

 Early Warning System

ADB-59028-001

Preparing the Railway Improvement Project



Quick Facts

Countries	Pakistan
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2025-11-20
Borrower	Government of Pakistan - Ministry of Railways
Sectors	Transport
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 10.00 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the project aims to assist the government of Pakistan in strategically identifying and planning an investment project in the railway sector, using ADB's Project Readiness Facility (PRF).

Pakistan's vast geography makes railways especially suitable for economic development. The country stretches over 1,700 km from north to south, with major cities such as Karachi, Multan, Lahore, and Islamabad. Long-distance freight routes from Karachi Port in the south to Peshawar in the north (over 1,400 km) and cross-border corridors to Central Asia highlight the importance of cost-efficient transport. Compared to roads, rail can move large volumes of freight and passengers more economically and with lower emissions, making it critical for reducing logistics costs, improving regional trade, and supporting inclusive growth.



Investment Description

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)

The financing amount is \$10,000,000, which will be financed on a loan basis by ADB's ordinary capital resources.



Private Actors Description

Pakistan Railways is the state-owned railway operator in Pakistan. Founded in 1886 as the North Western State Railway and headquartered in Lahore, it owns 7,789 kilometres (4,840 miles) of operational track across Pakistan, stretching from Peshawar to Karachi, offering both freight and passenger services, covering 479 operational stations across Pakistan.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Pakistan Railways	Client	-



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Bank Documents

- [Advance Contracting Notice - Preparing the Railway Improvement Project](#)
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- [Loan Agreement \(Ordinary Operations \[Concessional\]\) for Loan 6056-PAK: Preparing the Railway Improve](#)
- [Project Agreement for Loan 6056-PAK: Preparing the Railway Improvement Project](#)