

SBF Project Implementation Monitoring Report

Cambodia: National Restoration of Rural Productive Capacity Project

1. Project Information

Project ID:	000446	Investment Number:	L0446A
Member:	Cambodia	Region:	South-Eastern asia
Sector:	Economic Resilience/PBF	Sub-sector:	N/A
AiIB Financing Type:	Loan: 60 USD million	Co-financier(s):	Standalone
E&S category:	B	Borrower:	Ministry of Economy and Finance
Red Flags Assigned:	0 (Q1: 0)	Monitoring Regime:	Regular Monitoring
Implementing Agency:	Project Management Unit under Ministry of Rural Development		
Project Team Leader:	Wanli Fang		
Project Team Members:	Susrutha Goonasekera Senior Social Development Specialist Amy Chua, Environment Specialist Christopher Damandi, Project Counsel (Consultant) Benedetta Magnaghi, Procurement Associate Shodi Nazarov, Financial Management Associate		
Completed Site Visits by AiIB:	May, 2021 Virtual meeting with the PMU on Project Delivery Strategy and work plan for 2021. Oct, 2021 Virtual meeting with the PMU on preparation of TORs and bidding documents.		
Planned Site Visits by AiIB:	None due to COVID-19 pandemic		

2. Project Summary and Objectives

The Project Objective is to sustain the rural economy and livelihood of vulnerable rural population and returning migrants affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Investment activities include upgrading of about 235 km existing rural roads and retrofitting and new construction of 150 community ponds with associated water supply, sanitation and hygiene facilities.

The Project is proposed under the Bank's COVID-19 Crisis Recovery Facility. The Project objective will be achieved by maintaining and accelerating rural infrastructure spending; creating short term employment and income generation; building capacity of local labor and national contractors to ensure quality infrastructure delivery building on the national standards established with the development partners; establishing foundations for learning and knowledge sharing among key project stakeholders to scale up rural infrastructure and rural basic services delivery in future programs. The Project will also support the Government's communications effort to (i) enhance awareness of targeted rural population about social distancing and hygiene to help contain the spread of the current pandemic; and (ii) build their preparedness and resilience during COVID-19 and beyond.

3. Key Dates

Approval:	Dec. 10, 2020	Signing:	Dec. 28, 2020
Effective:	Feb. 16, 2021	Restructured (if any):	
Orig. Closing:	Jun. 30, 2024	Rev. Closing (if any):	

4. Disbursement Summary (million)

Currency:	USD		
a) Committed:	60	b) Cancellation (if any):	
c) Disbursed:	0	d) Most recent disbursement: (amount / date)	5, Aug. 25, 2021
e) Undisbursed:	60	f) Disbursement Ratio(%) ¹ :	8.3

¹ Disbursement Ratio is defined as the volume (i.e. the dollar amount) of total disbursed amount as a percentage of the net committed volume, i.e., $f = c / (a - b)$

5. Project Implementation Update

The project is at an early stage of implementation. The Project Delivery Strategy with procurement plan was finalised and approved by AIIB in May 2021. The procurement plan includes 6 contracts of goods, 12 contracts of civil works, 4 contracts for consulting service (firm) and 10 individual consultants.

The PMU has hired individual consultants to support project management, procurement, FM, and water supply and road engineering design. Hiring of M & E specialist, E & S safeguards and gender specialist is in process. Hiring of the detailed engineering design firm for rural road sub-component is ongoing and expected to complete in Nov 2021. The TORs for the other three major consulting contracts are under AIIB's review. The bidding documents for the first batch of rural roads is under review and is expected to call for bidding in Nov 2021. No civil works have started yet.

Components	Physical Progress	Environmental & Social Compliance	Procurement
Component A – Investing in Rural Economic Development (USD 63.50 million, of which AIIB financing: USD 56.00 million): This component aimed at generating local short-term jobs under the construction contracts for rural roads and water and sanitation financed by the Project and the ensuing operation and maintenance tasks. These short-term jobs will be targeted to the vulnerable group in project areas, including jobless returning migrants negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic	None	E&S documents are under preparation and review	Project Delivery Strategy approved, GPN issued.
13.Component B -- Strengthening capacity development and Project Management Support (USD 4.00 million of which AIIB financing: USD 4.00 million):	None	Not Applicable	Individual consultants to support PMU are being recruited. AIIB no objection issued for all individual consultants

Financial Management:

A financial management system will be agreed and setup based on Government's issued SOP Financial Management and endorsed by the development partners including AIIB.

The first quarterly progress report is expected to be submitted in November 2021.

Designated account has been set up and the first disbursement of USD 5 million as an advance was made on August 25, 2021.

6. Status of the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

A GRM is expected to be established before the commencement of civil works in 2022.

7. Results Monitoring

Results will be monitored and reported in year 2023.

Baseline Year: Feb. 16, 2021 End Target Year: Dec. 31, 2023

Project Objective Indicators #1

Increased employment benefits income generation and capacity development of the vulnerable group of the rural population affected by the COVID-19 outbreak living in the Project areas (number of people)

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Dec. 31, 2021	10,000	N/A	
Dec. 31, 2022	25,000	N/A	
Dec. 31, 2023	50,000	N/A	

Project Objective Indicators #2

Capacity building of national contractors in quality rural infrastructure delivery and basic rural services delivery, including COVID-19 precaution measures (number of contractors)

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Dec. 31, 2021	5	N/A	

Dec. 31, 2022	15	N/A	
Dec. 31, 2023	25	N/A	

Project Objective Indicators #3

Facilities with improved access: a. Economic; b. Health; c. Social (number of facilities)

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Dec. 31, 2021	20	N/A	Number of markets (10) Number of health centers (5) Number of Schools (5)
Dec. 31, 2022	60	N/A	Number of markets (30) Number of health centers (15) Number of Schools (15)
Dec. 31, 2023	100	N/A	Number of markets (50) Number of health centers (25) Number of Schools (25)

Project Objective Indicators #4

Improved access to WASH services, especially hand-washing measures as primary COVID-19 mitigation (number of people)

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Dec. 31, 2021	25,000	N/A	
Dec. 31, 2022	75,000	N/A	
Dec. 31, 2023	150,000	N/A	

Intermediate Result Indicators #1

Rural roads upgraded with climate resilience measures (kilometre)

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Dec. 31, 2021	35	N/A	
Dec. 31, 2022	135	N/A	
Dec. 31, 2023	235	N/A	

Intermediate Result Indicators #2

Water Supply Sanitation and Hygiene services (number of villages)

Year	Target	Actual	Others, if any
Dec. 31, 2021	25	N/A	
Dec. 31, 2022	75	N/A	
Dec. 31, 2023	150	N/A	

Remarks: Indicators will be monitored and reported in 2023.