



Accelerating Transport and Trade Connectivity in Eastern South Asia – Bangladesh Phase 1 Project (P176549)

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Implementing Agencies: Bangladesh Land Port Authority (BLPA), National Board of Revenue (NBR), People's Republic of Bangladesh, Roads and Highways Division (RHD)

Key Dates**Key Project Dates**

Bank Approval Date: 28-Jun-2022

Effectiveness Date: 03-May-2023

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 01-Jun-2026

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:

Original Closing Date: 30-Jun-2028

Revised Closing Date: 30-Jun-2028

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The development objective is to increase the efficiency and resilience of trade and transport along selected corridors in Bangladesh

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

Components Table

Name

Digital Systems for Trade:(Cost \$24.85 M)
Green and Resilient Transport and Trade Infrastructure:(Cost \$952.85 M)
Institutional and policy strengthening for transport and trade:(Cost \$68.25 M)
Contingency Emergency Response

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The project will finance the development of an integrated Border Management System at key border points; upgrading infrastructure, systems, and processes of the Benapole, Bhomra, and Burimari land ports; resilient improvement of the Sylhet-Sheola (43 km) road; construction of the Custom House Chattogram and Customs, Excise and VAT Training Academy, Chattogram; and technical assistance to support contemporary border management, customs modernization, and enhancing regional transport connectivity.

The project was signed by the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) and the World Bank on April 28, 2023, and was declared effective on May 3, 2023. The project implementing agencies (IAs) - Bangladesh Land Port Authority (BLPA), National Board of Revenue (NBR), and Roads and Highways Division (RHD) - have obtained approval of the Development Project Proformas (DPPs) by the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC). The key next steps are for the IAs to initiate the recruitment of key Project Implementation Unit (PIU) consultancy positions, set up accounts, and initiate the procurement process of critical packages. GoB has been requested to appoint full-time Project Directors.



MPA Program Development Objective

The Program Development Objective (PrDO) is to increase the efficiency and resilience of trade and transport along selected regional corridors in eastern South Asia.

Multiphase Programmatic Approach (MPA) Status

The ACCESS MPA Program was approved by the Board on June 28, 2022. The Nepal and Bangladesh Phase 1 Projects became effective on February 10, 2023 and May 3, 2023, respectively. The ACCESS program regional coordination and peer-to-peer learning platform was launched on February 1-4, 2023 with a meeting held in Singapore to gain knowledge of trade facilitation measures and digital systems that have been implemented in Singapore, with a view to replicate some of these initiatives under the ACCESS projects. Attended by senior customs and trade officials from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, and Nepal (BBIN), the event also facilitated informal discussions seeking to engender a common understanding of each country’s priorities, identify and address operational bottlenecks, and create an enabling environment for greater cross-border cooperation among trade and border agencies. Under the ACCESS umbrella, a webinar series was launched on May 10, 2023 to share of India experience with e-Suvidha portal (a web-based vehicle facilitation system at border points) with the authorities of Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate
Macroeconomic	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate
Sector Strategies and Policies	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate
Technical Design of Project or Program	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial
Fiduciary	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial
Environment and Social	☐ High	☐ High	☐ High
Stakeholders	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate
Other	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate	☐ Substantial
Overall	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial	☐ Substantial

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes



Increased efficiency in trade				
▶ PrDO: Increased freight throughput at border points along select regional corridors (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	15-Nov-2022	11-May-2023	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Indicator to measure the efficiency of program supported land ports or ICDs, measured by average of cargo tons that are moved through the land ports per hour of operations. Benapole Land Port (Bangladesh) and Birgunj ICD (Nepal), the two largest border crossings in terms of value will be used as proxies. The baseline for Benapole is 791 tons/hr and Birgunj is 190 tons/hr. The baseline will be validated within the first six months of implementation. The indicator will be adjusted at MTR to incorporate targets of MPA Phase 2.			
▶ Increased freight throughput at select border points in Bangladesh (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	15-Nov-2022	11-May-2023	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Indicator to measure the efficiency of Bhomra, Benapole, and Burimari land port, measured by the average cargo tons that are moved through the land ports per hour of operations. The baselines are as follows (throughput tons/hr): Benapole (791); Bhomra (1,188), Burimari (1,595)			
▶ Increase in customs clearance through green channel (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	15-Nov-2022	11-May-2023	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Measure the percentage of consignments Custom House, Chattogram that are are cleared through green channel (defined as no additional review as consignments are deemed low risk)			
▶ Reduction in physical inspection through red channel (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	25.00	25.00	25.00	10.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	15-Nov-2022	11-May-2023	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Measure the percentage (reduction) of consignments that are are cleared at Custom House, Chattogram through red channel (defined shipments requiring a physical inspection and paperwork review)			
Efficiency in transport infrastructure				
▶ PrDO: Reduction in travel time along select regional corridors (Percentage, Custom)				



