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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	-	Asian Development Bank
AFD	-	Agence Francaise de Development
Ap	-	Affective Person
DoE	-	Department of environment
DLI	-	Disbursement Link Indicator
EARF	-	Environmental Assessment and Review Framework
ECA	-	Environmental Conservation Act
ECC	-	Environmental Clearance Certificate
ECR	-	Environmental Conservation Rules
EIA	-	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMP	-	Environmental Management Plan
FD	-	Forest Department
GoB	-	Government of Bangladesh
GRC	-	Grievance Redressal Cell
GRM	-	Grievance Redress Mechanism
IEE	-	Initial Environmental Examination
IUGIP	-	Improving Urban Governance and Infrastructure Program
LCC	-	Location Clearance Certificate
LGED	-	Local Government Engineering Department
MDSC	-	Management Design and Supervision Consultant
MLGRDC	-	Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development,
Cooperatives		
O&M	-	Operation and Maintenance
PMU	-	Project Management Unit
PPTA	-	Project Preparatory Technical Assistance
PRSP	-	Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper
RBL	-	Result-Based Lending
RP	-	Resettlement Plan
SPS	-	Safeguard Policy Statement
ToR	-	Terms of Reference
UGIAP	-	Urban Governance Implementation Action Plan

GLOSSARY OF BANGLADESHI TERMS

Crone	-	10 million (= 100 lakh)
Ghat	-	boat landing station
Hartal	-	nationwide strike/demonstration called by opposition parties
Khal	-	drainage ditch/canal
Khas, khash	-	belongs to government (e.g., land)
Katcha	-	poor quality, poorly built

Lakh, lac	-	100,000
Madrasha	-	Islamic college
Mouza	-	government-recognized land area
Parishad	-	authority (Pourashava)
Pourashava	-	municipality
Pucca	-	good quality, well built, solid
Thana	-	police station
Upazila	-	sub district

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

ha	-	hectare
km	-	kilometre
m	-	meter
mm	-	millimetre

NOTE{S}

- (i) In this report, "\$" refers to US dollars.
- (ii) —BDT refers to Bangladeshi Taka

PREFACE

The premises of this Initial Environmental Examination Report (IEE) are the PRS Consultant services presentation of an analysis of data and conclusions, together with its appendices.

While PRS Consultants have been deputed to assist the Pourashava / Executing Agency (EA) for the preparation of the IEE, the responsibility and ownership of the IEE rest with the EA.

The key elements of the IEE Report focus on: Assessment of Compliance Guidelines of Environment Safeguards according to ADB, AFD and GoB policy.

N.B; This report was prepared by Project Readiness Services Consultants (PRSC) and it has been updated by MDS Consultants.

DISCLAIMER

This Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) Report of Ulipur Pourashava, Under Project Readiness Services for Improving Urban Governance and Infrastructure Program (IUGIP) at (RBL). All the data used to prepare this Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) Report have been collected from the Pourashava Development Plan (PDP). Some of the information's have also been collected from the Pourashava personnel over telephone. Moreover, some information's have been collected by the respective experts of MDSCS consultant through intensive field visit which have been used in writing this report. If any information or data or any other things coincide with other project documents that are beyond our knowledge and fully coincidental event and we express apology for that.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Government of Bangladesh (GoB) has undertaken the Improving Urban Governance and Infrastructure Program (IUGIP) with financial assistance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) & Agence Francaise De-developpment (AFD). The Improving Urban Governance and Infrastructure Program (IUGIP) under the Result Based Lending (RBL) modality will improve infrastructure facilities such as drains, roads, streetlights, low-income neighborhoods improvement (footpaths, drains, streetlights, tube wells, dustbins and community toilets), market centers and parks in selected 63 Pourashavas of operation and maintenance (O & M) in 25 Pourashavas. (Out of 88 Pourashavas).
2. Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) was prepared and endorsed by both the funding agencies and GoB to be adopted for implementation of the IUGIP. The frameworks specified the screening procedures and the guidelines for identifying the APs, estimating the compensation and assistance to be paid for the losses, grievance redress mechanism, preparation of IEE and the institutional requirements for monitoring the implementation of environmental safeguard aspects of the project. The IEE for roads & drains sub-project of Ulipur Pourashava has been prepared following the PPTA and updated format.
3. Variety of sub-projects have been undertaken under IUGIP, potential environmental impacts of a local nature can be expected and cover a wide spectrum. Accordingly, the criteria for selection or exclusion of sub-projects address concerns related to potential significant or irreversible negative environmental impacts. Potential environmental impacts stem from poor or improper location, planning and design practice. Construction impacts in a local setting and within the local community can be significant, even though of short duration and limited extent.
4. Government of Bangladesh (GoB) law and ADB policy require that the environmental impacts of development projects be identified and assessed as part of the planning and design process, and that action be taken to reduce those impacts to acceptable levels. This is done through the screening/impact assessment process, which has become an integral part of all ADB lending operations, project development and implementation.
5. The objectives of the Roads Improvement sub-project are to access and improve the urban environment through - Rehabilitation/Maintenance/Construction of roads and drains of improvement on various locations in Ulipur Pourashava area.

Policy, Legal and Administrative Framework

6. **Categorization:** Ulipur Pourashava roads sub-project is classified as Environmental Category B as per ADB SPS as no in-significant impacts are envisioned. This initial environmental examination has been prepared in accordance with ADB SPS's requirements for environment category B projects and provides mitigation and monitoring measures to ensure no significant impacts because of the sub-project.
7. The project has been classified as environment 'Category B' by criteria in the Environment Policy of the ADB and Environmental Assessment Guidelines (November 2002) as applied by the ADB Urban Development Division, South Asia Department. Category B projects are "judged to have some adverse environmental impacts, but of lesser degree and/or significance than those for category A projects." As a result, "an initial environmental examination (IEE) is required to determine whether or not significant environmental impacts warranting an EIA are likely."
8. As per Government of Bangladesh Environment Conservation Act, 1995 and revised Environment Conservation Rules (ECR, 2023) section-1, the sub-projects of under IUGIP project are not applicable. However, Markets, parks, slaughter house, street lights, toilets and bus & truck terminals are in orange category which are included in this project. As a result, "an initial environmental examination (IEE) is required to determine.

9. The DoE has issued an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for Improving Urban Governance and Infrastructure Program (IUGIP), vide letter 22.02.0000.018.72.029.23.177 dated 25.06.2023. (DoE approved of ECC Appendix -8)

10. **Sub-project Scope:** The proposed sub-project package is IUGIP/ULIP/UT/02/2023. Implementation of sub-project will involve construction/Improvement of 5788m Roads in 4 locations, one (1) no. RCC Cross Drains (Size: 1mX1m), 1195m Protection Work, two (2) nos. RCC Box Culvert (Size: 4mX4m, One Vent & Size: 4.5mX4.5m, Two Vent) & installation of 198 nos. Street Light at Ulipur Pourashava, Kurigram District. The proposed sub-project is very essential for the communication of community people and reduces water logging and traffic jam.

11. Considering all the above following steps were adopted by the PRS Consultant's team for Environmental Safeguard compliance –

- i. Review of the available Environmental safeguard documents and categorization of the project as per ADB and GoB guidelines.
- ii. Separate Consultation with PRS team members, PMU staffs and PIU staffs to explain the importance of the safeguards.
- iii. Separate Workshop on safeguard policies for all Municipal Engineers, EE and AE of all the Pourashava under IUGIP
- iv. Screening and re-categorization of each and every scheme with the help of REA checklist transect walk and public consultation for individual schemes during visit to individual project scheme sites.
- v. Preparation of sector sub-project IEE considering each component of the sub-project.

Environmental Safeguard Policy Principal Triggered

12. The environmental and indigenous peoples' safeguards principles likely to be triggered due to the RBL program activities are given in Table 1. Summary of Government of Bangladesh environmental and safeguard regulatory framework and a comparative analysis with ADB policy principles is presented in national legislations.

13. **Indigenous Peoples Safeguards, ADB Safeguard Policy Statement, 2009. If in case;** The Indigenous Peoples safeguards are triggered if a project directly or indirectly affects the dignity, human rights, livelihood systems, or culture of Indigenous Peoples or affects the territories or natural or cultural resources that Indigenous Peoples own, use, occupy, or claim as an ancestral domain or asset. ADB SPS, 2009 uses the term Indigenous Peoples in a generic sense to refer to a distinct, vulnerable, social, and cultural group possessing the following characteristics in varying degrees:

- self-identification as members of a distinct indigenous cultural group and recognition of this identity by others;
- collective attachment to geographically distinct habitats or ancestral territories in the project area and to the natural resources in these habitats and territories;
- customary cultural, economic, social, or political institutions that are separate from those of the dominant society and culture; and
- a distinct language, often different from the official language of the country or region.

Table 1: Environment Safeguard Policy Principal Triggered

Principles*	Descriptions
Environment safeguard	
Principle 1: project screening process	Triggered. Potential environmental impacts of proposed RBL activities are likely to be minimal, Screening will be under taken to including following activities:(i) classified as Category B and requiring IEE study under ADB SPS, (ii) those classified as ' Not applicable ' category and not requiring IEE study under GoB revised ECR 2023. A screening form, combining both ADB and ECR requirements, will be introduced.
Principle 2: Conduct of environmental assessment	Triggered. The environmental impacts of RBL activities during construction and operation needs to be assessed through conduct of environmental assessment. Per ADB SPS, some RBL activities fall under Orange-B category, requiring an IEE. As per ECR 2023, do not need IEE or EIA. A process/framework will be introduced that all RBL activities go through environmental assessment.
Principle 3: Examine alternatives to the project	Triggered. RBL activities are simple and straight forward with minimal impacts. Examination of alternatives will further reduce the impacts in aspects like avoiding locations with trees, water bodies, arsenic contaminated water as water source, etc.,
Principle 4: Avoid, minimize, mitigate, and/or offset adverse impacts	Triggered. Program activities will require mitigation measures to address environmental impacts. EMP will be required as part of the IEE. EMP will need to clarify implementation arrangements and costs.
Principle 5: Carry out meaningful consultation	Triggered. Consultations will be required with the affected persons and stakeholders during the project preparation and implementation. Public feedback and grievance redress system is crucial for avoiding / reducing inconveniences and health and safety risks during construction.
Principle 6: Disclose a draft environmental assessment (including the EMP)	Triggered. Disclosure of documents is required to update the affected people and stakeholders on the proposed RBL activities, likely impacts, and mitigation and monitoring measures, and implementation arrangements. IEEs, including EMPs, and monitoring reports during implementation will be disclosed.
Principle 7: Implement EMP and monitor its effectiveness	Triggered. Implementation of EMPs and monitoring effectiveness, reporting and disclosure is needed. Contractors will implement the EMPs, and LGED will monitor, report and disclose. Budget to implement EMP Will be included in the project cost.
Principle 8: Avoidance of critical habitats	Not Triggered. The RBL program activities will be mostly confined to urban areas. No activities will be located in or near critical habitats.
Principle 9: Apply pollution prevention and control technologies and practices	Triggered. Given the small-scale of construction activities, the potential for pollution is minimal, and is mostly confined to construction phase environment, health and safety impacts. RBL activities will need to be implemented applying government pollution control and EHS requirements, and World Bank Group's EHS guidelines. RBL activities unlikely to use or generate any notable hazardous materials or waste.
Principle 10: Workers' health and safety	Triggered. RBL activities involve construction and operation of infrastructure. Health and safety risks are inherent to civil works, both to workers, and surrounding community, especially since the works will be conducted in public areas
Principle 11: Conserve physical cultural resources	Triggered. RBL program activities will not be implemented in or close to archeologically, historically sensitive sites. There may however be local religious/cultural places within the town and along the roads where infrastructure will be located. Necessary measures avoid any impacts, including chance-find Procedures will be included in EMPs
Indigenous Peoples	
Principle 1: Project screening for Indigenous Peoples impacts.	Triggered. All components or activities will be screened to determine whether any Indigenous Peoples/ TMRES communities are present and affected by the RBL program.
Principle 2: Undertake a culturally appropriate and gender-sensitive social impact assessment	Not Triggered. There have a small group of TMRES live in the Ulipur Pourashava. There will be no environmental impact during construction by IUGIP.
Principle 3: Undertake meaningful consultations with affected Indigenous Peoples communities and establish a culturally appropriate and gender	Not Triggered. For any activity or component is undertaken in Pourashvas, where TMRESC (Indigenous Peoples) live in a cluster or small groups, consultations will be carried out to ensure that the RBL program benefits are accessible to Indigenous Peoples/ TMRES communities in a culturally appropriate manner.

inclusive grievance mechanism	
Principle 4: Broad community support for project activities	Not Triggered. The RBL program will not take up any activity, which may cause the commercial development of the cultural or natural resources or traditional or customary lands.
Principle 5: Avoid, to the maximum extent possible, any restricted access to and physical displacement from protected areas and natural resources.	Not Triggered. The RBL program will exclude any such activity.
Principle 6: Preparation of IPP	Not Triggered. No adverse impacts to Indigenous Peoples/TMRESC assess under the RBL program; only affected group are impact assessed on Indigenous Peoples/ TMRESC in the Pourashava. The TMRESC Plan will be prepared, which will include a specific action plan for consultation and participation of indigenous peoples.
Principle 7: Disclose a draft and final IPP in form and language(s) understandable to affected Indigenous Peoples communities	Not Triggered. Any Resettlement and TMRESC Plan prepared will be disclosed on LGED website and to TMRESC in language understood by them.
Principle 8: Prepare an action plan for legal recognition of customary rights to lands and territories or ancestral domains.	Not Triggered. The customary rights to lands and territories or ancestral domains will not be impacted under the program.
Principle 9: Monitor implementation of the IPP and disclosure of monitoring reports.	Triggered. The monitoring of the Indigenous Peoples related actions and measures will be conducted during the implementation of the RBL program by LGED.

EIA = environmental impact assessment, IEE = initial environmental examination, EHS = environmental, health and safety, IPP = indigenous people's plan, LGED = Local Government Engineering Department, PSSA = program safeguard systems assessment, RBL = results-based lending, TMRESC = Tribes, Minor Races, Ethnic Sects and Communities. Source: Asian Development Bank, Safeguard Policy Statement, 2009.

14. There is no impact on indigenous people as there are no indigenous people around the project site.

15. Institutional Capacity and Implementation Practices. LGED, the executing agency/implementing agency for the RBL Program, has significant experience in implementing multilateral funded projects. LGED has been implementing ADB & AFD funded Improving Urban Governance and Infrastructure Program (IUGIP) are under implementation. LGED demonstrated its capacity to prepare, implement, monitor, and report projects in compliance with the ADB SPS and GOB regulatory framework¹. In its current set up, LGED established separate project management units (PMU) headed by project directors to implement IUGIP. Since the RBL program is continuation of IUGIP, the existing PMU of IUGIP will implement RBL Program. PMU is supported by project implementation units (PIUs), established in each Pourashava, and consultants. Contractors will be appointed to build the infrastructure. LGED's district level offices will also support PIUs. Safeguards Officer (Environment) in PMU, reporting to Deputy Project Director, leads the environmental safeguards tasks and ensures the compliance with ADB SPS and regulatory framework. This position is currently vacant, and a Senior Assistant Engineer is given additional charge to handle safeguards. In each PIU, an assistant engineer, on an additional charge, is responsible for safeguards.

16. Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) only the executing agency (EA). LGED is responsible for providing support and guidance to Pourashavas concerning performance criteria and Pourashava development planning. However, LGED is the main executing agency and responsible for the implementation activities by establishing a PMU. The participating Pourashavas are the implementing agencies, with a Project Implementation Unit (PIU) within the Pourashava existing structure. Consultant teams are responsible for (i) detailed engineering design, contract documents preparation and safeguards facilitation; (ii) project management and administration support; (iii) assistance in supervising construction;

¹ No Red category activities are eligible for funding in RBL

(iv) strengthening of local governance, conducting required studies & (v) awareness raising on behavioural change in water, sanitation & solid waste management activities.

17. **Description of the Environment:** Sub-project components are located in Ulipur Pourashava urban area or in its immediate surroundings which were converted into urban land use for many years ago, and there is no natural habitat left at these sites. There are no protected areas, cultural heritage site, wetlands, mangroves, or estuaries in or near the sub-project location. There are no forest areas within or near Ulipur Pourashava.

18. **Environmental Management:** An environmental management plan (EMP) is included as part of this IEE, which includes (i) mitigation measures for environmental impacts during implementation; (ii) an environmental monitoring program and the responsible entities for mitigating, monitoring, and reporting; (iii) Stakeholder, public consultation and information disclosure; and (iv) grievance redress mechanism. A number of impacts and their insignificance were reduced through mitigation measures in the preliminary design stage. The EMP will form part of the civil work bidding and contract documents.

19. Locations and sitting of the proposed infrastructures were considered to further reduce impacts. The concepts considered in design of the Ulipur roads sub-project are: (i) locating facilities on government-owned land to avoid the need for land acquisition and relocation of people; (ii) prioritizing rehabilitation over new construction using public right of ways (ROWS), and taking all possible measures in design and selection of site or alignment to avoid resettlement impacts; (iii) avoiding where possible locations that will result in destruction/disturbance to historical and cultural places/values; (iv) avoiding tree-cutting where possible; (v) ensuring all planning and design interventions and decisions are made in consultation with local communities and reflecting inputs from public consultation and disclosure for site selection.

20. MDSC design team integrate a number of measures, both structural and non-structural, to mainstream climate resilience into the Ulipur Pourashava roads sub-project, including: (i) structural protection of facilities of future floods; (ii) location of components where there is no risk of flooding or other hazards and promote more efficient use of Pourashava resources accordingly as per public demand. As a result, some measures have already been included in the sub-project designs. This means that the impacts and their significance have already been reduced.

21. Key construction phase impacts identified and addressed in the IEE include (i) air, noise and vibration impacts due to construction vehicles, equipment and machinery in the vicinity of construction site and inhabited sections; (ii) management of spoils due to excavation for distribution network and civil works; (iii) safety measures during construction; (iv) traffic diversions; (v) management of sites temporarily used for construction activities, including borrow areas, construction camps, etc. and rehabilitation of the sites after completion of temporary use; (vi) impacts on community health and safety hazards posed to the public, specifically in inhabited areas. The debris from the demolition of the existing roads and drains at site will be used in the emergency repair, new construction and maintenance of roads & drains in the Pourashava area.

22. In the operational phase, all facilities and infrastructure will operate with routine maintenance, which should not affect the environment. During the construction period environmental impacts will be minimize as the work following the EMP and take proper mitigation measures.

23. Mitigation measures have been developed to reduce all negative impacts to acceptable levels and will be assured through a program of environmental monitoring. The monitoring program will include observations on and off-site, document checks and interviews with workers and beneficiaries. The PMU will submit semi-annual monitoring reports to ADB which will include a detailed review of EMP implementation, including corrective actions taken.

24. **Consultation and Grievance Redress:** The stakeholders were involved in developing the IEE through discussions on-site and public consultation, after which views expressed were incorporated into the IEE and in the planning and development of the sub-project. The IEE will be made available at public locations in the Pourashava and will be disclosed to a wider audience via the ADB and LGED project websites. The consultation process will be continued and expanded during project implementation to ensure that stakeholders are fully engaged in the project and have the opportunity to participate in its development and implementation. A GRM is described within the IEE to ensure any public grievances are addressed quickly.

25. **Monitoring and Reporting:** The PMU, PIU (Ulipur Pourashava), and (MDSC) will be responsible for safeguard monitoring. The MDSC will submit monthly monitoring reports to PMU, and the PMU will send semi-annual monitoring reports to ADB. ADB will post the semi-annual environmental monitoring reports on its website as part of its disclosure requirements.

Conclusion and Recommendations:

26. The citizens of Ulipur Pourashava will be the major beneficiaries of this sub-project. Result Based Lending (RBL) activities will need to be implemented applying government pollution control and Effective Health & Safety (EHS) requirements GoB and ADB Group's EHS guidelines. People's connectivity problem will remove, money and time will be saved and so many works/businesses access will open locally and nationally, if the new roads and drains are constructed there. The sub-project will facilitate the local people smooth communication and reduce water logging, traffic jam in proposed location. In addition to improved and maintained environmental conditions, the sub-project will also construct roads and drains improvement infrastructure, proper drain slop maintain for outfall etc. Therefore, the proposed sub-project is unlikely to cause significant adverse impacts and net environmental benefits to citizens of Ulipur Pourashava will be positive. The potential impacts that are associated with design, construction and operation can be mitigated to standard levels without difficulty through proper engineering design provided that the EMP is included in the contract document and its provisions implemented and monitored to their full extent.

27. Based on the findings of the IEE, there are no significant impacts and the classification of the sub-project as Category "B" is confirmed. No further special study/detailed environmental impact assessment (EIA) needs to be undertaken to comply with ADB SPS, (2009).

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Background

28. Bangladesh has a population of approximately 162 million and experienced rapid urbanization with the growth of many secondary towns over the last three decades. About 28 per cent of the total population now lives in urban areas where the population growth rate is much higher than the overall national growth rate. With the present high increase-trend in urban population, it is justifiably anticipated that by year-2020, such population will constitute nearly 40 percent of the national aggregate. One principal cause of such rapid growth is the presence of better opportunities spanning economic, communication, education, health and other social aspects in the urban areas.

29. Proposed Project Readiness Services of Result Based Lending (RBL) for Improving Urban Governance and Infrastructure Program (IUGIP) with financial assistance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and AFD are for Urban Development in 63 Pourashavas. The selected Pourashavas are: 1) Bandarban 2) Brahmanbaria 3) Banskhali 4) Chandanaish 5) Nazirhat 6) Raozan 7) Sandwip 8) Faridganj 9) Hajiganj 10) Matlab South 11) Daganbhuiyan 12) Sonagazi 13) Khagrachhari 14) Raipur 15) Ramganj 16) Ramgoti 17) Chowmuhani 18) Basurhat 19) Rangamati 20) Bhanga 21) Boalmari 22) Kaliganj 23) Kaliakair 24) Tungipara 25) Bhairab 26) Hossainpur 27) Pakundia 28) Kalkini 29) Manikganj 30) Munshiganj 31) Mirkadim 32) Araihaaz 33) Monohordy 34) Goalanda 35) Naria 36) Modhupur 37) Alamdanga 38) Keshabpur 39) Monirampur 40) Mohespur 41) Bheramara 42) Kumarkhali 43) Gangni 44) Gafargaon 45) Madan 46) Nokla 47) Shariakandi 48) Rohanpur 49) Shibganj 50) Nazipur 51) Santhia 52) Bagha 53) Bhabaniganj 54) Charghat 55) Keshorhat 56) Naohata 57) Sundarganj **58) Ulipur** 59) Patgram 60) Chunarughat 61) Kulaura 62) Moulvibazar and 63) Chhatak .

30. 25 Pourashavas Operation and Maintenance (O & M) are selected Pourashavas as- 1) Barguna 2) Pirojpur, 3) Nabinagar , 4) Laksam 5) Laxmipur , 6) Gopalganj, 7) Kishoreganj, 8) Rajbari, 9) Chuadanga 10) Benapole 11) Jashore, 12) Magura, 13) Meherpur, 14) Muktagacha 15) Netrakona, 16) Sherpur, 17) Chapai Nawabganj, 18) Joypurhat 19) Naogaon, 20) Bera 21) Ishwardi, 22) Shahjadpur, 23) Lalmonirhat, 24) Nilphamari 25) Panchagarh

31. The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) under the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives (MLGRD&C) and having extensive experience in managing urban sub-projects financed by ADB & AFD will be the executing agencies of the project.

32. Infrastructure sub-projects proposed IUGIP encompass a variety of types of urban infrastructure and services including those shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Sub-projects and Components Proposed in IUGIP

Sector / sub projects	Activities	Components
Urban Transport & communication	Road way Provision	Bridge Replacement
		Drainage/Culverts
		Roadway Widening/Resurfacing
Urban Drainage	Road way Drainage	Roadside Drains
	Area drainage	Outfall
		Main Drain
		Secondary and Tertiary Drains
		Retention Pond
Public use facilities	Municipal facilities	Market/Community Centres
		Municipal and Kitchen Markets
		Improvement of Slaughter houses

		<i>Bus and Truck Terminals</i>
		<i>Street lights</i>
		<i>Footpaths</i>
Slum	System improvement	<i>Repair/Replacement of Lines</i>
	Community Facility	<i>Community Toilets</i>
	Septic tank	<i>Vacuum Units</i>

33. The overall objectives of the Project are (i) strengthen pro-poor and gender responsive urban governance and improve urban infrastructure and service delivery in sample 63 Pourashavas in Bangladesh (ii) develop these Pourashavas in an integrated and holistic way both in terms of governance and infrastructure. Featured by improved municipal services delivery, financial sustainability, citizen participation, accountability, inclusiveness, transparency and urban development control (iii) roll out application of governance criteria linked with budget allocation to all Class-A Pourashava in the country.

B. Sub-project Scope

34. The proposed sub-project package is IUGIP/ULIP/UT/02/2023. Implementation of sub-project will involve construction/Improvement of 5788m Roads in 4 locations, one (1) no. RCC Cross Drains (Size: 1mX1m), 1195m Protection Work, two (2) nos. RCC Box Culvert (Size: 4mX4m, One Vent & Size: 4.5mX4.5m, Two Vent) & installation of 198 nos. Street Light at Ulipur Pourashava, Kurigram District. The proposed sub-project is very essential for the communication of community people and reduces water logging and traffic jam.

35. The objectives of the sub-project are the roads improvement infrastructure will facilitate the local people smooth communication and reduce traffic congestion in proposed location.

C. Purpose of the Report

36. The initial environmental examination aims to provide guidance on safeguard screening, assessment, institutional arrangement, and process to be followed for components of the project, where design takes place after boards approval. This IEE (i) describes the project and its components; (ii) explains the general anticipated environmental impacts and mitigation measures for the sub-projects; (iii) specifies the requirements that will be followed in relation to screening and categorization, assessment, and planning, including arrangements for meaningful consultation with affected people and other stakeholders and information disclosure requirements; (iv) assesses the capability of the project proponents to implement national laws and ADB's requirements, and identifies needs for capacity building; (v) specifies implementation procedures, institutional arrangements, and capacity development requirements; and (vi) specifies monitoring and reporting requirements. Moreover, this IEE is to ensure, in line with ADB EARF, that the roads sub-project, in the entirety of its project cycle, will not deteriorate or interfere with the environmental sensitivity of the project area, but rather improve environmental quality.

D. Categorization

37. A Sector Initial Environmental Examination (SIEE) has been conducted for the overall IUGIP project and the IEEs were prepared for each of the Pourashava sub-projects individually. The SIEE sought to identify any regional and cumulative impacts that may result from the sector intervention. Cumulative impacts were all in the social or human development spheres of the environment, and all were found to be positive. No direct cumulative or regional potential negative impact of the project activities on environmental resources was detected.

38. Success and lessons drawn from UGIIP and other ADB's urban sector projects of Bangladesh to inform the RBL program design include (i) using governance performance as a basis for the allocation of investment was an effective approach; (ii) conducting institutional capacity and community awareness to strengthen the municipal governance and sustainable delivery of services; (iii) the demonstrated impacts of IUGIPs generate high demand among

Pourashavas; and (iv) implementation of infrastructure component of the project, coupled with timely technical support and capacity building, is pivotal to ensuring project readiness and implementation progress in a highly challenging context-the LGED demonstrated this capacity.

39. The ADB has categorized IUGIP project as Category B and following its normal procedure has determined that an IEE will be conducted for each sub-project submission. The impacts of sub-projects will be assessed according to ADB requires the consideration of environmental issues in all aspects of the operations and the requirements for environmental assessment are described in ADB Safeguard Policy Statement (SPS), 2009.

40. IUGIP's impact will be to improve the living environment in project towns. The outcome of same will improve municipal service delivery and urban governance in project towns. Project towns are pre-selected 36 towns to be supported in an integrated manner under the project. IUGIP will improve the existing ones and will also provide new municipal infrastructures including (i) roads; (ii) drainages; (iii) slaughterhouses; (iv) markets, community center/auditorium, bus and truck terminals and river ghats; (vi) public toilets and (vii) others such as provision for street lighting and improvement of slums.

41. An environmental assessment using ADB Rapid Environmental Assessment (REA) checklist for roads was conducted and results of the assessment show that the sub-project is unlikely to cause significant adverse impacts. Ulipur Pourashava road sub-project is classified as Environmental Category B as per ADB SPS as no significant impacts are envisioned. This initial environmental examination has been prepared in accordance with ADB SPS's requirements for environment category B projects and provides mitigation and monitoring measures to ensure no significant impacts because of the sub-project.

E. Scope of this Report

42. The Project requires that any proposed development will require that the laws and regulations of Bangladesh be applied in full. The Project is then subject to approval under the Government of Bangladesh's Environment Conservation Act (1995) (ECA) and Environment Conservation Rules (2023).

43. The IEE report aims to provide guidance on safeguard screening, assessment, institutional arrangement, and process to be followed for components of the project, where design takes place after approval. This IEE:

- Describes the project and its components;
- Explains the general anticipated environmental impacts and mitigation measures for the sub-projects;
- Specifies the requirements that will be followed in relation to screening and categorization, assessment, and planning, including arrangements for meaningful consultation with affected people and other stakeholders and information disclosure requirements;
- Assesses the capability of the project proponents to implement national laws and ADB's requirements, and identifies needs for capacity building;
- Specifies implementation procedures, institutional arrangements, and capacity development requirements; and
- Specifies monitoring and reporting requirements.
- Moreover, this IEE is to ensure, in line with ADB EARF, that the sub-project, in the entirety of its project cycle, will not deteriorate or interfere with the environmental sensitivity of the project area, but rather improve environmental quality.

44. This report fulfils the requirements of IEE under the provisions of the ECR. The IEE identifies potential environmental and social impacts and issues associated with undertaking

the proposed sub-project. It provides an outline of the potential positive and negative impacts because of the Project and proposes suitable mitigation and management measures.

45. The scope of this report and the subsequent IEE is specific to the sub-project. It does not provide any assessment for any other/future developments or activities at the location or anywhere else within Ulipur town. Should any further development be planned as result of either this sub-project or other related work, additional planning and assessment to the requirements of the GoB must be carried out specifically in relation to that proposed development.

F. Approach and Methodology

46. The primary purpose of the IEE is to investigate and describe impacts of the proposed sub-project to the existing environmental elements. Specifically, the study aims to predict the potential impacts of the project activities and recommend mitigation and abatement measures for impacts (in the pre-construction, construction, after completion of works and operational stages of development) that are considered potentially adverse to the surrounding environment.

In general, this IEE intends to:

- Examine and describe the existing status of the various ecological, physical and human related components surrounding the project area;
- Predict the potential significant impacts of the project on the surrounding environment during the pre-construction, construction, after completion of works, operations and maintenance stages and recommend appropriate mitigation and abatement measures; and
- Identify residual impacts of the sub-project and recommend appropriate short-term and long-term management plans.

a. Data Sources of IEE

47. The following documents were used as reference in the preparation of the IEE report:

- Available technical reports from Pourashava and various organizations
- Available laws, rules, regulations, acts, policies from Bangladesh Government websites
- Maps from open sources and various governmental and non-governmental websites
- Data from secondary literatures including books and relevant websites

b. Scoping and Gathering Baseline Data

48. Scoping of issues to be addressed in the IEE was conducted early in the assessment process (i.e., Safeguard team field visit) to collect the appropriate baseline information so that collected and the IEE report/study can be focused on the relevant issues needed.

