

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**SECOND RURAL TRANSPORT
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (RTIP-II)**

PROGRESS REPORT

OCTOBER 2013

Background:

Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) is implementing the IDA assisted Second Rural Transport Improvement Project (RTIP) under the ministry of LGRD&C. The Development Objectives of the project are to assure safe accessibility to market, non-farm economic opportunities and social services of rural populations and users of rural transport in the project area; and enhance sustainability of rural road maintenance through effective rural infrastructure investment and asset management.

The project was approved by the ECNEC on 04/10/2012. The World Bank approved the project at a board meeting held on 20/09/2012. The financial agreement was signed for the project on 23/10/2012 and the loan became effective 28/11/2012. In the meantime, the project has achieved a substantial progress, the summary of which are mentioned below:

Component A: Accessibility Improvement (US\$ 338.1 million):

Sub Component A1: Rural Roads Improvement (US\$ 145.8 million): The project is aimed to finance improvement of about 750 km of Upazila roads and about 500 km of Union roads in 26 districts through upgrading earthen to paved roads standard. Appropriate road safety measures will be included in the civil works. The sub-component includes land acquisition (only for Upazila roads) and compensation of persons affected by the project, environmental mitigation measures, road safety and activities by women's groups.

Present Status:

- The World Bank approved the procurement plan for 2nd year on 22 October. There are 43 UZR and 38 UNR contracts in 2nd year program. Estimate of 1 UNR contract has been approved by the PMU, which will be procured through e-GP.
- The consultants are conducting survey on the listed UZR. The preliminary data for second year UZR including social and environmental screening will be sent after completion of survey and verification from the resettlement Specialist.
- Necessary field checking and scrutiny of five Land Acquisition Plans prepared by PPC are going on. Administrative approval of these proposals will be sought from the ministry immediately after verification by the consultants.

Sub Component A2: Rural Road Rehabilitation and Maintenance¹ (US\$ 167 million): Rehabilitation and periodic maintenance of about 3,550 km of Upazila and Union roads in 26 districts are under this component. Rehabilitation works includes appropriate road safety measures. The project will also maintain about 450 km of roads for five years through Performance Based Maintenance Contracts (PBMC).

Present Status:

- 112 out of 116 RPM contracts of 1st year RPM contracts have been awarded by October 2013. Contract wise details are shown in the attached file. The average physical and financial progress for 1st year RPM is 50% and 28% respectively.

¹ Road Rehabilitation and Maintenance includes construction activities like (i) overlay, (ii) shoulder repairing, (iii) pot hole filling, (iv) dense carpeting and (v) seal coating within carriageway and shoulders on both sides. No earth work on embankment or slope repair is included in RPM.

- 25 RPM contracts of 1st year have been selected for procurement through eGP. 21 out of 25 RPM contracts have been awarded through eGP whereas rebidding is under process for 2 contracts. The remaining 2 contracts will be awarded soon.
- According to the approved Procurement Plan there are 96 RPM and 6 PBMC contracts in 2nd year program. Estimate of 36 RPM contract has been approved by the PMU. All of these contracts will be procured through e-GP.
- The economic analysis of 137 roads (for 96 RPM contracts) of 2nd year were sent to the Bank on 18 July 2013 and received no objection on 14 August 2013.
- Environmental screening reports of 1st year sub-projects were submitted to the Bank on 26/05/13. Screening report for 2nd year 74 RPM sub-projects was sent on 5 September 2013. The final report for 2nd year RPM contracts will be sent by end of November 2013.
- The Quarterly Environmental Monitoring Report for July-September will also be sent to the Bank by November 2013.
- Amid 2 initial contracts of PBMC, the Moulvibazar contract has been canceled due to damage of large structures in the road. The bid evaluation report of Cox's Bazar's contract recommending re-bidding was sent to WB on 13/10/13.
- The Bill of quantity for 1st year PBMC contract in Noakhali has been completed and sent to XEN for bidding. The bid submission date is fixed on 20/11/2013. Necessary adjustments on the BOQ for the remaining PBMC contract in Comilla is going on and will be finalized by 15 November 2013.
- The draft contract with Mr. Arif Shahid for PBMC Advisor was sent to the Bank on 29 August 2013. The Bank provided no objection on 7 October 2013. The contract was signed with him on 8 October 2013.

Sub Component A3: Rural Waterways and Ghats (US\$ 3.1 million): The project will include a pilot IWT sub-component on low impact dredging of two rural waterways using local technology. In addition, the project will finance construction of river infrastructure (ghats, jetties) at about 20 locations.

