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Quick Facts

Countries	Bangladesh
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	C
Borrower	Government of Bangladesh
Sectors	Transport
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 360.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 860.00 million

Project Description

The Government of Bangladesh proposed a project for Asian Development Bank (ADB) financing to improve the operational efficiency of Bangladesh Railway through the procurement of modern rolling stock, preparation of investment projects to enhance its rolling stock maintenance capacity and support for the ongoing railway reform. The project will contribute to the increase in railway share as a core transportation mode of the country and to the modal shift from roads to rail. The modal shift and the efficient rolling stock will reduce carbon dioxide (CO2) emission.

Bangladeshi transport system consists of roads, railways, inland waterways, seaports for maritime shipping and civil aviation facilities. Historically, the railway enjoyed a monopoly as a carrier and transported most principal commodities, but the railway began losing market share declining from 30% in 1975 to mere 4% in 2015 for both passenger and freight transports. The drop in the market share of the railway as a carrier is the result of the long-term underinvestment in railway infrastructure and operational improvement of Bangladesh Railway. Recognizing the virtues of the railway as a cheaper, safer and fuel-efficient transportation mode, the government places special emphasis on railway development and set targets to increase railway market share through prioritized investment in railway infrastructure, focusing on network capacity improvement, operational capacity improvement and railway reform implementation. The project aims at improving the operational capacity and efficiency of Bangladesh Railway. The project is aligned with ADB's country partnership strategy for Bangladesh 2016-2020 which emphasizes the importance of easing infrastructure constraints by undertaking transformational investments and promoting policy reform in key sectors such as energy, transport and urban development as a priority investment area.

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- Asian Development Bank (ADB)

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Bank Documents

- Initial Poverty and Social Analysis [Original Source]
- Project Disclosure PDF [Original Source]