The objectives of undertaking the scoping activities were:

- To provide an early link among the implementing agency, the recipient and affected community and the IEE preparer;
- To ensure that the IEE will address only relevant issues and concerns;
- To present the scope of environmental studies, issues and alternatives that requires thorough examination and consideration in the master plan; and
- To ensure complete coverage of potential environmental and social issues that is required under the ADB Environmental and Social Considerations.

II. POLICY, LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK

A. Introduction

49. This section of the IEE details the Administrative Framework for the sub-Project, covering national requirements as well as applicable international treaties and conventions. The intent of this section is to lay out the regulatory and non-regulatory performance requirements for all stages of the sub-project. For the purposes of this report, only those regulatory elements directly relevant to the proposed sub-Project will be discussed.

B. Environmental Legislation Framework

a. Overview of the Sub-project Approval Process

50. Key legislation governing the environmental approvals process for the proposed sub-project is the Bangladesh Environment Conservation Act, 1995 (BECA, 1995)² and the Revised Environment Conservation Rules (ECR, 2023)³.

Environmental Conservation Rules (ECA) 2023

These are the first set of rules, promulgated under the Environment Conservation Act of 1995 (so far there have been multiple amendments to this set of rules, recently gazetted ECR, 2023 supersedes all. The Environment Conservation Rules (ECR) has classified the projects into following four categories based on their site conditions and the impacts on the environment;

- (a) Green,
- (b) Yellow,
- (c) Orange and
- (d) Red.

Various industries and projects falling under each category have been listed in Schedule-1 of ECR 2023.

51. According to the Rules, Environmental Clearance Certificate is issued to all existing and proposed industrial units and projects, falling in the Green Category without undergoing EIA. However, for category Yellow, Orange and for red projects, require location clearance certificate and followed by issuing of Environmental Clearance upon the satisfactory submission of the required documents. Green listed industries are considered relatively pollution-free, and therefore do not require site clearance from the DoE. On the other hand, Red listed industries are those that can cause 'significant adverse' environmental impacts and are, therefore, required to submit an EIA report. These industrial projects may obtain an initial Site Clearance on the basis of an IEE based on the DoE's prescribed format, and subsequently submit an EIA report for obtaining Environmental Clearance.

52. Depending upon location, size, and severity of pollution loads, projects/activities have been classified in ECR, 2023 into four categories: Green, Yellow, Orange, and Red respectively, to nil, minor, medium, and severe impacts on important environmental components (IECs).

53. **Relevance to the sub-project** - In accordance with the revised Environment Conservation Rules (ECR, 2023) section-1, the sub-projects of under IUGIP project are not applicable. However, Markets, parks, slaughter house, street lights, toilets and bus & truck terminals are in orange category which are included in this project. As a result, "an initial environmental examination (IEE) is required to determine. However, ADB SPS guidelines the sub-Project is classified as Orange-B Category, requiring an Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) to obtain clearance for construction.

² The Act was amended by 2000, 2002, and 2010.

³ The ECR was amended in 2002, 2005 and 2023.

C. National Relevant Policies and Strategies

54. This section summarizes the National Laws and describes the procedure for obtaining environmental permits to allow project implementation. Over the years, the Government of Bangladesh has enacted environmental acts, rules, policies and regulation toward imposing restrictions facilitating minimization / mitigation of likely impacts due to development projects. The most important Act is Environmental Conservation Act, 1995 (ECA, 1995) and Revised Environmental Conservation Rules (ECR, 2023) with subsequent amendments thereof.

a. National Environmental Policy 2018

55. It is essential that proper environmental management and appropriate use of different components of environment is practiced in every region of the country and in every development project. Therefore, the National Environmental Policy 2018 has been developed addressing the sector-wise environmental policy among 24 sectors/fields.

b. National Environmental Policy

56. The National Environmental Policy was adopted in 1992 and is now under revision. It embraces different sectors related to agriculture, forest, power, health, transport, housing etc. The central theme of policy is to ensure protection and improvement in environment. The policy gives a thrust to sustainable development and long-term use of natural resources. The National Environment Policy contains policy statements and strategic options with regard to population and land-use management, management and utilization of natural resources and other socio-economic sectors, as well as the necessary arrangements for the implementation of the policy. The policy enables:

- The country to strike a dynamic balance between population and resources while complying with the balance of ecosystems;
- To contribute to sustainable and harmonious socio-economic development such that, both in rural and urban areas, and well-being in a sound and enjoyable environment; and
- To protect, conserve and develop natural environment.

57. **Relevance to the project** - With regard to the sub-project, the environmental policy aims at prevention of pollution and degradation of resources caused by the roads construction. The policy mentions that Environmental Assessments (EA) should be conducted before projects are undertaken.

c. Environmental Conservation Act (ECA), 1995

58. The ECA is currently the main legislation relating to environment protection in Bangladesh. This Act is promulgated for environment conservation, environmental standards development and environment pollution control and abatement. The main objectives of ECA are:

- Conservation and improvement of the environment; and
- Control and mitigation of pollution of the environment.

59. The main focuses of the Act can be summarized as:

- Declaration of ecologically critical areas and restriction on the operations and processes, which can or cannot be carried out/ initiated in the ecologically critical areas (ECA);
- Regulations in respect of vehicles emitting smoke harmful for the environment;
- Environmental clearance;
- Regulation of industries and other development activities' discharge permits;
- Promulgation of standards for quality of air, water, noise and soil for different areas for different purposes;

- Promulgation of a standard limit for discharging and emitting waste; and
- Formulation and declaration of environmental guidelines.

- **Environmental Conservation Act (Amendment 2000)**

60. The Bangladesh Environment Conservation Act Amendment 2000 focuses on ascertaining responsibility for compensation in cases of damage to ecosystems, increased provision of punitive measures both for fines and imprisonment and the authority to take cognizance of offences.

- **Environmental Conservation Act (Amendment 2002)**

61. The 2002 Amendment of the ECA elaborates on the following parts of the Act:

- Restrictions on polluting automobiles;
- Restrictions on the sale, production of environmentally harmful items like polythene bags;
- Assistance from law enforcement agencies for environmental actions;
- Break up of punitive measures; and
- Authority to try environmental cases.

- **Environmental Conservation Act (Amendment 2010)**

62. This amendment of the act introduces new rules and restriction on:

- No individual or institution (Gov. or Semi Govt., / Non-Govt. / Self Governing) can cut any Hill and Hillock. In case of national interest; it can be done after getting clearance from respective the department
- Owner of the ship breaking yard will be bound to ensure proper management of their hazardous wastes to prevent environmental pollution and Health Risk
- No remarked water body cannot be filled up/changed; in case of national interest; it can be done after getting clearance from the respective department; and
- Emitter of any activities/incident will be bound to control emission of environmental pollutants that exceeds the existing emission standards.

63. **Relevance to the project** - According to this law no industrial unit or project shall be established or undertaken without obtaining, in the manner prescribed by rules, an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) from the Director General.

d. National Water Policy, 1999

64. The policy aims to provide guidance to the major players in water sector for ensuring optimal development and management of water. The policy emphasizes efficient and equitable management of water resources, proper harnessing and development of surface and ground water, availability of water to all concerned and institutional capacity building for water resource management. It also addresses issues like river basin management, water rights and allocation, public and private investment, water supply and sanitation and water need for agriculture, industry, fisheries, wildlife, navigation, recreation, environment, preservation of wetlands, etc. The policy has several clauses related to the project for ensuring environmental protection.

e. Air Pollution Control Rules 2022

65. The government has published a new rule based on section 20 of The Bangladesh Environment Conservation Act, 1995. Aiming to protect environmental health. The main objectives of this rule are to prevent, control, and reduce air pollution. The government will appoint a Director General who will be responsible for managing and maintaining the environmental issue. The Air pollution (Control) Rules 2022 has specified several types of pollution such as pollution caused by factories, vehicles, construction, garbage, etc. According to the new rule, there will be a committee that will impose damages and punishment for such pollution. As stated by the rule, the government will give rewards to those who will protest against pollution and not cause any type of pollution.

f. Noise Pollution Control Rules 2006

66. According to the Environment Protection Act 1995, the government formulated the noise pollution Rules & Regulation in 2006. This regulation recommends to keep the sound level: at 50 dB in quieter areas from 6am until 9pm and at night 40 dB; similarly, in residential areas in the day at 55 dB and at night 45 dB; in mixed areas, 60 dB in the day time and at night 50 dB; in commercial areas in the day, 70 dB and at night 60 dB; and, in industrial areas in the day, 80 dB and at night 70 dB.

g. Bangladesh Labour Act 2006 and Conservation Services Rules 2015

67. The Bangladesh Labour Act was promulgated in 2006. The legislation pertains to the occupational rights and safety of factory workers and the provision of a comfortable work environment and reasonable working conditions. The amendment in 2013 introduced a good number of important items like workers' welfare, rights and safety and industrial safety and expansion of the industry (particularly relevant for this project).

68. This Act applies to the proposed project as it will involve construction and erection of structures. The occupational health and safety of the workers is covered under this Act. It is mandatory for every factory to keep its workers abreast of work risk(s) through providing all workers with personal protection equipment.

69. In 2015, the Bangladesh government introduced the Bangladesh Labour Rules. Some of the relevant points of these Rules are health and fire safety. The Bangladesh Labour Act 2006 consolidated and repealed 25 previous labour-related laws including the Dock Labourers Act, 1934, the Factories Act, 1965, among others.

h. Other National Legal Instruments

70. The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) prepare the environmental policies. MoEFCC also has formulated regulation toward clearance of projects from environmental angles based on environmental impact assessment report. The Department of Environment (DoE) is responsible for environmental issues while forest issues are looked after Forest Department (FD). Over the years the MoEFCC has adopted number of legal instruments in the form Acts for the protection and conservation of the environment. Table 3 summarizes the Environmental Legislation applicable to the sub-project.

Table 3: Summary of Applicable Environmental Legislations

No.	Environmental Legislation / Act	Objective	Relevance to the Project	Responsible Institution
1	National Environmental Policy, 1992 National Environmental Policy, 2018	Ensure that development components do not pollute the environment or degrade resources. It sets out the basic framework for environmental action together with a set of broad sectoral action guidelines.	Restriction on operations which cannot be initiated in ecological critical areas Regulation on vehicles emitting smoke which is harmful to the environment Follow standards on quality of air, water, noise and soil Sets limits for discharging and emitting waste	Ministry of Environment and Forests, and Climate Change
2	Environmental Conservation Rules, 2023	Establishes a framework for environmental assessment in a comprehensive way	Option to affected persons for grievances related to environment safeguards Follow standards on quality of air, water, noise and soil	Department of Environment (DoE)
3	Environment Court Act, 2000 and subsequent amendments in 2003	Establishment of Environment Court for trial of an offence or for compensation under environmental law, such as environment pollution.	Option to affected persons for grievances related to environment safeguards.	Ministry of Environment and Forests, and Climate Change

No.	Environmental Legislation / Act	Objective	Relevance to the Project	Responsible Institution
4	The Forest Act (1927) and Forest (Amendment) Act (2000)	An act to control trespassing, illegal resource extraction and provide a framework for the forestry revenue collection system;	Requires clearances for any project within forest areas and clearances for any felling, extraction, and transport of forest produce.	Department of Forests
5	National Forest Policy (1994)	To conserve existing forests and bring about 20% of the country's land area under the Forestation Programme and increase reserved forests by 10% per year until 2015	Incorporate tree planting in the subproject Clearance for any felling, extraction, and transport of forest produce	Department of Forests
6	The Bangladesh Wildlife (Conservation & Security) Act, 2012	To conserve and protect wildlife in Bangladesh including designation of protected areas. Protection of wildlife is provided with lists of species with four schedules: first, second, third and fourth schedule. The fourth schedule species have the highest level of protection.	Consultation and necessary permits required if the project would affect the wildlife in the project area.	Department of Forests
7	National Safe Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Policy of 1998	Ensures access to safe water and sanitation services at an affordable cost	Pourashavas and water sanitation authorities will take actions to prevent wastage of water. They will take necessary steps to increase public awareness to prevent misuse of water Pourashavas shall be responsible for solid waste collection, disposal and their management	Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development, and Cooperatives
8	National Water Act 2013	Ensures Bangladesh water sources are free from any type of pollution. Pollution from water in urban outfalls and reservoirs, e.g., lakes, canals, ponds and ditches may result in amenity losses, fisheries depletion, health problems, fish, and aquatic species contamination.	Secure clearance certificate on water resource development subprojects	Ministry of Water Resources
9	Wetland Protection Act 2000	Advocates protection against degradation and resuscitation of natural water-bodies such as lakes, ponds, beels ⁴ , khals, tanks, etc. affected by man-made interventions or other causes. Prevents the filling of publicly-owned water bodies and depressions in urban areas for preservation of the natural aquifers and environment. Prevents unplanned construction on riverbanks and indiscriminate clearance of vegetation on newly accreted land.	In case of impact on the natural water bodies within the project area	Ministry of Water Resources
10	Bangladesh Labour Law, 2006	It is a comprehensive law covering labour issues such as: conditions of service and employment, youth employment, benefits including	Compliance to provisions on employment standards, occupational health and safety, welfare and social protection, labor	Ministry of Labor and Employment

⁴ A beel is a billabong or a lake-like wetland with static water (as opposed to moving water in rivers and canals - typically called khals), in the Ganges - Brahmaputra flood plains of the Eastern Indian states of West Bengal, and Assam and in the country of Bangladesh.

No.	Environmental Legislation / Act	Objective	Relevance to the Project	Responsible Institution
		maternal benefits, compensation for injuries, trade unions and industrial relations, disputes, participation of workers in company's profits, regulation of safety of dock workers, penalty procedures, administration and inspection. This Act pertains to the occupational rights and safety of factory workers and the provision of a comfortable environment for working. It also includes rules on registration of labourers, misconduct rules, income and benefits, health and fire safety, factory plan	relations and social dialogue, and enforcement. Prohibition of employment of children and adolescents.	
11	Bangladesh Labor Rules, 2015	Includes rules on registration of laborers, misconduct rules, income and benefits, health and fire safety, factory plan	Contractors to implement occupational health and safety measures Contractor will be liable for compensation for work-related injuries	Department of Labor
12	The Pourashava Act 2009 / Ordinance issued for the amendment of local government (municipality) ordinance, 2009 and 2010; The Pourashava Ordinance, 1977; Municipal Administration Ordinance, 1960	Provides guidance for subproject integrated community and workers health and hygiene at the construction and operation and maintenance stages of the project	Coordinate with Pourashava committees on disaster management measures, water and sanitation and waste management	Local Authorities
13	Bangladesh Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan of 2009	Enhances the capacity of government ministries, civil society and private sector to meet the challenges of climate change	Integrate adaptation measures for infrastructures in consideration of extreme climatic events	Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
14	National Disaster Management Act of 2012	Establishes a framework for managing disasters in a comprehensive way.	Setting-up emergency response procedures	Ministry of Disaster and Relief

D. Applicable International Agreements

71. Aside from the legal framework on environment, Bangladesh is also a party to several international conventions, treaties, and protocols related to environmental protection. The applicable international conventions, treaties, and protocols are described in Table 4.

Table 4: International Conventions, Treaties, and Protocols Signed by Bangladesh

Conventions	Years	Ratified/Accessed (AC)/Accepted (AT)/Adaptation (AD)	Relevance
International Plant Protection Convention (Rome,) & Plant Protection Agreement for SE Asia and Pacific (1999 Revision)	1951	01.09.1978 04.12.1974 (AC) (Entry into Force)	Ensuring that the Project work or construction materials do not introduce plant pests

Conventions	Years	Ratified/Accessed (AC)/Accepted (AT)/Adaptation (AD)	Relevance
Environmental Conservation Rules (ECR) 2023	2023	05.03.2023	To ensure sustainable development and prevent environmental degradation in Bangladesh by regulating the activities that may have adverse impacts on the environment and human health
National Environmental Policy 2018	2018	01.06.2018	environment conservation, pollution control, biodiversity conservation, and mitigation of the adverse effect of climate change to ensure sustainable development
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance ("Ramsar Convention":1971)	1999	20.04.1992 (ratified)	Protection of significant wetland and prevention of draining or filling during construction
Convention on Biological Diversity, (Rio de Janeiro, 1992.)	1992	05.06.1992	Protection of biodiversity during construction and operation.
Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, Stockholm.	2001	In process	Restrict use of different chemicals containing POPs.
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, (New York, 1992.)	1992	15.04.94	Reduction of emission of greenhouse gases.
Convention on Biological Diversity, (Rio De Janeiro, 1992.)	1992	03.05.94	Conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources.
Kyoto protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change		21.8.2001 (AC) 11.12.1997 (AD)	Reduction of emission of greenhouse gases.
International Convention for Protection of Birds, Paris	1950	Signed	Protection of the birds in their wild state.
Convention Concerning the Prevention and Control of Occupational Hazards caused by Carcinogenic Substances and Agents, Geneva.	1974	Signed	To protect workers against hazards arising from occupational exposure to carcinogenic substances and agents.
Convention Concerning the Protection of Workers Against Occupational Hazards in the Working Environment due to Air Pollution, Noise and Vibration, Geneva	1977	Signed	Protection of workers' health against occupational hazards in the working environment due to air pollution, noise and vibration.
Convention Concerning Occupational Safety and Health and the Working Environment, Geneva.	1981	Signed	Ensuring occupational health and safety of workers in all branches of economic activity.
Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, Vienna	1985	02.08.90 (AC) 31.10.90 (entry into force)	Preventing human activities that may have adverse effects on ozone layer.
Convention Concerning Occupational Health Services, Geneva.	1985		Convention Concerning Occupational Health Services, Geneva.
Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, Montreal.	1987	31.10.90 (Entry into force)	Reduction of the abundance of the substances that deplete the ozone layer in the atmosphere, and thereby protect the earth's fragile ozone Layer.
Convention Concerning Safety in the Use of Chemicals at Work, Geneva.	1990	Signed	Regulating the management of chemicals in the workplaces in order to protect workers from the harmful effects of these substances.

Conventions	Years	Ratified/Accessed (AC)/Accepted (AT)/Adaptation (AD)	Relevance
London Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, London.		18.03.94 (AC) 16.06.94 (entry into force)	To strengthen the control procedure and extend the coverage of Montreal Protocol to new substances.
Preparedness, Response and Cooperation (London, 1990.) 30.11.90 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, New York	09.06.92	15.04.94	Achieving stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system.
Convention on Biological Diversity, Rio De Janeiro	05.06.92	03.05.94	Conservation of biological diversity (or biodiversity) and sustainable use of its components.
Agenda 21, UNCED, Rio de Janeiro	1992	Signed	Ensuring sustainable development.
Copenhagen Amendment to the Montreal protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, Copenhagen, 1992	1992	27.11.2000 (AT) 26.2.2001 (Entry into force)	Extending the coverage of Montreal Protocol to new substances
Montreal Amendment of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, Montreal	1990	27.7.2001 (Accepted) 26.10.2001 (Entry into force)	Controls in the trade of ozone depleting substances and the use of licensing procedures to control the import and export of new, recycled and reclaimed ozone depleting substances.

E. Environmental Categorization and Standards

a. Environmental Category: DoE

72. For the purpose of issuance of Environmental Clearance Certificate, the industrial units and projects shall, in consideration of their site and impact on the environment, be classified into the following four categories: (a) Green (b) Yellow (c) Orange and (d) Red. The industries and projects included in the various categories are specified in sub-rule (1) have been described in Schedule-1. The ECA indicates that all industrial units or projects must obtain a Location Clearance Certificate (LCC) and Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) from the Department of Environment (DoE). No industrial unit/project shall be established or undertaken without obtaining environmental clearance from DoE in the manner prescribed by the rules.

73. **Category of RBL Program Activities per ECR, 2023;** The Government of Bangladesh as Revised Environment Conservation Rules (ECR, 2023) section-1, the sub-projects of under IUGIP project are not applicable. However, Markets, parks, slaughter house, street lights, toilets and bus & truck terminals are in orange category which are included in this project. As a result, “an initial environmental examination (IEE) is required to determine.

74. Ulipur Pourashava roads sub-project is classified as Environmental Category B as per ADB SPS as no in-significant impacts are envisioned. This initial environmental examination has been prepared in accordance with ADB SPS's. Table 4 describes DoE classification for roads and drains sub-project.

Table 5: Category Proposed RBL Activities per ECR, 2023 (Section-1)

RBL activity	Program	Components	ADB SPS 2009	Assessment requirements	DoE Classification	Assessment & clearance requirements
Urban roads improvement		Construction, re-construction and extension of roads (feeder road, local roads)	Category-B	IEE Report	Not applicable	Not applicable

75. The DoE has issued an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) for Improving Urban Governance and Infrastructure Program (IUGIP), vide letter vide letter 22.02.0000.018.72.029.23.177 dated 25.06.2023. (DoE approved of ECC Appendix -08).

b. Environmental Category: ADB

76. The Safeguards Policy Statement (SPS 2009) of ADB provides guidance on the environment category of sub-projects based on the degree of anticipated environmental impacts. ADB environmental safeguards objectives are: (i) to ensure the environmental soundness and sustainability of sub-projects and (ii) to support the integration of environmental considerations into the sub-project decision-making process. ADB environmental safeguards are triggered if a project is likely to have potential environmental risks and impacts. The initial process of categorization involves filling out a sectoral Rapid Environmental Assessment (REA) checklist. A project is classified as one of the four environmental categories (A, B, C, or FI) based on the most environmentally sensitive component. Categories are as follows:

Category A: Project that is likely to have significant adverse environmental impacts which are irreversible, diverse, or unprecedented. These impacts may affect an area larger than the sites or facilities subject to physical works. An environmental impact assessment (EIA), including an environmental management plan (EMP), is required.

Category B: Project with potential adverse environmental impacts that are less adverse than those of category A projects. These impacts are site-specific, few if any of them are irreversible, and in most cases mitigation measures can be designed more readily than for category A projects. An initial environmental examination (IEE), including an EMP, is required.

Category C: Project that is likely to have minimal or no adverse environmental impacts. An EIA or IEE is not required, although environmental implications need to be reviewed.

Category FI: Project is classified as category FI if it involves the investment of ADB funds to, or through, a financial intermediary.

The project has been categorized as B for environment under the ADB's Safeguards Policy Statement 2009 (SPS).

F. Institutional Arrangements/Framework

77. The main Ministry, Department, Institutions and Boards responsible for development of policy, framing regulation, developing projects, monitoring and approval of issues related to environment protection and conservation are DoE, LGED and the PIU.

a. LGED and Ulipur Pourashava

78. The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) is the executing agency. LGED has constituted a Project Management Unit (PMU) and Project Implementation Unit (PIU). The PMU is headed by Project Director (PD). In order to put the project to logical conclusion the PD is assisted by two consultant team to assist and support the PMU and PIU (Project Implementation Unit).

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE SUB-PROJECT

A. The Study Area

79. Ulipur, the largest Upazila of Kurigram District in respect of area and population, came into existence in 1902. Ulipur Pourashava is located at Ulipur Upazila, 18 km south of Kurigram Sadar District. Geographical Location 25.6639° north latitude and 89.6333° east longitude. The municipal area is bordered by Dharani Bari and Pandul Unions on the north, Gonaigach Union on the South, Dhamsreni Union on the East and Thetrai Union on the West. The area of municipality is 27.34 square kilometres consisting 09 administrative wards. Urbanization of the area begins in 1902. Ulipur Municipality started functioning as 'C' Class on 6th October 1998 and was upgraded to 'B' Class on 16th May 2005.

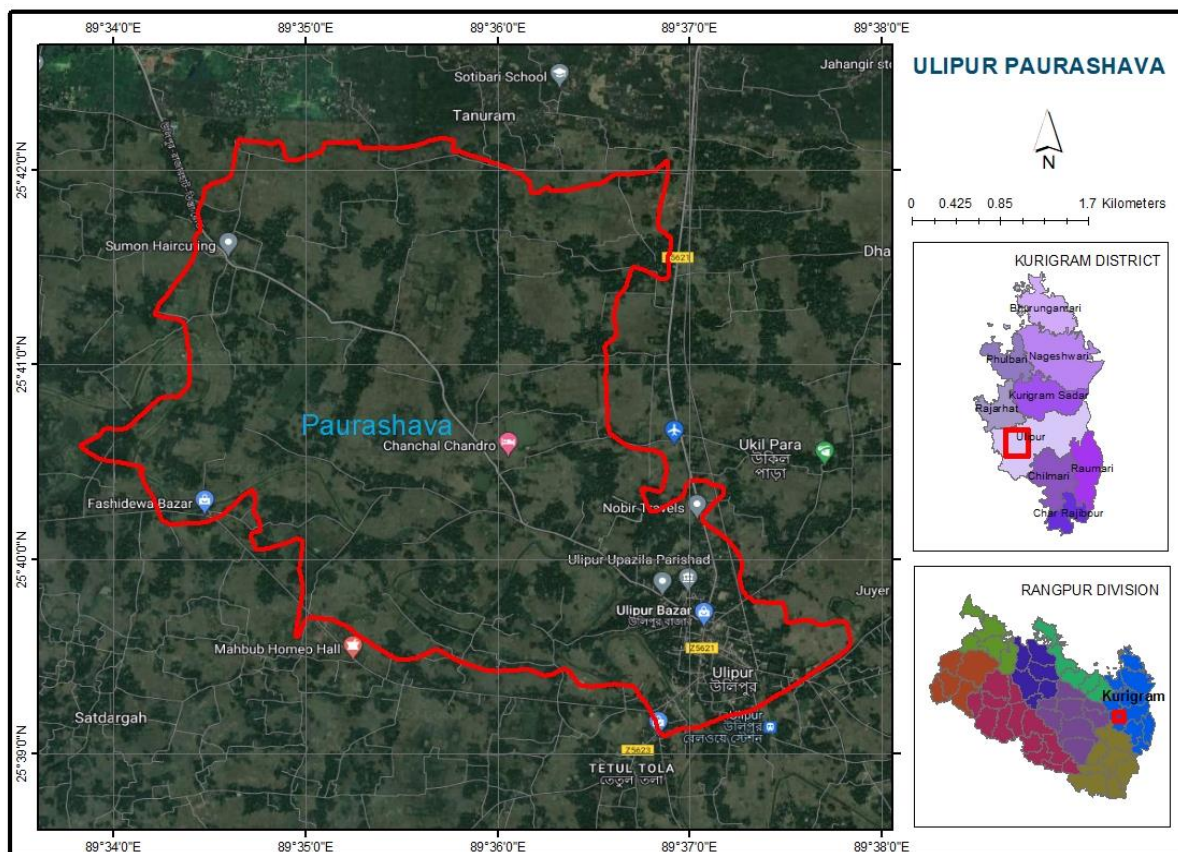


Figure 1: Geographical Location of Ulipur Pourashava

80. This report contains the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) for the roads sub-project at Ulipur Pourashava in Kurigram District, which is under the division of Rangpur (Figure 1). Sub-project components are located in Ulipur urban area or in its immediate surroundings that were converted into urban use for many years ago, and there are no protected areas, wetlands, mangroves, or estuaries in or near the sub-project location. The Sub-project sites are located in existing right of way (ROWS) and Pourashava/government-owned land.

