Early Warning System

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Quick Facts

Countries	Afghanistan
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2016-08-26
Sectors	Transport
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 31.37 million

Project Description

DESCRIPTION

The proposed project will assist the Government of Afghanistan in preparing the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Corridors 5 and 6 (Salang Corridor) Project (ensuing project). The ensuing project will rehabilitate and upgrade the Salang Corridor one of the few viable land routes linking the north and south of Afghanistan. The project will support the government in (i) studying the feasibility of three alignment options for the rehabilitation and upgrade of the Salang Corridor; and (ii) completing the detailed engineering design, procurement documentation, and project and safeguard documents for the selected option.

PROJECT RATIONALE AND LINKAGE TO COUNTRY/REGIONAL STRATEGY

Planned and designed over many years, construction of the 2.7-kilometer Salang Tunnel was completed in 1964. During more than 50 years of service, proper maintenance and rehabilitation did not occur regularly, if at all, as a result of the 30 years of internal conflict and associated effects on sector governance. Road crashes, fires, conflict-related acts, and constant usage have contributed to the tunnel falling into a state of severe disrepair. Present conditions within the tunnel are dangerous to users because of inadequate ventilation, poor lighting, lack of proper modern safety features, and a failing road surface all of which constrain the traffic flow and incur an estimated economic cost of $60 million per year. If the tunnel completely fails, the costs to the Afghan economy would be substantial and could pose an additional risk to the stability of the fragile and conflict-affected state (FCAS).

The ensuing project will (i) reduce the cost of passenger and cargo transportation between the southern and northern regions of Afghanistan and Central Asia by reducing travel times; (ii) ensure the security, reliability, and year-round use of the Salang Corridor by providing some redundancy through the availability of two alternative routes; and (iii) promote trade and investment. Additionally, the ensuing project will produce road safety benefits and may be a vehicle for introducing private sector participation in the transport sector through possible partial financing of construction and future operations and maintenance.

IMPACT

Accelerated implementation of the ensuing project, contributing to improved efficiency and safer movement of goods and people in Afghanistan and across Central and West Asia.

Investment Description

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Grant 0490-AFG: Preparation of Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridors 5 and 6 (Salang Corridor) Project Concessional ordinary capital resources / Asian Development Fund US$ 15.45 million

Grant 0491-AFG: Preparation of Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridors 5 and 6 (Salang Corridor) Project Afghanistan Infrastructure Trust Fund US$ 15.92 million

Contact Information

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Bank Documents

- Grant Agreement (Externally Financed) for Grant 0491-AFG: Preparation of Central Asia Regional Econo [Original Source]
- Grant Agreement (Special Operations) for Grant 0490-AFG: Preparation of Central Asia Regional Econom [Original Source]
- Preparation of Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridors 5 and 6 (Salang Corridor) Projec [Original Source]
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- Project Disclosure PDF

Other Related Projects

- ADB-48025-003 Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridor 2 (Pap-Namangan-Andijan) Railway Electrification
- ADB-49042-004 CAREC Corridors 2, 5, and 6 (Dushanbe-Kurgonteppa) Road Project
- ADB-48424-002 CAREC Corridors 1 and 6 Connector Road (Aktobe-Makat) Reconstruction Project
- ADB-49343-001 Modernization of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures for Food Safety
- ADB-48424-001 CAREC Corridors 1 and 6 Connector Road (Aktobe-Makat) Improvement Project
- ADB-49042-001 CAREC Corridors 2, 5, and 6 (Dushanbe-Kurgonteppa) Road Project
- ADB-48414-001 Third CAREC Corridor Road Investment Program
- ADB-44483-027 Second Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridor 2 Road Investment Program (Tranche 3)
- ADB-49257-001 East-West Highway (Khevi–Ubisa Section) Improvement Project
- ADB-44483-023 Second Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridor 2 Road Investment Program - Tranche 1
- ADB-44483-024 MFF - Second Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridor 2 Road Investment Program
- ADB-44483-026 Second Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridor 2 Road Investment Program - Tranche 2