



Myanmar: Greater Mekong Subregion Highway Modernization Project

Project Name	Greater Mekong Subregion Highway Modernization Project
Project Number	47087-003
Country	Myanmar
Project Status	Proposed
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan
Source of Funding / Amount	Loan: Greater Mekong Subregion Highway Modernization Project concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund US\$ 194.70 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Road transport (non-urban)
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements
Description	The project will improve transport conditions along Myanmar's East-West Economic Corridor (EWEC) and North-South Economic Corridor (NSEC) by (i) improving about 99 km of GMS highways, (ii) improving the safety of the Yangon-Mandalay expressway, and (iii) preparing detailed designs for other highway projects on the GMS corridors. The highways to be improved under the project are the Bago-Thanyin highway and the Yangon-Mandalay expressway. The highways to be designed under the project are the Yangon-Pathein highway and a new Bago-Kyaikto highway.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The GMS road corridors are the backbone of Myanmar's transport system. The project is in line with the Country Partnership Strategy's objective to develop the GMS corridors. It advances its strategic emphasis on transport infrastructure improvements, reforms, and private sector development. The project forms part of a sequence of gradually larger and more value-adding projects in the transport sector in Myanmar.
Impact	All-weather and safe road transport infrastructure developed (National Transport Sector Development Master Plan)
Outcome	Efficiency and safety of road traffic along the GMS EWEC and NSEC in Myanmar improved
Outputs	GMS highways improved Yangon-Mandalay expressway safety improved Detailed design for other highway projects prepared
Geographical Location	Bago, Pathein, Thilawa, Yangon

Safeguard Categories

Environment	B
Involuntary Resettlement	A
Indigenous Peoples	C

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	The project is categorized as B for environment. It is not anticipated to cause significant adverse environmental impacts. The dominant land use along the project road is agricultural, which is primarily for rice production. The road corridor is not within undisturbed landscapes, mangrove areas, or near environmentally-protected areas. The project will not encroach on environmentally-sensitive sites. The government is preparing IEEs to meet the requirements of ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (SPS), which will be publicly disclosed. Each IEE will include an Environmental Management Plan (EMP). The EMP is to be incorporated into the project's civil works contract documentation. IEEs will also include a grievance redress mechanism to facilitate resolution of construction-related environmental impacts.
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Involuntary Resettlement	The Project has been classified as Category A for Involuntary Resettlement in accordance with ADB's Operations Manual: Safeguards Policy Statement (F1). The Government will ensure that: (i) the Resettlement Plan, agreed between the Government and ADB, is implemented in accordance with their terms and all applicable laws and regulations of Myanmar and ADB's SPS; (ii) in case of any inconsistency between government laws and ADB's policy, the latter will prevail; (iii) all affected persons are given adequate opportunity to participate in resettlement planning and implementation; (iv) counterpart funds for resettlement activities are provided according to the budget and project schedule; (v) any additional costs in excess of the resettlement plan budget estimates are met within the project schedule; and (vi) adequate staff and resources are committed to supervising and monitoring implementation of the resettlement plan. No displacement or relocation activities will take place until: (i) the resettlement coordinating committee has been set-up; (ii) an Updated Resettlement Plan has been prepared, reviewed and accepted by ADB; and (iii) compensation and assistance detailed in the Resettlement Plan has been provided to the affected households.
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Indigenous Peoples	The project is categorized as C for indigenous peoples.
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Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	Consultation meetings were organized in January 2017 for the preparation of the IEEs. Additional consultation meetings will be organized in April and May 2017 as part of the preparation of the resettlement plans.
During Project Implementation	The Project Management Unit along with its Supervision consultants will conduct stakeholders consultation prior to and during road construction.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	A consulting firm will be recruited for supervision, institutional strengthening and design services, for outputs 1 and 2. A separate consulting firm will be recruited for output 3. Both consultants will be recruited following ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by Asian Development Bank and Its Borrowers (2013, as amended from time-to-time), using the quality and costs based selection procedure (quality to cost ratio of 90:10) and full technical proposal.
Procurement	All procurement of works and goods will be undertaken in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines. International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures will be adopted for civil works contracts estimated to cost \$3.0 million or more, and procurement of goods valued at \$500,000 or higher.

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Responsible ADB Department	Southeast Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Transport and Communications Division, SERD
Executing Agencies	<i>Ministry of Construction Department of Highways Office Building No. 11 Naypyitaw, Myanmar</i>

Timetable

Concept Clearance	17 Mar 2017
Fact Finding	28 Feb 2017 to 08 Mar 2017
MRM	03 Oct 2017
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	01 Oct 2018

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