B. The Sub-Project

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Table 6: Proposed Roads Sub-Project in Ulipur Pourashava

SI No.	Financial Year	Name of Package	PDP SL	PDP ID No.	Scheme Name/ Name of works	Length (m)
					Construction/Improvement of 5,788m Roads in 4 locations, one (1) no. RCC Cross Drains (Size: 1mX1m), 1195m Protection Work, two (2) nos. RCC Box Culvert (Size: 4mX4m, One Vent & Size: 4.5mX4.5m, Two Vent) & installation of 198 nos. Street Light at Ulipur Pourashava, Kurigram District under Rangpur Division.	
1.	2023-2024	IUGIP/ULIP/UT/02/2023	ULIP-R-03	— —	Improvement of road by Dense Bituminous Carpeting from Kazir Chack Mosque to Kurarpar via Habibur's house front road (Ch. 0.00m to 1373m) including Protection Work at (Ch. 336m to 349m, L/S), (Ch. 356m to 371m, L/S), (Ch. 506m to 566m, L/S), (Ch. 579m to 625m, L/S), (Ch. 693m to 723m, R/S), (Ch. 716m to 728m, L/S), (Ch. 905m to 937m, L/S), (Ch. 1213 to 1231m, L/S) & Installation Street Light 47 nos. at Ward no. - 5, Ulipur Pourashava, Kurigram. Total Length = 1373m.	1373
2.			ULIP-R-05	— —	Improvement of road by Dense Bituminous Carpeting from Khatir Munshir Math to Patilapur Govt. Primary School road (Ch. 0.00m to 2275m) including RCC Box Culvert at Ch. 20m, RCC Cross drain at Ch. 96m, Protection Work at (Ch. 71m to 96m, R/S), (Ch. 210m to 224m, R/S), (Ch. 284m to 304m, L/S), (Ch. 544m to 573m, R/S), (Ch. 816m to 834m, R/S), (Ch. 841m to 859m, L/S), (Ch. 2078m to 2092m, R/S), (Ch. 2152m to 2204m, R/S), (Ch. 2230m to 2260m, L/S) & Installation Street Light 77 nos. at Ward no. - 1, Ulipur Pourashava, Kurigram. Total Length = 2275m.	2275
3.			ULIP-R-11	— —	Improvement of road by Dense Bituminous Carpeting from Gazi house to Bagua Anantopur Pura Folok via Jadupodder Govt. Primary School road (Ch. 0.00m to 1640m) including RCC Box Culvert at Ch. 10m, Protection Work at (Ch. 571m to 593m, L/S), (Ch. 659m to 682m, L/S), (Ch. 780m to 812m, L/S), (Ch. 883m to 910, L/S), (Ch. 945m to 989m, R/S), (Ch. 945m to 1012m, L/S), (Ch. 1102m to 1116m, L/S), (Ch. 1116m to 1141m, R/S), (Ch. 1125m to 1145m, L/S), (Ch. 1145m to 1167m, R/S), (Ch. 1180m to 1447m, R/S), (Ch. 1239m to 1255m, R/S), (Ch. 1375m to 1425m, L/S), (Ch. 1496m to 1522m, L/S), (Ch. 1610m to 1640m, R/S) & Installation Street Light 56 nos. at Ward no. - 9, Ulipur Pourashava, Kurigram. Total Length = 1640m.	1640
4.			ULIP-R-14	— —	Improvement of road by Dense Bituminous Carpeting from Purbo Para Sadek house road to Basir house road (Ch. 0.00m to 500m) including Protection Work at (Ch. 104m to 126m, L/S), (Ch. 129m to 159m, L/S), (Ch. 249m to 261m, L/S) & Installation Street Light 18 nos. at Ward no. - 2, Ulipur Pourashava, Kurigram. Total Length = 500m.	500
					Total Road =	5788

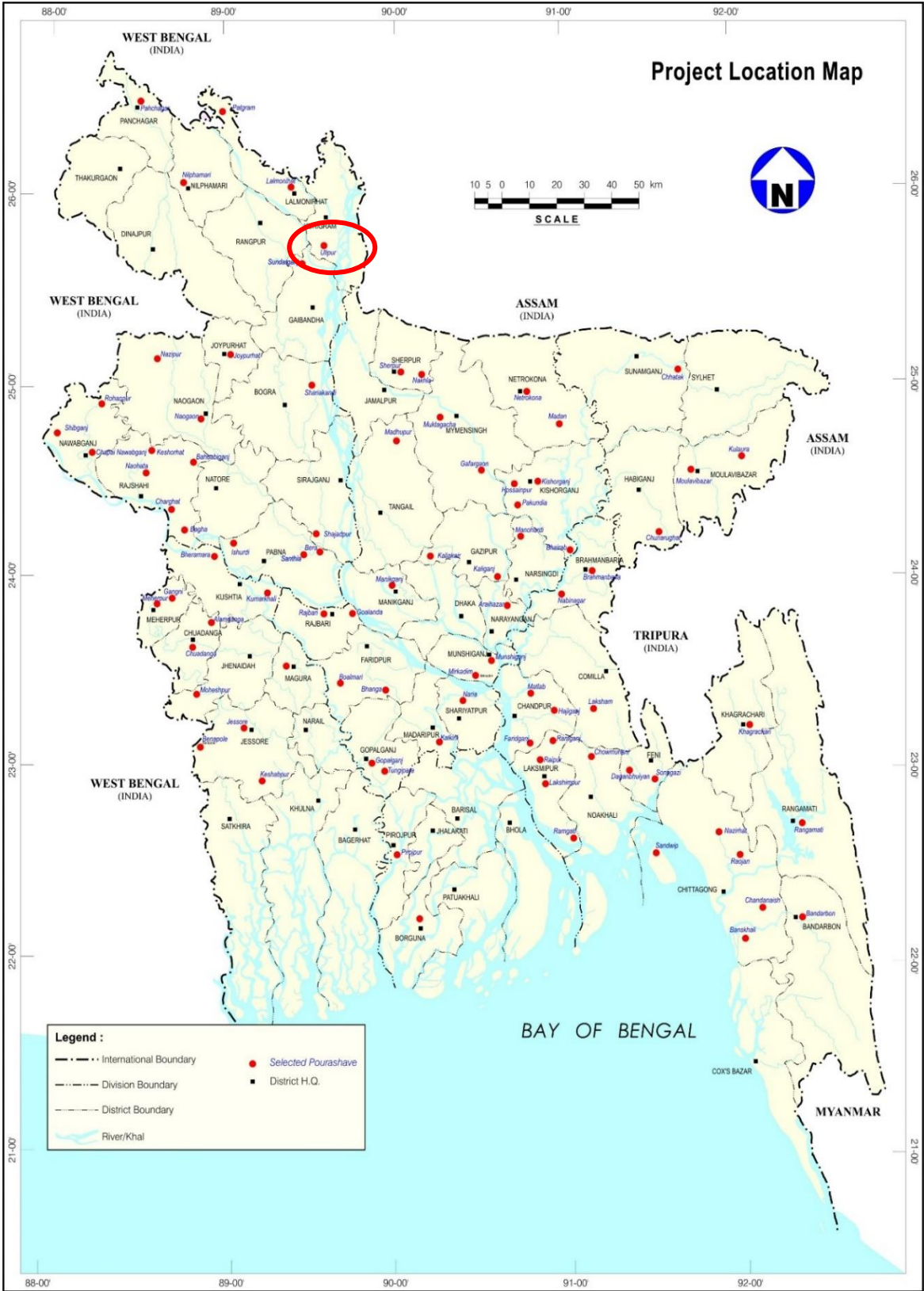


Figure.2: Pourashavas under IUGIP

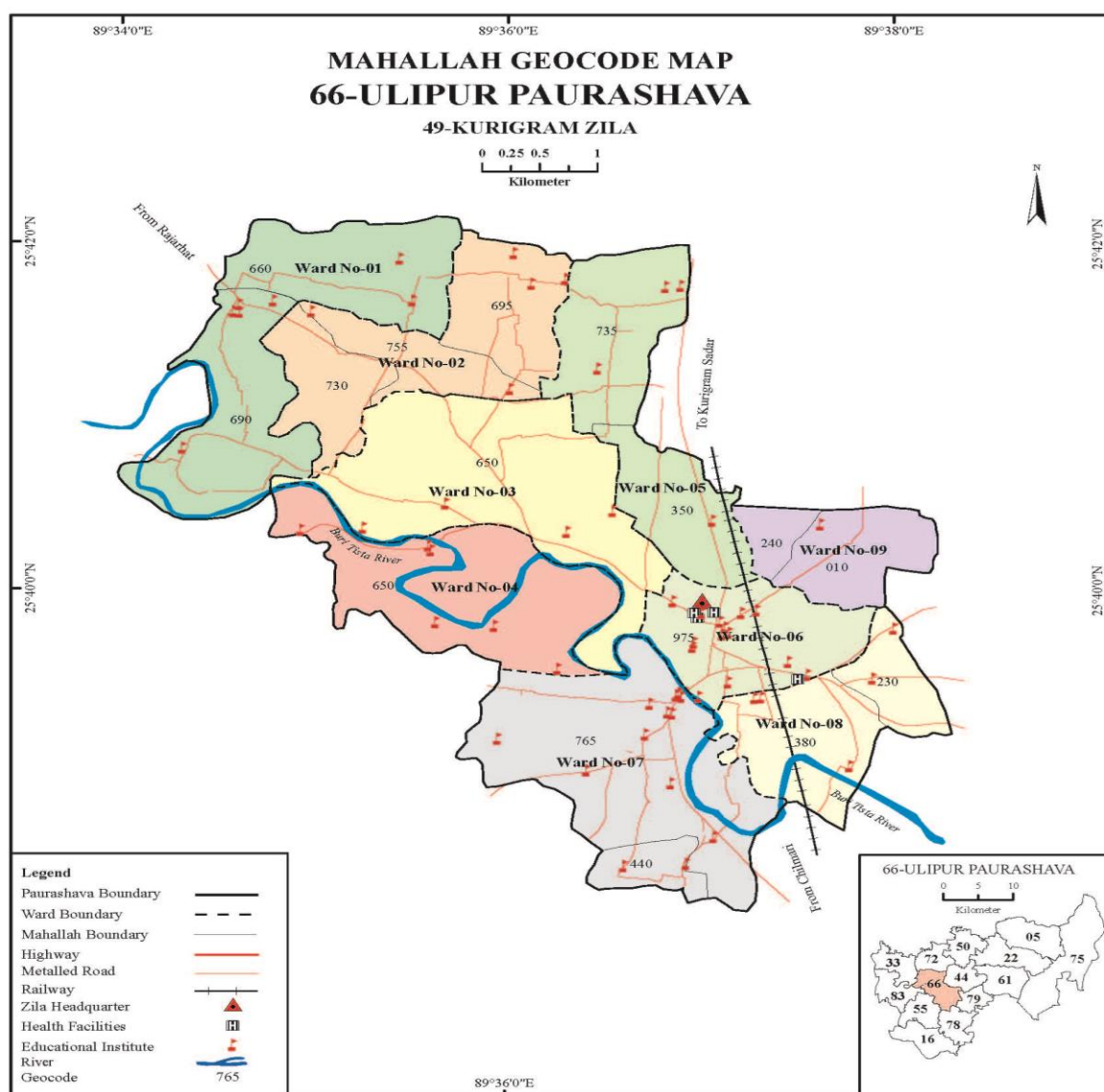


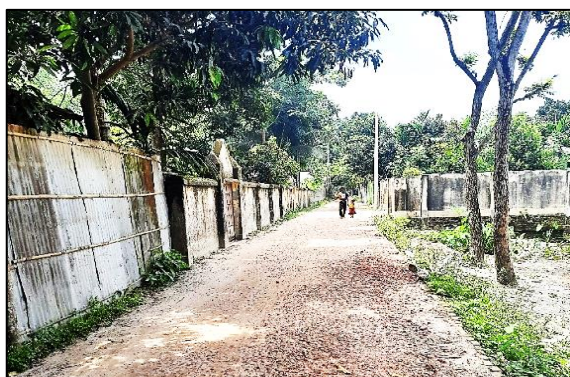
Figure3: Ulipur Pourashava Geo-Code Map

a. Existing Condition and Need for the Sub-Project

82. Ulipur Pourashava is a class-B type Pourashava and one of the renowned Pourashavas in Bangladesh. Most of these roads have uneven-rough surface, damaged topping and pavement sides, narrow in width and without roadside footpath and thus incapable of accommodating road traffic. The road surfaces are worn out partly and, in some cases, entirely. Justifiably, they call for intervention varying from normal significant maintenance to large improvement/reconstruction. The Pourashava has total 76.13 km of pucca roads, 66.83 km of katcha road and 5.19 km of HBB roads. There is an urgent need to build these roads on an adaptive basis. It has become clear that basic municipal facilities like good roads, drains, street lights, clean water supply etc. are inadequate in the whole area as per the demand of the citizens. Waterlogging occurs during monsoon season which lasts almost half of the year in Ulipur municipal area.

83. No people/vehicles can move in this road due to water logging/damaged condition in rainy season. That's why Pourashava demanded the development of this drains through improvement of dense carpeting, RCC road and partial beautification besides road. The Pourashava has a separate section named conservancy section to clean drain, road, footpath, Market/Bazar, waste collection, management, dispose. It is a good practice of Ulipur Pourashava cleaning the existing drains and roads. The nearby urban residents in surrounding

locality will be benefited from improvement of the proposed sub-project for creating better business and livelihood opportunities. No economic activities will be impeded resulting losses in income or asset during construction period. There is no need to be acquired any land for the construction as required land is available under the possession of the Ulipur Pourashava.



ULIP-R-03: Improvement of road by Dense Bituminous Carpeting from Kazir Chack Mosque to Kurarpar via Habibur's house front road & Installation of 47 nos. Street Light at Ward no.-5, Ulipur Paurashava, Kurigram. Total Length = 1373m.



ULIP-R-05: Improvement of road by Dense Bituminous Carpeting from Khatir Munshir Math to Patilapur Govt. Primary School Road including RCC Box Culvert, RCC Cross drain, Protection Work & Installation of 77 nos. Street Light at Ward no.-1, Ulipur Paurashava, Kurigram. Total Length = 2275m.

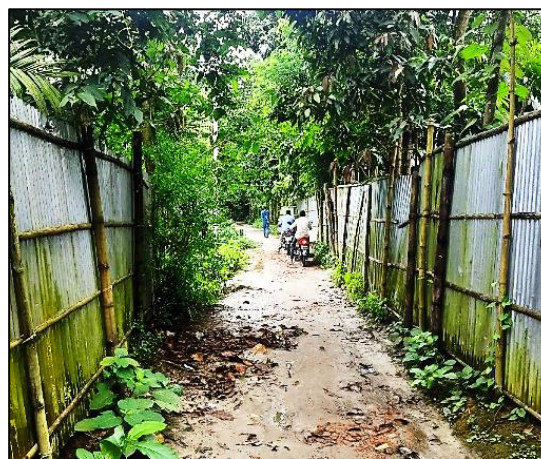
Figure4: Existing Conditions of Pourashava Roads

b. Roads Component

84. Figure 5 presents status of the proposed roads for improvement/construction. To accommodate climate change related inundation and annual floods, each road was assessed against whether: (i) existing crest level is 600 millimeters (mm) above existing normal flood level; (ii) road embankments are protected against annual floods; and (iii) drainage is adequate to accommodate rainfall runoff. The proposed road is not situated at agricultural area and beside land is Pourashava fallow land.



ULIP-R-11: Improvement of road by Dense Bituminous Carpeting from Gazi house to Bagua Anantopur Poura Folok via Jadupodder Govt. Primary School Road including RCC Box Culvert & Installation Street Light 56 nos. at Ward no.- 9, Ulipur Paurashava, Kurigram. Total Length = 1640m.



ULIP-R-14: Improvement of road by Dense Bituminous Carpeting from Purbo Para Sadek house road to Basir house road including Protection Work & Installation Street Light 18 nos. at Ward no.-2, Ulipur Paurashava, Kurigram. Total Length = 500m.

Figure.5: Existing Status of Proposed Roads

c. Design Concept

85. The design considerations adopted for design were as follows: (i) LGED's Road design manual and standards followed. The road design type 6 for BC pavement was considered, with some modifications; (ii) guidelines on climate change resilience and adaptation measures were studied and accommodated as necessary; and (iii) existing bitumen finished surface (BFS) and HBB roads were considered for improvement with CC or reinforced cement concrete (RCC) pavement where necessary, with modified design standard.

86. In general, the following are the major features of the roads design guidelines. All the roads are considered to provide covers in front of the sensitive receptors or any other location where required. Figures 6 shows the typical sections and location of the proposed roads of the sub-project.

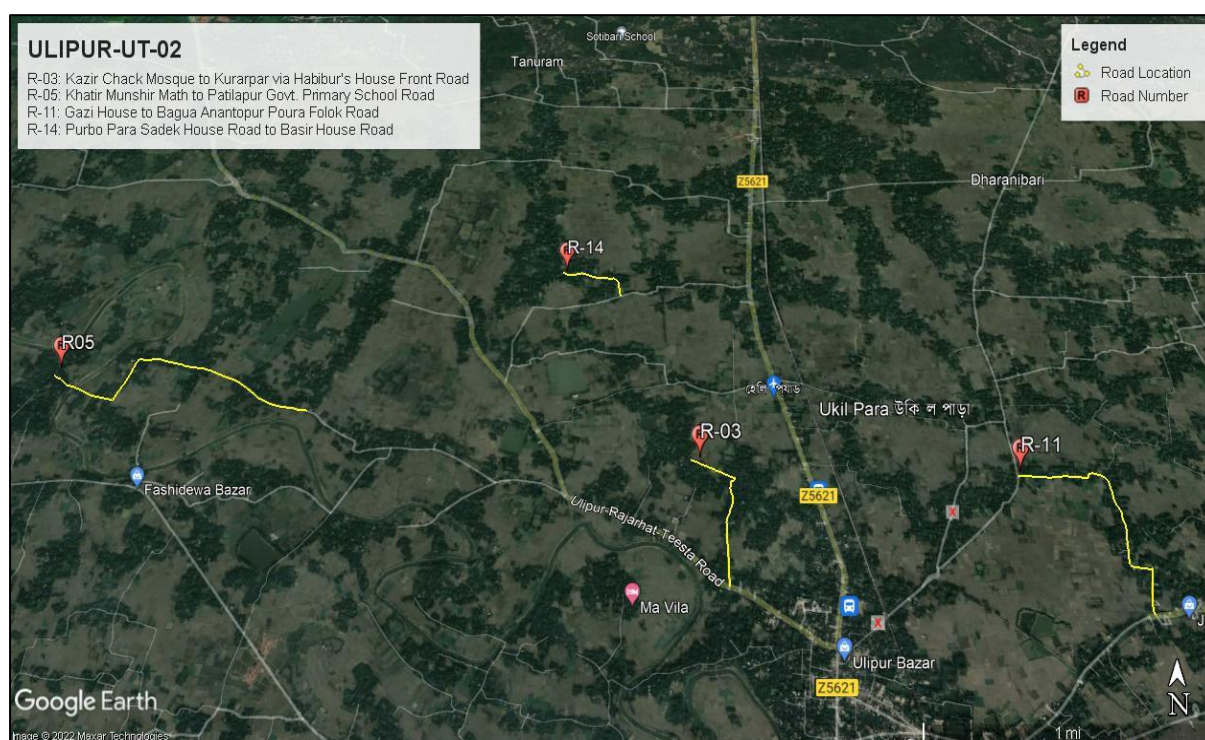


Figure.6: Location of the Proposed Roads in Ulipur Pourashava

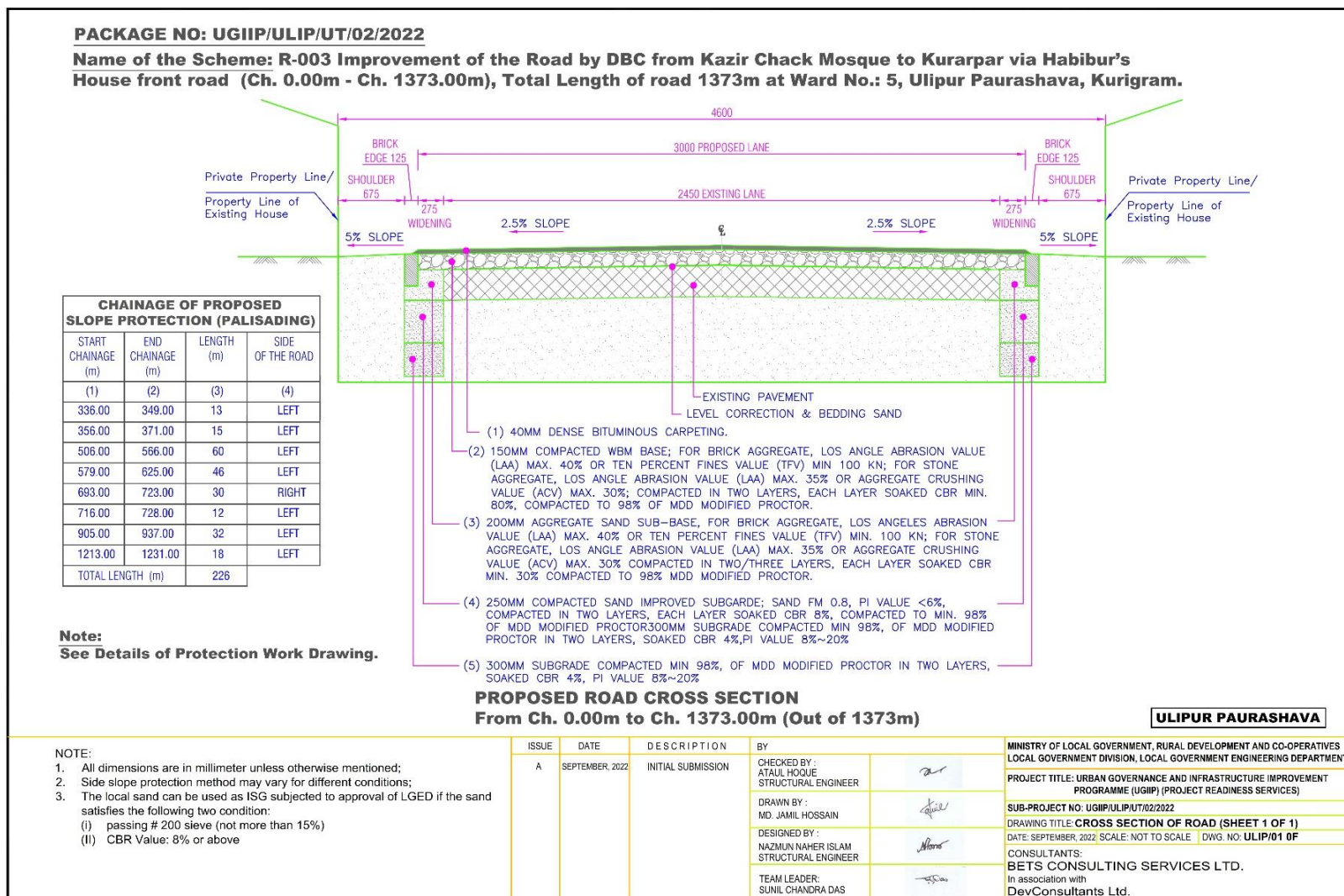


Figure.7: Cross-Section of Road in Ulipur Pourashava

d. Implementation Schedule

87. Implementation of IUGIP is split up 20 months. Substantial time is required spanning the continuum of sub-project preparation, approval, survey, design & estimate, contract award and contract execution. Efforts needs to be made to meticulously follow the schedule should a timely implementation of work is aimed at.

88. Usually, the construction work season in Bangladesh runs from October through May (eight months). Construction works are sometimes impeded for the following reasons.

- Early floods in April/May,
- Late floods in September/October,
- Natural calamities (cyclone/tornado, excessive floods) occur in April/May and October/November.

89. Normally, the best construction period is only for 6 months a year (October to March). The construction period is sometimes squeezed to 4 months due to natural calamities.

90. However, sometimes, based on time constraint or exigency, construction work may even need to be carried out in the monsoon. Besides, whenever possible, simultaneousness of activities can be ascertained and cashed in on and consequently, quantum of work can be maximized through efficient planning and adoption of best available practice.

91. Summing up, over a 12-months period, major works are advisable to take place between December, 2023 to December 2024. A tentative time-schedule for implementation (only as indication) is shown Table 7.

Table 7: Sub-project Implementation Schedule

Items of Work \ Period	From January 2024 - July 2024																																		
	2021			2022												2023												2024							
	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
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IV. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

A. Methodology Used for the Baseline Study

a. Secondary Data

92. Data for this study has been primarily collected through comprehensive literature survey, discussion with stakeholder agencies, and field data provided by the Pourashava. The literature survey broadly covered the following:

- i. Sub-project details, reports, maps, and other documents available with the ADB, PRS consultants, LGED, and Ulipur Pourashava;
- ii. Relevant acts and extraordinary gazettes, and guidelines issued by Government of Bangladesh agencies; and
- iii. Literature on land use, soil, geology, hydrology, climate, socioeconomic profiles, and environmental planning documents collected from Government of Bangladesh agencies and websites.

b. Primary Data

93. Therefore, several visits to the sub-project sites were made by the persons of Pourashava engineering section and supplied to MDSC to assess the existing environment (physical, biological, and socioeconomic) and gather information with regard to the proposed sites and scale of the proposed sub-project. Demographic information, archaeological and religious places, densely populated pockets, and settlements were gathering from PDP and other documents.

c. Data Analysis and Interpretation

94. The data collected was analyzed and interpretations were made to assess the physical, biological, and socioeconomic features of the project area. The relevant information is presented in the succeeding paragraphs. The IEE including specific description of the environment and corridor of impact has been updated as necessary based on the final detailed design.

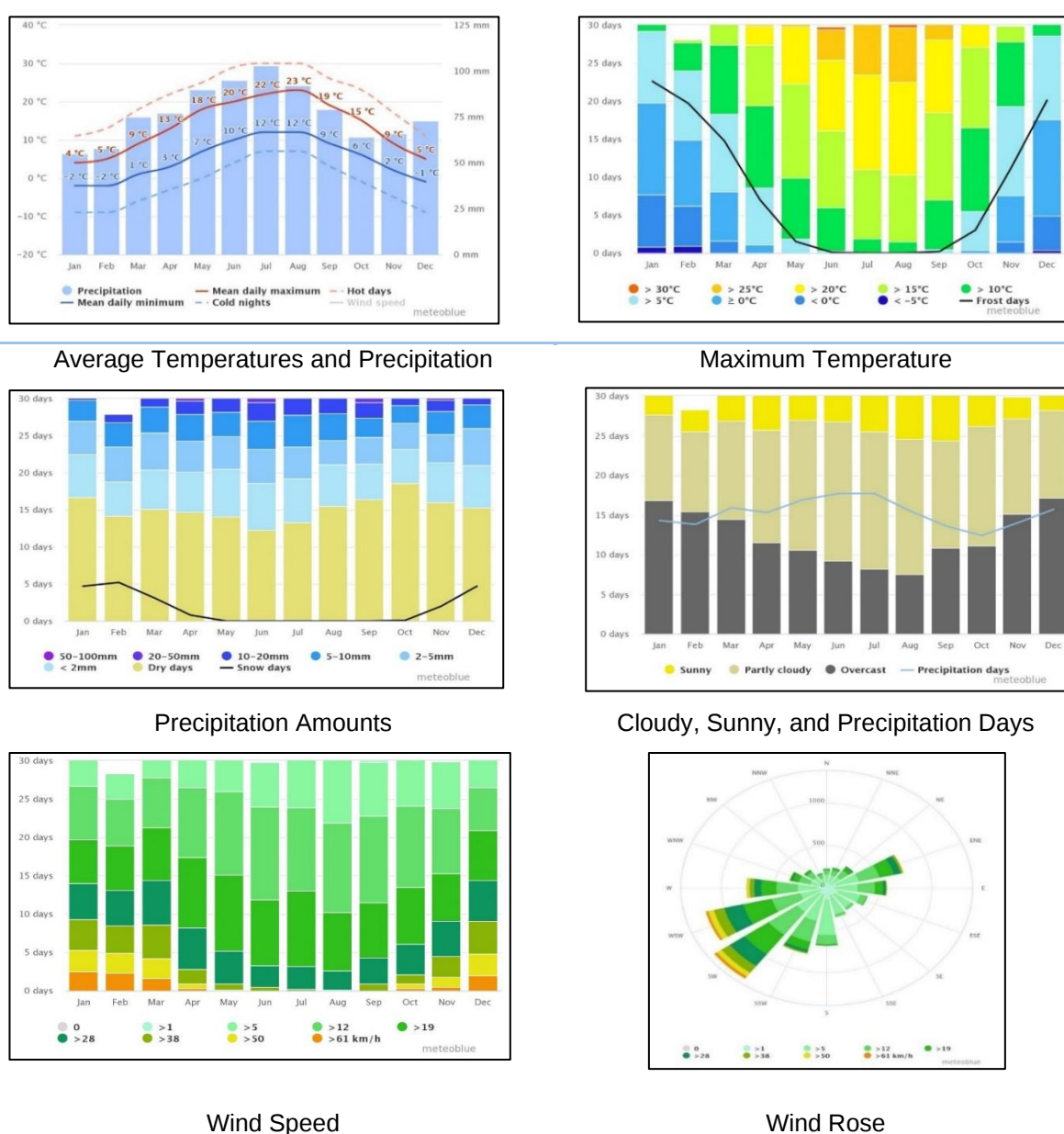
B. Physical Characteristics

a. Topography & Geology

95. Topography of Ulipur is mainly flat. The average height of the land of the Pourashava area is 25.12mPWD. The lowest and highest height values of the study area is 21.98mPWD (Purba Naodanga; Ward no. 2) and 27.33mPWD (Narikelbari, Ward no. 4) respectively. Area at ward 06 and part of ward 02 and 03 are on the highest elevation. These areas are above the mean elevation of the Pourashava and having concentration of both residential and commercial use. Most of the part of ward 01, 02, 04, 07, 08 and 09 are of average elevation level. Parts of ward 01 and ward 06 have lower elevation due to location of water bodies in this area. Elevation of this area is below the mean elevation and having mostly agricultural land and lying on flood plain during monsoon flood. Other areas of above the mean elevation have flat topography where almost all settlements/homestead are concentrated. According to the information collected through public consultation, this area submerges with shallow to medium depth during monsoon. Most of the part of ward 01, 02, 04, 07, 08 and 09 are of average elevation level. Parts of ward 01 and ward 06 have lower elevation due to location of water bodies in these areas. Elevations of these areas are below the mean elevation. Most agricultural land goes under flood water during monsoon flood. Other areas are of above the mean elevation and have a flat topography where almost all settlements/homestead are concentrated.

b. Climatic Conditions

96. Ulipur municipality is considered as low lying and flood prone area due to its geographical location. However, due to the lack of adequate drainage system for drainage, waterlogging occurs in relatively low-lying areas during the monsoon season, which is one of the major causes of human suffering. The rainy season starts from April in this area and 90% of the rainfall falls in the period till October. November to March is the winter season and the rainfall during this period is more or less 10%. The meteorological department has no system to record the highest and lowest temperatures in the municipality. Though Ulipur Pourashava is situated in Rangpur region so here we use this region's meteorological information. Average temperature of Rangpur region is maximum 33 and minimum 10.5 degree Celsius. Also, average maximum rainfall is 464.8 mm in July and minimum 7.9 mm in December. These data represent Pourashava as a low rainfall and average high temperature area. The average monthly rainfall variation, temperature, wind speed and directions at Ulipur (from 1985 to 2018) is shown in Figure 8.



Source: www.meteoblue.com

Figure 8: Historical Climatic Record at Ulipur Region

c. Surface Water

97. There is a notable river named Buri Tista which has passed through the Pourashava on the south. A number of small khals are located in this Pourashava. An amount of 83.98 acres of land is covered by ditch, 236 acres covered by pond and 58.26 acres covered by khal. A number of borrow pits/khals are found beside the major roads. All of these borrow pits/khals are acting as drainage channels. Ward 04 has highest coverage of khals (14 acres) whereas ward 06 covers the least. There is one beel and 5 large ditches within the Pourashava which helped the drainage system to some extent to dispose storm water. It is out of the flood prone areas though it is fully flood affected in 1998 and partly affected in 1988. Due to its location, the Ulipur municipal area is lower than other parts of the country and is prone to floods during the monsoon season. Due to low lying area of Ulipur municipal area, waterlogging occurs during monsoon season which lasts for almost half of the year. The canals flowing through the municipality area are used for drainage. At present there is no opportunity to use these canals as there is connection of polluted water of residential and industrial factories. The total amount of ponds, ditch, canals, Dighi in the municipal area are 436.30 acres. Among these 78.47 acres (17.99%) of waterbodies are in Ward No. 07, 65.71 acres (15.06%) of waterbodies are in Ward No. 06, 62.40 acres (14.30%) of waterbodies are in Ward No. 06. Two major canals are in Ward No. 06 and 07 are the main outlets of the drains. Among other wards, 12.86% waterbodies are in in Ward No. 02, 10.24% waterbodies are in Ward No. 01 and 9.98% of waterbodies are in Ward No. 05. In Ulipur Pourashava there is no piped water supply system; almost all the inhabitants use hand tube well for drinking water. It has been found that, about 99.08% people depend on hand tube well for drinking water. Sometimes ground water table goes to 50-100 ft deep, but citizens are continuing using this ground water for drinking and other household purpose. As the Pourashava has no water supply system, there is no allocated place for water supply establishment here. In case of water supply Pourashava can encourage 'rain water harvesting' method for drinking water purpose with the help of different NGO's. Using surface water is more effective rather than ground water. Rain water harvesting and ground water treatment can be the major source of water supply of a Pourashava like Ulipur.

d. Earthquake

98. Ulipur is located in a seismic Zone I, referred to as the high-risk zone for earthquake in the country. Seismic events in Bangladesh are relatively infrequent, but historically, have been severe, such as the earthquakes of 1930, 1950 & 2004. To address any potential impacts due to seismic activities, provisions of the Bangladesh National Building Code (BNBC) 1993 & 2006 shall be strictly followed in the detailed designs of project components, apart from consideration of seismic vulnerability in the specifications for the design and construction of the works, including the choice of materials and methods for construction work.

e. Air Quality

99. Other than normal, there are no undue air emission sources at the construction site except for limited vehicular emissions from inter-Pourashava traffic that are occasional. Pourashava has sources of air pollutions from small particulates and smoke of husking machine as well as smokes from other sources (household cooking and brick field) of Pourashava. A main source of air pollution is smoke emitted from the vehicles, which is significance but not severe compared to the aforementioned sources.

100. This has an impact on agriculture, forestry and natural ecosystems. Ambient air quality data was not available. Here quality of air appears to be clean but due to poor condition of road surface, dust is generated, especially during the movement of vehicles that causes air pollution. As such only the fuel operated vehicles and non-point sources such as open burning is the main source of air pollution. The baseline air quality will be measured by the sub-project contractors prior to commencement of work. The results will be provided in the updated IEE and all other measurements during implementation will be reported as part of EMP implementation.

f. Acoustic Environment

101. Noise is not a major impediment for the quality of the environment in the study area. Though noise pollution is not a severe problem but have negative impacts to the inhabitants of the Pourashava at a tolerable level. Loud sound for announcing advertisement by mike especially for regular cinema show and horn from motorized vehicle deserve proper attention. Major intersections Post Office more and Thana more are the affected areas of noise pollution. Vehicles such as motor cycle, van, tempo, mini truck, votvoti, and tractor trailer etc. move on the road during day and night. These vehicles generate noise in the sub-project area but within tolerable limit in most cases. No other perceptible sources of noise generation such as factories, industries, etc. are found near by the sub-project area. The baseline noise level will be measured by the sub-project contractors prior to commencement of work. The results will be provided in the updated IEE and all other measurements during implementation will be reported as part of EMP implementation.

