



Sri Lanka: Integrated Road Investment Program (Tranche 4)

Project Name	Integrated Road Investment Program (Tranche 4)
Project Number	47273-006
Country	Sri Lanka
Project Status	Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan
Source of Funding / Amount	Loan 3610-SRI: Integrated Road Investment Program-Tranche 4 Ordinary capital resources US\$ 150.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Road transport (non-urban)
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming
Description	Tranche 4 will improve and maintain about 3,108 kilometers (km) of rural access roads, 248 km of national roads, project management and consulting services financed under tranches 1, 2 and 3.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The absence of an all-weather road connectivity is a serious problem in Sri Lanka's rural areas, preventing communities from accessing socioeconomic centers. Poor road infrastructure has a strong link to poverty and affects economic growth in rural areas, agricultural productivity, and employment. The Government of Sri Lanka is addressing this problem through a country-wide rural road investment program - aimed at providing all-weather road connectivity to eligible unconnected rural habitations. The Asian Development Bank's (ADB's) country partnership strategy, 2018-2022 for Sri Lanka aims to address the major constraints to improving quality of growth and is closely aligned with the government's priorities. The country partnership strategy reconfirms continuing ADB assistance for developing the transport sector, including rural roads, which are critical for rural development in providing access to markets, health, education, and administrative services.
Impact	Connectivity between rural communities and socioeconomic centers in Sri Lanka improved.

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Transport efficiency on project roads increased.
Progress Toward Outcome	The loan was made effective on 13 February 2018.

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	Road conditions between the selected rural communities and socioeconomic centers improved Capacity of road agencies enhanced.
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	Altogether 110 workshops, training and seminars were conducted. Out of this 52 are related to the capacity development of road agencies (RDA, PRDA and Local Authorities). Approximately 200 staff members benefited. Individual consultant recruited and commenced. Draft report prepared and under review for Recommended Practice for Design, Construction and Maintenance of Rural Road in Sri Lanka for iRoad program. 75 staff have been trained. trainings are ongoing. Female representation in consultations related to the final design is ongoing as all designs are not yet completed. Achieved. Achieved. Road Management Contract (RMC) are not yet commenced.
Geographical Location	Nation-wide

Safeguard Categories	
Environment	B
Involuntary Resettlement	B
Indigenous Peoples	C

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	Tranche 4 is classified as category B, consistent with Tranches 1, 2 and 3 and in accordance with the Safeguard Policy Statement (2009). All Tranche 4-financed projects have been appraised under Tranches 1 and 2; and the environmental assessment and review framework, initial environmental examinations (IEEs), and climate risk assessments remain valid. The due diligence report indicates that the compensatory planting is not as specified in the environmental management plans, therefore RDA is requested to follow up and provide its plan on how it will be achieved. Other environmental safeguard requirements are either complied or being complied with. Monitoring reports are being submitted regularly as required and have been disclosed. There are no outstanding complaints. None of the project roads passed through reserved forest or national parks, sanctuaries, or habitats of protected species, and none of the roads disturbed any cultural heritage or monuments of cultural or historical importance. All bidding documents contained the provincial-specific environmental management plans, environmental monitoring plans, and road-specific environmental code of practice checklists, from which respective contractors prepared road-specific environmental management plans.
Involuntary Resettlement	Tranche 4 is categorized as category B for involuntary resettlement following ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009). The categorization follow those of the previous tranches. All Tranche 4-financed projects have been appraised under Tranches 1 and 2. The due diligence report covering all projects confirms that safeguard impacts are minimal, as envisaged at appraisal, and that Tranches 1, 2 and 3 are compliant with the social safeguards requirements outlined in the resettlement framework and indigenous peoples planning framework prepared for the MFF. All requirements in the frameworks have been met, and all planning documents have been disclosed. The government has committed adequate resources to implement safeguard measures, and project implementation consultant staffs are in place to provide support. Monitoring reports have been submitted and disclosed, and there are no outstanding complaints.
Indigenous Peoples	Tranche 4 is categorized as category C for indigenous peoples following ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009). The categorization follow those of the previous tranches. All Tranche 4-financed projects have been appraised under Tranches 1 and 2. The due diligence report covering all projects confirms that safeguard impacts are minimal, as envisaged at appraisal, and that Tranches 1, 2 and 3 are compliant with the social safeguards requirements outlined in the resettlement framework and indigenous peoples planning framework prepared for the MFF. All requirements in the frameworks have been met, and all planning documents have been disclosed. The government has committed adequate resources to implement safeguard measures, and project implementation consultant staffs are in place to provide support. Monitoring reports have been submitted and disclosed, and there are no outstanding complaints.

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	
During Project Implementation	

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	No procurement of civil works and consulting services will occur under tranche 4, as all procurement was done under tranches 1 and 2.
Procurement	No procurement of civil works and consulting services will occur under tranche 4, as all procurement was done under tranches 1 and 2.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
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Fact Finding	-
MRM	13 Sep 2017
Approval	04 Dec 2017
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	13 Sep 2018

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
04 Dec 2017	15 Dec 2017	13 Feb 2018	30 Sep 2022	-	-

Financing Plan		Loan Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	168.00	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	150.00	04 Dec 2017	99.51	0.00	66%
Counterpart	18.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	04 Dec 2017	12.60	0.00	8%

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