguards.
Procurement	ADB will engage the consultants 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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Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Transport and Communications Division, CWRD
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Industry and Infrastructure Development formerly "Ministry of Investments and Developments" 32/1 Kabanbay Batyr Ave., Astana
Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	14 Jul 2020
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	16 Jul 2020

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
225,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225,000.00	-	0.00

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