

 Early Warning System

ADB-48218-011

Rural Connectivity Improvement Project - Additional Financing



Quick Facts

Countries	Nepal
Specific Location	Bagmati Province, Gandaki, Karnali, Koshi, Lumbini Province
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2023-06-13
Borrower	Government of Nepal
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Infrastructure, Transport
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 101.00 million



Project Description

As stated by the ADB, the overall project is estimated to cost \$255.72 million, including additional financing of \$120.00 million, of which ADB is providing a concessional loan of \$100.00 million from ADB's ordinary capital resources. The government will finance \$20.00 million of the proposed additional financing project. The attached TA is estimated to cost \$1.00 million, which will be financed on a grant basis by ADB's Technical Assistance Special Fund.

The impact and outcome of the overall project will remain unchanged from those of the ongoing project. The proposed additional financing will scale up the current output 1 by an additional 324 km of rural roads and output 2 by increasing capacity support to fulfill the roles and responsibilities in a federal system.

The additional financing will increase the project's scope by upgrading an additional 324 km of rural roads across five provinces. The implementation arrangements will evolve from the ongoing project to better align and support federalism. The overall project scope is aligned with the government's priorities under the Fifteenth Plan (fiscal year 2020-FY2024), ADB's country partnership strategy for Nepal, 2020-2024 and ADB's Strategy 2030.

The roads will improve connection of rural and agricultural areas with administrative and socio-economic centers. The roads will be improved to all-weather standards, with safety features, and will be maintained for 3 years under performance-based maintenance contracts. The additional financing will also integrate climate adaptation and disaster resilience measures into the technical designs of the infrastructure. Compared to the ongoing project, the additional financing will also include upgrading bridges that are essential for all-weather connectivity and include more intermediate lanes necessary for higher volume areas and steeper slopes.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The ADB categorized the project as follows:

Environment	B
Involuntary Resettlement	B
Indigenous Peoples	C



Investment Description

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Bank Documents

- Implementation Support and Institutional Strengthening for the Rural Connectivity Improvement Project
- Project Disclosure PDF
- Rural Connectivity Improvement Project - Additional Financing: Draft Community Participation and Res
- Rural Connectivity Improvement Project - Additional Financing: Gender Equality and Social Inclusion
- Rural Connectivity Improvement Project - Additional Financing: Gorkha-Abuwa-Birdi-Serabazar-Pauwatar
- Rural Connectivity Improvement Project - Additional Financing: Initial Environmental Examination
- Rural Connectivity Improvement Project - Additional Financing: Jajarkot-Morka-Chankhila-Badaban-Sana
- Rural Connectivity Improvement Project - Additional Financing: Okhaldhunga-Rampur-Prapcha-Shreechaur
- Rural Connectivity Improvement Project - Additional Financing: Procurement Plan
- Rural Connectivity Improvement Project - Additional Financing: Project Administration Manual
- Rural Connectivity Improvement Project - Additional Financing: Report and Recommendation of the Pres



Other Related Projects

- ADB-48218-002 Agriculture Sector Development Program
- ADB-48218-001 Agriculture Sector Development Program
- ADB-48218-003 Rural Connectivity Improvement Project
- ADB-48218-007 Support for Value Chain Development Under the Nepal Agriculture Development Strategy
- ADB-48218-010 Food Safety and Agriculture Commercialization Program
- ADB-48218-012 Implementation Support for the Nuts and Fruits in Hilly Areas Project
- ADB-48218-006 Nuts and Fruits in Hilly Areas Project