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Session 1: 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. Recruitment of expert will be subject to TA replenishment</i>

Status of approved prefeasibility and knowledge support 2/2

TA activity	Present status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knowledge support on railway accounting standards 	<p>Draft TOR prepared in Q1 2020. Work suspended due to pandemic. <i>Recruitment of expert will be subject to TA replenishment</i></p>
<p>Approved prefeasibility study projects:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Traffic study on proposed China–Kyrgyz Republic–Uzbekistan (CKU) railway 	<p>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 Q3 2023.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tashkent–Turkmenbashi container block train services 	<p>Consultants undertook country visits in November and December 2023. Draft study prepared. Expected completion in Q2 2024</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uzbekistan Northwestern International Freight Corridor 	<p>Consultants undertook country visits in November and December 2023. Draft study prepared. Expected completion in Q2 2024</p>

Concluding observations

- Overall deliverables of original TA accomplished or on track
- Ongoing approved prefeasibility and knowledge support due to be completed within 2024
- ADB has provided \$1 million replenishment and the TA completion date has been extended to end-2025
- At the 8th RWG, consider options for new TA support activities in 2024 and 2025
 - Knowledge support, including firm proposals on accounting standards and railway sales & marketing
 - Prefeasibility studies, particularly in countries that have received less support from the TA

Thank you!

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