- There are 5 RJ contracts in 2nd year program.
- The approval of ToR for the Rural Water Transport (RWT) Specialist has been cleared from the Bank on 31 October 2013. The notice for REOI will be published by 10 November 2013.

Sub Component A4: Growth Center Markets (GCMs) (US\$ 5.2 million): The project will support the improvement and development of 50 markets, selected by a jointly-determined selection methodology and in consultation with the beneficiaries. Five shops will be reserved for women traders in Women's Marketing Sections (WMS) of each market. Due consideration was paid in the selection process for women to operate shops in WMS and enhancing their capacity.

- There are 17 GCM contracts in 2nd year program.
- The Consultant will collect preliminary data and finalize the social and environmental screening of Growth Center Markets (GCMs).

- Orientation session for Planning Workshop at Market/Ghat will be held at LGED Head Quarter on 7 to 9 November and 27 to 29 November 2013 for 37 and 38 participants respectively (Sub-assistant Engineer (SAE), Community Organizer (CO) and consultants Field Supervisor)

Sub Component A5: Project Supervision and monitoring consultants (US\$ 17.0 million): The subcomponent includes services of three consulting firms, two Design and Supervision Consultants (DSC), and one Management Support Consultant (MSC). The MSC will provide managerial support to PMU, LGED and assist to oversee the function and performance of the two DSCs. The two DSCs will be responsible for field-level supervision and implementation of project works in 13 districts each.

- The consultancy services for MSC and D&SC were approved by the CCGP on 10 July 2013. Subsequently, the contract with MSC, D&SC (R1) and D&SC (R2) were signed on 10 July, 16 July and 17 July respectively.
- The Management and Design & Supervision consultants have been mobilized except the Deputy Team Leader of D&SC (R1), the Team Leader of D&SC (R2), and the Procurement Specialist of MSC.
- Bidding Documents for supervision vehicles was first sent on 25/04/2013 and then resent on 21/05/2013 after modifying according to the suggestion of the Bank for clearance. The bank provided no objection on 26 September 2013.
- IFB (ICB) for 15 Double Cabin Pickup was issued on 1 October and published in the UNDB, CPTU and LGED website along with the reputed national dailies. The deadline for bid submission is 20 November 2013.
- IFB (NCB) for procurement of 6 Sport Utility Vehicles has been also issued on 23 October 2013 and widely circulated dailies and concerned websites. The tenders will be received on 2 December 2013 till 2:00pm.

Component B: Institutional Strengthening, Capacity Building and Governance Enhancement (US\$ 11.9 million): The institutional strengthening aspect builds on and further improves the functioning of the LGED through (i) capacity building to enhance LGED performance, governance and accountability; and (ii) performance monitoring and training.

Sub Component B1: Institutional Development and Governance (US\$ 8.9 million): The sub-component will support implementation of the new post-ORA LGED Management Improvement Plan aimed at strategic enhancements in LGED's capacity, effectiveness, governance and accountability over the 2012-2016 timeframe in the following areas: Maintenance Management (Policy, Planning and Operations); Planning, Design and Quality Management (including ISO certification); Environmental and Social (Impact) Management; Performance Management including Monitoring and Evaluation; IT-ICT-MIS Technology, Facilities and Capacity Building; and Training and Human Resource Development capacity. These interventions are directly aligned with the project's Governance and Accountability Action Plan (GAAP) targets.

- The PMU received no objection on the revised version of the ToR for @Project Management Services & Technical Assistance for implementation of strategy & action plan to enhance LGED IT-ICT-MIS resources & capacity on 09 August 2013. The REOI was issued on 2nd September 2013 and the submission deadline was 30 September, 2013. The shortlist sent to WB on 06/11/2013 for clearance.

- The contract with Mr. M. Zahirul Alam for the assignment of Sr. Financial Management Specialist was signed on 29 October 2013. The bank provided no objection for the same on 24 October 2013.
- The EOI for "Technical Assistance for Operationalization of Rural Road Maintenance Policy & Strategy" has been published on 27 October 2013 in the widely circulated national dailies and websites of CPTU and LGED. The last date for proposal submission is 2 December 2013.
- A 13 members' committee headed by Addl. Chief Engineer (Implementation), LGED has formed to examine and review the suitability and effectiveness of the Unified Financial Management System (UFMS). A demonstration of UFMS would take place in presence of WB's financial management staff on 19 August 2013 where the Bank representatives expressed their satisfaction.
- A "MIP Coordination Committee" was formed on 24/04/2013 to supervise and coordinate the activities under the institutional strengthening component. The committee formed 8 (eight) working groups which are tabulated below:

