

Project Summary Information

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| Project Name | Bukhara Region Water Supply and Sewerage (BRWSSP) | | |
| Document Code | PD000314-PSI-UZB | | |
| Country | Uzbekistan | | |
| Sector/Subsector | Water and Waste / Water Supply, Sewage | | |
| Status of Financing | Under Preparation | | |
| Project Description | Component 1 — Investment in Water Supply Infrastructure: Construction and rehabilitation of well fields and intakes, main water lines, water treatment facilities, pumping stations and distribution networks. Component 2 — Investment in Sewerage Infrastructure: Construction of centralized sewage systems in district centers consisting of collectors, pumping stations and biological sewage treatment plants as well as discharge facilities. Extension of sewerage network in Bukhara City. Component 3 — Capacity Building and Implementation Support Component 3a — Capacity Building: Improving business practices of Bukhara Suvokova with regards to Asset Management, Operation and Maintenance, Client Management and Complaint Handling, Billing and Collection. The areas of capacity building will be further defined and agreed during preparation based on the client's needs. Component 3b — Project Implementation and Management Support: Project management and implementation support to assist the Implementation Agency (IA) in ensuring seamless coordination, efficient implementation and compliance with the relevant policies. | | |
| Objective | The project objective is to provide access to safe, reliable and affordable water and sanitation services in the Bukhara region | | |
| Expected Results | The project is expected to benefit about 1.67 million people. Phase I of the project is expected to benefit about 1.05 million residents of the prioritized areas in the Bukhara region. 540,000 people with new access to water supply and 510,000 people with improved service quality 105,000 people with improved access to wastewater services Phase II of the project is expected to benefit about 620,000 people. The Expected Results will be monitored through the following indicators: | | |

| | People provided with access to improved water sources in target areas | | | | |
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| | People provided with access to improved sanitation services through connection to sewerage network in target areas | | | | |
| | Bukhara Suvokova is operating the WSS infrastructure in a sustainable manner. | | | | |
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| Environmental and | Category A | | | | |
| Social Category | | | | | |
| Environmental and Social Information | Policies and Standards. The Project will be prepared consistent with AIIB's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP). Given that the project will be implemented in phases, a Framework approach has been adopted, wherein an Environmental and Social Management Planning Framework (ESMPF) will be developed. The ESMPF will include an Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) and a Resettlement Planning Framework (RPF). SS 1 (Environmental and Social Assessment and Management) has been triggered. A standard operating procedure for Chance Find in areas of cultural and historical significance is a critical component of project preparation. Gender issues will be addressed in relation to access to water and sanitation facilities. ESS 2 (Involuntary Resettlement) may also be applied in a limited manner as land acquisition and/or impact on livelihood is anticipated. Application of ESS 2 will be further verified during project preparation. ESS 3 (Indigenous Peoples) is not applicable as no indigenous peoples are identified in Bukhara Region according to AIIB team's desk review and field visit. During project preparation OGC and Environmental and Social Assurance Advisor will decide whether the | | | | |
| | policy on International Relations / International Waterways will be applicable. Categorization and Rationale. The Project has been assigned Category "A," in accordance with AIIB's ESF due to large-scale construction activities spread over a vast geographical area that may have substantial environmental and social impacts. A comprehensive Gender Action Plan that will involve women in planning, implementation and O&M of water supply and sewerage infrastructure will be developed. GRM. A multi-tier Grievance Redress Mechanism will be proposed in the ESMPF and established for the proposed Project prior to its implementation. PPM: AIIB Project-affected People's Mechanism (PPM) will be applicable – please see below. Risks and Mitigation Measures. The key E&S risk is the insufficient capacity for development of subproject E&S documents and implementation of ESMPs. Proposed mitigation measures include: Establishment of a PCU which will include environmental and social experts supported by the PMC and E&S consultants, | | | | |
| | Equally competent E&S staff will be deployed by the Borrower to address E&S issues at Tashkent and also Bukhara. | | | | |

| | Third-party moni | toring during implementation. | | |
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| Cost and Financing | Financing Plan for Phase I: | | | |
| Plan | Project cost: | USD 422 million | | |
| | AIIB loan: | USD 357 million (85%) | | |
| | GoUz: | USD 65 million (15%) | | |
| | Financing Plan for Phase II: | | | |
| | Project cost: | USD 236 million | | |
| | AIIB loan: | USD 200 million (85%) | | |
| | GoUz: | USD 36 million (15%) | | |
| | The above phases will be approved as two separate projects. | | | |
| Borrower | Republic of Uzbekistan | | | |
| Implementing Entity | Ministry of Housing and Communal Services | | | |
| Estimated date of | April 2024 | | | |
| loan closing | | | | |

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| Estimated Date of | January, 2020 | | |
| Appraisal Decision | | | |
| Estimated Date of | Q1, 2020 | | |
| Financing Approval | | | |

| Independent Accountability Mechanism | The Project-affected People's Mechanism (PPM) has been established by the AIIB to provide an opportunity for an independent and impartial review of submissions from Project-affected people who believe they have been or are likely to be adversely affected by AIIB's failure to implement its Environmental and Social Policy in situations when their concerns cannot be addressed satisfactorily through Project-level Grievance Redress Mechanisms or AIIB Management's processes. |
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| | For information on how to make submissions to the PPM, please visit <u>https://www.aiib.org/en/policies-</u> strategies/operational-policies/policy-on-the-project-affected-mechanism.html |