Early Warning System

AIIB-000494

Pakistan: Punjab Sustainable Highway Development Project

Quick Facts

Countries	Pakistan
Specific Location	Southern Punjab
Financial Institutions	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	A
Borrower	Economic Affairs Division, Ministry of Finance
Sectors	Transport
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 321.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 321.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 817.00 million

Project Description

According to AIIB, the objective of the project is to improve east-west connectivity in southern Punjab with road safety, climate-resilient, and sustainable road maintenance features.

The Project is co-financed with Asian Development Bank (ADB) and will have the following two components.

Component A. Improvement of Punjab Provincial Highways

A.1 Dualization of 535km of provincial highways in southern Punjab with road safety and climate resilient features

A.2 Construction Supervision

Component B. Strengthening Institutional Capacity of Communication and Works Department (C&WD)

B.1 Capacity Building of C&WD

B.2 Strengthening of Road Asset Management

B.3 Road Safety Improvements

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL INFORMATION

Since ADB will be the lead co-financier, the Project's ES risks and impacts have been assessed in accordance with the ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (SPS) 2009. To ensure a harmonized approach to addressing the ES risks and impacts of the Project, and as permitted under AIIB's ESP, ADB's SPS will apply to the Project in lieu of AIIB's ESP. AIIB has reviewed the ADB's SPS and is satisfied that: (i) it is consistent with AIIB's Articles of Agreement and materially consistent with the provisions of AIIB's ESP and the relevant ES Standards (ESS), and (ii) the monitoring procedures that are in place are appropriate for the Project.

Under ADB's Safeguard Policy, ADB has categorized the ES risks of the Project as Category B for environment, Category A for involuntary resettlement and Category C for Indigenous Peoples, which is equivalent to Category A if AIIB's ESP were applicable.

Construction-related environmental impacts can be largely mitigated through appropriate construction practices accompanied by site-specific mitigation measures. Other adverse impacts of the Project will be temporary and reversible in nature, during the construction phase. Such temporary impacts pertain to air and water pollution, noise, and disposal of construction wastes, which have been addressed in the EIA. The Social Impact Assessments (SIA)/Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plans (LARPs) for the four road sections are at a very early stage. The proposed road widening is likely to have substantial physical and economic displacement including impacts on residential and commercial structures, kiosks, temporary commercial structures, and employment losses. The draft SIA/LARPS will be fully updated based on the final detailed design and alignment.

A multi-tier Project Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) will be established in accordance with the requirements of ADB's SPS.

Investment Description

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ACCESS TO INFORMATION

You can submit an information request for project information at: https://www.aiib.org/en/contact/information-request/index.html

ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF AIIB

The AIIB has established the Accountability Mechanism for Project-Affected People (PPM). The PPM provides Òan opportunity for an independent and impartial review of submissions from Project-affected people who believe they have been or are likely to be adversely affected by AIIBÕs failure to implement the ESP in situations when their concerns cannot be addressed satisfactorily through Project level GRMs or AIIB Management processes.Ó Two or more project-affected people can file a complaint. Under the current AIIB policy, when the bank co-finances a project with another development bank, it may apply the other bank's standards. You can refer to the Project Summary Information document to find out which standards apply. You can learn more about the PPM and how to file a complaint at: https://www.aiib.org/en/about-aiib/who-we-are/project-affected-peoples-mechanism/how-we-assist-you/index.html

The complaint submission form can be accessed in Arabic, Bahasa Indonesia, Bengali, Chinese, English, Tagalog, Hindi, Nepali, Russian, Turkish, or Urdu. The submission form can be found at: https://www.aiib.org/en/about-aiib/who-we-are/project-affected-peoples-mechanism/submission/index.html

Bank Documents

- Project Summary (October 13, 2021) [Original Source]