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Update on TA activities and work plan

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Status of approved prefeasibility and knowledge support 1/2

TA activity	Present status
Railway sector assessments for each CAREC MC	Reports published in 2019–20
Development and use CAREC Regional Transport Model	Model completed in 2019–21
Situation analysis of CAREC railways identifying opportunities for commercialization, reform and investment	Report published in 2022, presented at ADB Transport Forum 2022
Approved knowledge and capacity development (KCD) projects:	
- <i>Paper on track capacity and timetabling software</i>	<i>Paper published in 2020</i>
- <i>Advisory support to prepare railway commercialization, reform and investment programs in KGZ and TAJ</i>	<i>Consultants recruited in Q1 2020 but work halted due to pandemic. First and second country visits conducted in Q3 2022 and Q2 2023. Reports on proposed programs for KGZ and TAJ completed in Q3 2023.</i>
- <i>Study on CAREC rolling stock needs and financing facility</i>	<i>Following discussion of the study approach at the 7th RWG, ADB recruited consultants and study now completed. Study team leader will present the findings in Session 4</i>
- <i>Capacity development on best practices in establishing and operating a railway sales and marketing function</i>	<i>Draft TOR prepared in Q1 2020. Work suspended due to pandemic.</i>

Status of approved prefeasibility and knowledge support 2/2

TA activity	Present status
- Knowledge support on railway accounting standards	Draft TOR prepared in Q1 2020. Work suspended due to pandemic.
Approved prefeasibility study projects:	
- Traffic study on proposed China–Kyrgyz Republic–Uzbekistan (CKU) railway	Consultants recruited in Q1 2020 but work suspended due to pandemic. Work resumed in Q2 2022, field studies in Q3, team augmented Q1 2023. Study completed in Q3 2023.
- Tashkent–Turkmenbashy container block train services	Consultants undertook country visits in November and December 2023. Study completed in Q3 2024
- Uzbekistan Northwestern International Freight Corridor	Consultants undertook country visit in November and December 2023. Study completed in Q3 2024
- Prefeasibility Study of Railway–Port Connectivity, Pakistan	Consultants undertook country visit in January 2025. Expect to submit draft study in Q3 2025. Expected completion in Q1 2026
- Prefeasibility Study of Khushig Valley–Nomgon Railway, Mongolia	Consultants undertook country visit in May 2025. Expect to submit draft study in Q3 2025. Expected completion in Q1 2026

Status of implementation of TA work plan

Work stream	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
1. Railway transport model <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model development Model usage in TA situation analysis and PFS work 							
2. RSAs and CAREC-wide assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RSAs TA situation analysis report 							
3. Project preparation facility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CKU traffic study UZB Northwestern Internat. Freight Corridor Tashkent–Turkmenbashy container block trains Railway–Port Connectivity, Pakistan Khushig Valley–Nomgon Railway, Mongolia 							
4. Knowledge and capacity development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper on track capacity & timetabling software TA situation analysis presented at ADB Transp. Forum KGZ/TAJ commercialization, reform & investment Study of CAREC rolling stock needs & financing facility <p><i>Subject to TA replenishment and country interest:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving railway sales and marketing function Support on railway accounting standards & system 							



Concluding observations

- Overall deliverables of original TA accomplished or on track
- Ongoing approved prefeasibility and knowledge support due to be completed within 2025
- At the 9th RWG, consider options for new TA support activities in 2025 and 2026
 - Knowledge support e.g. accounting standards, railway sales & marketing
 - Prefeasibility studies, particularly in countries that have received less support from the TA



Thank you!

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