

„How environmentally friendly and socially just is the AIIB? “

Overview of case studies on AIIB financed projects

1 Investment Name and Timeframe

[Gujarat Rural Roads Project](#) (GRRP) [2017-2019]

2 Investment Country/area

State of Gujarat in Republic of India

3 Total investment AIIB (\$)

US\$ 329 million

4 Co-financier (if any)

Total project cost (phase 1): US\$ 658 million

GoG: US\$ 329 million

5 E&S Category

Category B

6 Project Details

- Construction and upgrading all-weather rural roads (Ritu Dewan 54 – MMGSY Project) to increase transportation access throughout the state of Gujarat in India
- The project shall specially benefit women and support a gender-neutral approach

7 Project Concerns

- The project did not establish mechanisms for women to inform or shape the project and overall, many fewer women were hired than men to work on the project
- Women did not get any new employment opportunities and the project has not promoted women's livelihoods or asset building
- MMGSY fails to provide equal, safe, decent jobs and there are no records of any kind to show they have been hired, are working, or are being paid
- Work sites did not have gender-safe bathrooms or housing facilities for women workers
- The project reinforced gender inequalities and violated labor and human rights
- Neither AIIB nor R&BD and LASA have a gender expert; AIIB does not have a gender policy
- The women face sexual harassment
- Women are being hired only at the lowest unskilled levels in AIIB-funded projects and there is no provision for skill upgradation or to create a befitting match between the educational background of the women and the kind/quality of work they are asked to handle

8 AIIB Interaction to date

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Organization monitoring:

Gender Action, PWESCR, BRICS Feminist Watch

Links:

-Gender Action (2019): Unmet Gender Promises in AIIB's Gujarat Project <https://bit.ly/3lsRatc>

-PWESCR (2019): Gender Case Study from Gujarat <https://bit.ly/32AWjYP>

-CFA (2018): Financing the future? AIIB and India's NIIF <https://bit.ly/3eYBETA>