C. Biological Characteristics

a. Ecological Resources

102. The ecological setting is mostly with wetland, homestead and roadside vegetation, etc. Homestead vegetation has a positive effect on improvement of soil moisture through the shading and mulching process. Trees growing at homesteads also provide easy access to fuel wood, fodder and other products. A large number of multipurpose trees (fruit, timber, fodder, medicine) are grown in the area. The most common among them are jackfruit, mango, lemon, banana, etc. Two major types of fauna viz. terrestrial and aquatic fauna have been identified in and around the area.

b. Birds, Wildlife and Wetland Habitats

103. Other than common birds like crows, sparrows, shalik, cuckoos etc., and some domestic cattle, no wild animals inhabit the area. Wildlife that fully depends on the terrestrial land throughout their whole life for shelter, food, nesting, breeding, and producing offspring is called terrestrial fauna. The main types of terrestrial fauna are amphibian, reptile, bird and mammal. Aquatic habitats are common in the project area due to the numerous freshwater lowlands, ponds, wetlands and rivers coursing through the area. Fish diversity in rivers and streams is decreasing due to heavy pollution in the aquatic bodies from industrial effluent.

c. Flora and Fauna

104. Sub-project components are located in Ulipur urban area or in its immediate surroundings that were converted into urban use for years ago, and there is no natural habitat left at these sites. Animals and plants in the subproject area are those commonly found in urban and built-up areas. The district is also famous for good quality of jute and rice. Although there is no organized forest area in the district, the plain land is mostly covered under homestead forests containing varieties of fruit trees and other trees. No endangered/protected species of either flora or fauna are found in the Pourashava or its immediate surroundings.

105. The plant life is confined generally to variations belonging to the lower gangetic plane and of other districts in the southern region of the country. Except the Government sponsored a forestation programme for the coastal belt, there is no organized forestry in the district. However, all homesteads are usually covered by dense and lush green foliage of wide variety of trees. Most of the trees grown in homestead forests are fruit bearing.

d. Agriculture, Tourism and Fishery

106. A large portion of the population of this Pourashava depends directly on agriculture or agriculture-based works. Most of the household head occupation is agriculture (37.90%) in this Pourashava. Out of 5,106 acres of land use, more than 400 acres of agricultural land use can be observed in all wards except Ward No. 06,08 and 09. Maximum 871.96 acres (17.08%) of agricultural lands are in ward 7, 830.77 acres (16.27%) in ward 3, 7.46.98 acres (14.63%)

in ward 1, 626.31 acres (12.27%) in ward 4 are used as agricultural land. Ward No. 06 being the central area of the municipality, due to logistical reasons, agricultural use in this area is the lowest which is 172.67 acres (3.38%). Around 37.90% households' heads are engaged in agricultural work. Both the land owners and farm labors cultivate their land to live their livelihood. Crop productions like rice, wheat is good as well as different type of vegetables. At present, lots of vegetables are grown here along with other crops and being supplied countrywide. There is a better rail and road connectivity exists in this Pourashava which connects other parts of the country. There is a great prospect of setting up agro-farms, small and cottage industries here because of availability of raw materials. Both public and private investment can turn this Pourashava into a good trade center of agriculture products Agro-based manufacturing center of this region.

e. Protected Areas

107. There are no protected forests, wetlands, mangroves, or estuaries in or near the sub-project area which might be impacted due to the construction activities.

D. Socioeconomic Characteristics

a. Population

108. As per Census 2011 of Pourashava, Ulipur has a total population of 45,933 out of which 22,403 males and 23,530 females. The female-male ratio is 95. Population density is 1680 (people/sq km). The total number of families in the population is 11526. The age group of 26-57 has the largest population which is 33.36%. 25.21% in the age range of 06 to 15. 20.76 in the age range of 16-25, 15.24% under six years and only 8.15% people above 57 years. In respect of family size; 48.59% families with 4-5 members, 22.59% families with 6-7 members, 5.24% families with 8-9 members, 16.33% families with 1-3 members and above 10 members. According to BBS 2001 the annual population growth rate is 0.41%, which is lower than the national average growth rate and the average growth rate of Kurigram District. As a result of rapid urbanization as well as industrialization, this growth rate may increase further.

b. Literacy Rate

109. According to BBS 2011 data, the education rate in Ulipur Municipality is 50.3%. Male education rate is 54.6% and female education rate is 46.3%. Ward No. 06 has the highest education rate which is 71.6%. Ward No. 07 has the education rate of 52.8% in the second position and Ward No. 04 has the lowest education rate of 42.4%. Analyzing the data obtained from the socio-social survey in the preparation of the master plan, it is known that 24.13% have passed the primary level. Secondary level 19.36%, SSC 19.36%, HSC 9.68%, 4.63% and 3.23% have completed Master's degree. 19.56% people are illiterate. In terms of educational qualification, 30.85% engaged in agriculture are illiterate, 34.57% up to 5th standard and 16.49% up to 10th standard, SSC 11.17%, HSC 4.79%, 2.13% and no master's degree. In business sector 16.49% are illiterate who are engaged in small business. Most of the big businessmen are SSC pass which is 33.33% and 20.38% are associate degree holders. Most of the small traders have completed education up to 5th standard which is 34.02% and 19.59% up to 10th standard. Teaching profession in government and private jobs are all educated. Most of them have HSC degree. 31.82% of skilled pilgrims have completed education up to 5th standard. Most of the unskilled laborers and rickshaw drivers are illiterate. 40% of unemployed population have SSC and 16% have education up to 10th standard.

c. Transport & Communication

110. Road network of the Pourashava consists of three major roads, of which one is leading to the district headquarter Kurigram to the north, one leads to west towards Rajarhut while the other leads to south to Chilmari land port. The whole transportation network is radiated from the spine road Kurigram to Chilmari via Ulipur. There are two intersections, i.e., Post office moore and Thana moore. Number of local roads is higher at the central area and in reversely

fewer at the peripheral areas. Though the road network of Ulipur Pourashava is well connected to one another, there have some critical points on the road. The major critical points are Post Office moore connecting Ulipur to Kurigram, Ulipur to Rajarhat and Ulipur to Chilmari road. Another critical point is Thana moore connecting Ulipur-Rajarhat and Ulipur-Chilmari road. Both the intersections are most traffic congested place within Pourashava as these are located in the main commercial area. Paved Road, semi-paved road, rail line covered in this Pourashava. Out of total 154 km road of the municipality, 48.49 km is paved, 15.62 km semi-paved and 89.93 km road are unpaved. Main road from Ulipur to Kurigram is in Ward No. 05 and 06, from Ulipur to Chilmari is in Ward No. 06 and 07 and from Ulipur to Rajarhat is in Ward No. 03,04,06. Ulipur has no waterways. Out of the total land use of 100.86 acres, the maximum area used in transport is 16.22 acres (16.08%) in Ward No. 07, 15.08 acres (14.95%) in Ward No. 06 and the least in Ward No. 09 which is 3.78 acres (3.78 acres). .75%). Ulipur Municipality consist of commercial, industrial and rural residential area. A total of 06 kilometers of railway line passes between wards 05, 06 and 08. Ulipur is connected to Chilmari and Kurigram by this route. The railway station is located in Ward No. 08.

d. Economic Development

111. Like other typical towns of south-west region, commercial activities of this Pourashava are mainly dominated by retail business. Other than the main wholesale market located at central area, there are some neighborhood bazars located at different wards of the Pourashava. Retailers collect their wholesale goods from Kurigram District HQ or Rangpur. Informal sector is a part and parcel of urban economy in developing countries. The Most important feature of this sector is people mainly live livelihood on selling their goods on floating basis and they don't have any permanent shop to sell the goods. They have small capital and usually self-employed. Physical development of this Pourashava is centered in and on the bazar area where most of the commercial activities are concentrated. Ulipur Pourashava is extended towards north-west direction and flattened in east-west direction. Ward 05, 06 and 09 have growth trend that continued towards north-east direction. Again, ward 01 and 04 have growth trend continuation towards west direction. Ulipur Pourashava is mainly developed on either side of Ulipur-Kurigram Sadar Road and Ulipur-Rajarhat Road. Ulipur-Kurigram Sadar Road runs northwards and Ulipur-Rajarhat Road runs north-west ward boundary of the Pourashava. Physically the Pourashava is aligned north-westerly, but the main growth area is identified in ward 6 located on south-eastern part of the Pourashava. Due to location of Upazila Head Quarters Office Complex, Railway Station, Pourashava Office and Main Bazar, this ward has the highest concentration of commercial activities.

e. Historical, Cultural and Archaeological Characteristics

112. Many people of this area were actively involved in Anti British Movement in 1920 in which one Rishikesh Majumder was imprisoned. During the war of liberation, the freedom fighters attacked a Pak Military convoy near Chaumuhani Bazar of Ulipur Municipality. There is a mass grave in Ulipur Pourashava as a mark of the war of liberation and a monument concerned about that. Only cinema halls are the entertainment facility of this municipality. Ward No. 06 has 02 cinema halls covering an area of 5.35 acres. Other wards have no recreational facilities. Total 166 nos. religious and community service entities are in the Pourashava area. Out of this number 81 are mosque, 64 are temple and 2 mazars. Like elsewhere in the country, presence of several mosques is seen in every ward in this Pourashava. Except ward 09 temples are found in all of the wards. Two mazars are located in ward 05 and 06. Other than the play field in the school and college premises, there are 2 mentionable open spaces in ward 07 and 08 (total 0.01%) within Pourashava area. There is no park for the people. Two cinema halls (Manashi and Ulipur) in Ward 06 are the only source of recreations for the inhabitants.

V. ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

A. Impact Assessment Methodology

113. Issues for consideration have been raised by the following means: (i) input from interested and affected parties; (ii) desktop research of information relevant to the proposed subproject; (iii) site visits; and (iv) evaluation of proposed design scope as per MDSC study and potential impacts.

114. The corridors of impact considered include: (i) existing alignment and width of roads to be rehabilitated; and (ii) existing ROWs. No additional land is required beyond the ROWs. Categorization of the subproject and formulation of mitigation measures have been guided by REA checklist for roads improvement and ADB SPS, 2009.

B. Anticipated Impacts and Mitigation Measures

a. Planning and Design Phase

115. Planning principles and detail design considerations have been reviewed and incorporated into the site planning process. Location for the sub-project components will be on properties held by the Pourashava. Access to the sub-project site is through public existing roads.

1. Sub-project Selection Criteria

116. The project environmental assessment and review framework specifies environmental criteria to avoid or minimize adverse impacts during the identification and finalization of road improvement sub-project. Table 8 summarizes site and design considerations as per final design.

Table 8: Site and Design Considerations to Meet EARF Environmental Criteria

Sl. No.	Components	Environmental Selection Guidelines	Remarks
1.	Overall selection guideline	Comply with all requirements of relevant national and local laws, rules and guidelines.	Requisite LCC and ECC to be obtained prior to commencement of works
		Avoid/minimize where possible locations in protected areas, including notified reserved forests or biodiversity conservation hotspots (wetlands, national reserves, forest reserves and sanctuaries).	Not present in Pourashava area.
		Avoid possible locations that will result in destruction/disturbance to historical and cultural places/values.	Use of “chance find” procedures in the EMP that include a pre-approved management and
		Avoid tree cutting where possible. Retain mature roadside trees that are important/valuable or historically significant. If any trees have to be removed, plant two new trees for every one that is lost.	- Permit for tree-cutting to be obtained by contractor/s prior to commencement of work - Compensatory plantation for trees lost at a rate of 2 trees for every tree cut, in addition to tree plantation as specified in the design, will be implemented by the contractor, who will also maintain the saplings for the duration of his contract.
		Ensure all planning and design interventions	All consultations during project

Sl. No.	Components	Environmental Selection Guidelines	Remarks
		Synchronize the road and associated works (to extent possible) to minimize disturbance and optimize use of resources (e.g., water pipes laid prior to road improvements).	Included in the design and EMP
2.	Road improvement/ Rehabilitation/Maintenance	Ensure tree planting alongside roads to provide a natural barrier to noise and visual impacts, and include additional man-made barriers where suitable for public safety.	Included in the design and EMP
		ensure the provision of new or improved household, storm water drainage to remove the increased runoff caused by increasing the road surface area	Included in the design and EMP
		Ensure construction of road will be on a Pourashava owned land or after completion of land acquisition if required.	Proposed existing network is located at the Pourashava owned land.
		Avoid eviction of any structures or commercial activities within the sub-project area, if required adopt appropriate procedure.	The proposed site is on developed previously non-agricultural low land. No structure was there.
		Avoid any ecological sensitive area and impact on wildlife, or rare and endangered species.	Proposed site is not situated near any ecological sensitive area and no impact on wildlife or rare and endangered species.

Table 9: Actions to Mitigate Climate Change Impacts and Improve Climate Resilience

Sl. No.	Climate Change Effect	Mitigation Measures
A.	Climate change effect	
1.	Increased rainfall quantity and runoff Increased frequency of storms	- Improve O & M, organizational capacity, resource allocation, etc. - Work with relevant stakeholders to manage water use and flood discharges more effectively - Improve collection and disposal of waste - Control encroachments - Improve public behaviour through active and prolonged information, education, and communication campaigns to reduce uncontrolled solid waste disposal, encroachments, damage to infrastructure, unregulated development in key areas, etc., supported by enforcement. - Guide wall to protect erosion and sliding for roads with adjacent water bodies/ponds
B.	Impact Factor	
1.	Construction materials' quality	Choose most durable materials possible, even if higher cost, e.g. concrete, high quality bricks.

Sl. No.	Climate Change Effect	Mitigation Measures
		▪ Monitor and control construction quality
2.	Rising temperatures	▪ Execute works during most favourable times of year and day. ▪ Monitor and control preparing, placing, and curing concrete and mortar, to ensure placement, etc., during most favourable times. ▪ Use plain high-quality un-rendered brick work and high-quality cement mortar in preference to rendered low-grade bricks ▪ Use sulphate resisting cement in vulnerable locations (higher heat gain during curing) or cement containing fly ash (less heat gain, so preferred).

2. Land Acquisition and Resettlement

117. The proposed sub-project to be constructed in Pourashava owned land and through the existing Roads. There are no encroachers or residential/ commercial structures in the proposed area as per the study of social and resettlement team. In addition, there is no squatters will be disturbed due to the proposed sub-project as per the social and resettlement assessment. Hence, no negative impacts are envisaged due to the sub-project.

118. The concepts considered in design of the road sub-project are: (i) prioritizing rehabilitation/maintenance over new construction; (ii) locating facilities on government /Pourashava-owned land to avoid the need for land acquisition; (iii) taking all possible measures in design and selection of sites to avoid resettlement impacts; (iv) avoiding where possible locations that will result in destruction/disturbance to historical and cultural places/values; (v) avoiding tree-cutting where possible; (vi) ensuring all planning and design interventions and decisions are made in consultation with local communities and reflecting inputs from public consultation and disclosure for site selection.

3. Landscape and Existing Utilities

119. The proposed roads are within the existing network. The proposed sub-project will also be constructed/rehabilitated/maintained within existing network. Therefore, investigation before construction and formulation of plan of restoration of existing utilities within shortest time is recommended. The plan must be formulated with coordination with PIU, contractor and the field level construction supervisor. The plan must be shared with the PIU/ MDSC and approved by them.

4. Obtaining NOC

120. Failure to obtain necessary consents, permits, NOC's can result in design revisions and/or stoppage of the works. All the sites have own land available to the Pourashava. Therefore, the Contractor will not have any obstacle to start the construction without any delay. Moreover, an ECC is already obtained from the DoE against the IUGIP.

5. EMP Implementation Training

121. Often lack of proper training to implement the EMP stipulated in the 'Bid Document' leads to mismanaged environmental safeguards. Therefore, EMP training for the contractors, workers and implementing agency is necessary before construction goes on-board. A training needs to be arranged before construction starts with all involved parties: contractor, workers and representatives from Implementing Agency to implement the EMP and therefore is necessary.

b. Construction Phase

122. In the case of this sub-project (i) most of the individual elements are relatively small and involve straightforward construction, so impacts will be mainly localized and not greatly

significant; (ii) most of the predicted impacts are associated with the construction process and are produced because that process is invasive, involving excavation and earth movements; and (iii) being located in the built-up area of the Pourashava, will not cause direct impact on biodiversity values.

123. Although construction of these project components involves quite simple techniques of civil work, the invasive nature of excavation and the sub-project sites in built-up areas of Ulipur Pourashava where there are a variety of human activities, will result to impacts to the environment and sensitive receptors such as residents, businesses and the community in general. These anticipated impacts are short-term, site-specific and within a relatively small area. There are no impacts that are significant or complex in nature, or that need an in-depth study to assess the impact. Thus, Ulipur Pourashava road improvement sub-project is unlikely to cause significant adverse impacts.

1. Construction Method

124. Tasks to be performed for construction of road: (i) site clearing; (ii) laying of base, sub-base, sub-grade, track coat, prime coat, sill coat etc.; (iii) road end edging; (iv) construction of drainage slope; (v) construction of drain cover slab; (vi) architectural components and finishes; and (vii) ordering, procurement and installation of building services. Excavation for the foundation will be dug by backhoe digger, supplemented by manual digging where necessary. Excavated soil will be placed nearby, and the materials (brought to site on trucks and stored on unused land nearby) will be placed by crane or using a small rig. The infrastructures will be constructed manually according to design specifications. Any excess materials will be disposed to pre-approved disposal sites.

125. There is sufficient space for a staging area, construction equipment and stockpiling of materials. However, the contractor will need to remove all construction and demolition wastes on a daily basis. The debris accumulated from the demolition of the existing old structure at site will be stored in a safe place in the Pourashava own compound.

2. Worker Camps

126. To accommodate the needs of the workforce, the contractor should provide suitable housing, adequate supplies of potable water, and toilet and bathing facilities within the housing area. Onsite facilities for preparing food need to be provided, or food service contracted. The contractor should provide means for disposing of wastewater from toilets, baths and food preparation areas either through a septic tank or through sock well or holding tank with removal by vacuum truck. Solid waste should be collected at waste bins and disposed of properly offsite. The labor camp should be located at a distance from any nearby community and workers transported daily to the construction sites. Temporary lodging for workers should not be set up along the alignments where piping is being installed. The labor camp should be set up at a selected and approved location for the duration of the contract, and located such that it does not interfere with or cause a nuisance for the local community. Complete closure of the camp is required at the end of the work, including removal of any underground tanks and above-ground structures.

3. Site and Route Maintenance

127. The contractor should plan haul routes to avoid congested areas and narrow roads, and schedule transportation to avoid peak traffic periods. Speed limits and other traffic rules need to be strictly enforced among drivers. Traffic detours need to be identified and marked in the event they are necessary to maintain traffic flow through the construction zone. Flagmen need to be posted at the start and finish of construction areas as necessary to direct the movement of traffic. Movable sanitary facilities should be provided at the site and kept clean, free of odors and usable. No materials should be stored onsite for longer than a day before their use. Excess materials should be removed after a segment is complete. The contractor should avoid trenching where damage might occur to buildings, and provide shoring and backfill with sand/cement admixture to prevent caving. The contractor should avoid stockpiling

earth and construction materials in areas subject to flooding and flowing water. Loss of fuel oil, engine oil and other types of pollutants to the soil or to drainage courses will not be tolerated.

4. Topography, Landforms, Geology and Soils

128. Significant amount of gravel, sand, and cement will be required for this sub-project. Extraction of construction materials may cause localized changes in topography and landforms. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.

129. Utilize readily available sources of materials. If contractor procures materials from existing borrow pits and quarries, it has to be ensured that these conform to all relevant regulatory requirements. Borrow areas and quarries (If these are being opened up exclusively for the sub-project) must comply with environmental requirements, as applicable. No activity will be allowed until formal agreement is signed between PIU, landowner and contractor.

5. Surface Water Quality

130. Trenching and excavation, run-off from stockpiled materials, and contamination from fuels and lubricants may result to silt-laden runoff during rainfall that may cause siltation and reduction in the quality of adjacent bodies of water. There are few small ponds/ditches near the road and drain ROW and surface water pollution is expected due to the construction activities. Therefore, the expected impacts are minor negative and short term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.

- Prepare and implement a spoils management plan (see Appendix 6 for outline).
- Prioritize re-use of excess spoils and materials in construction activities. If spoils will be disposed, consult with Ulipur local authority on designated disposal areas.
- All earthworks must to be conducted during dry season to maximum extent possible to avoid the difficult working conditions that prevail during monsoon season such as problems from runoff.
- Location for stockyards for construction materials shall be identified at least 300m away from watercourses.
- Place storage areas for fuels and lubricants away from any drainage leading to water bodies.
- Take all precautions to minimize the wastage of water in the construction activities.
- Take all precautions to prevent entering of wastewater into streams, watercourses, or irrigation system. Install temporary silt traps or sedimentation basins along the drainage leading to the water bodies.
- Ensure diverting storm water flow during construction shall not lead to inundation and other nuisances in low-lying areas.
- While working across or close to any water body, the flow of water must not be obstructed. Ensure no construction materials like earth, stone, or appendage are disposed of in a manner that may block the flow of water of any watercourse and cross drainage channels.
- Monitor water quality according to the environmental management plan.

6. Groundwater Quality

131. Increased demand of groundwater is anticipated during the construction phase for construction activities and domestic purposes. Uncontrolled extraction of water may also affect availability of waters to locals. In addition to that, construction waste, if left unattended will result in forming leachate which will percolate through the soil strata and will reach

underground water table and hence, will end up contaminating it. Mitigation measures will include

- Pumping of groundwater should be from deep aquifers of more than 300 m to supply arsenic free water. Safe and sustainable discharges are to be ascertained prior to selection of pumps.
- Tube wells will be installed with due regard for the surface environment, protection of groundwater from surface contaminants, and protection of aquifer cross contamination.
- All tube wells, test holes, monitoring wells that are no longer in use or needed shall be properly decommissioned.
- Protect groundwater supplies of adjacent lands.

7. Air Quality & Dust

132. Conducting works at dry season and moving large quantity of materials may create dusts and increase in concentration of vehicle-related pollutants (such as CO_x, SO_x, PMs, NO_x, and HCs) which will affect people who live and work near the sites. Different activities regarding the machinery movement and other works generate dust and impair the air quality. The impacts are negative but short-term, site- specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.

- Damp down exposed soil and any sand stockpiled on site by spraying with water when necessary, during dry weather;
- Use tarpaulins to cover soils, sand and other loose material when transported by trucks.
- Unpaved surfaces used for haulage of materials within settlements shall be maintained dust-free.
- Arrangements to control dust through provision of windscreens, water sprinklers, and dust extraction systems shall be provided at all hot-mix plants, batching plants, and crushers (if these establishments are being set up exclusively for the sub-project).
- Water will be sprayed to control the dust, which is the main way to suppress dust in the working site.
- Debris materials should be transported through truck covered by tarpaulin.
- Apply water every 4 hours to the area within 30m of structures being demolished, to reduce vehicle track out.
- Apply water to disturbed soils after demolition is completed or at the end of each day of clean up
- Prohibit demolition activities when wind speeds exceed 30 kph.
- Limit on-site vehicle speeds (on unpaved roads) to 20 kph.
- Provide jute made cloth around the structures to be demolished.
- Monitor air quality.

8. Acoustic Environment

133. Construction activities will be far from settlements, far from schools and areas with small-scale businesses. Temporary increase in noise level and vibrations may be caused by excavation equipment and the transportation of equipment, materials, and people. However, the proposed sub-project situated out of core area and impact is short-term, site-specific and

within a relatively small area. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.

- Involve the community in planning the work program so that any particularly noisy or otherwise invasive activities can be scheduled to avoid sensitive times.
- Plan activities in consultation with Ulipur local authority so that activities with the greatest potential to generate noise are conducted during periods of the day which will result in least disturbance.
- Use of high noise generating equipment shall be stopped during night time.
- Horns should not be used unless it is necessary to warn other road users or animals of the vehicle's approach;
- Utilize modern vehicles and machinery with the requisite adaptations to limit noise and exhaust emissions and ensure that these are maintained to manufacturers' specifications at all times.
- All vehicles and equipment used in construction shall be fitted with exhaust silencers. Use silent-type generators (if required).
- Monitor noise levels. Maintain maximum sound levels not exceeding 85 decibels (dBA) when measured at a distance of 10m or more from the vehicle/s.
- If it is not practicable to reduce noise levels to or below noise exposure limits, the contractor must post warning signs in the noise hazard areas. Workers in a posted noise hazard area must wear hearing protection.
- Identify any buildings at risk from vibration damage and avoiding any use of pneumatic drills or heavy vehicles in the vicinity. Complete work in these areas quickly.

9. *Aesthetics*

134. The construction activities do not anticipate any cutting of trees but will produce excess excavated earth (spoils), excess construction materials, and solid waste such as removed concrete, wood, packaging materials, empty containers, spoils, oils, lubricants and other similar items. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.

- Prepare a debris disposal plan.
- Remove all construction and demolition wastes on a daily basis.
- Coordinate with Ulipur local authority for beneficial uses of excess excavated soils or immediately dispose to designated areas. Avoid stockpiling of any excess spoils.
- All vehicles delivering fine materials to the site and carrying debris for disposal shall be covered to avoid spillage. All existing roads used by vehicles of the contractor, shall be kept clear of all dust/mud or other extraneous materials dropped by such vehicles.
- Lighting on construction sites shall be pointed downwards and away from oncoming traffic and nearby houses.
- In areas where the visual environment is particularly important or privacy concerns for surrounding buildings exist, the site may require screening. This could be in the form of shade cloth, temporary walls, or other suitable materials prior to the beginning of construction.
- The site must be kept clean to minimize the visual impact of the site. Manage solid waste according to the following preference hierarchy: reuse, recycling and disposal to designated areas.

10. Biodiversity

135. Activities are being located in the built-up area of Ulipur Pourashava. There are no protected areas in or around sub-project sites, and no known areas of ecological interest. Preliminary design shows there are no trees at the sites that need to be removed.

- Check if tree-cutting will be required during detailed design stage. No trees, shrubs, or groundcover may be removed or vegetation stripped without the prior permission of the environment management specialist.
- All efforts shall be made to preserve trees by evaluation of minor design adjustments/alternatives (as applicable) to save trees.
- Special attention shall be given for protecting giant trees and locally-important trees (with religious importance) during implementation.
- Prevent workers or any other person from removing and damaging any flora (plant/vegetation) and fauna (animal) including fishing in any water body in the sub-project vicinity.
- Prohibit employees from poaching wildlife and cutting of trees for firewood.
- Implement compensatory plantation for trees lost at a rate of 2 trees for every tree cut. Maintain the saplings for the duration of contract. Additionally, plantation of trees as per the EMP.

11. Traffic Congestion

136. Hauling of construction materials and operation of equipment on-site can cause traffic problems. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.

- Follow the traffic management plan given in Appendix 4 of this report.
- Plan transportation routes so that heavy vehicles do not use narrow local roads, except in the immediate vicinity of delivery sites.
- Maintain safe passage for vehicles and pedestrians throughout the construction period.
- Schedule truck deliveries of construction materials during periods of low traffic volume.
- Erect and maintain barricades, including signs, markings, flags and flagmen informing diversions and alternative routes when required.
- Notify affected sensitive receptors by providing sign boards informing nature and duration of construction activities and contact numbers for concerns/complaints.
- Leave spaces for access between mounds of soil.
- Consult businesses and institutions regarding operating hours and factoring this in work schedules. Ensure there is provision of alternate access to businesses and institutions during construction activities, so that there is no closure of these shops or any loss of client age.
- Ensure any damage to properties and utilities will be restored or compensated to pre-work conditions.

12. Socio-economic Status

137. Work force will be required during the 12-month construction stage. This can result to generation of contractual employment and increase in local revenue. Thus, potential impact is positive and long-term.

- Employ at least 50% of labor force from communities in the vicinity of the site. This will have the added benefit of avoiding social problems that sometimes occur when workers are imported into host communities, and avoiding environmental and social problems from workers occasionally housed in poorly serviced camp accommodation.
- Secure construction materials from local market as far as practicable.

13. Existing Amenities for Community Welfare

138. Although construction of sub-project components involves quite simple techniques of civil work, the invasive nature of excavation and the sub-project sites being in existing networks of Ulipur Pourashava where there are a variety of human activities, will result to impacts to the sensitive receptors such as residents, businesses and the community in general. Excavation may also damage existing infrastructure (such as water distribution pipes, electricity pylons, etc.) located alongside the roads. The impacts are potentially negative but of short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.

- Obtain details from Pourashava nature and location of all existing infrastructure, and plan excavation carefully to avoid any such sites to maximum extent possible;
- Integrate construction of the various infrastructure sub-projects to be conducted in Ulipur (road, etc.) so that different infrastructure is located on opposite sides of the road where feasible and roads and inhabitants are not subjected to repeated disturbance by construction in the same area at different times for different purposes.
- Consult with local community to inform them of the nature, duration, and likely effects of the construction work, and to identify any local concerns so that these can be addressed.
- Ensure any damage to properties and utilities will be restored or compensated to pre-work conditions.

14. Community Health and Safety

139. The public should be barred from construction areas, and excavations should be barricaded and marked. Paths of access and passage for vehicles and pedestrians should be clearly marked through the work zone. The contractor should minimize use of heavy equipment in congested areas, conduct activities during daylight hours, and apply water to suppress dust as needed. In heavily trafficked areas such as markets, the contractor should increase the work force to complete construction quickly, reduce dust by removal of excess earth, and avoid obstructing the paths of travel for pedestrians and vehicles. The contractor should minimize downtime of existing water supply, limit shutdowns to less than four hours, and notify the public in advance to store water as necessary.

140. Construction works will impede the access of residents and business in limited cases. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.

- Contractor's activities and movement of staff will be restricted to designated construction areas.
- Consult with Ulipur local authority on the designated areas for stockpiling of soils, gravel and other construction materials.
- If the contractor chooses to locate the work camp/storage area on private land, he must get prior permission from the environment management specialist and landowner.
- Use small mechanical excavators to attain faster trenching progress. Crusher will be used for stone and concrete breaking.

- Under no circumstances may open areas or the surrounding bushes be used as a toilet facility.
- Recycling and the provision of separate waste receptacles for different types of waste shall be encouraged.
- A general regard for the social and ecological well-being of the site and adjacent areas is expected of the site staff. Workers need to be made aware of the following general rules: (i) no alcohol/drugs on site; (ii) prevent excessive noise; (iii) construction staff are to make use of the facilities provided for them, as opposed to ad hoc alternatives (e.g. fires for cooking, the use of surrounding bushes as a toilet facilities); (iv) no fires permitted on site except if needed for the construction works; (v) trespassing on private/commercial properties adjoining the site is forbidden; (vi) other than pre-approved security staff, no workers shall be permitted to live on the construction site; and (vii) no worker may be forced to do work that is potentially dangerous or that he/she is not trained to do.
- Interested and affected parties need to be made aware of the existence of the complaints book and the methods of communication available to them. The contractor must address queries and complaints by: (i) documenting details of such communications; (ii) submitting these for inclusion in complaints register; (iii) bringing issues to the environmental management specialist's attention immediately; and (iv) taking remedial action as per environment specialist's instruction.
- The contractor shall immediately take the necessary remedial action on any compliant/grievance received by him and forward the details of the grievance along with the action taken to the environment management specialist within 48 hours of receipt of such compliant/grievance.

15. Occupational Health and Safety

141. The Contractor should have a basic safety and health plan in place for workers, in which workers are required to wear personal protective gear suitable to the type of work being performed and a worker is suitably trained (or experienced) in the work he/she is assigned to do. Emergency care should be available on call. The Contractor should maintain a record of accidents, which should be reviewed on occasion with the supervising engineer. The contractor should maintain a high standard of safety in the performance of work. Workers need to be informed of potential risks associated with activities conducted in the vicinity of moving equipment, and workers should not be allowed to enter deep trenches unless they are properly shored.

