

## SBF Project Implementation Monitoring Report

### Tajikistan: Dushanbe-Uzbek Border Road Improvement Project

#### 1. Project Information

Project ID:	000002	Investment Number:	L0002A
Member:	Tajikistan	Region:	Central Asia
Sector:	Transport	Sub-sector:	Roads (non-urban)
Financing Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loan <input type="checkbox"/> Guarantee	Co-financier(s):	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Borrower:	Republic of Tajikistan		
Implementing Agency:	Ministry of Transport		
Project Team Leader:	Roberto Salgado		
Site Visits:	March 10-17, 2019		

#### 2. Project Summary and Objectives

The Project will rehabilitate and upgrade the 5 km section between Avicenna Roundabout and West Gate of the Dushanbe-Uzbekistan border road. The objective of the Project will be the enhancement of the connectivity and mobility along the Tajikistan segment of the Asian Highway Network and the CAREC Corridor 3. The total project cost is USD 105.9 million and co-financed by EBRD (USD 62.5 million) and AIIB (USD 27.5 million). The Government of Tajikistan's contribution is USD 15.9 million.

#### 3. Key Dates

Approved:	June 25, 2016	Signed:	June 25, 2016
Effective:	November 23, 2016	Restructured (if any):	-
Orig. Closing:	June 30, 2021	Rev. Closing (if any):	-

#### 4. Disbursement Summary (USD million)

a) Committed:	27.50	b) Cancelled (if any):	n/a
c) Disbursed:	15.06	d) Most recent disbursement: (amount /date)	1.71 / Jan. 26, 2019
e) Undisbursed:	12.44	f) Disbursement Ratio (%) <sup>1</sup> :	54.76

#### 5. Project Implementation Update

Project implementation is behind schedule and significant progress and acceleration of works was made across all work activities such as earthworks, foundations, and bridge sub and super- structures over the reporting period. The Project site is a dense urban area and relocation of existing underground utilities remains a significant source of

<sup>1</sup> Disbursement Ratio is defined as the volume (i.e. the dollar amount) of total disbursed amount as a percentage of the net committed volume, i.e.,  $f = c / (a - b)$

delays, which are compounded by the Contractor's low performance. The procurement process for a financial Auditor has not been completed and contract awarded as of Q4 2019 and the 2018 audited project financial statements will be delayed over four (4) months. In the interim, the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) under the Ministry of Transport (MoT) shared the unaudited financial statements for 2018 and Q3 2019 submitted to the Ministry of Finance (MoF) as part of their financial reporting requirements.

Components	Physical Progress	Environmental & Social Compliance	Procurement	Financial Management
Civil works on Road Rehabilitation and Reconstruction and construction supervision USD27.5 M (100%)	<p>Contract Time Elapsed: 645 days (88.3%)</p> <p>Progress Target (per revised Work Program): 99.91%</p> <p>Achieved Progress: 75.18%</p> <p>Lead/Lag Progress: 24.73% (Lag)</p>	Delays with LARP compensation due to Govt of Tajikistan funding; site access not well managed to prevent access by the public	<p>Construction contract signed in Jan 2018</p> <p>Supervision contract signed Feb 2018</p>	No issues

## 6. Status of the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

GRM was set up based on the requirements from Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) and Monitoring and Mitigation Plan. The Client, Engineer and the Contractor have appointed Safeguard engineers or Specialists on site. The mission noted that the project GRM is set up via "weekly site coordination meetings". The meetings are chaired by the Site Supervision Engineer and bring together representatives from the Client, the Contractor and local communities. Issues raised by community representatives and complaints are discussed and addressed at these meetings.

## 7. Results Monitoring

Project Objective Indicators	Baseline (2016)	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021 (End Target)	
		Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual
The key indicator of the Project will be a rehabilitated and upgraded 5 km section between Avicenna Roundabout and West Gate of the Dushanbe-Uzbekistan border road (unit: kilometer)	0							5			
Intermediate Result Indicators	Baseline (2016)	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021 (End Target)	
		Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual
The 5 km of the section between Avicenna Roundabout and West	0							5			

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Gate of the Dushanbe-Uzbekistan border road rehabilitated and upgraded (unit: kilometer)											
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