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Quick Facts

Countries	Bangladesh
Specific Location	Jamuna river
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2021-08-31
Borrower	Government of Bangladesh
Sectors	Industry and Trade, Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 75.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 100.00 million

Project Description

According to the bank's documents, the proposed project will create a navigation channel in Jamuna River in the 205 km stretch between Sirajganj and the Indian border, and to create river-based opportunities for economic growth.

"The first phase will focus on four components: (1) Riverbank protection and river training: pilot-level, scaled-down river training structures, such as temporary top-blocked permeable groins and riverbank revetments (revetment by geo-bags, concrete cubes etc.), 2D and 3D modeling, and onsite pilots of new river training technology (e.g. permeable groins) that may be scaled up in the program next phases; (2) Navigation channel development: hydrographic survey and chart updating, aids to navigation, preparation of a Jamuna River Navigation Master Plan and a Resource Management and Operation Plan; (3) Disaster risk financing: Risk financing solutions with clear triggers and preidentified disbursement channels will be developed through a grant from the Global Risk Financing Facility (GRiF). Phase 1 will set up the Government’s chosen instrument for disaster risk financing; and (4) Institution building and project management: developing a DSS, establishing a Bilateral Navigation Facilitation Committee, delivering core training to key government officials on innovations in river training, dynamic navigation, E&S (including capacity building of the IAs), and collaboration. Program management activities on fiduciary, E&S, and O&M will be supported as well.

Phase 2 will scale up all the four components of Phase 1, specifically: (a) scaling up the river protection/training works based on the testing performed at pilot level in Phase 1; and (b) introducing financing for performance-based dredging contracts, informed by the aids to navigation from Phase 1, and based on lessons learned from ongoing dredging contracts in Jamuna (India-Bangladesh Line of Credit) as well as from other dredging contracts piloted elsewhere (e.g. Bangladesh Regional Waterway Transport Project 1, which currently finances dredging in Chittagong-Dhaka-Ashuganj IWT Corridor and associated routes)"

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Bank Documents

- Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS)
- Concept Project Information Document (PID) - Jamuna River Economic Corridor Development Program - P1 [Original Source]