Sl. No	Name of the Working Groups	Head of the Working Groups	Member of the Working Groups
1	Planning, Environmental and Social Management	Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed, Superintending Engineer, Planning	1.Mr. Zoynal Abedin,SE(IWRM) 2.Mr. MMH Shamaji, PD, CHLUMP 3.Mr. Dewan Abdus Sabur, Sr.AE, RTIP-II
2	Maintenance and Asset Management	Mr. Md. Roushan Kabir Superintending Engineer, Maintenance	1.Mr. Syed Abdur Rahim , XEN (Maint.) 2.Mr. A. M. Md. Sadeque, XEN (Maint.) 3.Mr. Md. Humayoun Kabir, Sr. AE, RTIP-II
3	IT-ICT-MIS & GIS	Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed Superintending Engineer (Planning)	1.Mr. Munir Siddiquee, XEN (GIS Unit) 2.Mr. Md. Golam Yazdani, DPD, RTIP-II 3.Mr. Md. Shohel Rana, Sr. AE, GIS Unit 4. Mr. Mir Tanweer Husain, Sr. AE, RTIP-II
4	Design, Survey and Hydrology	Mr. Md. Khalilur Rahman Superintending Engineer (Design)	1.Mr. Md. Mustadar Rahman, Senior Bridge Design Engineer, Design Unit 2.Mr. Md. Zahedul Islam, XEN, Design Unit 3.Mr. Nani Bushan Roy, Senior Structural Engineer, Design Unit 4.Mr. Tapas Chowdury, Sr.AE, Design Unit 5.Mr. Mir Tanweer Husain, Sr. AE, RTIP-II

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5	Quality Assurance	Mr. Md. Mohsin, Superintending Engineer Training and Quality Control	1.Mr. M A Bashar, PD, PSB 2.Mr. Md. Maniruzzaman, XEN (QC) 3.Mr. Md. Zahedul Islam, XEN(Design) 4.Mr. Md. Rafiqul Islam, AE, RTIP-II
6	Monitoring and Evaluation	Mr. Md. Anwar Hossain Superintending Engineer (PM&E)	1. Mr. Md. Abdur Rahim , XEN (PM&E) 2. Mr. Mohd. Abdus Sattar, XEN, RTIP-II 3. Mr. Bipul Chandra Banik, XEN, PM&E
7	Financial Management	Mr. Molla Azizul Hoque, Superintending Engineer (Primary Education)	1.Mr. Mohammed Rafiqul Alam, XEN, Audit and Accounts 2.Ms. Soniya Naz, IT Expert, MIS Unit 3.Mr. Md. Reazul Islam, Accounts Officer, RTIP-2
8	Human Resource Development	Mr. Md. Mohsin, Superintending Engineer Training and Quality Control	1.Mr. Sushankar Acharjay, XEN(Training) 2.Mr. Sachirndra Nath Halder, XEN (Training) 3.Mr. Mahbub Hasan, XEN,(Procurement) 4. Mr. Dewan Abdus Sabur, Sr. AE, RTIP-II
9	Human Resource Management and Organizational Strengthening	Mr. Md. Shahidur Rahman Pramanik Superintending Engineer (Admin)	1.Mr. Md. Rezaul Karim, XEN (Admin) 2.Mr. MMH Shamaji, PD, CHLUMP 3.Mr. Mohd. Abdus Sattar, XEN, RTIP-II

- 3 years Business Plan of LGED was submitted to the Bank on 29 July. This can be mentioned that a committee was constituted on 10/06/2013 with a view to prepare a 3 Years Business Plan along with its strategies according to the 'Rural Roads and Culverts Maintenance Policy'.

Trainings/Workshops:

PMU organized the following training till September:

