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Quick Facts

Countries	Nepal
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2022-04-25
Borrower	Ministry of Finance
Sectors	Industry and Trade, Transport
Potential Rights Impacts	Housing & Property, Indigenous Peoples, Labor & Livelihood
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 260.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 305.00 million

Project Description

According to World Bank documents, the objective of the proposed investment is to "develop efficient and resilient trade and transport along selected corridors in Nepal".

The Government of Nepal is preparing the Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal (BBIN) Multi-phase Programmatic Approach (MPA) Regional Transport and Trade Facilitation Program for World Bank financing, which is to be implemented in phases. The BBIN Nepal Phase 1 Project (the Project) is the first phase of the Program to support The main objective of the Project is to develop efficient and resilient trade and transport along selected regional corridors in the BBIN countries. The Project has three components:

• Component 1: Digital Systems for trade. This component may support the adoption and Implementation of Digital and Automated Systems for improvement of Nepal's cross-border clearances: (a) Development of electronic Automated Border Management including electronic cargo tracking system, (b) Business Intelligence and Data Analytics Package and Risk Engine (c) Development of web-based supply MIS for automation of registration processes and permits.

- Component 2: Green and Resilient Transport and Trade Infrastructure. This component will support (a)Upgrading of Butwal-Gorusinghe Road section and Gorusinghe-Chanauta Road section of East-West Highway from 2 to 4 lanes, (b) Construction of a green resilient urban bridge (including detailed design/urban design and construction), and (c) Support for development and implementation of green resilient highway concept, integrating transportation functionality and ecological sustainability.
- Component 3: This component will provide support in streamlining the policy environment for regional trade and cross-border movement of goods through (a) Bangladesh-India-Nepal Motor Vehicle Agreement related reforms, (b) Customs reforms, (c) Private sector support initiatives, (d) Capacity Strengthening, and (e) Project preparation studies.
- Component 4: Contingency Emergency Response will support unforeseen emergency needs. In case of a major natural or human made disaster, GoN may request the Bank to re-allocate project funds to this component to support its quick response and reconstruction.

The project will finance the first 70 km (Butwal – Gorusinghe-Chanauta) of a phased construction of the 438 km western section (Butwal to Gaddachowki) of the East-West Highway, a key corridor for Nepal's connectivity and trade with India and other countries. This road section is 50 km in length and located in the Terai region of Lumbini province. Butwal - Gorusinghe Road Section of the East-West Highway starts from the Tinau Bridge at Butwal of Rupandehi district and passes through Butwal sub-metro-Politian city, Sinamaina Municipality, Kanchan Rural Municipality, Banganga Municipality and Buddhabhumi Municipality and ends at Gorusinghe of Kapilbastu district. Themajor settlements along the road include, Batauli bazar, MainaBagar,Nayagaun, Belbas, Nayabasti, Bankatahawa, Murgiya, Rampur. Basgadi, Saljhandi, Fireland, Pipra, Badgaun, Jitpur and Gorusinghe Bazar. The project area lies between 27°42'14.80"N Latitude and 83° 27'36.87"E Longitude at Butwal to 27°39'18.85"N Latitude and 83° 0'2.79"E longitude at Gorusinghe.

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Implementing Agencies:

Bank Documents

- Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary [Original Source]
- Environment and Social Impact Assessment [Original Source]
- Environment and Social Management Framework [Original Source]
- Indigenous People's Planning Framework [Original Source]
- Project Information Document [Original Source]