142. There is invariably a safety risk when construction works such as excavation and earthmoving are conducted in urban areas. Workers need to be mindful of the occupational hazards which can arise from working i height and excavation works. Potential impacts are negative and long term but reversible by mitigation measures.

- Comply with requirements of Government of Bangladesh labor law of 2006 and all applicable laws and standards on workers' health and safety (H&S).
- Ensure that all site personnel have a basic level of environmental awareness training.
- Procedure and implement a site H&S plan which include measures as: (i) excluding the public from worksites; (ii) ensuring all workers are provided with and required to use personal protective equipment (reflectorized vests, footwear, gloves, goggles and masks) at all times; (iii) providing (H&S) training for all site personnel; (iv) documenting procedures to be followed for all site activities; and (v) maintaining accident reports and records.
- Arrange for readily available first aid unit including an adequate supply of sterilized dressing materials and appliances.

- Maintain necessary living accommodation and ancillary facilities in functional and hygienic manner in work camps. Ensure (i) uncontaminated water for drinking, cooking and washing, (ii) clean eating areas where workers are not exposed to hazardous or noxious substances; and (iii) sanitation facilities are available at all times.
- Provide medical insurance coverage for workers;
- Provide H&S orientation training to all new workers to ensure that they are apprised of the basic site rules of work at the site, personal protective protection and preventing injuring to fellow workers;
- Provide visitor orientation if visitors to the site can gain access to areas where hazardous conditions or substances may be present. Ensure also that visitor/s do not enter hazard areas unescorted;
- Ensure the visibility of workers through their use of high visibility vests when working in or walking through heavy equipment operating area;
- Ensure moving equipment is outfitted with audible back-up alarms;
- Mark and provide signboards for hazardous areas such as energized electrical devices and lines, service rooms housing high voltage equipment and areas for storage and disposal. Signage shall be in accordance with international standards and be well known to and easily understood by workers, visitors and the general public as appropriate; and
- Disallow worker exposure to noise level greater than 85 dBA for duration of more than 8 hours per day without hearing protection. The use of hearing protection shall be enforced actively.

c. Operation & Maintenance Phase

143. In the operations and maintenance (O & M) phase, the road and drain system will operate with routine maintenance, which should not affect the environment. The infrastructures will need to be repaired from time to time, but environmental impacts will be much less than those of the construction period as the work will be infrequent, affecting small areas only. O & M will be the responsibility of Ulipur Pourashava local authority, which will be given training by this sub-project.

144. Routine repairs and maintenance works will be very small in scale, to conducted manually by small teams of men and works will be very short in duration thus will not cause significant physical impacts.

1. Air Quality

145. Air emissions of common air contaminants and fugitive dust may be elevated in proximity to active work sites may include gaseous for disinfection processes. Develop and implement a prevention program that includes identification of potential hazards, written operating procedures, training, maintenance, and accident investigation procedures.

2. Acoustic Environment

146. Temporary increase in noise level and vibrations is expected. The impacts are minor negative and long-term, site-specific within a relatively small area reversible by mitigation measures.

147. Plan activities in consultation with Ulipur local authority so that activities with the greatest potential to generate noise are conducted during periods of the day that will result in least disturbance.

3. Surface/Waste Water Quality

148. The surface water bodies may get flooded and polluted due to uncontrolled release of contaminated storm-water/road runoff from road surfaces. The pollutants associated with the road-runoff include, hydrocarbons, heavy, corrosive products and suspended solids including insoluble heavy metals as colloidal materials from traffic. The worst contamination generally takes place during the first flush of runoff from roads after a spell of dry weather. The level of pollution is directly related to the traffic volume. The pollution risk from accidental spillage may increase moderately. In the long run, the increased traffic volume and faster traffic speeds would increase the risk of accidental spillage, which could have medium adverse impact on surface water quality. Since the roads are within the Pourashava and traffic sizes are relatively small and light vehicle thus the overall impact is negligible.

149. On the other hand, the surface water quality at the drain's outfall location of all the existing Roads within this Pourashava might be impacted if maintenance of Roads will not be taken regularly. Water quality of the canals is not good as per visual observations and a few solid waste dumping sites near canals were observed. Also, it was noticed that no illegal connection is permitted by the municipality and it should be followed in the future. The Pourashava have to clean the drains regularly and have to ensure that no other source of water except rainfall and household water to the drains. In addition to the maintenance, the waste water quality has to be tested regularly from the outfall location and have to take mitigation measures accordingly if there any ascendance of national standard.

4. Biodiversity

150. All activities will be in the built-up area of Ulipur Pourashava. There are no protected areas in or around sub-project site and no known areas of ecological interest. No trees, shrubs, or groundcover may be removed or vegetation stripped without the prior permission. The planted trees will be nurtured by the road slope Pourashava O & M budget.

5. Solid Waste

151. The main causes of non-functionality of the existing drainage system are clogging the Roads by the solid waste and inadequate design in some cases. Solid waste generated from the sub-project activities may contribute to the risk of clogging of roads. However, proper solid waste management facilities should be provided in the sub-project areas. Awareness raising camps and demonstration including the house owners regarding the waste management and their roles in keeping the Poura drains clean through daily activities. Poura authority should also remove the waste materials from drain side within the shortest time and periodic monitoring by the designated person of Pourashava.

Table 10: Scheme Specific Impacts & Mitigations

Sl-No	PDP no.	Name of schemes	Length (m)	Existing Conditions & Impacts	Mitigations
1.	R-003	Improvement of road by Dense Bituminous Carpeting from Kazir Chack Mosque to Kurarpar via Habibur's house front road (Ch. 0.00m to 1373m) including Protection Work & Installation Street Light 47 nos. at Ward no. - 5, Ulipur Paurashava, Kurigram. Total Length = 1373m.	1373	- The scheme is in settlement area. - Waterlogging occurs - Sensitive receptor like medical college is situated near road. - Water logging occurred during rainy season.	- There are no impacts on biodiversity. - Roadside tree plantation may reduce noise & dust impacts during operation. - Appropriate noise reduction measure suggested.
2.	R-005	Improvement of road by Dense Bituminous Carpeting from Khatir Munshir Math to Patilapur Govt. Primary School Road (Ch. 0.00m to 2275m) including RCC Box Culvert at Ch. 20m, RCC Cross drain at Ch. 96m, Protection Work & Installation Street Light 77 nos. at Ward no. - 1, Ulipur Paurashava, Kurigram. Total Length = 2275m.	2275	- Sensitive receptor like mosque, Nurani madrasa and school is situated near road. - Trees and agricultural lands nearby - No impact on temporary/permanent structures	- There are no impacts on biodiversity. - The scheme is mostly in residential area, noise reduction measure should be taken. - Install road sign both side in sensitive locations
3.	R-011	Improvement of road by Dense Bituminous Carpeting from Gazi house to Bagua Anantapur Pura Folok via Jadupodder Govt. Primary School Road & Installation Street Light 56 nos. at Ward no. - 9, Ulipur Paurashava, Kurigram. Total Length = 1640m.	1640	- This scheme is mostly along the residential areas - Rice mill and some agricultural lands were observed. - There is a large pond, some agricultural lands beside the road. - Waterlogging occurs during heavy rain.	- There are no impacts on biodiversity. - General mitigation and monitoring measures are applicable. - Increased road height is proposed to reduce inundation. - No impact on temporary/permanent structures
4.	R-014	Improvement of road by Dense Bituminous Carpeting from Purbo Para Sadek house road to Basir house road (Ch. 0.00m to 500m) including Protection Work & Installation Street Light 18 nos. at Ward no. - 2, Ulipur Paurashava, Kurigram. Total Length = 500m.	500	- Waterlogging occurs near Tetultola. - Mostly residential area near road - No impact on temporary/permanent structures	- General mitigation and monitoring measures are applicable. - No impact on temporary/permanent structures

d. Cumulative Impact Assessment

152. The cumulative impact assessment examined the interaction between the sub-project's residual effects (i.e., those effects that remain after mitigation measures have been applied) and those associated with other past, existing and reasonably foreseeable future sub-projects or activities. The interaction of residual effects associated with multiple projects and/or activities can result in cumulative impacts, both positive and negative. The project's potential cumulative effects were considered with respect to valued components in environmental and socioeconomic categories, in four areas:

- of any potential residual project effects that may occur incrementally over time;
- Consideration of other known relevant projects or activities within the specified study area boundaries, even if not directly related to the project;
- Potential overlapping impacts that may occur due to other developments, even if not directly related to the proposed sub-project; and

- iv. Future developments that are reasonably foreseeable and sufficiently certain to proceed.

153. Location and sitting of the proposed infrastructures were considered to reduce impacts. Detailed designs integrate a number of measures, both structural and non-structural, to mainstream climate resilience into the Ulipur road sub-project, including (i) designed to the current best practice standard codes; (ii) built that the floods do not damage them; and (iii) side drains are to be kept free from wastes and siltation.

1. Surface Water Quality

154. Surface water quality will not be impacted like present trend due to improved road and drainage system. Illegal or unwanted connections to the improved drains will be controlled and entrance of solid wastes will be prohibited by providing nets at required intervals.

2. Socioeconomic and Socio-community

155. Concerns on existing provisions for pedestrians and other forms of transport will occur spatially during construction and O & M activities. Since the sub-project will be improvement of existing infrastructures, it will not conflict with existing or planned land use. However, following improvement in infrastructures and services, added residential developments, commercial, and business facilities and increased densities are expected to develop and enhance Ulipur Pourashava. This can be considered a long-term cumulative benefit of the sub-project.

156. Given the scale of the project, it is likely that local people will obtain at least temporary socio-economic benefits, by gaining employment in the construction workforce and thus raising their levels of income. These benefits can bring wider social gains if they are directed at vulnerable groups.

157. Upon completion of the sub-project, the socio-community will be the major beneficiaries. With the improved traffic management, they will be provided with reliable and climate-resilient drain. In addition to improved environmental conditions, the sub-project will reduce occurrence of air borne-related diseases and exposure to climate extremes. People would spend less on healthcare and lose fewer working days due to illness, so their economic status should also improve, as well as their overall health. Beyond reducing the water-borne and water-washed diseases, providing better access to improved municipal services confers many other diverse benefits ranging from the easily identifiable and quantifiable (costs avoided, time saved) to the more intangible and difficult to measure (convenience, well-being). One set of the benefits related to health impacts that are relatively easy to quantify, are the cost-offsets (costs avoided due to less illness). Cost savings in health care are mainly due to the reduced number of treatments of air borne diseases cases. In addition, patients will avoid costs incurred by seeking treatment, including expenditures on care, drugs and transport and the opportunity costs of time spent on seeking care. Another set of benefits related to less illness are the avoided days lost, with respect to formal or informal employment, other productive activities in the household or school attendance. These are considered a long-term cumulative benefit.

3. Induced Traffic and Vehicle Emissions

158. The project is likely to induce additional vehicle ownership and related emissions. This is inevitable with a road designed and maintenance to improve the economic situation of the region, and therefore its use is a measure of its success. Given the nature of the road, and lack of infrastructure development, the additional vehicle emissions induced by the project are not considered to be locally significant; however, they will contribute to global emissions.

C. Risk Assessment Methodology

a. Risk Assessment Matrix of Proposed Sub-project

159. This section identifies the potential impacts that the various elements of the proposed sub-project may have on aspects of the physical, biological, and socio-economic environment. The identification of the potential impacts will be considered for the three distinctive Project stages (pre-construction, construction and operation) as detailed in Section 3. The activities undertaken during each of these sub-project stages form the basis for potential impact identification and analysis.

160. Assessment of potential impacts requires a multi-disciplinary approach in which a wide range of issues are taken into consideration to identify and determine which potential sub-project impacts may be in-significant and therefore require the application of reasonable and effective management and/or mitigation. Most projects result in positive and negative potential impacts on the environment, society and economy, all of which are identified and assessed in this section.

161. Certain impacts identified in this section have the potential to be significant. The determination of whether a given potential impact is significant depends on several factors:

- The potential for on-site and off-site impacts;
- The potential for direct and indirect impacts;
- The frequency and duration of a potential impact;
- The geographic area affected by a potential impact
- The period of time affected by any potential impact;
- The sensitivity of the receiving environment; and
- The degree of confidence with which the potential impacts of the action/activity are known and understood.

162. Measures of potential impact significance as part of the sub-project planning and assessment phase presented in this IEE have been determined using a risk-based model. The risk-based model is a two-dimensional matrix of 'magnitude of impact' and 'likelihood'. Both are assigned score between 1 to 5 based on severity or probability and multiplied to obtain the 'risk band'.

163. The impacts identified including risk categorization and the specific mitigation measures proposed to address them have been consolidated into the risk matrixes for project and provided in Table 11.

Consequence scoring	5-Catastrophic 4-Major 3-Moderate 2-Medium 1-Minor
Likelihood	AC-Almost Certain P-Possible L-Likely R-Rare
Risk Categorization	E-Extreme H-High M-Medium L-Low

b. Risk Assessment of the Sub-Project

164. Based on the above discussion, a risk assessment matrix has been developed for this sub-project. This assessment will be using as a guideline to monitor the sub-project during implementation. Though some issues do not need to monitor but it is still included in the environmental management plan in later section of this report if required in any case.

Table 11: Risk Assessment Matrix of the Proposed sub-project

Sub-project Activity	Assessed Risk level	Mitigation & Monitoring required		Required Controls	Responsibility		Estimated cost
		Yes	No		Responsible Implementing institutes	Responsible supervising institutes	
1. Pre-construction Phase							
Obtaining of SCC/NOCs	NA	√	√	An ECC has already obtained from DoE. Safeguard team is addressing the other issues during project preparation	PIU/Contractor	PIU/MDSC	
Updating of EMP based on necessary	Medium	√		MDSC will be working on it up to project implementation	MDSC & Contractor	PIU/MDSC	
Existing Utilities	Low	√		Mitigation measures are already given in the EMP.	Contractor	PIU/MDSC	
Construction Camps, & Stock Yards	Medium	√		Mitigation measures are already given in the EMP	Contractor	PIU/MDSC	Included Budget cost of EMP
Sources of Materials		√		PIU & MDSC will be working together as per EMP.	Contractor	PIU	
EMP Implementation Training		√		Environmental Specialists along with training engineer will be arranging a training for PIU & Contractors	MDSC & Contractor	PIU/MDSC	Included Budget cost of EMP
2. Construction Phase							
Topography, Landforms, Geology	Low		√	Mitigation measures are already given in the EMP.	Contractor	PIU/MDSC	
Soil Quality	Low	√		Mitigation measures are already given in the EMP. Soil quality test is proposed for monitoring.	Contractor	PIU/MDSC	Included Budget cost of EMP
Surface/Waste Water Quality	Low	√		Mitigation measures are already given in the EMP. Water quality test is proposed for monitoring.	Contractor	PIU/MDSC	Included Budget cost of EMP
Groundwater Quality	Low	√		Mitigation measures are already given in the EMP. Water quality test is proposed for monitoring	Contractor	PIU/MDSC	Included Budget cost of EMP
Air quality	Medium	√		Mitigation measures are already given in the EMP. Air quality test is proposed for monitoring.	Contractor	PIU/MDSC	Included Budget cost of EMP
Noise & Vibration	Medium	√		Mitigation measures are already given in the EMP. Noise level measurement is proposed for monitoring.	Contractor	PIU/MDSC	Included Budget cost of EMP
Waste Pollution	Low	√		Mitigation measures are already given in the EMP.	Contractor	PIU/MDSC	

Sub-project Activity	Assessed Risk level	Mitigation & Monitoring required		Required Controls	Responsibility		Estimated cost
		Yes	No		Responsible Implementing institutes	Responsible supervising institutes	
				Waste management plan is provided.			
Aesthetics	Low		√	Mitigation measures are already given in the EMP	Contractor	PIU/MDSC	
Biodiversity	NA	√		Mitigation measures are already given in the EMP. Follow tree plantation programme as per EMP	Contractor	PIU/MDSC	
Traffic Congestion	Low	√		Mitigation measures are already given in the EMP. Traffic management plan is provided.	Contractor	PIU/MDSC	
Socio-economic status	NA		√	Environmental & Social Safeguard team is addressing this issue.	Contractor	PIU/MDSC	
Community Health and Safety		√		Mitigation measures are already given in the EMP.	Contractor	PIU/MDSC	Included Budget cost of EMP
COVID -19 issue	High	√		Mitigation measures are already given in the EMP. PS will be responsible to monitor.	Contractor	PIU/MDSC	Included Budget cost of EMP
Workers Health and Safety		√		Mitigation measures are already given in the EMP. Health safety manual is provided.			Included Budget cost of EMP
Post-construction Clean-up	NA	√		Mitigation measures are already given in the EMP.	Contractor	PIU	Included Budget cost of EMP
Submission of EMP Implementation Report	NA	√		MDSC will monitor and be responsible to ensure the collection of this report from contractor.	Contractor	PIU/MDSC	Included Budget cost of EMP
3.0 Operation Phase							
Air Quality	NA	√		Mitigation measures are already given in the EMP. PS will be responsible to monitor.	Pourashava	Pourashava	
Noise Level	NA	√		Mitigation measures are already given in the EMP. PS will be responsible to monitor.	Pourashava	Pourashava	
Surface/Waste Water Quality	NA	√		Mitigation measures are already given in the EMP. PS will be responsible to monitor.	Pourashava	Pourashava	
Waste Management	Medium	√		Mitigation measures are already given in the EMP. PS will be responsible to monitor.	Pourashava	Pourashava	
Road Accident	Low	√		Mitigation measures are already given in the EMP. PS will be responsible to monitor.	Pourashava	Pourashava	

NA-Not Applicable

VI. INFORMATION DISCLOSURE, CONSULTATION & PARTICIPATION

A. Purpose of Public Participation

165. The development and construction of any project will impact on the surrounding human and physical environment and will have beneficial or adverse effects. It is therefore essential that the community can fully understand the project, have the opportunity to express their views and to become directly involved in the project's overall decision-making process.

166. Public authority developers must take account of the community's views and include any useful suggestions to improve the sub-project. This may include suggestions to help further develop environmental protection measures thereby reducing environmental pollution, reducing the loss of environmental resources and improve the project's environmental and social benefits, thus helping achieve more sustainable development.

167. In accordance with the requirements of the ADB as defined in the SPS 2009, the "borrower will carry out meaningful consultation with affected people and other concerned stakeholders, including civil society, and facilitate their informed participation" The following activities have therefore been carried out in his project in accordance with the ADB requirements.

B. Consultation during Detailed Design Phase

168. The public participation process included (i) identifying interested and affected parties (stakeholders); (ii) informing and providing the stakeholders with sufficient background and technical information regarding the proposed development; (iii) creating opportunities and mechanisms whereby they can participate and raise their viewpoints (issues, comments, and concerns) with regard to the proposed development; (iv) giving the stakeholders feedback on process findings and recommendations; and (v) ensuring compliance to process requirements with regards to the environmental and related legislation.

169. MDS safeguard team conducted public consultations from 19 July 2022 to 25 July 2022. The objective of the meetings was to appraise the stakeholders about environmental and social impacts of the proposed sub-project and safeguards to mitigate the same. A questionnaire was designed and environmental information was collected. Key respondents included project-affected persons, who may suffer temporary access disruptions during construction activities from the sub-project area and daily commuters consulted randomly. Issues discussed and feedbacks received are given in Table 12. The list of participants along with details of date, time, and location is given in Appendix 6. The environmental concerns and suggestions made by the participants were listed, and discussed, and suggestions accordingly incorporated in the EMP. These include speedy construction works to ensure low impacts to community during road closures and local employment.

170. The Project has already organized consultation training program for all staff working in IUGIP, consultants and Pourashava staff on safeguard policies. The aim of the consultation programme was to inform all stakeholders about the importance of the safeguard policies and their implementation at the design construction and operation stage. Field consultations were conducted with local people. Consultations by the PIU supported by the RES and the PMU include the following:

- Focus-group discussions (FGDs) and Workshop with affected persons and other stakeholders (including women's groups, NGOs and CBOs) to hear their views and concerns, were conducted and concerns were addressed in sub-project design.
- Structured consultation meetings with the institutional stakeholders (government bodies and NGOs) to discuss and approve key aspects of the sub-project.

Table 12: Outcome of the Public Consultation

Sl. No.	Key Issues/Demands	Perception of Community	Action to be Taken
1	Awareness of the project including coverage area	Yes, they are aware of the project that will be improved.	No need to take action.
2	In what way they may associate with the sub-project	They will give all types of cooperation for implementation of the sub-project	More consultation before start of the sub-project.
3	Presence of any forest, wildlife or any sensitive/ unique environmental components nearby the project area	No such information available.	No need to take action.
4	Presence of historical/cultural/ Religious sites nearby	No such information available	No need to take action.
5	Unfavorable climatic condition	During the rainy season, the town become flooded if heavy rainfall occurs within short duration.	Design the drain adequately.
6	Occurrence of flood	The city often inundated due to heavy rainfall for short duration. No major flood occurred recently.	Design the drain adequately.
7	Drainage and sewerage problem facing	The town has proper master drains covering most portion of the city to carry waste water. Therefore, no major problem with water logging in normal condition.	Design the drain adequately.
8	Availability of labour during construction time	Yes, Local labour is available.	No need to take action.
9	Dust and noise pollution disturbances during construction work	Yes, they know the impact will be short-term & negligible.	EMP will be prepared to minimize the impact.
10	Setting up construction camp site within the villages/project locality	Yes, no construction camp is required for this sub-project.	No camp or storage site within locality
11	Safety of residents during construction phase and plying of vehicle for construction activities	Yes, they are aware of the safety issues	Awareness programs will be taken before start of the construction work.

a. Summary of Consultations Outcome

171. If any important road of any area in development everything of that area will develop very soon. It's helpful to all classes of people who live at that area. All the local community people of that area will able to go their business, school, college and hospital within shortest time. It is helpful for extension of business which may help to earn so many foreign currencies. By earning lot of foreign currency our economic problem eradicates very soon. Pregnant woman and any ill person can go to any hospital within a small time. The employers of any government or non-government institution and the workers of that institution can go their work place very soon. The farmers can go to nearest town with their agricultural production within

very short time and sale that product at high price. Police administration can take immediate action against any offender, such as Murderer, Eve-teaser, etc.



Consultation Meeting for roads at Ward No 01 of Ulipur Paurashava, Kurigram.



Focus Group Discussion (FGD) at Ward No 09 of Ulipur Paurashava, Kurigram.

Figure 9: Public Consultation at Ulipur Pourashava

C. Consultation during Construction Phase

172. Public meetings with affected communities to discuss and plan work programs and allow issues to be raised and addressed once construction has started. Smaller-scale meetings to discuss and plan construction work with individual communities to reduce disturbance and other impacts and provide a mechanism through which stakeholders can participate in sub-project monitoring and evaluation.

D. Sub-project Disclosure

173. For the benefit of the community, the summary of the IEE will be discussed with the local people prior to the construction and consultations during construction period for their information of the sub-project activities. It will be ensured that the hard copies of IEE are kept at places which are conveniently accessible to people, as a means to disclose the document and at the same time creating wider public awareness. An electronic version of the IEE will be placed in the official website of executing and implementing agencies and the ADB website after approval of the IEE by ADB. In addition to the above the below actions also could be taken as disclosure of the information.

- Public information campaigns (via newspaper, flyers, banners, and poster) to explain the sub-project to the wider city population and prepare them for disruption they may experience once the construction programme is underway;
- Public disclosure meetings at key sub-project stages to inform the public of progress, future plans and to provide copies of summary documents in local language;
- Formal disclosure of completed sub-project reports by making copies available at convenient locations in the study areas and informing the public of their availability, and
- Providing a mechanism through which comments can be made.

174. A project-specific grievance redress mechanism (GRM) will be established to receive, evaluate, and facilitate the resolution of AP's concerns, complaints, and grievances about the social and environmental performance at the level of the project. The GRM will aim to provide a time-bound and transparent mechanism to voice and resolve social and environmental concerns linked to the project.

VII. GRIEVANCE REDRESS MECHANISM

A. Common GRM

175. A common GRM will be in place for social, environmental, or any other grievances related to the project; the resettlement plans (RPs) and IEEs will follow the GRM described below, which is developed in consultation with key stakeholders. The GRM will provide an accessible and trusted platform for receiving and facilitating resolution of affected persons' grievances related to the project. The multi-tier GRM for the project is outlined below, each tier having time-bound schedules and with responsible persons identified to address grievances and seek appropriate persons' advice at each stage, as required.

176. Pourashava-wide public awareness campaigns will ensure that awareness on grievance redress procedures is generated through the campaign. The project implementation unit (PIU) and governance improvement and capacity development consultants (GICDC) will conduct Pourashava-wide awareness campaigns to ensure that poor and vulnerable households are made aware of grievance redress procedures and entitlements and will work with the PMU and management, design and supervision consultants (MDSC) to help ensure that their grievances are addressed.

177. Affected persons (APs) will have the flexibility of conveying grievances/suggestions by dropping grievance redress/suggestion forms in complaints/suggestion boxes that have already been installed by project Pourashavas or through telephone hotlines at accessible locations, by e-mail, by post, or by writing in a complaint register in Pourashava offices. Careful documentation of the name of the complainant, date of receipt of the complaint, address/contact details of the person, location of the problem area, and how the problem was resolved will be undertaken. The project management office (PMU) safeguard officer will have the overall responsibility for timely grievance redress on environmental and social safeguards issues and for registration of grievances, related disclosure, and communication with the aggrieved party through the PIU designated safeguard focal person.

B. General

178. The objective the grievance redress mechanism (GRM) is to resolve complaints as quickly as possible and at the local level through a process of conciliation; and, if that is not possible, to provide clear and transparent procedures for appeal. A well-defined grievance redress and resolution mechanism will be established to resolve grievances and complaints in a timely and satisfactory manner. All affected persons will be made fully aware of their rights, and the detailed grievance redress procedures will be publicized through an effective public information campaign.

C. Grievance Redress Process

179. In case of grievances that are immediate and urgent in the perception of the complainant, the contractor and MDSC on-site personnel will provide the most easily accessible or first level of contact for quick resolution of grievances. Contact phone numbers and names of the concerned PIU safeguard focal person and contractors; will be posted at all construction sites at visible locations.

a. 1st Level Grievance

180. The phone number of the PIU office should be made available at the construction site signboards. The contractors and PIU safeguard focal person can immediately resolve on-site in consultation with each other, and will be required to do so within 7 days of receipt of a complaint/grievance.

b. 2nd Level Grievance

181. All grievances that cannot be redressed within 7 days at field/ward level will be reviewed by the grievance redress cell (GRC) headed by Panel Mayor of the Pourashava with

support from PIU designated safeguard focal person and MDSC regional environment and resettlement specialists. GRC will attempt to resolve them within 15 days. The PIU designated safeguard focal person will be responsible to see through the process of redress of each grievance.

c. 3rd Level Grievance

182. The PIU designated safeguard focal person will refer any unresolved or major issues to the PMU safeguard officer and MDSC Senior environmental and resettlement specialists. The PMU in consultation with these officers/specialists will resolve them within 30 days.

183. Despite the project GRM, an aggrieved person shall have access to the country's legal system at any stage and accessing the country's legal system can run parallel to accessing the GRM and is not dependent on the negative outcome of the GRM.

184. In the event that the established GRM is not in a position to resolve the issue, the affected person also can use the ADB Accountability Mechanism (AM) through directly contacting (in writing) the Complaint Receiving Officer (CRO) at ADB headquarters or the ADB Bangladesh Resident Mission (BRM). The complaint can be submitted in any of the official languages of ADB's DMCs. The ADB Accountability Mechanism information will be included in the PIU to be distributed to the affected communities, as part of the project GRM.

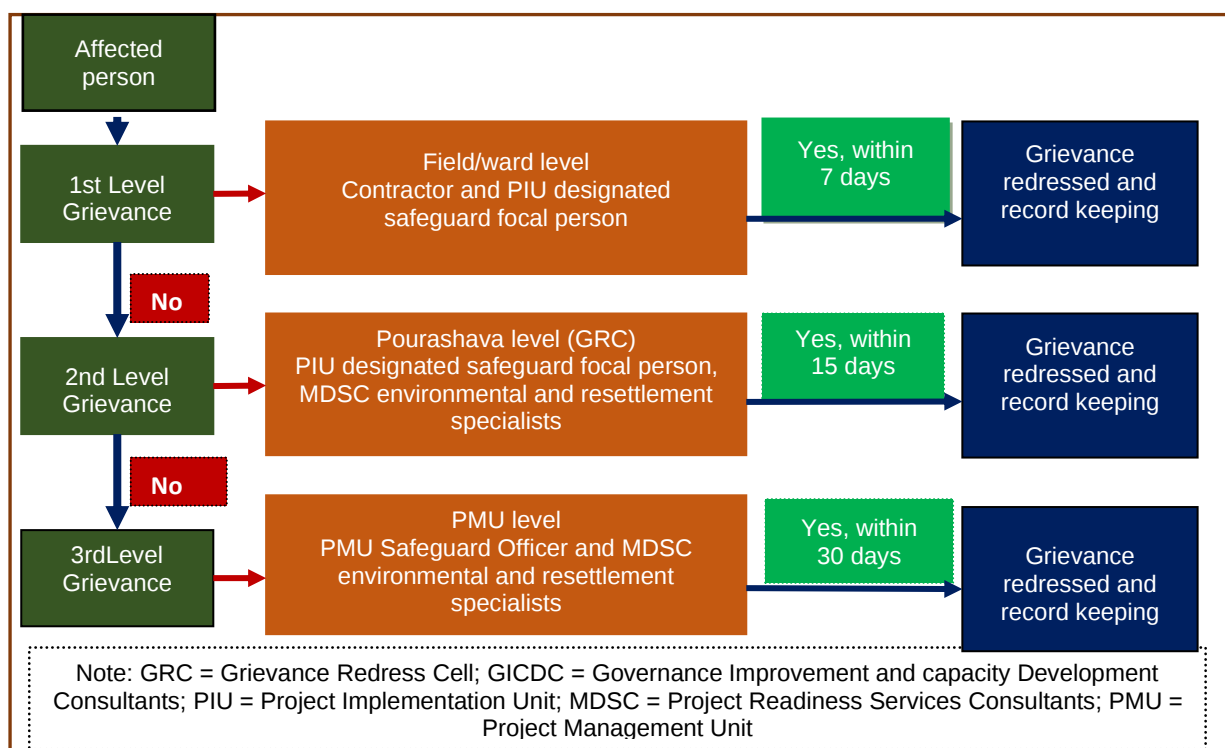


Figure 10: Project Grievance Redress Mechanism

D. Recordkeeping

185. Records of all grievances received, including contact details of complainant, date the complaint was received, nature of grievance, agreed corrective actions, and the date these were affected and outcome will be kept by PIU. The number of grievances recorded and resolved and the outcomes will be displayed/disclosed in the PMU office, Pourashava office, and on the web, as well as reported in monitoring reports submitted to ADB on a semi-annual basis.

E. Periodic Review

186. The PMU safeguard officer will periodically review the functioning of the GRM in each Pourashava and record information on the effectiveness of the mechanism, especially on the project's ability to prevent and address grievances.

F. Costs

187. All costs involved in resolving the complaints (meetings, consultations, communication, & information dissemination) will be borne by the concerned PIU at Pourashava-level; while costs related to escalated grievances will be met by PMU. Cost estimates for grievance redress related to both for social and environmental issues are included in resettlement cost estimates.

