

 Early Warning System

ADB-53260-001

South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Integrated Trade  
Facilitation Sector Development Program



## Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Bangladesh
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
<b>Status</b>	Proposed
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	B
<b>Borrower</b>	Government of Bangladesh
<b>Sectors</b>	Industry and Trade
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Fund, Loan
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 151.00 million
<b>Loan Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 150.00 million
<b>Grant Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 1.00 million
<b>Project Cost (USD)</b>	\$ 151.00 million



## Project Description

According to bank website, "The proposed South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Integrated Trade Facilitation Program (the Program) will help improve Bangladesh's border infrastructure and trade facilitation environment, thereby contributing to the national goals of promoting and diversifying exports. The Program will support Bangladesh's implementation of the World Trade Organization's (WTO's) Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA), a set of new, binding international standards, and related best practices on transport and trade facilitation. The Program will also support for the Government of Bangladesh to establish and improve border infrastructure, which will reduce the cost and time of cross-border transactions. This aligns with the government's ongoing customs reform and modernization initiatives, the SASEC Operational Plan 2016-2025, and one of the country partnership strategy's (CPS) priority areas, deepening regional cooperation and integration.

The proposed Program will help speed up clearances, improve compliance, focus essential resources on cargo carrying higher risk, strengthen infrastructure, and lead to better administration of customs laws and regulations (by initial introduction or by supporting more effective and deeper implementation). The key measures in this regard could include (i) pre-arrival and paperless processing; (ii) strengthened risk management; (iii) post-clearance audit; (iv) authorized economic operator (AEO)/trusted trader programs; (v) establishment of national single window; (vi) expedited shipments; (vii) improvements in inland clearance system, transit and transshipments; (viii) temporary importation systems; (ix) expanding the scope of advance rulings; and (x) equipping customs laboratories. These measures provide opportunities to enhance trade facilitation sector efficiency and performance, consistent with the objective of the government."



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- Asian Development Bank (ADB)



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## Bank Documents

- [Concept Papers](#)
- [Initial Poverty and Social Analysis](#)
- [Project Disclosure PDF](#) [\[Original Source\]](#)



## Other Related Projects

- ADB-53260-002 Preparing the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Integrated Trade Facilitation Sector Development Program