



India: Rajasthan Secondary Towns Development Sector Project

Project Name	Rajasthan Secondary Towns Development Sector Project	
Project Number	42267-031	
Country	India	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan	
Source of Funding / Amount	Loan: Rajasthan Secondary Towns Sector Development Project	
	Ordinary capital resources	US\$ 300.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships	
Sector / Subsector	Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Urban policy, institutional and capacity development - Urban sanitation - Urban water supply	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	The project will support the Government of Rajasthan (GOR) in expanding access to improved water supply and sanitation (WSS) services for about 570,000 people in about 16 towns by drawing on experiences and lessons from three earlier projects funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Rajasthan. The project will finance climate-resilient and inclusive WSS infrastructure in Rajasthan's small and medium towns, including heritage towns, and strengthen human and institutional capacity for improved and sustainable service delivery in line with the GOR's investment program.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	In Rajasthan's smaller towns, water supply coverage is often high but services are intermittent, unreliable and the quality is unreliable. In the proposed project towns, households receive only 1.4 hours of water per day on average with inequities in distribution of water, a high incidence of water-borne diseases and high coping costs. Most connections are unmetered. A major factor in the poor quality of services is high losses in the transmission and distribution systems. Sanitation services coverage is low leading to an unsanitary environment and negative impacts on health and economic growth. Proposed investments in WSS coupled with institutional strengthening of ULBs in district headquarters, tourism towns and other market centers are expected to significantly improve livability through safe and continuous water supply that is more equitable, and through city-wide, inclusive sanitation (CWIS) services, including for the poor and vulnerable.	
Impact	(i) Access to potable, affordable, reliable, equitable, and environmentally sustainable drinking water supply in all urban areas of Rajasthan improved (Rajasthan Urban Water Supply Policy) (ii) Health status of urban population, especially the poor and under-privileged improved (State Sewerage and Waste Water Policy)	
Outcome	Urban service delivery in secondary towns of Rajasthan improved	
Outputs	Water supply infrastructure in project towns improved Sanitation systems in project towns developed or improved with cost-effective and inclusive features Institutional capacities strengthened	
Geographical Location	Rajasthan	
Safeguard Categories		
Environment		B
Involuntary Resettlement		B
Indigenous Peoples		B
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects	Initial environmental examinations (IEE) conducted for 5 sample subprojects indicate that the project is unlikely to have any significant adverse environmental impacts that are irreversible, diverse, or unprecedented. Potential impacts are site-specific, temporary in nature and can be mitigated through proper engineering designs and recommended mitigation measures. An environmental assessment and review framework in accordance with SPS and applicable laws and regulations will guide subproject selection, screening and categorization, environmental assessment, and the implementation of subprojects identified after ADB Board approval. Category A subprojects will not be considered under the project. All draft IEEs will be cleared by ADB prior to start of construction and environmental management plans included in contract documents. All statutory clearances and no objections will be obtained prior to start of construction activities.	
Involuntary Resettlement	RUDSICO prepared a resettlement framework in line with SPS and applicable laws to guide subproject screening and assess resettlement impacts. Subprojects with significant involuntary resettlement impacts (Category A) will not be eligible for funding under the project. Based on the draft resettlement plans and one due diligence report of 3 sample subprojects, the project will cause impacts that are not deemed significant: (i) permanent economic impacts on non-titleholders on government land; and (ii) temporary impacts during civil works. The measures in the draft resettlement plans are adequate to deal with identified risks. Draft resettlement plans will form part of the contract documents, updated during detailed design and submitted to ADB for review and disclosure. The draft resettlement framework and plans will be disclosed to project-affected people and on ADB and project websites, and final plans disclosed to affected persons.	

Indigenous Peoples	Scheduled tribes comprise only 3.2% of the state's urban population. In comparison, scheduled tribes comprise 10.6% of the total population in the sample town of Abu Road, and 33.8% in 6 nearby villages, all located in a scheduled area. Scheduled tribes will benefit from the improved WSS services and receive free household connections. In the sample subprojects appraised to date, the beneficiary scheduled tribes are not rendered vulnerable by the project. RUDSICO has prepared an indigenous peoples planning framework in line with SPS and applicable laws to ensure that, for subprojects to be prepared after Board approval, scheduled tribes will receive culturally appropriate benefits and adverse impacts will be addressed. Category A subprojects will not be considered under the project. The draft resettlement and indigenous peoples plan (RIPP) for Abu Road identifies only beneficial impacts to scheduled tribes and has adequate measures to include tribes in project benefits. Combined RIPPs will also be required for Banswara and Pratapgarh. The draft and final RIPPs will be disclosed to affected/benefited Indigenous Peoples communities and disclosed on ADB and project websites. Project management and implementation consultants will assist RUDSICO to manage indigenous peoples risks and impacts.
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Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	Public consultations were conducted for sample subprojects during preparation of the safeguards documents. Key stakeholders were consulted during feasibility study on priorities for investment in each town.
During Project Implementation	RUDSICO is mobilizing a Community Awareness and Public Participation Consultant to support stakeholder communication, participation and consultation throughout project implementation. Two social mobilizers will be assigned to each project town and supported by a larger team. The project also has a community level management committee that will meet monthly and help ensure good communication between the different agencies, local leaders and urban local bodies. Grievances will be handled following the project's grievance redress mechanism.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	All consultant recruitment will be undertaken by RUDSICO in accordance with the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and the Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time).
Procurement	All procurement of goods and works will be undertaken by RUDSICO in accordance with the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and the Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time).

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Responsible ADB Division	Urban Development and Water Division, SARD
Executing Agencies	Local Self Government Department (LSGD) Urban Governance, Government Secretariat Jaipur - 302005 Rajasthan, India

Timetable

Concept Clearance	09 Jul 2017
Fact Finding	11 Feb 2020 to 20 Mar 2020
MRM	11 May 2020
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	30 Mar 2020

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