VIII. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

A. Objectives of the EMP

188. The purpose of the environmental management plan (EMP) is to ensure that the activities are undertaken in a responsible, non-detrimental manner with the objectives of: (i) providing a proactive, feasible, and practical working tool to enable the measurement and monitoring of environmental performance on-site; (ii) guiding and controlling the implementation of findings and recommendations of the environmental assessment conducted for the project; (iii) detailing specific actions deemed necessary to assist in mitigating the environmental impact of the sub-project; and (iv) ensuring that safety recommendations are complied with.

189. A copy of the EMP must be kept on work sites at all times. This EMP is included in the bid documents and will be further reviewed and updated during implementation. The EMP will be made binding on all contractors operating on the site and will be included in the contractual clauses. Non-compliance with, or any deviation from, the conditions set out in this document constitutes a failure in compliance.

190. For civil works, the contractor will be required to (i) establish an operational system for managing environmental impacts (ii) carry out all of the monitoring and mitigation measures set forth in the EMP; and (iii) implement any corrective or preventative actions set out in safeguards monitoring reports that the employer will prepare from time to time to monitor implementation of this IEE and EMP. The contractor shall allocate a budget for compliance with these EMP measures, requirements and actions.

B. EMP – Mitigation Measures

191. Mitigation measures for each of the impacts listed in the Table 13 in accordance with the chapter 5. Responsible institutions/departments for the implementation and supervision of each of the environmental issues have also been illustrated. Mitigation measures have been suggested based on the knowledge of the Environmental Specialist, suggestions of the stakeholders collected during public consultation, and opinions from other relevant specialists.

192. The mitigation measures will be considered successful when comply with the Environmental Quality Standards (EQS), policies, legal requirements set by DoE and other relevant GoB organizations. In absence of DoE's own EQS, other relevant international or other recognized organization's quality standard will have to be followed.

Table 13: Environmental Management Plan – Mitigative Measures

Ref. No.	Issues & Impacts	Mitigation Measures	Responsible for	
			Implementation	Supervision
1.0 Pre-construction Phase				
1.1	Obtaining of SCC/NOCs Failure to obtain necessary consents, permits, NOC's can result in design revisions and/or stoppage of the Works.	▪ The proposed road will be constructed in Pourashava own land and existing road networks, that's why all necessary consents, permits, clearance, etc. not required to be obtain before start of civil works (ensured from DDR report). ▪ DoE will issue the ECC upon approval of the IEE/EIA study (including associated EMP). The ECC allows project construction to commence, and contains specific approvals requirements for matters such as pollution control and environmental monitoring. ▪ Note; The DoE has issued a letter for Improving Urban Governance and Infrastructure Program (IUGIP).	PIU/Contactor	MDSC
1.2	Updating of EMP based on necessary Specific impacts will be identified as per design updating and construction works	▪ Update IEE and EMP as per necessary of detail design and construction works ▪ Ensure updated EMP is provided to contractors	PMU/ MDSC	MDSC
1.3	Existing Utilities Disruption of services (short term).	▪ Drawing from the consultant's visit, there was no utility or services found. Therefore, disruption in services is not expected. ▪ There is no vegetation alongside the existing Right Off Ways and proposed site. In addition, there is no water body nearby. No impact is expected on flora and fauna. ▪ Require construction contractors to prepare a contingency plan to include actions to be done in case of unintentional interruption of services. ▪ Existing infrastructure (such as water distribution pipes, electric pole, and shop/boundary wall etc.) shall be relocated before construction starts at the sub-project sites. ▪ Prior permission shall be obtained from respective local authority for use of water for construction. Use of water for construction works shall not disturb local water users. ▪ If construction work is expected to disrupt users of community water bodies, notice to the affected community shall be served 7 days in advance and again 1 day prior to start of construction.	Contractor	MDSC/PIU
1.4	Construction Camps, & Stock Yards Disruption to traffic flow and sensitive receptors, Water body and agricultural land may be disturbed	▪ Determine locations prior to award of construction contracts. ▪ Avoid nearby water body, educational institutes and agricultural land	Contactor	MDSC/PIU
1.5	Sources of Materials Extraction of materials can disrupt natural land contours Air pollution and vegetation resulting in accelerated erosion, disturbance in natural	▪ Prepare list of approved quarry sites and sources of materials ▪ Select authorized supplier	Contactor	MDSC/PIU

Ref. No.	Issues & Impacts	Mitigation Measures	Responsible for	
			Implementation	Supervision
	drainage patterns, ponding and water logging, and water pollution.			
1.6	EMP Implementation Training Irreversible impact to the environment, contractor representative/workers, Pourashava officials	Training will be required to undergo EMP implementation including waste management, Standard operating procedures (SOP) for construction works; health and safety (H&S), core labor laws, applicable environmental laws, etc	Contractor	PMU/PIU
2.0 Construction Phase				
2.1	Topography, Landforms, Geology Significant amount of gravel, sand, bitumen and cement will be required for this sub-project. Extraction of construction materials may cause localized changes in topography and landforms. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.	- Utilize readily available sources of materials. If contractor procures materials from existing borrow pits and quarries, ensure these conform to all relevant regulatory requirements. - Borrow areas and quarries (If these are being opened up exclusively for the sub-project) must comply with environmental requirements, as applicable. No activity will be allowed until formal agreement is signed between PIU, landowner and contractor.	Contractor	MDSC/PIU
2.2	Soil Quality - Leakages of oil and chemical materials from construction activity - Inappropriate disposal of waste - Exhaust gas and dust from vehicles	- Storage of oil and chemical materials in an appropriate storage site and method to prevent permeation into the ground. - Prohibit illegal dumping - Soil quality monitoring	Contractor	MDSC/PIU
2.3	Surface/Waste Water Quality Trenching and excavation, run-off from stockpiled materials, and contamination from fuels and lubricants may result to silt-laden runoff during rainfall which may cause reduction in the quality of adjacent bodies of water. Surface water pollution is expected but minor negative and short term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.	- Prepare and implement a waste management plan (see Appendix 1 for outline). - Prioritize re-use of excess waste and materials in construction activities. If waste will be disposed, consult with Ulipur local authority on designated disposal areas. - All earthworks must be conducted during dry season to the maximum extent possible to avoid the difficult working conditions that prevail during monsoon season such as problems from runoff. - Water quality will be tested pre-during-post construction by contractor. - Location for stockyards for construction materials shall be identified far away from watercourses. - Place storage areas for fuels and lubricants away from any drainage leading to water bodies. - Take precautions to minimize the wastage of water in the construction activities. - Take all precautions to prevent entering of wastewater into nearby watercourses. Install temporary silt traps or sedimentation basins along the drainage leading to the water bodies.	Contractor	MDSC/PIU

Ref. No.	Issues & Impacts	Mitigation Measures	Responsible for	
			Implementation	Supervision
		- Ensure diverting storm water flow during construction shall not lead to inundation and other nuisances in low lying areas. - Ensure no construction materials like earth, stone, or appendage are disposed of in a manner that may block the flow of water		
2.4	Groundwater Quality The potential exists for drinking water sources to be contaminated by the seepage of wastes from workers camps through the soil profile into the GW aquifer (particularly if wells access the shallow aquifer).	- Workforce camps will be located away from water resources. All practical measures such as provision of septic tanks, garbage bags, and other sanitation facilities will be implemented at the construction camps to prevent the wastewater and solid wastes from entering well and groundwater recharge areas. - Wells used for drinking will be tested quarterly to ensure portability.	Contractor	MDSC/PIU
2.5	Air quality Conducting works at dry season and moving large quantity of materials may create dusts and increase in concentration of vehicle-related pollutants (such as carbon monoxide, sulphur oxides, particulate matter, nitrous oxides, and hydrocarbons) which will affect people who live and work near the sites. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.	- Water spraying to control dust as per necessary; - Use tarpaulins to cover soils, sand and other loose material when transported by trucks. - Unpaved surfaces used for haulage of materials within settlements shall be maintained dust-free. - Arrangements to control dust through provision of windscreens, water sprinklers. - Air quality will be tested pre-during-post construction by contractor	Contractor	MDSC/PIU
2.6	Noise & Vibration Temporary increase in noise level and vibrations may be caused by excavation equipment, transportation of equipment, construction materials and construction activity. However, the proposed sub-project will be existing location and impact is short-term, site-specific and within a relatively small area. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.	- Involve the community in planning the work program so that any particularly noisy or otherwise invasive activities can be scheduled to avoid sensitive times. - Plan activities in consultation with Ulipur local authority so that activities with the greatest potential to generate noise are conducted during periods of the day which will result in least disturbance. - Use of high noise generating equipment shall be avoided. - Horns should not be used unless it is necessary to warn other road users or animals of the vehicle's approach; - Utilize modern vehicles and machinery with the requisite adaptations to limit noise and exhaust emissions, - All vehicles and equipment used in construction shall be fitted with exhaust silencers. Use silent-type generators (if required). - Monitor noise levels. Maintain maximum sound levels not exceeding 85 decibels (dBA) when measured at a distance of 10 m or more from the vehicle/s.	Contractor	MDSC/PIU

Ref. No.	Issues & Impacts	Mitigation Measures	Responsible for	
			Implementation	Supervision
		- If it is not practicable to reduce noise levels to or below noise exposure limits, the contractor must post warning signs in the noise hazard areas. Workers in a posted noise hazard area must wear hearing protection. - Identify any buildings at risk from vibration damage and avoiding any use of pneumatic drills or heavy vehicles in the vicinity. Complete work in these areas quickly. - Noise level will be tested pre-during-post construction by contractor		
2.7	Waste Pollution - Construction waste from construction work - Domestic waste from workers - Hazardous waste	- Follow the 'Waste Management Plan' in Appendix 1. - Conduct separate waste collection and promote recycling and reuse. - Appropriate disposal of non-recyclable waste according to rules - Hazardous waste should be treated under the related regulation	Contractor	MDSC/PIU
2.8	Aesthetics The construction activities do not anticipate any cutting of trees but will produce excess excavated earth (spoils), excess construction materials, and solid waste such as removed concrete, wood, packaging materials, empty containers, spoils, oils, lubricants, and other similar items. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.	- Follow the waste management plan properly (Appendix 1) - Remove all construction and demolition wastes on a daily basis. - Coordinate with Ulipur local authority for beneficial uses of excess excavated soils or immediately dispose to designated areas Avoid stockpiling of any excess spoils - Suitably dispose of collected materials from construction site, unutilized materials and debris either through filling up of pits/wasteland or at pre-designated disposal locations. - No construction materials like earth, stone, rod, polythene, paper, wood and concrete are kept in the sub-project area that may block the flow of water of existing drains. - Clean the construction side road/drain regularly. - All vehicles delivering fine materials to the site and carrying waste debris for disposal shall be covered to avoid spillage of materials. All existing roads used by vehicles of the contractor, shall be kept clear of all dust/mud or other extraneous materials dropped by such vehicles. - Lighting on construction sites at night. - In areas where the visual environment is particularly important or privacy concerns for surrounding buildings exist, the site may require screening. This could be in the form of shade cloth, temporary walls, or other suitable materials prior to the beginning of construction. - The site must be kept clean to minimize the visual impact of the site.	Contractor	MDSC/PIU
2.9	Biodiversity Activities being located in the built-up area of Ulipur Pourashava. There are no protected areas in or around existing sub-project sites, and no known areas of ecological interest. There are no trees at the site that need to be removed.	- No trees, shrubs, or groundcover may be removed or vegetation stripped without the prior permission of the environment specialist. - If during construction period cutting of trees will be required, compensatory plantation for trees lost at a rate of 2 trees for every tree cut, in addition 750 tree plantation along Road-R-03, Road-R-05, Road-R-11 and Road-R-14 as specified in EMP cost, will be implemented after discussion with PIU by the contractor, who will also maintain the saplings for the duration of his contract.	Contractor	MDSC/PIU

Ref. No.	Issues & Impacts	Mitigation Measures	Responsible for	
			Implementation	Supervision
		- All efforts shall be made to preserve trees by evaluation of minor design adjustments/ alternatives (as applicable) to save trees. - Special attention shall be given for protecting giant trees and locally-important trees (with religious importance) during implementation. - Prevent workers or any other person from removing and damaging any flora (plant/vegetation) and fauna (animal) including fishing in any water body in the subproject vicinity. - Prohibit employees from poaching wildlife and cutting of trees for firewood. - Plantation of 700 trees along the road No UP-R-004, UP-R-009, UP-R-012, UP-R-015 and UP-R-017.		
2.10	Traffic Congestion Hauling of construction materials and operation of equipment on-site can cause traffic problems. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.	- Plan transportation routes so that heavy vehicles do not use narrow local roads, except in the immediate vicinity of delivery sites. - Maintain safe passage for vehicles and pedestrians throughout the construction period. - Schedule truck deliveries of construction materials during periods of low traffic volume. - Erect and maintain barricades, including signs, markings, flags and flagmen informing diversions and alternative routes when required. - Notify affected sensitive receptors by providing sign boards informing nature and duration of construction activities and contact numbers for concerns/complaints. - Provide walkways and metal sheets where required to maintain access across for people and vehicles. - Increase workforce in front of critical areas such as institutions, place of worship, business establishment, hospitals, and schools. - Consult businesses and institutions regarding operating hours and factoring this in work schedules. Ensure there is provision of alternate access to businesses and institutions during construction activities, - Ensure any damage to properties and utilities will be restored or compensated to pre-work conditions.	Contractor	MDSC/PIU
2.11	Socio-economic status Sub-project components will be located in Pourashava land and there is no requirement for land acquisition or any resettlements. Manpower will be required during the construction stage. This can result to generation of contractual employment and increase in local revenue. Thus, potential impact is positive and long-term.	- Employ at least 50% of labor force from communities in the vicinity of the site. This will have the added benefit of avoiding social problems that sometimes occur when workers are imported into host communities, and avoiding environmental and social problems from workers housed in poorly serviced camp accommodation. - Secure construction materials from local market. - To ensure engage women employee as per gender action plan	Contractor	MDSC/PIU
2.12	Community Health and Safety	Provide safety signage at construction sites visible to public	Contractor	MDSC/PIU

Ref. No.	Issues & Impacts	Mitigation Measures	Responsible for	
			Implementation	Supervision
	Construction works will impede the access of residents and businesses in limited cases. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures. Poor safety signage and lack of barriers at work site and trenches will create hazard to pedestrians and children.	- Provide safety barriers near any trenches, and cover trenches with planks during non-work hours. - Contractor's activities and movement of staff will be restricted to designated construction areas. - Consult with Ulipur local authority on the designated areas for stockpiling of, soils, gravel, and other construction materials. - If the contractor chooses to locate the work camp/storage area on private land, he must get prior permission from the environment specialist and Pourashava. - Recycling and the provision of separate waste receptacles for different types of waste shall be encouraged. - A general regard for the social and ecological well-being of the site and adjacent areas is expected of the site staff. Workers need to be made aware of the following general rules: (i) no alcohol/drugs on site; (ii) prevent excessive noise; (iii) construction staff are to make use of the facilities provided for them, as opposed to ad hoc alternatives (e.g. fires for cooking, the use of surrounding bushes as a toilet facility); (iv) no fires permitted on site except if needed for the construction works; (v) trespassing on private/commercial properties adjoining the site is forbidden; (vi) other than pre-approved security staff, no workers shall be permitted to live on the construction site; and (vii) no worker may be forced to do work that is potentially dangerous or that he/she is not trained to do. - Interested and affected parties need to be made aware of the existence of the complaints book and the methods of communication available to them. The contractor must address queries and complaints by: (i) documenting details of such communications; (ii) submitting these for inclusion in complaints register; (iii) bringing issues to the Sr./regional environmental specialist's attention immediately; and (iv) taking remedial action as per Sr./regional environment specialist's instruction. - The contractor shall immediately take the necessary remedial action on any complaint/grievance received by him and forward the details of the grievance along with the action taken to the national/regional environmental specialist within 48 hours of receipt of such complaint/grievance.		
2.13	Workers Health and Safety There is invariably a safety risk when construction works such as excavation, sand filling, carrying of mixture materials, Shuttering, steel/wood work and earthmoving are conducted in urban areas. Workers need to be mindful of the occupational hazards which can arise from working in height and	- Comply with requirements of Government of Bangladesh Labor Law of 2006 & 2015 and all applicable laws and standards on workers H&S. - Ensure that all site personnel have a basic level of environmental awareness training. If necessary, the environmental management specialist and/or a translator shall be called to the sites to further explain aspects of environmental or social behaviour that are unclear. - Produce and implement a site health and safety (H&S) plan which include measures as: (i) excluding the public from worksites; (ii) ensuring all workers are provided with and required to use personal protective equipment (reflectorized vests, footwear, gloves, goggles and masks) at	Contractor	MDSC/PIU

Ref. No.	Issues & Impacts	Mitigation Measures	Responsible for	
			Implementation	Supervision
	excavation works. Potential impacts are negative and major but reversible by mitigation measures.	- working times; (iii) providing (H&S) training for construction site personnel; (iv) documenting procedures to be followed for all site activities; and (v) maintaining accident reports and records. ▪ Arrange for readily available first aid unit including an adequate supply of sterilized dressing materials and appliances ▪ Maintain necessary living accommodation and ancillary facilities in functional and hygienic manner in work camps. Ensure (i) uncontaminated water for drinking, cooking and washing, (ii) clean eating areas where workers are not exposed to hazardous or noxious substances; (iii) providing fire extinguisher at construction site and (iv) sanitation facilities are available at all times. ▪ Provide medical insurance coverage for workers; ▪ Provide H&S orientation training to all workers to ensure that they are apprised of the basic site rules of work at the site, PPE, and preventing injuring to fellow workers; ▪ Ensure the visibility of workers through their use of high visibility vests when working in or walking through heavy equipment operating areas; ▪ Disallow worker exposure to noise level greater than 85 dBA for duration of more than 8 hours per day without hearing protection. The use of hearing protection shall be enforced actively.		
2.14	Post-construction Clean-up Damage due to debris, spoils, excess construction materials	▪ Remove all spoils wreckage, rubbish, or temporary structures (such as buildings, shelters, and latrines) which are no longer required; and. ▪ All disrupted utilities restored ▪ All affected structures rehabilitated/ compensated ▪ The construction camp is to be checked for spills of substances such as used container/water bottles, paint, etc. and these shall be cleaned up. ▪ All hardened surfaces within the construction camp area shall be ripped, all imported materials removed, and the area shall be top soiled and regressed using the guidelines set out in the re-vegetation specification that forms part of this document. ▪ The contractor must arrange the cancellation of all temporary services. ▪ Request PMU/PIU to report in writing that worksites and camps have been vacated and restored to pre-project conditions before acceptance of work.	Contractor	MDSC/PIU
2.15	Submission of EMP Implementation Report Unsatisfactory compliance to EMP	▪ Appointment of supervisor/Manager to ensure EMP implementation ▪ Timely submission of Progress report/environmental monitoring reports including pictures	Contractor	MDSC/PIU
3.0 Operation Phase				
3.1	Air Quality ▪ Exhaust gas from vehicles used for mobilization of equipment and workers ▪ Dust from road and drain	▪ Provisions of Pourashava budget for operation & maintenance of the road; ▪ Awareness raising camps and demonstration including the transport owners and drivers; ▪ Watering the roads during dry season; ▪ Periodic monitoring;	Pourashava	Pourashava

Ref. No.	Issues & Impacts	Mitigation Measures	Responsible for	
			Implementation	Supervision
3.2	Noise Level ▪ Noise caused by vehicles moving along the road carrying passengers and goods.	▪ Provisions of Pourashava budget for operation & maintenance; ▪ Awareness raising camps and demonstration including the transport owners and drivers; ▪ Prohibit the use of hydraulic horns; ▪ Use of signs at sensitive locations; ▪ Periodic monitoring;	Pourashava	Pourashava
3.3	Surface/Waste Water Quality ▪ Surface water runoff to nearby lands ▪ Ponds along the road ▪ Waste water to the khal	▪ Provisions of Pourashava budget for operation & maintenance of drains; ▪ Water quality test from the drain outfall once in a year take mitigation measures accordingly. ▪ If the water quality of the river will be deteriorated then check the drains within the sub-project at first and others drain accordingly. ▪ Awareness raising camps and demonstration including the house owners; ▪ Cleaning the drains regularly; ▪ Prohibit the illegal connections to the drains; ▪ Periodic monitoring;	Pourashava	Pourashava
3.4	Waste Management Clogging of drains.	▪ Provisions of Pourashava budget for operation & maintenance of drains; ▪ Awareness raising camps and demonstration including the house owners; ▪ Do not throw plastic materials in to the drains; ▪ Remove the waste materials from drain side within the shortest time; ▪ Periodic monitoring;	Pourashava	Pourashava
3.5	Road Accident Increase of road accident due to additional traffics	▪ Provide road safety signs and speed bumps/speed breaker at the densely populated/accident prone area such as school, college, commercial area etc. ▪ Provide training to community people to aware about road safety	Pourashava	Pourashava

C. Environmental Monitoring Plan

193. The monitoring plan is one of the important tools of the implementing the mitigation plan for the proposed road sub-project. The Monitoring plan provides guidance regarding environmental issues/parameters, location, frequency and means of monitoring.

194. The aim of environmental monitoring during the pre-construction, construction and operation phases of the sub-project road/drain is to compare the monitored data against the baseline condition collected during the study period (particularly during the detailed design stage) to assess the effectiveness of the mitigation measures and the protection of environmental components (e.g., air, water, soil, noise etc.) based on the national environmental standards (e.g., ECR 2023). Since the project is likely to have impact on various components of the environment, a comprehensive monitoring plan covering soil erosion, drainage congestion, tree plantation, air quality, water quality, noise, wildlife movement, workers' and community health and safety and so on need to be developed.

195. An Environmental Monitoring Plan (EMoP) has been prepared (Table 14) along with this IEE for the execution as a means to mitigate or minimize the adverse impacts associated with construction and operational activities of the project on the natural and social environments.

a. Objectives

196. The objective of environmental monitoring during the construction and operation phases is to compare the monitored data against the baseline condition collected during the study period to assess the effectiveness of the mitigation measures and the protection of the ambient environment based on national standards. The main objectives of the pre-construction, construction and operation phase monitoring plans will be to:

- i. Monitor the actual impact of the works on physical, biological and socioeconomic receptors within the project corridor for indicating the adequacy of the IEE;
- ii. Recommend mitigation measures for any unexpected impact or where the impact level exceeds that anticipated in the IEE;
- iii. Ensure compliance with legal and community obligations including safety on construction sites;
- iv. Monitor the rehabilitation of borrow areas and the restoration of construction campsites as described in the EMP;
- v. Ensure the safe disposal of excess construction materials.
- vi. Appraise the adequacy of the IEE with respect to the project's predicted long-term impacts on the corridor's physical, biological and socio-economic environment;
- vii. Evaluate the effectiveness of the mitigation measures proposed in the EMP and recommend improvements, if and when necessary;
- viii. Compile periodic accident data to support analyses that will help minimize future risks; and
- ix. Monitor the survival rate of avenue plantations.

Table 14: Environmental Management Plan - Monitoring Actions

Ref. No.	Environmental Issues	Significant Impact	Purpose of the Monitoring	Monitoring Method			Responsibility	
				Method of Collecting and Reporting Data	Location	Duration and Frequency	Implementation	Supervision
1.0 Pre-construction Phase								
1.1	Obtaining of SCC/NOCs	Failure to obtain necessary consents, permits, NOC's can result in design revisions and/or stoppage of the Works.	Compliance to GoB and ADB policies	Obtaining certificates	Pourashava	Prior to contractor mobilization	PMU/PIU	PMU/MDSC
1.2	Updating of EMP	Specific impacts will be identified as per design updating and construction works	Ensuring the compliance with construction schedule	Preparation of report	PMU	During the pre-construction period	MDSC	PMU
1.3	Existing Utilities	Disruption of services (short term).	Implementation of EMP	Obtain record of implantation	In the work site	Prior to contractor mobilization	Contractor	PIU/MDSC
1.4	Construction Camps, & Stock Yards	Disruption to traffic flow and sensitive receptors Water body and agricultural land may be disturbed	Implementation of EMP	Obtaining approval from MDSC/PIU	In the work site	Prior to contractor mobilization	Contractor	PIU/MDSC
1.5	Sources of Materials	Extraction of materials can disrupt natural land contours and vegetation resulting in accelerated erosion, disturbance in natural drainage patterns, ponding and water logging, and water pollution.	Compliance with GoB laws and Implementation of EMP	Obtaining approval from MDSC/PIU	Pourashava	During the pre-construction period	Contractor	PIU/MDSC
1.6	EMP Implementation Training	Irreversible impact to the environment, contactor representative/workers, Pourashava officials	Implementation of EMP	Obtain record of training	PMU/PIU	Prior to contractor mobilization	MDSC	PMU
2.0 Construction Phase								
2.1	Topography, Landforms, Geology	Significant amount of gravel, sand, rod, and cement will be required for this sub-project. Extraction of construction materials may cause localized changes in topography and landforms. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.	▪ Restoration of changes due to construction activities ▪ Visual amenity	▪ Visual inspection & consultation with local people	▪ In the work site	During construction period	Contractor	MDSC/PIU

Ref. No.	Environmental Issues	Significant Impact	Purpose of the Monitoring	Monitoring Method			Responsibility	
				Method of Collecting and Reporting Data	Location	Duration and Frequency	Implementation	Supervision
2.2	Soil Quality	Significant amount of soil will be required for this sub-project. Extraction of construction materials may cause localized changes in topography and landforms. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.	- Restoration of changes due to construction activities - Visual amenity	- Soil quality test report - Parameters for testing are Organic Matter, Zn, Sulphur, Lead and Nitrate	- Road sub-project - Road-UP-R-03	- During construction period Once during construction	Contractor	MDSC/PIU
2.3	Surface/Waste water Quality	Trenching and excavation, run-off from stockpiled materials, and contamination from fuels and lubricants may result to silt-laden runoff during rainfall which may cause reduction in the quality of adjacent bodies of water. Surface water pollution is expected but minor negative and short term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.	Evaluation of effect of the mitigation measure towards water pollution	- Visual inspection & consultation with local people - Water quality test report - Surface/Waste water parameters: pH, Temperature, ORP, DO, Phosphate, Alkalinity, Sulphate, Fe, EC, TDS, TSS, Nitrate, COD, and BOD	- In the work site - Nearby ponds/canal	Once during pre-construction - Twice during construction period	Contractor	MDSC/PIU
2.4	Groundwater Quality	The potential exists for drinking water sources to be contaminated by the seepage of wastes from workers camps through the soil profile into the GW aquifer (particularly if wells access the shallow aquifer).	Evaluation of effect of the mitigation measure towards water pollution	- Record of water borne diseases - Water quality test report - Groundwater parameters: pH, DO, Lead, Fe, EC, TDS, Nitrate, As, TC, FC, Cl, Ca, and Manganese	Groundwater from construction camp	Once during pre-construction - Twice during construction period	Contractor	MDSC/PIU

Ref. No.	Environmental Issues	Significant Impact	Purpose of the Monitoring	Monitoring Method			Responsibility	
				Method of Collecting and Reporting Data	Location	Duration and Frequency	Implementation	Supervision
2.5	Air quality	Conducting works at dry season and moving large quantity of materials may create dusts and increase in concentration of vehicle-related pollutants (such as carbon monoxide, sulphur oxides, particulate matter, nitrous oxides, and hydrocarbons) which will affect people who live and work near the sites. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.	Evaluation of effect of the mitigation measure towards air pollution	- Visual inspection & consultation with local people - Air quality test report - Parameters are PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, SO_x, NO_x, and CO	- In the work site - Road-UP-R-05	Once during pre-construction - Twice during construction period	Contractor	MDSC/PIU
2.6	Noise & Vibration	Temporary increase in noise level and vibrations may be caused by excavation equipment, transportation of equipment, construction materials and construction activity. However, the proposed sub-project will be existing location and impact is short-term, site-specific and within a relatively small area. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.	Evaluation of effect of the mitigation measure towards noise pollution	- Visual inspection & consultation with local people - Noise level test report - LAeq (Day & Night)	- In the work site - Road-UP-R-03	- Once during pre-construction - Twice during construction period	Contractor	MDSC/PIU
2.7	Waste Pollution	- Construction waste from construction work - Domestic waste from workers - Hazardous waste	Evaluation of effect of the mitigation measure for waste	Record of kinds and quantity of waste, and the disposal method	- Along the roads - Workers camp	During construction period	Contractor	MDSC/PIU
2.8	Aesthetics	The construction activities do not anticipate any cutting of trees but will produce excess excavated earth (spoils), excess construction materials, and solid waste such as removed concrete, wood, packaging materials, empty containers,	Evaluation of effect of the mitigation measure	Visual inspection & consultation with local people	In the work site	During construction period	Contractor	MDSC/PIU

Ref. No.	Environmental Issues	Significant Impact	Purpose of the Monitoring	Monitoring Method			Responsibility	
				Method of Collecting and Reporting Data	Location	Duration and Frequency	Implementation	Supervision
		spoils, oils, lubricants, and other similar items. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.						
2.9	Biodiversity	Activities being located in the built-up area of Ulipur Pourashava. There are no protected areas in or around existing sub-project sites, and no known areas of ecological interest. There are no trees at the site that need to be removed.	750 tree plantations along Road-R-03, Road-R-05, Road-R-11 and Road-R-14 - Confirm that this planting plan is following during the construction period. - Also confirm that grass turving and drainage system instalment is preventing surface runoff and erosion.	- Visual inspection - Record of plant survival percentage	In the work site and nearby homestead vegetation	During construction period	Contractor	MDSC/PIU
2.10	Traffic Congestion	Hauling of construction materials and operation of equipment on-site can cause traffic problems. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures.	Evaluation of effect of construction schedule	- Visual inspection & consultation with local people - Record of accidents - Record of numbers construction vehicles	In the work site	During construction period	Contractor	MDSC/PIU
2.11	Socio-economic status	Sub-project components will be located in Pourashava land and there is no requirement for land acquisition or any resettlements. Manpower will be required	Evaluation of effect of construction schedule	Consultation with local people	In the project area	During construction period	Contractor	MDSC/PIU

Ref. No.	Environmental Issues	Significant Impact	Purpose of the Monitoring	Monitoring Method			Responsibility	
				Method of Collecting and Reporting Data	Location	Duration and Frequency	Implementation	Supervision
		during the construction stage. This can result to generation of contractual employment and increase in local revenue. Thus, potential impact is positive and long-term.						
2.12	Community health and safety	Construction works will impede the access of residents and businesses in limited cases. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible by mitigation measures. Poor safety signage and lack of barriers at work site and trenches will create hazard to pedestrians and children.	Evaluation of effect of the work safety plan	- Visual inspection & consultation with local people - Record of accidents	In the project area	During construction period	Contractor	MDSC/PIU
2.13	Worker's health and safety	There is invariably a safety risk when construction works such as excavation, sand filling, carrying of mixture materials, Shuttering, steel/wood work and earthmoving are conducted in urban areas. Workers need to be mindful of the occupational hazards which can arise from working in height and excavation works. Potential impacts are negative and major but reversible by mitigation measures.	Evaluation of effect of the work safety plan	- Visual inspection & consultation with worker - Record of accidents	In the work site	During construction period	Contractor	MDSC/PIU
2.14	Post-construction clean-up	Damage due to debris, spoils, excess construction materials	Evaluation the implementation of EMP	- Visual inspection & consultation with local people - Reporting	In the work site	At the end of construction period along with the EMP implementation report	Contractor	MDSC/PIU

Ref. No.	Environmental Issues	Significant Impact	Purpose of the Monitoring	Monitoring Method			Responsibility	
				Method of Collecting and Reporting Data	Location	Duration and Frequency	Implementation	Supervision
2.15	Submission of EMP implementation report	Unsatisfactory compliance to EMP	Evaluation the implementation of EMP	Record of report submission	MDSC/PMU	At the end of construction period	Contractor	MDSC/PIU
3.0 Operation Phase								
3.1	Air Quality	Movement of vehicle will create air quality	Visual inspection, and consultation with local people	▪ O&M budget for periodic monitoring	Pourashava area	During operation period	Pourashava	Pourashava
3.2	Noise Level	Movement of vehicle will create noise level	Monitoring, and consultation with local people	▪ O&M budget for periodic monitoring	Pourashava area	During operation period	Pourashava	Pourashava
3.3	Surface/Waste Water Quality	The surface water might be contaminated due to waste water carrying by the drains	▪ Visual inspection and consultation with worker ▪ Waste water quality test	▪ O&M budget for periodic monitoring	Pourashava area	During operation period	Pourashava	Pourashava
3.4	Health & Safety	Worker involved in cleaning and maintaining the drains and roads may get sick if not trained and provided the PPE adequately	Visual inspection and consultation with worker	▪ O&M budget for periodic monitoring	Pourashava area	During operation period	Pourashava	Pourashava
3.5	Waste Management	Worker involved in waste management and maintaining the sub-project may get sick if not trained/awareness adequately	Visual inspection and consultation with worker	▪ O&M budget for periodic monitoring	Pourashava area	During operation period	Pourashava	Pourashava
3.6	Road Accident	Increase of road accident due to additional traffics	Visual inspection, record of accidents and consultation with local people	▪ O&M budget for periodic monitoring	Pourashava area	During operation period	Pourashava	Pourashava

D. Institutional Capacity Development Program

197. The MDSC Senior and regional environmental specialists are responsible for trainings on environmental awareness and management in accordance with both ADB and government requirements. Specific modules customized for the available skill set will be devised after assessing the capabilities of the target participants and the requirements of the project. Typical modules would be as follows: (i) sensitization; (ii) introduction to environment and environmental considerations in water supply and waste water projects; (iii) review of IEEs and integration into the project detailed design; (iv) improved coordination within nodal departments; and (v) monitoring and reporting system. The contractors will be required to conduct environmental awareness and orientation of workers prior to deployment to work sites. The proposed training project along with the frequency of sessions is presented in Table 15.