Sl. No.	Name of Training/Workshop	Duration (Date)	Participants	No. of Participants Attendance
1	2	3	4	5
1	Project Launching Workshop (PLW) of RTIP-II	2 Days (02/12/2012 & 03/12/2012)	CE, Addl. CEs, SEs, PDs, DPDs, XENs, Sr. AEs, AEs, UEs, Sociologists, etc.	420
2	Training on Procurement of Works under RTIP-II	1 Day (19/12/2012)	DPDs, XENs	28
		1 Day (20/12/2012)	Sr. AEs, UEs	34
3	Orientation on IDA Safeguards including Social & Environmental Issues under RTIP-II	2 Days (21/04/2013 & 22/04/2013)	DPDs, Sr. AEs, AEs, UEs	38
		2 Days (25/04/2013 & 26/04/2013)	Sociologists & Community Organizers	31
		2 Days (28/04/2013 & 29/04/2013)	Sociologists & Community Organizers	25
		2 Days (08/05/2013 & 09/05/2013)	Sociologists & Community Organizers	30
		2 Days (10/05/2013 & 11/05/2013)	Sociologists & Community Organizers	28
		2 Days (12/05/2013 & 13/05/2013)	Sociologists & Community Organizers	29
		2 Days (19/05/2013 & 20/05/2013)	Sociologists & Community Organizers	29
4	Training on Basic Road Safety under RTIP-II	2 Days (29/05/2013 & 30/05/2013)	Sociologists & Community Organizers	42
5	Training on Social & Environmental Issues and Relevant Data Management under RTIP-II	2 Days (08/07/2013 & 09/07/2013)	Sr. AEs, UEs & SAEs	32

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Sl. No.	Name of Training/Workshop	Duration (Date)	Participants	No. of Participants Attendance
1	2	3	4	5
6	Training on Performance Based Maintenance Contract (PBMC) under RTIP-II (Cox's Bazar)	1 Day (08/07/2013)	Sr.AE, AE, UE, AUE & SAE	79
7	Orientation on IDA Safeguards (Social & Environmental Issues) under RTIP-II (Comilla)	1 Day (26/09/2013)	XEN, AE & UE	71
8	Orientation on IDA Safeguards (Social & Environmental Issues) under RTIP-II (Sylhet)	1 Day (29/09/2013)	XEN, AE & UE	50
9	Workshop on Procurement of Works including e-GP and Orientation on IDA Safeguards (Social & Environmental) Issues under RTIP-II (Mymen)	2 Days (06/10/2013 & 07/10/2013)	AE, UE, ARE & FE	77
10	Workshop on Procurement of Works including e-GP and Orientation on IDA Safeguards (Social & Environmental) Issues under RTIP-II (Dhaka)	2 Days (08/10/2013 & 09/10/2013)	AE, UE, ARE & FE	84
	Total			1127

Besides, PMU has planned to arrange the following training programs in October for the capacity building of LGED officials, Consultants and contractors:

9	Workshop on Procurement of Works including e-GP and Orientation on IDA Safeguards (Social & Environmental) Issues under RTIP-II (Mymen)	2 Days (06/10/2013 & 07/10/2013)	AE, UE, ARE & FE	77
10	Workshop on Procurement of Works including e-GP and Orientation on IDA Safeguards (Social & Environmental) Issues under RTIP-II (Dhaka)	2 Days (08/10/2013 & 09/10/2013)	AE, UE, ARE & FE	84

Sub Component B2: Project Implementation (US\$ 3.0 million): LGED's capacity will be strengthened in project performance monitoring and management to regularly gather information for assessing the project's effectiveness in meeting the agreed PDO. The support will include services for performance audits and socio-economic and monitoring surveys.

- The REOI for Integrated Performance Audit Consultant was issued on 18 July 2013 after getting clearance on 16 July 2013. The EOIs were opened by the Proposal Opening Committee (POC) and a total of 14 EOIs were received on 19 August. Considering the evaluation outcome and also taking account the strength and weakness of the firms, the PEC recommended the final short list as follows:

01. JV of SUNJIN Engineering & Architecture (Korea)
DPC Group (Bangladesh)

- SARM Associates Limited (Bangladesh)
AHMAD & AKHTAR (AA) (Bangladesh)
02. Swedish National Road Consulting AB (SWEROAD) (Sweden)
HB Consultants Ltd. (HBC), (Bangladesh) - as Sub-consultant
03. LEA Associates South Asia Pvt. Ltd. (India)
04. JV of Jurutera Perunding Zaaba Sdn. Bhd. (JPZ)(Malaysia)
JPZ Consulting (Bangladesh) Ltd. (Bangladesh)
Sheltech Consultants (Pvt.) Ltd. (Bangladesh)
Toha Khan Zaman & Co., (Bangladesh)
05. JV of SAI Consulting Engineers Pvt. Ltd. (India)
BETS Consulting Services Ltd. (BETS), (Bangladesh)

The evaluation report recommending the above firms for short-listing and the draft Request for Proposal have been sent to the Bank on 16 September 2013.

