



Azerbaijan: Road Network Development Program - Tranche 4

Project Name	Road Network Development Program - Tranche 4				
Project Number	39176-044				
Country	Azerbaijan				
Project Status	Active				
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan				
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Loan 3116-AZE: Road Network Development Program - Tranche 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ordinary capital resources</td> <td>US\$ 45.00 million</td> </tr> </table>	Loan 3116-AZE: Road Network Development Program - Tranche 4		Ordinary capital resources	US\$ 45.00 million
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Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration				
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships				
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Road transport (non-urban)				
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements				
Description	The Project will reconstruct 4 bridges and rehabilitate 30 km of local roads in the Ganja-Qazax region. All 4 bridges are in a very poor, nearly no longer maintainable condition.				
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The tranche 4 Project is a high priority of the government and is included in the Road Network Development Program for 2006_2015 under the Transport Sector Development Strategy. It forms part of the country's primary east-west highway linking the country's capital, Baku, to the Georgian border. Currently, the bridges and local roads are in poor and critical condition, resulting in high transport costs, long delivery times, and road crashes. This constitutes impediments to non-oil sector growth and poverty reduction in Azerbaijan, as well as regional trade development. Reconstruction of these bridges and associated local roads improvement will promote national and regional trade, thus contributing to the achievement of the objectives of the state program on poverty reduction and economic development.				
Impact	Greater socioeconomic development in the Ganja region of Azerbaijan and its cooperation with neighboring countries				

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	An efficient, safe, and sustainable road network in the Ganja region of Azerbaijan
Progress Toward Outcome	A review mission was fielded in March 2017 to review the implementation progress of ongoing road works and agree with the government a time-bound action plan to improve the portfolio performance. Construction of 4 bridges are ongoing.

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	Four bridges reconstructed and associated infrastructure and local roads rehabilitated in the Ganja region Project implementation support to ARS, timely and effectively provided
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	Cumulative progress for the four bridges is about 73.6 % completed as of 28 February 2017. Procurement of laboratory upgrade and local roads not yet started. Both the civil works and construction supervision consultant contracts were signed in November 2015.
Geographical Location	Ganja-Qazax Region

Safeguard Categories

Environment	B
Involuntary Resettlement	C
Indigenous Peoples	C

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	The overall environmental impacts are limited to the construction phase and could be minimized by adequate mitigation measures.
Involuntary Resettlement	A due diligence report was prepared to assess potential involuntary resettlement impacts. Tranche 4, does not require land acquisition or resettlement.
Indigenous Peoples	Tranche 4 has no adverse impact on indigenous peoples. Ethnic Azeri accounts for most of the population in the project area; few other nationalities include Talysh, who are not negatively affected by the project.

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	Consultation sessions were conducted with the local residents in the project affected areas. The primary issues discussed were employment opportunities for the local residents, both skilled and unskilled.
During Project Implementation	Consultation sessions will continue during project implementation.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	Consultants will be recruited and engaged in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). A consulting firm will be selected to oversee the design review and construction supervision work, using ADB's modified quality- and cost-based (90:10 ratio) selection procedure with full technical proposal to ensure the quality of consulting services.
Procurement	ADB-financed goods and services will be procured according to ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2013, as amended from time to time). International and national competitive bidding procedures are followed for the contracts for civil works for the Tranche 4.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	18 Nov 2013
Approval	27 Mar 2014
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	21 Mar 2017

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		Milestones			
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual

27 Mar 2014

05 May 2014

09 Sep 2014

28 Sep 2017

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Financing Plan		Loan Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	58.00	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	45.00	27 Mar 2014	21.78	0.00	48%
Counterpart	13.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	27 Mar 2014	16.70	0.00	37%

Status of Covenants						
Category	Sector	Safeguards	Social	Financial	Economic	Others
Rating	-	-	-	-	-	Satisfactory

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