Table 15: Training Program for Environmental Management

Description	Contents	Schedule	Participants
Program 1 Orientation Workshop	Module 1 – Orientation ADB Safeguard Policy Statement Government of Bangladesh policy Module 2 – Social/Environmental Assessment and Resettlement Planning/IEE Process ADB policy and process, identification of impacts and mitigation measures, IEE, DDR and RP preparation, implementation, and monitoring requirements. Incorporation of safeguards into project design and contracts. Importance of robust GRM.	1 Day	LGED officials involved in project implementation PMU, PIUs, Pourashava officials
Program 2 Workshop for Contractors and Supervisory staff	IR/environmental issues during construction Implementation of IEE, DDR and RP Monitoring of IEE, DDR and RP implementation, Reporting Requirements, GRM	1 Day	PIUs, Contractors
Program 3 Experiences and Best Practices Sharing	Experiences on IEE, DDR and RP implementation, grievance redress – Issues and Challenges - Best Practices followed	1 Day (On a regular interval to be determined by PMU and MDSC)	PMU, PIUs MDSC, Contractors

a. Institutional Arrangement

198. The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) under the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives (MLGRD&C) and having extensive experience in managing urban and road sub-projects financed by ADB & AFD are the executing agencies of the project. The participating Pourashavas are the implementing agencies.

b. Project Management Unit

199. A PMU has been established for the overall management of the project. The PMU is headed by Project Director (PD) supported by officials including two project managers in charge of (i) municipal infrastructure and governance improvement and capacity development (ii) water supply and sanitation. The PMU will receive support from Sr. environmental specialist and Sr. resettlement specialist on the MDSC team. Key tasks and responsibilities of the Sr. Assistant Engineer, PMU Safeguard (Environment) officer are as follows:

- Confirm existing IEEs/EMPs are updated based on detailed designs, and that new IEEs/EMPs are prepared in accordance with the EARF and sub-project selection criteria related to safeguards;
- Confirm whether IEEs/EMPs are included in bidding documents and civil works contracts;
- Provide oversight on environmental management aspects of subprojects and ensure EMPs are implemented by project implementation unit (PIU) and contractors;

- Site specific EMP would be submitted by the contractor before start of the work” as a contract clause by PMU
- Establish a system to monitor environmental safeguards of the project, including monitoring the indicators set out in the monitoring plan of the EMP;
- Facilitate and confirm overall compliance with all government rules and regulations regarding site and environmental clearances, as well as any other environmental requirements (e.g., location clearance certificates, environmental clearance certificates, etc.), as relevant;
- Supervise and provide guidance to the PIUs to properly carry out the environmental monitoring and assessments as per the EARF;
- Review, monitor, and evaluate the effectiveness with which the EMPs are implemented and recommend necessary corrective actions to be taken as necessary;
- Consolidate monthly environmental monitoring reports from PIUs and submit semi-annual monitoring reports to ADB;
- Ensure timely disclosure of final IEEs/EMPs in locations and form accessible to the public; and
- Address any grievances brought about through the grievance redress mechanism in a timely manner.

c. Project Implementation Unit

200. The participating Pourashavas have established PIUs within the Pourashava structure. The PIUs will (i) be responsible for land acquisition; (ii) take necessary action for obtaining the proposed land free from encroachments, squatters, mobile vendors and hawkers if any; (iii) plan, implement and monitor public relations activities, gender mainstreaming initiatives and community participation activities at Pourashava level; (iv) disseminate information related to the project to the public and media; (v) ensure compliance with loan covenants concerning safeguards measures; and (vi) facilitate implementation of safeguards plans. The PIUs will each designate a Safeguard Officer and will receive assistance from the assigned MDSC regional environmental specialist to:

- Update IEEs/EMPs during implementation stage and prepare new IEEs/EMPs in accordance with the EARF;
- Conduct environmental compliance audit of existing facilities as per Item of ADB SPS, 2009;
- Include IEEs/EMPs in bidding documents and civil works contracts;
- Comply with all government rules and regulations;
- Take necessary action for obtaining the proposed land free from encroachments, squatters, mobile vendors and hawkers if any;
- Oversee implementation of EMPs including environmental monitoring by contractors;
- Take corrective actions when necessary to ensure no environmental impacts;
- Submit monthly environmental monitoring reports to PMU,
- Conduct continuous public consultation and awareness;
- Address any grievances brought about through the Grievance Redress Mechanism in a timely manner as per the IEEs; and
- Organize an induction course for the training of contractors preparing them on EMP implementation, environmental monitoring requirements related to mitigation measures;

and taking immediate actions to remedy unexpected adverse impacts or ineffective mitigation measures found during the course of implementation.

- Project Readiness Services Consultants (MDSC)

201. MDSC has been engaged to work closely with and advise the PMU, to be involved in project supervision including monitoring during construction phase. The MDSC has One Environmental Specialist and four Jr. Environmental Specialists as well as one One Resettlement Specialist and four Jr. Resettlement Specialists. The MDSC Senior Environmental Specialist will, but not limited to:

- Work under the general supervision of the team leader;
- Review the environmental guidelines and requirement of the government of Bangladesh and ADB SPS, 2009, environmental sub-project selection guidelines and EARF;
- Guide the implementation of future sub-projects;
- Provide technical support to the PMU and PIUs including review and update of EARF and guidelines for specific type of sub-projects and assist in preparing terms of reference for environmental assessment;
- Assist & guide the MDSC regional environmental specialists to provide support to environmental management functions including updating sub-project IEEs in respect to EMP;
- Assist in preparing IEEs and in monitoring impact and mitigation measures associated with subprojects;
- Assist PIUs and MDSC regional environmental specialists working in the steps for preparing the EIA/IEE, capacity building and training, preparation of guidelines and procedure and sub-project specific guidance;
- Provide support and guidance to PIUs in undertaking environmental monitoring
- Support PMU in submitting semi-annual environmental monitoring reports to ADB;
- Facilitate in grievance redress and corrective actions;
- Train PIU officials regarding environmental requirement and issues; and
- Perform any other task assigned by the team leader, deputy team leader and the project director.

202. The MDSC Jr. environmental specialists will, but not limited to:

- Work under the supervision and guidance of the team leader and MDSC Eenvironmental Specialist;
- Assist PIUs in preparing and updating IEEs including EMPs in accordance with the EARF and assist in monitoring impact and mitigation measures associated with sub-projects including implementation of EMPs by contractors;
- Assist in preparation of IEEs and in the environmental review of sub-project consisting of screening at Pourashava level by PIU through a committee formed with municipal mayor as chairman and representatives from DoE, LGED and other relevant district office as members;
- Assist PIUs in the steps for preparing EIA/IEE, capacity building and training, preparation of guidelines and procedure and sub-project specific guidance;
- Support PIU in environmental monitoring and submit monitoring reports to PMU as inputs into the semi-annual monitoring report submitted to ADB;
- Undertake mitigation measures and other specific measures in the construction contract;

- Facilitate in grievance redress and corrective actions;
- Follow sub-project selection guidelines and EARF to ensure compliance with the environmental guidelines and requirement of the Government of Bangladesh and ADB SPS, 2009;
- Support PMU safeguard officer and MDSC Sr. environment specialist by providing data, information and all other requested assistance;
- Train PIU officials regarding environmental issues
- Perform any other task assigned by MDSC Senior environment specialist, team leader and the project director.

d. Civil Works Contracts and Contractors

203. EMPs are to be included in bidding and contract documents and verified by the PIUs and PMU. The contractor will be required to designate an environmental supervisor to (i) coordinate with MDSC on updating the IEE/EMP based on detailed designs, and (ii) ensure implementation of EMP during civil works. Contractors are to carry out all environmental mitigation and monitoring plans outlined in their contract Table 14.

e. Governance Improvement and Capacity Development Consultants (GICDC)

204. The PMU and PIUs will require support on a range of activities related to governance improvement and capacity development of Pourashavas. The GICDC will support PMU and PIUs in implementing urban government improvement action plan (UGIAP) by providing capacity development, community mobilization and other facilitation services. There are 4 GICDC regional officer working with the project and their posting place is in the LGED head office. There are 2 Local Capacity Development Associates (Community Mobilization and Municipal Finance) in each project Pourashava. The regional coordinators are assisting the Pourashavas and the LCDAs in the activities related to community participation and inclusive development. The community mobilizers have been posted at the Pourashava and (i) are working maintaining close liaison with the mayor, councillors, Pourashava staffs and communities, (ii) providing assistance and support to PIU regarding planning and implementation of citizen awareness and participation activities, urban planning, equity and inclusiveness of women and urban poor. The GICDC also have a training specialist who is responsible for identifying and coordinating capacity building activities at Pourashava level Figure Figure 11.

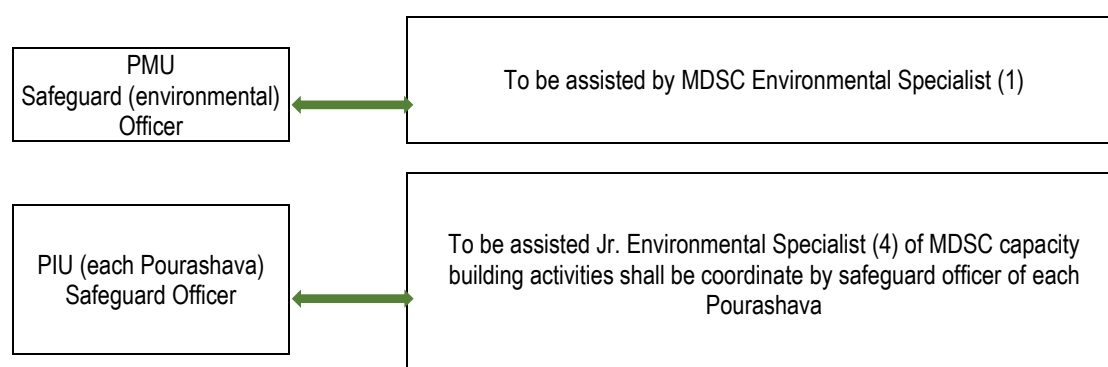


Figure 11: Safeguards Implementation Arrangement Staffing Requirement

205. Costs required for implementing the EMP will cover the following activities:

- (i) Updating IEE, preparing and submitting reports and public consultation and disclosure;

- (ii) Application for environmental clearances; and
- (iii) Implementation of EMP, environmental monitoring program and long-term surveys.

206. The infrastructure involved in each scheme is generally straightforward and will take between three and nine months to build. Environmental monitoring during construction will also be straightforward and will involve periodic site observations and interviews with workers and others, plus checks of reports and other documents. This will be conducted by MDSC environmental specialist assisted by the PMU environment officer (Sr. Assistant Engineer). Therefore, no separate budget required for MDSC environment management specialist.

207. The operation phase mitigation measures are again of good operating practices, which will be the responsibility of Ulipur Pourashava. All monitoring during the operation and maintenance phase will be conducted by LGED therefore, there are no additional costs.

E. Budget for EMP

208. Most of the mitigation measures require the contractors/project authority to adopt good site practice, which should be part of their normal procedures already, so there are unlikely to be major costs associated with compliance.

209. Mitigation that is the responsibility of PIU and contractors will be provided as part of their management of the sub-project. The cost estimation for Environmental Mitigation Measures and Monitoring is given in the Table VIII.4. The total mitigation and monitoring cost for the project is calculated as BDT 947500 in addition to compliance to the clauses 27, 28 and 29 of GCC of tender documents and IEE to the entire satisfaction of E-I-C.

Table 16: EMP in Bidding Document

EMP Task	Mitigation and Monitoring Items	Unit	Cost/Unit	Total Unit	Total Cost
1.0	Pre-construction Period				
1.1	Obtaining of SSC/NOCs	Included in Project Preparation Cost			0
1.2	Updating of EMP	Included in Project Preparation Cost			
1.3	Existing Utilities	Included in Engineering Cost			
1.4	Construction Camps, & Stock Yards	Included in Engineering Cost			
1.5	Sources of Materials	Included in Engineering Cost			
1.6	EMP Implementation Training	No.	30000	1	30000
1.7	Environmental Quality Test-Baseline				
	Air Quality Test (UP-R-05)	No.	35000	1	35000
	Noise Level Measurement (UP-R-03)	No.	5000	1	5000
	Soil Quality Test (UP-R-03)	No.	25000	1	25000
	Groundwater Quality Test (Camp Site)	No.	10000	1	10000
2.0	Construction Period				
2.1	Topography, Landforms, and Geology	Monitoring by Contractor			0
2.2	Soil Quality	No.	25000	2	50000
2.3	Groundwater Quality	No.	10000	2	20000
2.4	Air Quality	No.	35000	2	70000
2.5	Noise & Vibration	No.	5000	2	10000
2.6	Waste Pollution	Monitoring by Contractor			0
2.7	Aesthetics				
2.8	Biodiversity	Monitoring by Contractor			0
2.90	Traffic Congestion	Monitoring by Contractor			0
2.1	Socio-economic Status	Monitoring by Contractor			0
2.11	Community Health and Safety	Lump-sum			100000
2.12	Workers Health and Safety	Lump-sum			150000
2.13	Post-construction Clean-up	Lump-sum			20000
2.14	Submission of EMP Implementation Report	No.	10000	1	10000
	Other Expenses during Construction Period				
	Tree Plantation	No.	750	550	412500
3.0	Operation Period				
3.1	Air Quality	Paurashava O&M Budget			0
3.2	Noise Level	Paurashava O&M Budget			0
3.3	Surface/Waste Water Quality	Paurashava O&M Budget			0
3.4	Health & Safety	Paurashava O&M Budget			0
3.5	Waste Management	Paurashava O&M Budget			0
3.6	Road Accident	Paurashava O&M Budget			0
	Grand Total:				947500

Note: Cost of the EMP items should be as fixed budget

F. Monitoring and Reporting

210. PMU will monitor and measure the progress of EMP implementation. The monitoring activities will correspond with the project's risks and impacts, and will be identified in the IEE for the sub-project components. In addition to recording information on the work and deviation of work components from original scope PMU, PIUs, and MDSC will undertake site inspections and document review to verify compliance with the EMP and progress toward the final outcome. Corrective actions to be taken quickly and reported in monitoring reports.

211. Contractor shall submit monthly Environmental Monitoring Report covering the mitigation measures listed in this EMP for all the sub-project components to the MDSC for approval.

212. MDSC will submit monthly monitoring and implementation reports to PMU, who will take follow-up actions, if necessary. PMU will submit semi-annual monitoring reports to ADB. The suggested monitoring report format is in ADB. Sub-project budgets will reflect the costs of monitoring and reporting requirements. For projects likely to have significant adverse environmental impacts during operation, reporting will continue at the minimum on an annual basis. Monitoring reports will be posted in a location accessible to the public.

213. LGED will document monitoring results, identify the necessary corrective actions, reflect them in a corrective action plan and for each quarter, will study the compliance with the action plan developed in the previous quarter. Compliance with loan covenants will be screened by ADB.

214. ADB will review project performance against the commitments as agreed in the legal documents. The extent of ADB monitoring and supervision activities will be commensurate with the project's risks and impacts. Monitoring and supervising of social and environmental safeguards will be integrated into the project performance management system. ADB will monitor projects on an ongoing basis until a project completion report is issued. ADB will carry out the following monitoring actions to supervise project implementation:

- i. Conduct periodic site visits for projects with adverse environmental or social impacts;
- ii. Conduct supervision missions with detailed review by ADB safeguard specialists/officers or consultants for projects with significant adverse social or environmental impacts;
- iii. Review the periodic monitoring reports submitted by EAs to ensure that adverse impacts and risks are mitigated, as planned and as agreed with ADB;
- iv. Work with EAs to rectify to the extent possible any failures to comply with their safeguard commitments, as covenanted in the legal agreements, and exercise remedies to re-establish compliance as appropriate; and
- v. Prepare a project completion report that assesses whether the objective and desired outcomes of the safeguard plans have been achieved, taking into account the baseline conditions and the results of monitoring.

215. The process described in this document has assessed the environmental impacts of all elements of Ulipur Pourashava road sub-project. All potential impacts were identified in relation to design and location, construction, and operation phases.

IX. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

216. Planning principles & design considerations have been reviewed & incorporated into the site planning process whenever possible. Preliminary designs integrate a number of measures, both structural & non-structural, to mainstream climate resilience. Thus, environmental impacts as being due to the project design or location were not significant.

217. Most of the individual elements of the sub-project are relatively small & involve straightforward pre-construction, construction & operation activities, so any potential impacts will be mainly localized and not greatly significant. Most of the predicted impacts are associated with the construction process, and are produced because that process is invasive, involving trenching & other excavation. However, the routine nature of the impacts means that most can be easily mitigated. In the operational phase, all facilities & infrastructure will operate with routine maintenance, which should not affect the environment. Facilities will need to be repaired from time to time, environmental impacts will be much less than those of the construction period as the work will be infrequent, affecting small areas only.

218. Mitigation measures have been developed to reduce all negative impacts to acceptable levels. Mitigation will be assured by a program of environmental monitoring to ensure that all measures are implemented, and will determine whether the environment is protected as intended. It will include observations on- and off-site, document checks, and interviews with workers and beneficiaries. Any requirements for corrective action will be reported to the ADB.

219. The stakeholders were involved in developing the IEE through discussions on-site and public consultation, after which views expressed were incorporated into the IEE and in the planning and development of the sub-project. The IEE will be made available at public locations in the city and will be disclosed to a wider audience via the ADB and LGED websites. The consultation process will be continued and expanded during project implementation to ensure that stakeholders are fully engaged in the project and have the opportunity to participate in its development and implementation.

220. The PMU and MDSC will be responsible for monitoring. The MDSC will submit monthly monitoring reports to PMU, and the PMU will send semi-annual monitoring reports to ADB. ADB will post the environmental monitoring reports on its website.

221. The EMP will assist the PMU, MDSC, contractors in mitigating the environmental impacts & guide them in the environmentally sound execution of the proposed sub-project. The EMP will ensure efficient lines of communication between the implementing agency, project management unit and contractors. A copy of the EMP shall be kept on-site during the construction period at all times. The EMP shall be made binding on all contractors operating on the site & will be included in the contractual clauses. Non-compliance of any deviation from the conditions set out in this document shall constitute a failure in compliance.

222. The citizens of Ulipur Pourashava will be the major beneficiaries of this sub-project. The improved roads will provide a more efficient and effective transport route, which should improve the overall economy by reducing time spent idle in traffic by delivery vehicles, employees and customers.

223. Therefore, the proposed sub-project is unlikely to cause significant adverse impacts and net environmental benefits to citizens of Ulipur Pourashava will be positive. The potential impacts that are associated with design, construction, and operation can be mitigated to standard levels without difficulty through proper engineering design and the incorporation or application of recommended mitigation measures and procedures.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Rapid Environmental Assessment & Categorization Checklist

Eligibility & Categorization Form;

Country/ Project No./ Project Title	Improving Urban Governance and Infrastructure Program (IUGIP)
Subproject title	Urban transport road improvement RBL sub-project
Project Executing Agency	LGED, Dhaka
Project Implementing Agency	Ulipur Pourashava
Modality	RBL progress
Is Project eligible for funding under the RBL Program? ☒ Yes ☐ No (Ref DOE of ECR 2023)	
Environment Impact categorization ☒ New ☐ Re categorization – Previous Category []	
[] Category A (Cat A - Not eligible for funding under the RBL)	
[☒] Category B [] Category C	
(Ref Checklist- Rapid Environmental Assessment (REA) checklists)	
Prepared by: Md. Habibur Rahman, Jr. Environmental Specialist	
Environmental Specialist (Name, title, signature):	
For Project Executing Agency / PMU (Name, title, signature):	

Checklist 1 - Project Exclusion Screening Checklist for Environmental Safeguards

The following checklist shall be completed before inclusion of any activity/subproject in the RBL program. If Answer to any of the mentioned criteria is 'Yes' then such activity/subproject will not be eligible and shall be excluded from the RBL program.

Questions		Response		Remarks /Clarifications
		Yes	No	
1.	Type and Nature of Subproject			
1.1	Proposed activity / subproject classified under the Red Category per ECR 2023?		☒	Complied the ECR 2023 for classification
1.2	Proposed activity / subproject includes components involving prohibited investment activities per ADB SPS?		☒	Complied REA for prohibited list
2.	Location of Proposed Subproject		☒	
2.1	Proposed activity/subproject located in ecologically sensitive areas such as protected areas (national parks, wildlife sanctuaries), notified wetlands or wetlands of significant value, critical habitats?		☒	
2.2	Proposed activity/subproject located in world heritage sites, and/or within 250 m from the core zone of outer boundary of the world heritage area		☒	
2.3	Proposed activity located within monuments/sites protected by Department of Archeology, Government of Bangladesh?		☒	
3.	Potential impacts			
3.1	Proposed activity/subproject may significantly impact mangroves, wetlands, estuaries, buffer zones of protected Areas etc?		☒	
3.2	Proposed activity/subproject may potentially lead to encroachment/damage of physical cultural resources with significant value and/or places recognized by government agencies (e.g., Department of Archeology), which may include places of worship, cultural heritage sites, graves/cemeteries, historical monuments, etc.		☒	
3.3	Proposed activity/subproject likely to have significant adverse environmental impacts that are irreversible, diverse, or unprecedented, and may affect an area larger than the sites or facilities subject to physical works (i.e., category A projects as per ADB SPS 2009)		☒	

➤ This checklist is to be prepared to support the environmental classification of a project. It is to be attached to the environmental categorization form that is to be prepared and submitted to the LEGD / MDS Consultant
➤ This checklist is to be completed with the assistance of an Environment Specialist in a Regional Department.
➤ This checklist focuses on environmental issues and concerns. To ensure that social dimensions are adequately considered, refer also to ADB checklists and handbooks on (i) involuntary resettlement, (ii) indigenous peoples planning, (iii) poverty reduction, (iv) participation, and (v) gender and development.
➤ Answer the questions assuming the "without mitigation" case. The purpose is to identify potential impacts. use the "remarks" section to discuss any anticipated mitigation measures.
Name of sub-project: Construction/Improvement of 5,788m Roads in 4 locations, one (1) no. RCC Cross Drains (Size: 1mX1m), 1195m Protection Work, two (2) nos. RCC Box Culvert (Size: 4mX4m, One Vent & Size: 4.5mX4.5m, Two Vent) & installation of 198 nos. Street Light at Ulipur Paurashava, Kurigram District under Rangpur Division

Screening questions	Yes	No	Remarks
A. Project siting Is the project area adjacent to or within any of the following environmentally sensitive areas?		✓	Ulipur Pourashava covers an area of 27.34 km ² with population of 45,933 persons. The area is predominantly residential.
Cultural heritage site		✓	The subproject components are not within locations in or near sensitive and valuable ecosystems, including protected areas and forests.
Protected area		✓	Not applicable
Wetland		✓	Not applicable
Mangrove		✓	Not applicable
Estuarine		✓	Not applicable
Buffer zone of protected area		✓	Not applicable
Special area for protecting biodiversity		✓	Not applicable
B. Potential environmental impacts Will the project cause...		✓	Not applicable
Encroachment on historical/cultural areas; disfiguration of landscape by road embankments, cuts, fills, and quarries?		✓	Not applicable. Construction works will be on existing roads and mostly in built-up areas of Ulipur.
Encroachment on precious ecology (e.g., sensitive or protected areas)?		✓	Not applicable. There are no protected areas in or around subproject sites, and no known areas of ecological interest in Ulipur.
Alteration of surface water hydrology of waterways crossed by roads, resulting in increased sediment in streams affected by increased soil erosion at construction site?	✓		Excavations may result to silt-laden runoff during rainfall which may cause siltation and reduction in the quality of adjacent bodies of water. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible through mitigation measures.
Deterioration of surface water quality due to silt runoff and sanitary wastes from worker-based camps and chemicals used in construction?	✓		Due to excavation, run-off from stockpiled materials, and chemical contamination from fuels and lubricants. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible through mitigation measures.
Increased local air pollution due to rock crushing, cutting and filling works, and chemicals from asphalt processing?	✓		Conducting works at dry season and moving large quantity of materials may create dusts and increase in concentration of vehicle-related pollutants. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible through mitigation measures.

Screening questions	Yes	No	Remarks
Risks and vulnerabilities related to occupational health and safety due to physical, chemical, biological, and radiological hazards during project construction and operation during project construction and operation?		✓	Not applicable. Construction will not involve use explosives and chemicals. Excavation will be done manually. Construction contractors will be required to implement health and safety (H&S) plan.
Noise and vibration due to blasting and other civil works?	✓		Temporary increase in noise level and vibrations may be caused by excavation equipment, and the transportation of equipment, materials, and people. The impacts are negative but short-term, site-specific within a relatively small area and reversible through mitigation measures.
Dislocation or involuntary resettlement of people?		✓	Not applicable. Land acquisition not required for the subproject. RF to guide any resettlement related issues.
Disproportionate impacts on the poor, women and children, indigenous peoples or other vulnerable groups?		✓	Not applicable.
Other social concerns relating to inconveniences in living conditions in the project areas that may trigger cases of upper respiratory problems and stress?		✓	Not applicable.
Hazardous driving conditions where construction interferes with pre-existing roads?	✓		Road closures are not required. Construction contractors will be required to implement traffic management plan and coordinate with Ulipur local authority.
Poor sanitation and solid waste disposal in construction camps and work sites, and possible transmission of communicable diseases (such as STI and HIV/AIDS) from workers to local populations?		✓	Construction contractors will be required to provide sanitation facilities and ensure proper waste management at all times. Contracts will include provisions on STI and HIV/AIDS.
Creation of temporary breeding habitats for diseases such as those transmitted by mosquitoes and rodents?		✓	Construction contractors will be required to ensure cleanliness at all times to prevent breeding of mosquitoes and rodents.
Accident risks associated with increased vehicular traffic, leading to accidental spills of toxic materials?		✓	Not applicable.
Increased noise and air pollution resulting from traffic volume?		✓	Not anticipated.
Increased risk of water pollution from oil, grease and fuel spills, and other materials from vehicles using the road?		✓	Not anticipated.
Social conflicts if workers from other regions or countries are hired?		✓	Priority in employment will be given to local residents.
Large population influx during project construction and operation that causes increased burden on social infrastructure and services (such as water supply and sanitation systems)?		✓	Improved management systems through capacity building and institutional development will ensure reduced burden on services and infrastructure.
Risks to community health and safety due to the transport, storage, and use and/or disposal of materials such as explosives, fuel and other chemicals during construction and operation?		✓	Not applicable. Construction will not involve use of explosives and chemicals.

Screening questions	Yes	No	Remarks
Community safety risks due to both accidental and natural causes, especially where the structural elements or components of the project are accessible to members of the affected community or where their failure could result in injury to the community throughout project construction, operation & decommissioning.		✓	Work areas will be clearly demarcated with signage and safety barriers, and access will be controlled. Only workers and project concerned members will be allowed to visit the operational sites.

Appendix 2: Waste Management Plan (Construction Period)

1. General

Considerable quantities of wastes (general & construction) will be generated due to the 1-year construction of the sub-project components. Two types of wastes will be generated during construction:

- a. General Waste:
 - Organic waste (foods, fruits, tree leaves etc.); and
 - Inorganic (such as papers, plastic and glass bottles & containers, polythene etc.); and
- b. Construction Waste:
 - Construction wastes are: construction materials such as sand, piece of rocks, bricks, rods, bamboo, wood, geotextiles, remaining concrete & bentonite waste.

2. Objectives

The main objective of the WMP is to organize disposal of all wastes generated during construction in an environmentally acceptable manner specially consider the following:

- Health hazards of the project personnel as well as community people should not be occurred;
- Manage the wastes in such a way that environment (specially air, soil, water etc.) will not be polluted;
- Odor means bad smell should not be generated;
- Always friendly environment at the construction sites and construction camps;
- Any waste should not be disposed into the river and any water bodies to avoid water pollution;
- Any waste should not be burnt; and
- Any waste should not be placed in earth holes/chambers.

3. Potential Environmental Impacts

Major potential environmental impacts due to the lack of waste management are:

- All types of environmental pollutions such as air, soils, water (surface & ground) pollutions;
- Generation of odor;
- Increase of flies, mosquitoes, insects etc.,
- Health hazards; and

- Environmental nuisance at the project sites

4. Strategies to Adopt

The following strategies need to be adopted for appropriate soil waste collection system to be functioned properly:

- Setting waste collection bins (not permanent structure, movable high-quality movable plastic bins; See Figure 1) in strategic points of the construction camp and work sites.
- Introduce solid waste bins for organic and non-organic waste.
- Coordinate with the municipalities waste collection system so that the waste can be collected at midnight when the road transports are minimum.
- Wash liquids needs to be drained out though the functioning drains. The liquid waste needs to be treated with bleaching power every evening before draining so that the waste water cannot create nuisance and local pollution.
- The other strategies that might be adopted are explained in later paragraphs.



