



## Georgia: GEO: Adjaristsqali Hydropower Project

Project Name	GEO: Adjaristsqali Hydropower Project		
Project Number	47919-014		
Borrower/Company	ADJARISTSQALI GEORGIA LLC		
Country	Georgia		
Location			
Approval Number	7407/8281		
Type or Modality of Assistance	7407	Loan	USD 15.00 million Committed
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration		
Drivers of Change	Partnerships Private sector development		
Sector / Subsector	<b>Energy</b> - Large hydropower generation		
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements		
Responsible ADB Department	Private Sector Operations Department		
Responsible ADB Division	Portfolio Management Division, PSOD		
Responsible ADB Officer	Singh, Samarendra		
Project Sponsor(s)	Clean Energy Invest AS International Finance Corporation Tata Power		
Description	The Adjaristsqali Hydropower Project (the Project ) involves the construction and operation of a 185 MW run-of-the-river hydropower plant in South West Georgia. The electricity will be sold to Turkey for 9 months and to the local market for 3 months in each year.		
Objectives and Scope	The project is expected to accelerate development of Georgia's hydropower sector by catalyzing more private sector investment and increasing cross-border energy trading in the region.		
Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The project is consistent with ADB's Strategy 2020 namely: inclusive growth; environmentally sustainable growth; and regional integration. The project is in line with ADB's first country partnership strategy (CPS), 2014-2018, which is being prepared for circulation to the board. The CPS mentions importance of upgrading and developing energy infrastructure. The project is also consistent with the country operations business plan (COBP) 2014-2016, which emphasizes financing of renewable energy projects through nonsovereign operations.		

### Safeguard Categories

Environment	A
Involuntary Resettlement	A
Indigenous Peoples	C

### Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	The project is classified category A for environmental aspect under ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009). Potential risks and impacts on the environment include construction and operation activities that could lead to issues of biodiversity, water quality, geology, and health and safety.
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Involuntary Resettlement	The project is classified category A for involuntary resettlement under ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009). The project facilities will require acquisition of about 100 hectares of agricultural land, mainly undeveloped grazing land belonging to about 315 households in two municipalities of Khulo and Shuakhevi. The borrower is preparing a Land Acquisition and Livelihood Restoration Plan (LALRP).
Indigenous Peoples	The project is classified category C for indigenous people under ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009). Initial information from the ESIA indicates that the project will not have any impact on Indigenous Peoples.
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	Stakeholder Engagement Plan is developed. The consultation has been conducted with stakeholders, including affected peoples, municipalities, NGOs. The consultation will be continued during implementation phase of the project.

### Timetable for assistance design, processing and implementation

Concept Clearance	11 Mar 2014
Due Diligence	
Credit Committee Meeting	31 Mar 2014
Approval	19 May 2014
PDS Creation Date	26 Jun 2013
Last PDS Update	30 Sep 2014

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