



# Bangladesh: Rural Connectivity Improvement Project-Additional Financing

Project Name	Rural Connectivity Improvement Project-Additional Financing	
Project Number	47243-005	
Country	Bangladesh	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan	
Source of Funding / Amount	Loan: Rural Connectivity Improvement Project-Additional Financing	
	Ordinary capital resources	US\$ 50.00 million
	concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund	US\$ 50.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Private sector development	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Rural market infrastructure	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	<p>The proposed additional financing will scale up the current output 1 by increasing 940 kilometers of rural roads. The current project (i) upgrades about 1,700 kilometers of rural roads to all-weather standards with climate resilience and safety features in 34 districts in five divisions; (ii) improves capacity of the rural infrastructure agency; and (iii) upgrades the national rural road master plan using a geographic information system. It will have the following outcome: transport efficiency and related employment generated in target areas increased. The outputs are (i) rural road conditions between selected rural communities, productive agricultural areas, and socioeconomic centers improved; (ii) capacity of rural infrastructure agency and road users in project areas enhanced; and (iii) rural road master planning enhanced. The executing agency is the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) in the Local Government Division of the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives (MOLGRDC). A Dhaka-based project management unit within LGED supports project implementation, and there are five project implementation units at division level, 34 offices at district level, and 190 site offices at subdistrict level.</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The additional financing will increase the project's scope by upgrading an addition of 940 km of rural roads that will be implemented under the same implementation arrangements as for the current project. The overall project scope is aligned with the government's priorities under the Seventh Five Year Plan, FY2016 FY2020 and ADB's country partnership strategy for Bangladesh, 2016 2020.	
Impact	Connectivity between rural communities, productive agricultural areas, and socioeconomic centers in Bangladesh improved (Seventh Five Year Plan, FY2016 FY2020)	
Outcome	Transport efficiency and related employment generated in target areas increased	
Outputs	Rural road conditions between selected rural communities, productive agricultural areas, and socioeconomic centers improved Capacity of rural infrastructure agency and road users in project areas enhanced Rural road master planning enhanced	
Geographical Location	Nation-wide, Dhaka	
<b>Safeguard Categories</b>		
Environment	B	
Involuntary Resettlement	C	
Indigenous Peoples	C	
<b>Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects</b>		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design		
During Project Implementation		
<b>Business Opportunities</b>		
Consulting Services	Consultants will be recruited according to Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers: Goods, Works, Nonconsulting and Consulting Services (2017, as amended from time to time).	

Procurement All procurement of goods and works will be undertaken in accordance with Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers: Goods, Works, Nonconsulting and Consulting Services (2017, as amended from time to time). The procurement plan calls for 62 civil works to upgrade an additional 940 kilometers of rural roads.

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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	11 Dec 2019
Fact Finding	18 Nov 2019 to 25 Nov 2019
MRM	31 Mar 2020
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	11 Dec 2019

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