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	15-Nov-2022	11-May-2023	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Indicator to measure reduction of average travel time after completion of road improvement. Nepal baseline: 83 minutes. Bangladesh baseline: 103 minutes. The indicator will be adjusted at MTR to incorporate targets of MPA Phase 2.			
► Reduction in travel time along the project corridor (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	15-Nov-2022	11-May-2023	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Indicator to measure the reduction of average travel time for vehicles after completion of the Sylhet-Charkai-Sheola road. Baseline is 103 minutes			
► PrDO: Reduction in annual fatalities along select regional corridors (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	15-Nov-2022	11-May-2023	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	The indicator will capture the safety of transportation the highways improved by the Program. Bangladesh baseline: 26 fatalities/year on project road; Nepal baseline: 95 fatalities/billion veh-km. The indicator will be adjusted at MTR to incorporate targets of MPA Phase 2.			
► Reduction in annual fatalities along the project corridor (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	15-Nov-2022	11-May-2023	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	The indicator will capture the safety of transportation on 43 km of highway (Sylhet-Charkai-Sheola) improved by the project. Based on data received from DPR, baseline is estimated to be 26 fatalities/year.			
► Reduction in vehicle operating costs along the project corridor (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	15-Nov-2022	11-May-2023	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Indicator to measure reduction of average vehicle operating costs after completion of Sylhet-Charkai-Sheola road improvement. Baseline: 45BDT/km			

Resilient connectivity



► PrDO: People provided with improved climate resilient road access along select regional corridors (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,900,000.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	15-Nov-2022	11-May-2023	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	The number of people expected to have direct access to an improved climate-resilient highway corridor along Sylhet-Charkai-Sheola section in Bangladesh and Butwal-Gorusinghe-Chanauta section in Nepal will be assessed. The indicator will be adjusted at MTR to incorporate targets of MPA Phase 2. Target for Bangladesh is 1,800,000 people. Target for Nepal is 1,100,000 people.			
► People provided with improved climate resilient road access along the project corridor (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,800,000.00
Date	30-Jun-2022	15-Nov-2022	11-May-2023	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	The number of people expected to have direct access to an improved climate-resilient highway corridor along Sylhet-Charkai-Sheola section will be assessed.			

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Digital Systems for Trade				
► Land ports with Automated Border Management Systems (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	15-Nov-2022	11-May-2023	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Indicator to track the progress of implementation of the e-ABMS at Benapole, Bhomra, and Burimari land ports			

Green and Resilient Transport and Trade Infrastructure				
► Roads rehabilitated (Kilometers, Corporate)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	43.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	15-Nov-2022	11-May-2023	30-Jun-2028
► Trade infrastructure facilities upgraded climate resilient standard (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target



Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	15-Nov-2022	11-May-2023	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Indicator to measure the number of trade infrastructure facilities upgraded to climate resilient standards			
► Green building accreditation for customs infrastructure (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	No	Yes
Date	01-Jul-2022	15-Nov-2022	11-May-2023	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Indicator to evaluate the achievement of certified green Building for Custom House, Chattogram and Training Academy, Chattogram			
► Trade infrastructure constructed with facilities for women (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	15-Nov-2022	11-May-2023	30-Jun-2027
Comments:	Indicator to track that infrastructure facilities are built with with facilities for women (separate toilets, WASH facilities, separate resting/waiting rooms, service desk for women and day-care center)			
► Share of grievances received that are processed within the stipulated service standards (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	15-Nov-2022	11-May-2023	30-Jun-2027
Comments:	The indicator measures the functionality of the grievance redress mechanism for the Project. Standards for different type of grievances to be set up as a part of the GRM processing protocols.			
► Percentage of people, including women reported separately, that are satisfied infrastructure facilities (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	15-Nov-2022	11-May-2023	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Indicator to measure the increase/decrease in level of satisfaction of the users of infrastructure facilities after completion of construction works. Survey will take into consideration key parameters of access and quality. There should be at least a 20% increase in satisfaction. Average satisfaction level will be calculated. The baseline and target values will be validated based on field surveys/assessments.			