Component C: Rural Transport Safety (US\$ 3.5 million):

The Component will include:

Technical assistance support for integrating road safety engineering measures and awareness building to ensure improved safety along project roads. This will include road safety audits of the designs, improving safety during civil works and public awareness and education, including training (basic and "train-the-trainer" levels) for representatives of participating Local Government (LG) entities and communities, police, school teachers, members of the (rural) rickshaw drivers' associations, other local road transport operators and local-level works contractors and associated advocacy, monitoring and survey activities in the concerned project districts. Costs associated with integration of road safety engineering solutions such as signs, markings, street lights, pedestrian facilities, etc. will be included as part of civil works under the first component of the project.

Technical assistance for strengthening road safety capacity of the LGED. This will include expert support to the recently established Central Road Safety Unit (CRSU), development of road safety related guidelines and manuals, revision of appropriate design standards, codes, and practices in road safety engineering, improvement of rural road accident data collection process, database and capacity analysis through piloting local accident data collection at Upazila and Union levels in eight districts, and development of a comprehensive Road Safety Training Program for LGED including rural road safety engineering, road safety auditing, monitoring and evaluation, and safety during road works.

- Mr. Stein Lundebye has started working as Road Safety Advisor under RTIP-II from 8 October 2013. Earlier the CEO of South Asia Management and Engineering Services (SAMES) Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Hedayetul Islam, had signed the contract on his behalf. PMU received the clearance on the Draft Agreement on 7 October 2013 which was sent to the Bank on 5 September 2013.

His activities:

- Met with the officials of WB, ADB, RHD, BRTA, ARI-BUET, BRAC regarding road safety activities.
- Made a presentation at BARD, Comilla for the newly recruited LGED Engineers to share his view and knowledge.
- Reviewed existing manuals, guidelines, traffic rules of Bangladesh as background study.
- Reviewed previous and ongoing road safety activities under various project of LGED to harmonize all activities.

- Preparing the revised TOR for BUET-ARI, Accident Data Collection and other necessary TOR's for piloting project implementation.

Component D: Contingent Emergency Response Component (US\$ 0)

Should an adverse natural disaster event occur that causes a major calamity, the GoB may request the Bank to re-allocate project funds to support response and reconstruction. This component would draw resources from the unallocated expenditure category and/or allow the GoB to request the Bank to re-categorize and reallocate financing from other project components to partially cover emergency response and recovery costs. This component could also be used to channel additional funds should they become available as a result of the emergency.

Social Safeguard: 118 Grievance Redress Committees (GRC) and 20 Suggestion and Complaint Committees (SCC) have been formed to date in different upazilas and districts respectively.

Complaint received: So far no complain received from the GRC/SCCs.

Financial Status (up to September 2013):

Annual Disbursement

Financial Year	Total DPP Provision	Disbursement (In million US\$) to be revised		Percent of Disbursement		Cumulative Disbursement (In million US\$)	
		Target	Actual up to Sept'13 (including initial advance)	Target	Actual (up to Sept'13)	Target	Actual (up to Sept'13)
2012-13	41.73	29.37	15.325	9.73	5.07	29.37	5.07
2013-14	120.38	87.37	4.335	28.93	1.44	116.74	6.51
2014-15	118.94	85.54	-	28.32	-	202.28	-
2015-16	85.06	61.93	-	20.51	-	264.21	-
2016-17	50.99	37.79	-	12.51	-	302.00	-
Total =	417.1	302.00	19.66	100.00	6.51		

Breakdown of Expenditure

(in million US\$)

Sl. No.	Category	Expenditure up to Sept'13
1	Goods, Works (other than works under Part A.2 of the project), non-consulting services and consultants services	1.051
2	Works under Part A.2 of the project	3.356
3	Training and Workshops	0.044
	Total =	4.451

Statement of Fund Allocation and Expenditure
(Up to September 2013)

In Local Currency Unit ('00,000 TK)

Sl No.	Components	Allocation			Expenditure		
		GOB	IDA	Total	GOB	IDA	Total
1	Goods	111.22	816.29	927.51	22.10	17.43	39.53
2	Works	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Non Consulting Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Consulting Services	319.00	1,000.00	1,319.00	62.97	796.67	859.64
5	Works under Part A2 of the Project	2,781.88	8,117.59	10,899.47	1,625.93	2,604.31	4,230.24

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6	Training and Workshops	-	77.75	77.75	-	41.69	41.69
7	Emergency Response	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	100% Government Financed Expenditures	965.22	-	965.22	519.85	-	519.85
14	Total	4,177.32	10,011.63	14,188.95	2,230.85	3,460.10	5,690.95