

 Early Warning System

ADB-55040-001

Bangladesh : Dhaka Power System Expansion and Strengthening
Project



Quick Facts

Countries	Bangladesh
Specific Location	Dhaka
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2023-11-29
Borrower	Government of Bangladesh
Sectors	Energy, Infrastructure
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 160.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 160.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 160.75 million



Project Description

As stated by the ADB, the proposed project supports the Government of Bangladesh in enhancing the electricity distribution network in the rapidly expanding city of Dhaka to ensure reliable electricity supply to residential, commercial, and industrial sectors. The project will construct substations, lay underground cables, and overhead lines to provide reliable, safe, and improved quality of electricity supply to 200,000 new and 1.1 million existing customers in Dhaka. In addition, the project will improve the energy efficiency and also support the improvement of the operational capacity of Dhaka Electric Supply Company (DESCO).

The project's attached TA will enhance the government's and DESCO's public-private partnership (PPP) capacity, support the necessary reforms and develop a roadmap and action plan for strengthening DESCO's capacity for accessing commercial borrowing, and support inclusiveness in DESCO's operations by strengthening and monitoring gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) requirements during project implementation.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The ADB categorized the project as follows:

Environment B

Involuntary ResettlementB

Indigenous Peoples C



Investment Description

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)

According to the ADB project disclosure page, the Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund will provide technical assistance in the amount of US\$ 0.75 million.



Private Actors Description

As stated by WSJ Market, Dhaka Electric Supply Co., Ltd. engages in the distribution of electricity. It offers postpaid and prepaid connections and provides new electric connection, load and line extension, electric line and substation maintenance, post paid bill payment, and prepaid meter recharge services. The company was founded on November 3, 1996 and is headquartered in Dhaka, Bangladesh.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Dhaka Electric Supply Company Ltd. (DESCO)	Contractor	Energy



Contact Information

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Bank Documents

- [Annexes to the Technical Assistance Report](#)
- [Gender Assessment and Action Plan](#)
- [Initial Environmental Examination - Appendices 1-5](#)
- [Initial Environmental Examination - Appendices 14-19](#)
- [Initial Environmental Examination - Appendices 7-13](#)
- [Initial Environmental Examination - Appendix 6 Part 1](#)
- [Initial Environmental Examination - Appendix 6 Part 2](#)
- [Initial Environmental Examination - Appendix 6 Part 3](#)
- [Initial Environmental Examination - Main Report 1](#)
- [Initial Environmental Examination - Main Report 2](#)
- [Initial Environmental Examination - Main Report 3](#)
- [Initial Environmental Examination - Main Report 4](#)
- [Initial Poverty and Social Analysis](#)
- [Public-Private Partnership Capacity Building on Oversight and Implementation, and Supporting Gender](#)
- [Report and Recommendation of the President](#)
- [Resettlement Plan](#)

Media

- [ADB Loan to Boost Energy Supply and Distribution in Dhaka, Bangladesh](#)