Early Warning System

WB-P512959

Bihar Rural Transformation Project

Quick Facts

Countries	India
Specific Location	Bihar
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2026-12-03
Borrower	Government of India - Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society
Sectors	Education and Health, Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 218.84 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 49,648.03 million

Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the Bihar Rural Transformation Project (BRTP, P512959) is a INR 3000 crore (US$312.5M) operation, financed through an IBRD loan of INR 2100 crore (US$218.8M) and INR 900 crore (US$93.7M) in Government of Bihar counterpart funding. The Project Development Objective is to support more and better-paid jobs, and improve health and nutrition outcomes. Implemented by the Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS), popularly known as JEEViKA, the project builds on nearly two decades of World Bank engagement in Bihar and leverages JEEViKA's network of 10 million Self-Help Group members to drive a more ambitious agenda of market-oriented rural economic transformation.

The project is structured around four components.

Component A integrates smallholder producers into value chains through productive partnerships with private sector off-takers and builds an ecosystem of three million rural enterprises, with a focus on graduating enterprises from own-account to hired worker status.

Component B establishes three state-level apex institutions, a Marketing Federation, an Enterprise Anchor Facility, and a Shared Service Organization, and strengthens community institutions as platforms for health, nutrition, and climate resilience.

Component C addresses financing and digital market failures through matching grants, a blended finance instrument, insurance products, and an AI-enabled Bihar Rural Stack.

Component D covers project management, monitoring and evaluation, and knowledge partnerships.

The project is expected to support approximately 773,000 more and better-paid jobs, benefit 3 million entrepreneurs, and reach 1.2 million women and 170,000 children through a community resilience and convergence model in 200 Cluster Level Federations.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental risk is rated **Substantial**. BRTP supports a diverse portfolio of interventions across services, agri food value chains, and allied rural enterprises, resulting in a broad environmental risk profile that includes resource use, waste and wastewater management, air emissions, chemical and hazardous materials handling, food safety, biosecurity, biodiversity impacts, and broader governance and compliance risks associated with market-facing enterprises and supply chains. These risks are compounded by institutional capacity constraints arising from several structural weaknesses and the paradigm shift from compliance-focused implementation to more proactive, market-facing environmental management and governance.

The Project’s social risk is rated as **moderate**. The key social risks are: (a) potential elite capture of project benefits; (b) inadequate representation of the poorest and most vulnerable groups, particularly women and tribal communities, in sub-project related decision making; (c) labor and working conditions, (d) occupational and community health and safety, (e) worker skill gaps, (f) maintenance of health and hygiene standards and infection control across different agriculture, food processing and livestock related value chains, (g) weak grievance redressal mechanisms, and (h) possible restrictions on land use and involuntary resettlement impacts affecting non-titleholders during infrastructure development.

Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)

Total Project Cost: US$ 49648.03 million

IBRD Commitment: US$ 218.84 million

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Bank Documents

- Appraisal Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) - Bihar Rural Transformation Project - P512
- Appraisal Project Information Document (PID)
- Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) - Bihar Rural Transformation Project - P51295
- Concept Project Information Document (PID)
- Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) - Bihar Rural Transformation Project - P512959
- Revised Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) Bihar Rural Transformation Project (P512959)
- Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) - Bihar Rural Transformation Project - P512959