Institutional and Policy Strengthening for Transport and Trade



► Reduction in Bangladesh's Nominal Protection Rate (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	27.10	27.10	27.10	20.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	15-Nov-2022	11-May-2023	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Indicator to monitor the Nominal Protection Rate in Bangladesh			
► Number of women traders and entrepreneurs trained in trade fundamentals (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	15-Nov-2022	11-May-2023	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Indicator to measure the number of participants attending training events completed on trade fundamental			
<input type="checkbox"/> Share of trained women traders demonstrating increased understanding of trade procedures and IT-enabled services (Percentage, Custom Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00
► Customs officials trained on modern customs practices (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	15-Nov-2022	11-May-2023	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	The indicator will measure the number of customs officials who will be trained on modern customs practice. The target (7000) is 60% of serving customs officials (12,286). Women represent less than 10% of customs officials			
<input type="checkbox"/> Share of trained customs officials that are women (Number, Custom Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00
► Reduction in the physical presence of stakeholders at Customs ports by introducing e-customs facilities. (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Date	01-Jul-2022	15-Nov-2022	11-May-2023	30-Jun-2028
Comments:	Indicator to measure the impact of e-customs facilities by a significant reduction of the physical presence of the stakeholders at Customs ports. Baseline to be established by stakeholder surveys on physical presence.			

Performance-Based Conditions

Data on Financial Performance

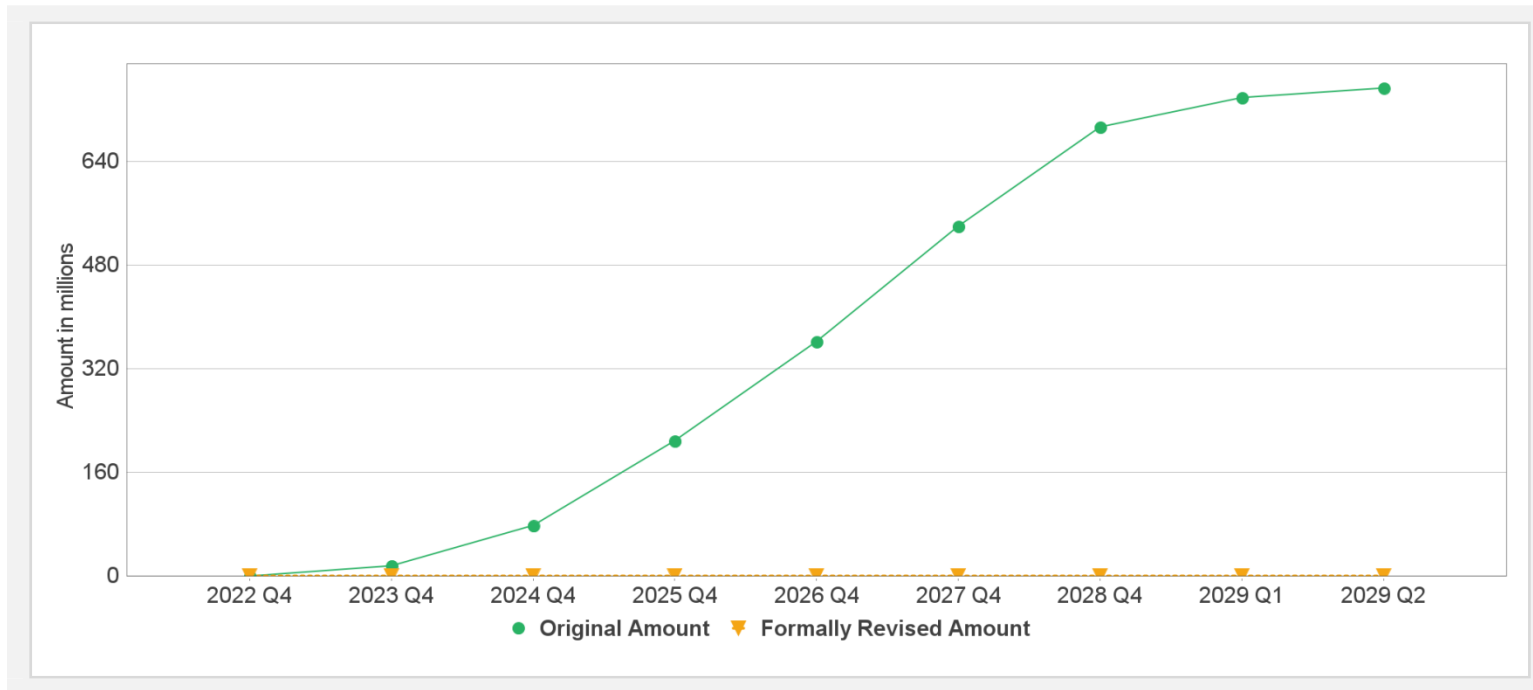
Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P176549	IDA-71660	Effective	USD	753.45	753.45	0.00	0.00	753.86	0%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P176549	IDA-71660	Effective	28-Jun-2022	28-Apr-2023	03-May-2023	30-Jun-2028	30-Jun-2028

Cumulative Disbursements





Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

There are no related projects.
