



Project Summary Information

August 7, 2024

Project Name	Mymensingh Kewatkhali Bridge Project ¹
Project Number	P000163-BGD
AIIB member	People's Republic of Bangladesh
Sector/Subsector	Transport / Road
Status of Financing	Approved
Project Description	<p>The project seeks to ease traffic congestion in the Mymensingh City by diverting traffic away from the city's central area via the construction of the Kewatkhali Bridge over the Brahmaputra River at Mymensingh with the overpasses and approach road. The proposed project consists of three components as described below.</p> <p>Component 1. Bridge and Approach Roads with road and rail overpasses construction works. The project will support the construction of the Kewatkhali Bridge, about 1100 meters in length and an approach road of about six kilometers in length. Other ancillary works to make the project bridge fully functional will include the installation of traffic management equipment and traffic surveillance, installation of state-of-the-art Bridge Health Monitoring System (BHMS) over the main bridge, street lighting and landscaping, construction of Operation and Maintenance (O&M) facilities, and communication systems.</p> <p>Component 2. Consulting services. This component will comprise the financing of bridge and approach roads construction supervision.</p> <p>Component 3: Project management support and capacity building. This component is comprised of project management costs of the project implementation unit. The project will also support the training, capacity building and institutional development of RHD for operating, managing and maintaining the RHD roads and bridges of the project division areas. This is of particular importance given this will be the first arch steel bridge in the country and the RHD has no previous experience on the O&M of this type of bridge.</p>

¹ Includes "Kewatkhali Bridge Construction at Mymensingh Project"

Objective	The objective of the proposed project is to reduce congestion and improve mobility and connectivity by addressing the crossriver bottleneck between Mymensingh and Shambhugonj on the Dhaka-Mymensingh-India corridor.
Expected Results	The Project objective indicators include: (i) increased average speed for selected road user groups, namely passenger and heavy vehicles; and (ii) increased cross-river through traffic. Other intermediate indicators include completion rates of construction works, direct jobs created for domestic labor, among others.
Environmental and Social Category	Category A
Environmental and Social Information	<p>The Bank's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP), including the Environment and Social Standards (ESSs) and the Environmental and Social Exclusion List applies to this Project. ESS 1 (Environmental and Social Assessment and Management) and ESS 2 (Involuntary Resettlement) are applicable for this Project. The Project has been classified as Category A, given that the alignment of the road passes through built-up areas in the city at the southwest side of the Brahmaputra River, which will require a considerable amount of resettlement and relocation of residential and business entities.</p> <p>RHD has prepared an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for clearance by the Government. The EIA has been updated to meet the requirements of AIIB's ESP, including an Environmental Management Plan (EMP). A Social Impact Assessment (SIA) which includes the Resettlement Plan (SIA/RP) has also been prepared. The Resettlement Plan (RP) will be further validated and implemented during the implementation phase. Finalization of the RP is a condition for the commencement of civil works.</p> <p>Physical and economic displacement is the key social impact. A Resettlement Planning Framework has been prepared as part of the SIA wherein the entitlement for every category of impact has been determined. The project will also have construction related environmental impacts, which will be addressed through appropriate mitigation measures delineated in the EMP. Besides there will be impacts on wetland and aquatic life along the road alignment. A Wildlife Management Plan will be put in place to mitigate the impacts. Construction of the bridge will be scheduled during the dry months and will not have any significant impact on the river or on the aquatic life in the river.</p>

	<p>Stakeholder consultations including those with the Project Affected People (PAPs) in the form of focused group discussions and interviews were held in the project area during the preparation of the EIA and SIA. They are documented in the SIA and the EIA.</p> <p>A Grievance Redress Committee will be formed to address grievances from project-affected people (PAP) prior to project implementation. The procedure and details of the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) are included in the EIA and SIA. A separate GRM for workers will also be established to address workplace related complaints.</p> <p>The SIA and EIA in English have been disclosed since October 9 and October 11, 2020, respectively, on the websites of MRTB^{2 2} and AIIB⁴. The Executive Summaries of the EIA³ and SIA⁴ in Bengali have also been disclosed on the same websites and made available in hard copy in the Project area.</p> <p>A Grievance Redress Committee will be formed to address grievances from project-affected people (PAP) prior to project implementation. The procedure and details of the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) are included in the EIA and SIA. A separate GRM for workers will also be established to address workplace related complaints.</p> <p>The SIA and EIA in English have been disclosed since October 9 and October 11, 2020, respectively, on the websites of MRTB^{2 5} and AIIB⁴. The Executive Summaries of the EIA⁶ and SIA⁷ in Bengali have also been disclosed on the same websites and made available in hard copy in the Project area.</p>							
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	Government of Bangladesh		121.4
	Total		383.5
Borrower	People's Republic of Bangladesh		
Implementing Entity	Roads and Highways Department, Ministry of Roads, Transport and Bridges (MRTB)		
Estimated date of loan closing (SBF)	January 31, 2026		
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Date of Concept Decision	Sep/2018		
Date of Appraisal Decision	Oct/2020		
Date of Financing Approval	Feb 25, 2021		
Independent Accountability Mechanism	<p>The Project-affected People's Mechanism (PPM) has been established by the AIIB to provide an 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 AIIB's failure to implement its Environmental and Social Policy in situations when their concerns cannot be addressed satisfactorily through Project-level Grievance Redress Mechanisms or AIIB Management's processes.</p> <p>Information on the PPM is available at: https://www.aiib.org/en/policies-strategies/operational-policies/policy-on-the-project-affected-mechanism.html</p>		