

 Early Warning System

ADB-59189-001

Logistics Sector Development for Increased Economic Competitiveness



### Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Bangladesh
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
<b>Status</b>	Approved
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	U
<b>Voting Date</b>	2025-08-03
<b>Sectors</b>	Industry and Trade, Technical Cooperation, Transport
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Grant
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 2.00 million
<b>Project Cost (USD)</b>	\$ 2.00 million



### Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the technical assistance (TA) aims to address major challenges affecting the logistics sector and overall economic competitiveness in Bangladesh, including high logistics costs, congestion, infrastructure gaps, and institutional and regulatory fragmentation. These problems were exacerbated by political turmoil in mid-2024, which significantly disrupted the country's logistics sector, leading to widespread delays and increased costs and highlighting long-standing structural weaknesses. Key impacts included air cargo delays because of canceled flights at Dhaka Airport, reduced operations at the Port of Chattogram, and important backlogs at major land-based cross-border points like Benapole. Additionally, the suspension of cross-border and inland rail services exacerbated these issues, leading to higher shipping costs and ocean container rates. These disruptions not only affect local businesses but also have broader implications for global supply chains, particularly in segments like the ready-made garment (RMG) industry, where Bangladesh is a key exporter.



## Early Warning System Project Analysis

According to the Technical Assistance Report, the Risk Categories are:

Environment: Not Applicable

Involuntary Resettlement: Not Applicable

Indigenous Peoples: Not Applicable



### Investment Description

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)

The TA financing amount is \$2,000,000, which will be financed on two grants basis by ADB's Technical Assistance Special Fund.



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### Bank Documents

- [Logistics Sector Development for Increased Economic Competitiveness: Technical Assistance Report](#)