Figure-1: High quality plastic bins for solid waste collection

Table 1: Mitigation Measures for Sector-wise Waste

Aspect	Waste Type	Mitigation Measures	Proposed Reuse/Recycling/Disposal
site clearing/disposal of debris	- Vegetation (logs, mulched timber, weeds) - demolition of existing building	- Due care should be taken during site clearance and disposal of debris during demolition of existing building. - The waste should be stored at site ensuring that existing water bodies, road and drains within or adjacent to the site are kept safe and free and no blocking of drains - Prior clearance will be taken from concerned Govt. Authorities or landowner	Recycling/Disposal whereas applicable or where suitable and approved by PIU
Construction site waste	- Plastics, Concrete and Timber/Steel formwork - Packaging Materials, papers - Empty containers and other drums - Metals and electrical cabling	- The waste should be stored at PIU suggested location ensuring that existing water bodies, road and drains within or adjacent to the site are kept safe and free and no blocking of drains - Construction waste will be connected to dispose in Pourashava existing/proposed waste management system	Recycling/Disposal/ Re-use
Construction camp	Waste generated by food, papers, weir, wood, polythene and empty packets	- It will be made mandatory for waste to be segregated right at the source of waste generation - The waste should be stored at construction camp in separate dustbin	Re-use/ Recycling/Disposal whereas applicable

	• Labor camp waste generated by workers	• labor camp waste will be connected to dispose in Pourashava existing/proposed waste management system	
Traffic movement with waste	• Waste generated from construction site/labor camp	• Ensure covered the waste during Traffic movement • Adequate traffic control signals and barriers should be used in case traffic is to be diverted during debris disposal. All efforts should be made to ensure avoidance of traffic jam, which otherwise results in air pollution, noise pollution and public unrest.	Disposal

5. Method of Disposal of Wastes

The Contractor will collect the general wastes in separate waste bin at sources (means organic waste in one bin & inorganic waste in another bin) and dumped at the designated waste disposal site. The contractor will construct concrete waste disposal site; means concrete floor and wall and covered by shed to avoid, air, bad smell, soil and ground water pollutions. Based on the quantity of general waste (organic & inorganic waste), the following two chambers (rooms) of the concrete disposal site will be constructed by Contractor:

Just after filling one chamber (say after 6 months) by organic waste through pocket gate, it should be covered by earth (soils) properly & keeps it for about 6 months for converting organic fertilizer for the agricultural lands. After filling 1st chamber by organic waste, disposing of waste will be started for 2nd chamber.

The inorganic waste will be collected in the waste collection bins. Just after filling, these inorganic wastes can be given to the vender free of cost.

The Contractor will collect construction waste as mentioned above separately and dump in to the designated room at the construction camp. Just after filling the room, Contractor will sale these waste to the vender for re-cyclic.

The Contractor will maintain log book for the measurement of quantity of the wastes (especially hazardous wastes) disposed every day.

5. Institutional Arrangement

Contractor is mainly responsible for design, construction, maintenance as well as environmental monitoring for the disposal of waste. Environmental Specialist of the MDSC is responsible for monitoring of the disposal. The PIU of the Municipality will setup a 'Waste Management Committee' with the representatives of the MDSC and contractor to effectively disposing the wastes and distribution of organic fertilizer to the farmers and inorganic wastes to the venders. The committee is also responsible for monitoring procedure for the collection and carrying of wastes without causing any environmental hazards.

Appendix 3: Sample Site-Specific EMP of Road sub-project

Sl. No.	Activity	Management Measures	Action By	When
01	Preparation & mobilization of field office	A detailed plan and drawing of the semi-pucca site office (Area: 50 sq. m) with the arrangement of sufficient natural light, fan, toilet, safe drinking water, hit protecting ceiling, damp proofing equipment, and so on will be developed & submitted to the Pourashava before beginning the construction work.	Contractor	Before the construction
02	Camp for the workers,	Camp for the workers will provide properly. Adequate disposal of sanitary waste will be considered in order to follow best waste management practices. Basic hygiene and cleanliness in the worker cam. In particular, usable toilet facilities separate Male & Female, Kitchen waste collection & dumping will be exist & well-maintained with basic provision of soak pits & septic tanks. Safe drinking water will be provided to the workers. Fire extinguisher would be provided, First Aid Box with Doctor's Name, Mobile number & necessary emergency Ambulance number.	Contractor	Before the construction
03	Storing construction material	Well-defined area for storage with suitable containment, proper labelling of different items, and determines locations prior to award of contract will be ensured.	Contractor	Before the construction
04	Worker safety & security	Provision of personal protection equipment (PPE) such as helmets, safety shoes & glass, gloves, and face masks, safety sign for the workers; provision of first aid box with basic apparatus will be available. (Bangladesh Labour Law of 2006, Bangladesh labor service rules 2015 and all applicable laws and standards on workers H & S.),	Contractor	During the construction
06	Safe drinking water	Tube well is the source of drinking water in this area. Thus, Tube well water will be provided to labors for drinking & other purposes. Water quality is good in this area, water quality will be monitor when necessary.	Contractor	During the construction
07	Excavation/ cutting, filling and clearing of proposed sub-project	During excavating / cleaning work of the safety measures will be taken by the construction crew wearing protective clothing, shoes, gloves and face masks. Collected earth and sand will be covered during transportation.	Contractor	During the construction
08	Dust & cleaning	Regular sprinkling of water in the vicinity of the construction site is necessary so that dust is not re-suspended. Frequency of the sprinkling to be three (3 or 4) times a day or more based on the extent of activity and dryness of the season; Cleaning will be done in a manner that it does not generate or re-suspend dust.	Contractor	During the construction
09	Cutting/digging of proposed schemes	Proper notification will be provided to the public surrounding the construction site. A notice board informing the proposed work should be erected two weeks prior to actual work. An alternative road/detour route will be ensured for temporary passing the people, rickshaw, van, car private etc.	Contractor	During the construction
10	Tree-cutting & safeguarding	- Compensatory tree plantation in the ratio of 2 trees planted for each tree that had to be cut due to construction activities; - Any tree saved from cutting will be barricaded and protected.	PIU & Contractor	During the construction
11	Debris management	Well-defined onsite area for storing of any debris generated; transporting debris with proper coverage; Disposal in an approved dump yard / landfill will be ensured.	Contractor	During the construction

Sl. No.	Activity	Management Measures	Action By	When
12	Safety measures	Protection of traffic at all times along the existing sub-project, necessary barricades, warning lights & guide signs etc. will be ensured.	Contractor	During the construction
13	Other existing amenities for community welfare	- Safety signage at all sites visible to public will be provided. - Safety barriers near any trenches, and cover trenches with planks during non-work hours will be provided. - If construction work is expected to disrupt users of community water bodies, notice to the affected community shall be served 7 days in advance and again 1 day prior to start of construction. - Properties and utilities will be restored or compensated to pre-work conditions if any damage occurred.	Contractor	During the construction
14	Transporting construction material	Transporting with adequate safety precautions, (e.g., not to use undersized trucks) as well as adequate covering of trucks that are used to transport material to and from the construction site will be maintained properly.	Contractor	During the construction
15	Air quality	- Damp down exposed soil and any sand stockpiled on site by spraying with water when necessary, during dry weather will be accelerated; - Use tarpaulins to cover soils, sand and other loose material when transported by trucks will be ensured. - And hot-mix plants, batching plants and crushers 350.00m will be situated far from residence.	Contractor	During the construction
16	Noise	- Use of ear plugs / muffs by all construction workers during operation of heavy equipment/ machinery will be ensured. - Wherever feasible, noise absorption padding / enclosures will be used surrounding the noise-generating machinery.	Contractor	During the construction
17	Public awareness campaign	Public awareness events will be held before and during construction work. This awareness campaign may be done through miking, deployment of the watchmen, sticking/hanging posters, banners and sign board (size: 1.2mx0.9m Plane CI Sheet) near the construction site.	PIU & Contractor	During the construction
18	Pedestrian & traffic safety	- Extensive barricades of the construction zone will be provided so that pedestrians do not come into direct contact with the machines, tools, material and other accessories; - Provision of barricading will be done so that these do not create traffic safety problems. Supplementary aids / tools such as signboards, reflectors and night lighting will be used to avoid possible accidents.	Contractor	During the construction
19	Existing utilities	Preparation of spoils management plan and traffic management plan will strongly be maintained.	Contractor	During the construction

***Site specific EMP will be ensured from contractor before start of the construction work*

Appendix 4: Health Safety Manual of Construction Workers

Parameters/issues	Workplace Hazards	Suggested PPE
Eye and Face protection	Flying particles, molten metal, liquid fuel, gases or vapors, light radiation.	Safety glasses with side-shields, protective shades, etc.
Head Protection	Falling objects, inadequate height clearance, and overhead power cords.	Helmets with top and side impact protection.
Hearing protection	Noise, ultra-sound.	Hearing protectors (ear plugs or ear muffs.)
Foot Protection	Falling or rolling objects, pointed objects. Corrosive or hot liquids.	Safety shoes and boots for protection against moving & falling objects, liquids and fuels.
Hand Protection	Hazardous materials, cuts or lacerations, vibrations, extreme temperatures.	Gloves made of rubber or synthetic materials (Neoprene), leather, steel, insulating materials, etc.
Respiratory Protection	Dust, vapors.	Facemasks with appropriate filters for dust removal and air purification spray, mists, vapors and gases). Single or multi-gas personal monitors, if available.
	Oxygen deficiency	Portable or supplied air (fixed lines.) on site rescue equipment.
Body/leg Protection	Extreme temperatures, hazardous materials, biological agents, cutting and laceration.	Insulating clothing, body suits, aprons etc. of appropriate materials.

Appendix 5: Sample Outline Traffic Management Plan

A. Principles

One of the prime objectives of this TMP is to ensure the safety of all the road users along the work zone, and to address the following issues:

- The safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists travelling through the Construction zone;
- Protection of work crews from hazards associated with moving traffic;
- Mitigation of the adverse impact on road capacity and delays to the road users;
- Maintenance of access to adjoining properties; and
- Addressing issues that may delay the project.

B. Operating Policies for TMP

The following principles will help promote safe and efficient movement for all road users (motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians, including persons with disabilities) through and around work zones while reasonably protecting workers and equipment.

- (i) Make traffic safety and temporary traffic control an integral and high-priority element of every project from planning through design, construction, and maintenance.
- (ii) Inhibit traffic movement as little as possible.
- (iii) Provide clear and positive guidance to drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians as they approach and travel through the temporary traffic control zone.

- (iv) Inspect traffic control elements routinely, both day and night, and make modifications when necessary.
- (v) Pay increased attention to roadside safety in the vicinity of temporary traffic control zones.
- (vi) Train all persons that select, place, and maintain temporary traffic control devices.
- (vii) Keep the public well informed.
- (viii) Make appropriate accommodation for abutting property owners, residents, businesses, emergency services, railroads, commercial vehicles, and transit operations.

Figure A2 to Figure A3 illustrates the operating policy for TMP for the construction of water pipes and the sewers along various types of roads.

C. Analyse the impact due to street closure

Apart from the capacity analysis, a final decision to close a particular street and divert the traffic should involve the following steps:

- (i) Approval from the ULB/CMC/Public Works Department (PWD) to use the local streets as detours;
- (ii) Consultation with businesses, community members, traffic police, PWD, etc, regarding the mitigation measures necessary at the detours where the road is diverted during the construction;
- (iii) Determining of the maximum number of days allowed for road closure, and 3 incorporations of such provisions into the contract documents;
- (iv) Determining if additional traffic control or temporary improvements are needed along the detour route;
- (v) Considering how access will be provided to the worksite;
- (vi) Contacting emergency service, school officials, and transit authorities to determine if there are impacts to their operations; and
- (vii) Developing a notification program to the public so that the closure is not a surprise. As part of this program, the public should be advised of alternate routes that commuters can take or will have to take as result of the traffic diversion.

If full road-closure of certain streets within the area is not feasible due to inadequate capacity of the detour Street or public opposition, the full closure can be restricted to weekends with the construction commencing on Saturday night and ending on Monday morning prior to the morning peak period.

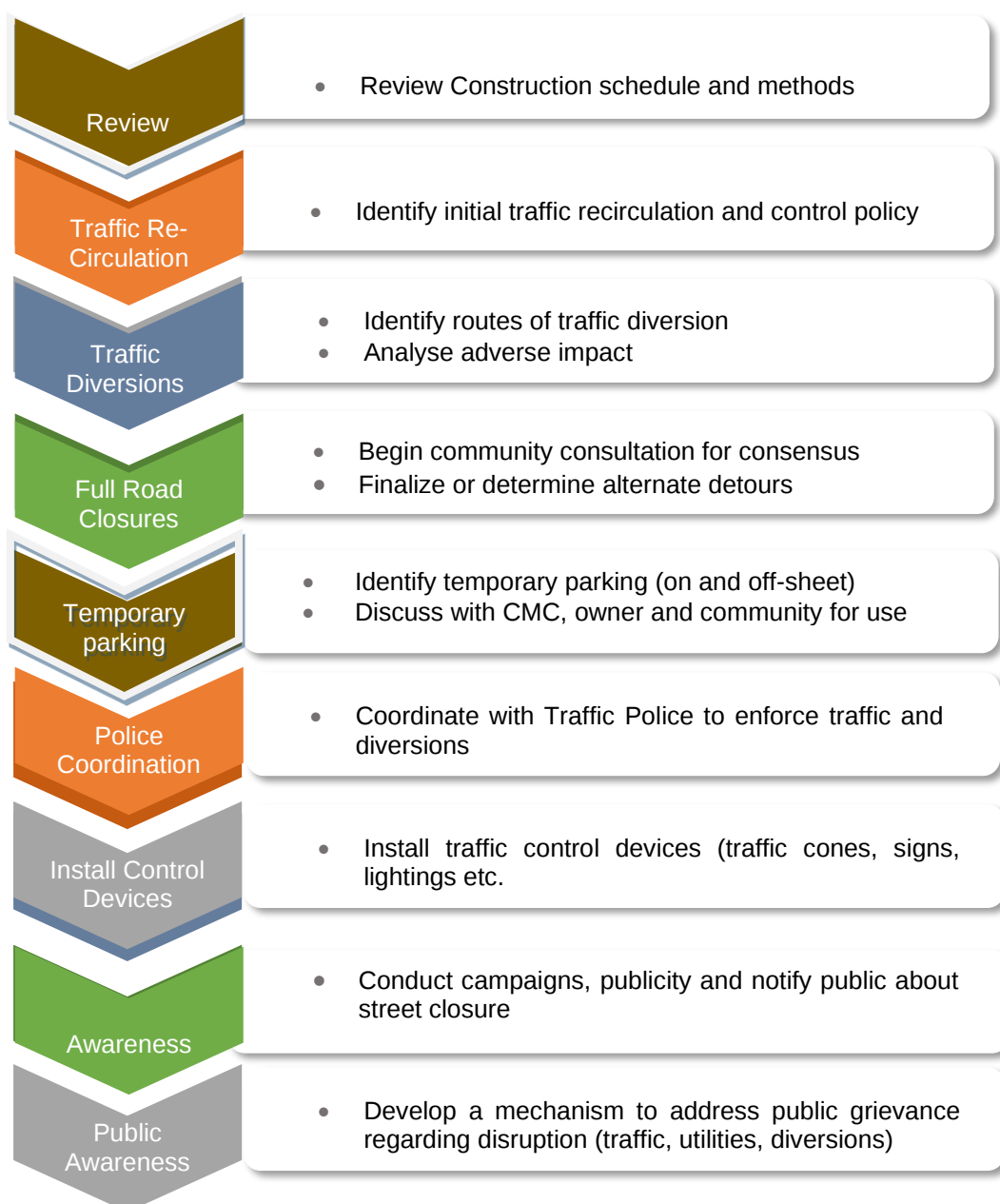


Figure-A1: Policy Steps for the TMP

D. Public awareness and notifications

As per discussions in the previous sections, there will be travel delays during the constructions, as is the case with most construction projects, albeit on a reduced scale if utilities and traffic management are properly coordinated. There are additional grounds for travel delays in the area, as most of the streets lack sufficient capacity to accommodate additional traffic from diverted traffic as a result of street closures to accommodate the works.

The awareness campaign and the prior notification for the public will be a continuous activity which the project will carry out to compensate for the above delays and minimize public claims as result of these problems. These activities will take place sufficiently in advance of the time when the roadblocks or traffic diversions take place at the particular streets. The reason for this is to allow sufficient time for the public and residents to understand the changes to their travel plans. The project will notify the public about the roadblocks and traffic diversion through public notices ward level meetings and city level meeting with the elected representatives.

The PIU will also conduct an awareness campaign to educate the public about the following issues:

- (i) Traffic control devices in place at the work zones (signs, traffic cones, barriers, etc.);
- (ii) Defensive driving behaviour along the work zones; and
- (iii) Reduced speeds enforced at the work zones and traffic diversions.

It may be necessary to conduct the awareness programs/campaigns on road safety during construction.

The campaign will cater to all types of target groups i.e. children, adults, and drivers. Therefore, these campaigns will be conducted in schools and community centres. In addition, the project will publish a brochure for public information. These brochures will be widely circulated around the area and will also be available at the PIU, and the contractor's site office. The text of the brochure should be concise to be effective, with a lot of graphics. It will serve the following purpose:

- (i) Explain why the brochure was prepared, along with a brief description of the project;
- (ii) Advise the public to expect the unexpected;
- (iii) Educate the public about the various traffic control devices and safety measures adopted at the work zones;
- (iv) Educate the public about the safe road user behaviour to emulate at the work zones;
- (v) Tell the public how to stay informed or where to inquire about road safety issues at the work zones (name, telephone, mobile number of the contact person; and
- (vi) Indicate the office hours of relevant offices.

E. Install traffic control devices at the work zones and traffic diversion routes

The purpose of installing traffic control devices at the work zones is to delineate these areas to warn, inform, and direct the road users about a hazard ahead, and to protect them as well as the workers. As proper delineation is a key to achieve the above objective, it is important to install good traffic signs at the work zones. The following traffic control devices are used in work zones:

- Signs
- Pavement Markings
- Channelizing Devices
- Arrow Panels
- Warning Lights

Procedures for installing traffic control devices at any work zone vary, depending on road configuration, location of the work, construction activity, duration, traffic speed and volume, and pedestrian traffic. Work will take place along major roads, and the minor internal roads. As such, the traffic volume and road geometry vary. The main roads carry considerable traffic; internal roads in the new city areas are wide but in old city roads very narrow and carry considerable traffic. However, regardless of where the construction takes place, all the work zones should be cordoned off, and traffic shifted away at least with traffic cones, barricades, and temporary signs (temporary "STOP" and "GO").

Figure A4 to Figure A5 illustrates a typical set-up for installing traffic control devices at the work zone of the area, depending on the location of work on the road way, and road geometrics:

- Work on shoulder or parking lane
- Shoulder or parking lane closed on divided road
- Work in Travel Lane
- Lane closure on road with low volume
- Lane closure on a two-line road with low volume (with yield sign)
- Lane closure on a two-line road with low volume (one flagger operation)
- Lane closure on a two-lane road (two flagger operation)
- Lane closure on a four-lane undivided Road

- Lane closure on divided roadway
- Half road closure on multi-lane roadway
- Street closure with detour

The work zone should take into consideration the space required for a buffer zone between the workers and the traffic (lateral and longitudinal) and the transition space required for delineation, as applicable. For the works, a 30 cm clearance between the traffic and the temporary STOP and GO signs should be provided. In addition, at least 60 cm is necessary to install the temporary traffic signs and cones.

Traffic police should regulate traffic away from the work zone and enforce the traffic diversion result from full street closure in certain areas during construction. Flaggers/ personnel should be equipped with reflective jackets at all times and have traffic control batons (preferably the LGED type) for regulating the traffic during night time.

In addition to the delineation devices, all the construction workers should wear fluorescent safety vests and helmets in order to be visible to the motorists at all times. There should be provision for lighting beacons and illumination for night constructions.

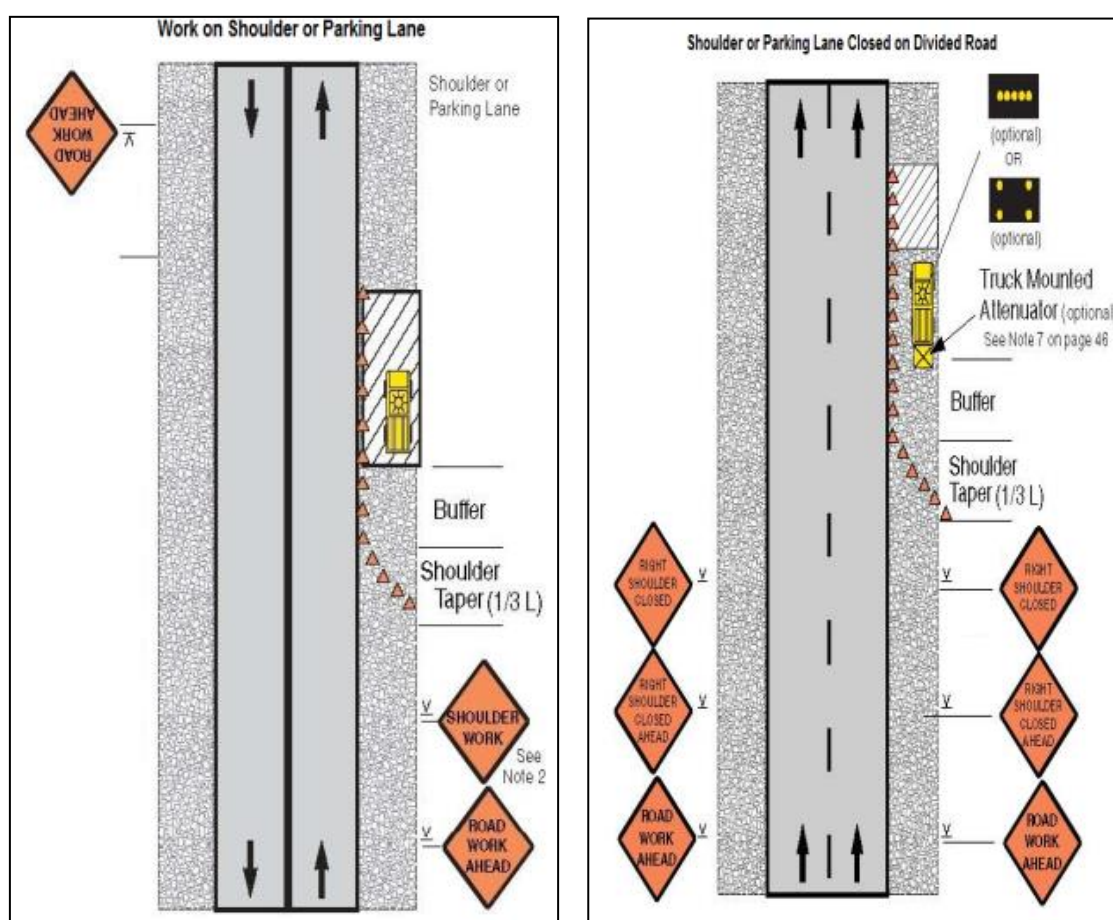


Figure A2 & A3: Work on shoulder or parking lane and shoulder or parking lane closed on divided road

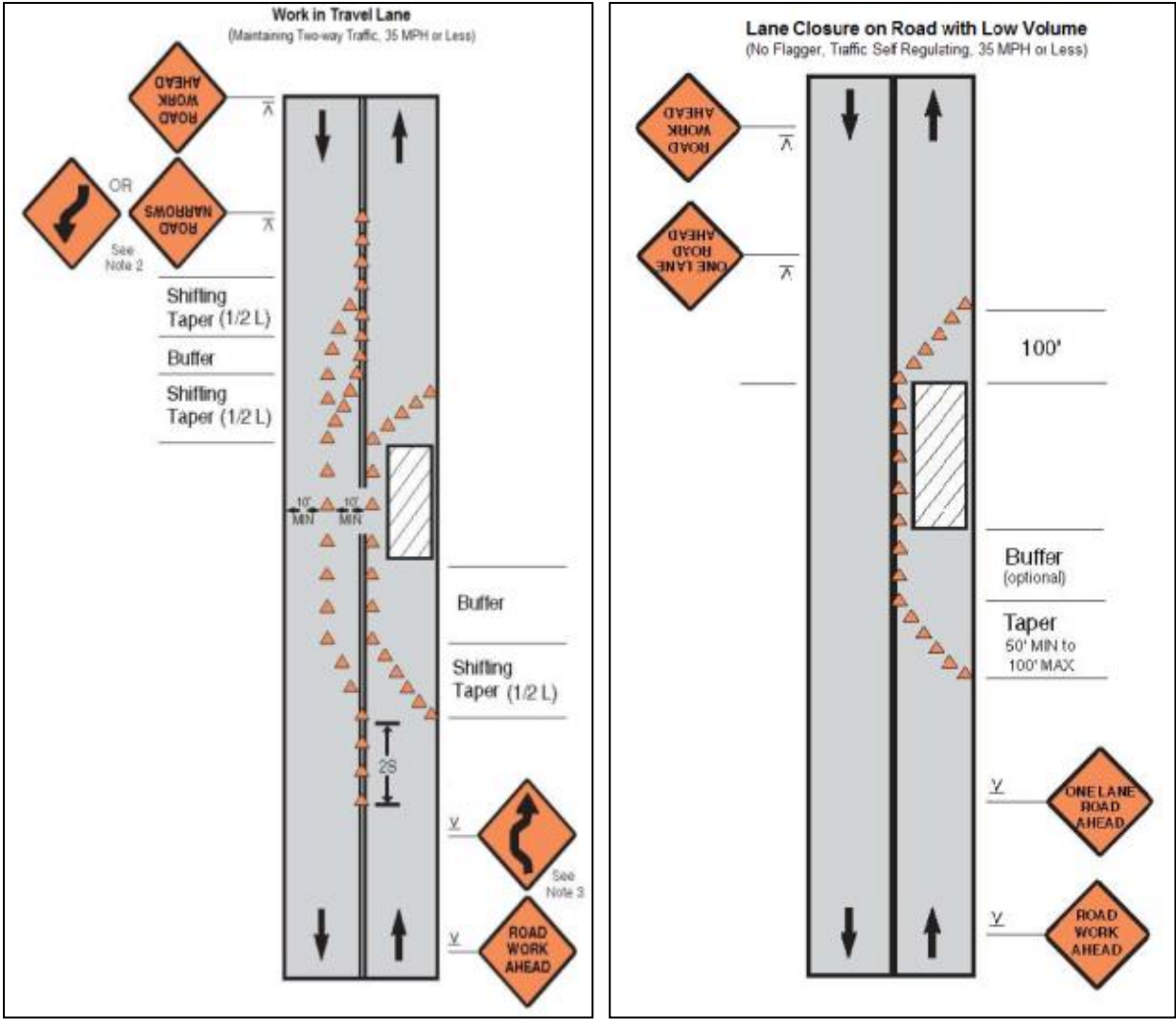


Figure A4 & A5: Work in Travel lane & Lane closure on road with low volume

Appendix 6: Consultation Meeting Participants List

Participants of Focus Group Discussion (FGD) conducted at Ward No 01 of Ulipur Pourashava, Kurigram

Urban Governance and Infrastructure Improvement Programme (UGIIP), LGED

Public Consultation Meeting Social and Environmental Safeguards

Name of the Pourashava: Ulipur Pourashava

Name of Location/ Venue of FGD meeting: West Nandanga Ward No 01

Visit/ Meeting Date: 24.07.2022 Time: 11.45 AM

Type of Meeting: FGD

List of Participants

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Appendix 7: SOP for Oil & Chemical Handling

1. Aim and Scope

The objective of this SOP is to specify detailed rules, times and responsibilities related to the use, storage and handling of oils and chemicals (hereunder referred to as “chemicals”) within working areas by the Contractor.

This document is to be given by the PIU Responsible person to the Contractor when the contract becomes effective. The Responsible Engineer shall ensure that the Contractor has clearly understood these good practices for chemical handling and shall abide by them.

2. Responsibilities

- Contractor personnel responsible for the task
- Coordinate and ensures that the Contractor is working in accordance with this SOP
- Ensures that personnel assigned to handle and transport chemicals are properly trained and equipped to handle chemicals safely, and prepared to contain and clean accidental spills
- Ensures that chemicals are labelled and placed in designated location according to this SOP
- Provides Safety Data Sheet of the chemicals to be used to the responsible person
- Carry out handling of chemicals from one location to another
- Responsible for regular checks required in the implementation of this SOP

3. Operative Rules

The responsible person of Contractor is to ensure that the SOP is following as per the requirement. This procedure also defines the training requirements, handling methods and precautions to be taken during transportation of chemicals from one site to another, in order to minimize any hazards these chemicals might pose to human beings as well as to the environment.

3.1 Chemicals handling planning

- The person planning the transfer of chemicals must be informed of quantities to be transferred, the type of packaging and the scheduled locations when assessing the methods and means necessary for the handling.
- The person in charge of the transfer and/or handling of chemicals must:
 - Clearly identify the chemical and be aware of the hazards involved.
 - Ensure that the chemicals being sanctioned for transfer are stored and stacked in a correct and safe manner as detailed in the subsequent clauses of this SOP to avoid accidental spills and possible injuries.
- The Contractor must provide his personnel with the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), adequate means of transportation and spill control materials.

3.2 General safety requirements

When a hazardous chemical is handled, the following recommendations should be observed:

- The Contractor must ensure that his personnel are trained in chemical handling and spill management.
- The Contractor must ensure that adequate manpower is assigned to the task in order to carry out the job safely.

- The Contractor has to ensure that the competent personnel are provided with the appropriate PPE.
- Adequate materials should be readily available for spill management and the action to be taken in case of Oil and/or Chemical Spills should include:
 - Use of appropriate PPE
 - Ensure that the necessary spill kit material is handy and used Isolate source
 - Inform responsible person so he can inform the required personnel so that the spill can be contained with minor consequences.
 - Contain spill as far as possible, especially if it can go into the road or drains
 - Inform the responsible person if the spill is in the road and can cause a hazard to traffic such that he can place warning signs and advice Police to assist controlling traffic, if necessary
 - Recover spill using suitable means:
 - (i) Bucket & shovel / dustpan work well on smooth floors
 - (ii) Absorbent pads which can each absorb (approx) 1 litre
 - (iii) Sand or other oil absorbing particulates
 - Recovered chemical and absorbent material is to be dealt with as “hazardous waste”.

3.3 Chemicals Usage

When using chemicals on work premises, the Contractor has to ensure that the following rules/recommendations apply:

- Wherever possible, chemicals and their compounds used shall be free from Mercury, Chromium and Zinc.
- Use CFC and HCFC-free sprays and products.
- All chemicals used are to be accompanied by the “Safety Data Sheet (SDS)”.
- Wherever possible, the use of toxic and very toxic substances as well as carcinogenic substances shall be avoided.
- The Contractor should ensure that any chemicals used within work premises are not stored in a damaged container/drum and that they are labelled properly.

3.4 Labelling and identifying chemicals

The Contractor should ensure that:

- All bunded areas and basins, vessels, drums or cans and pipelines containing hazardous chemicals shall be properly labelled. The label/s shall not be removed and should be replaced if damaged or faded.
- In case the container or packaging needs to be changed or substances are to be transferred to a smaller container for safer handling, the Contractor must fix a label to the new container. It must be ensured that the label is firmly affixed to the container or alternatively, the name of the hazardous chemical, as indicated in the original label, is to be clearly written directly onto the new container. Apart from the chemical name, the common name of the chemical is also to be written on the container to ensure that the container’s content is easily understood by the personnel who will be using it. Moreover, each container should depict pictograms to indicate constituent chemical properties.
- When reusing a container, it must be ensured that the original label on the old container is removed to eliminate any possibility of incorrect use of the chemical.

- When identifying containers, cans, etc. of chemicals, it must be ensured that a permanent marker is used and text is written clearly (preferably in block letters) and in an adequate font size to allow for easy identification.

3.5 Handling chemicals

All Contractor personnel handling chemicals should adhere to the following rules and recommendations:

- Handler/end user should be trained in chemical handling prior any handling
- Use of PPE is mandatory
- The specific SDS of the chemicals are always to be consulted prior to the handling of a chemical
- Chemical SDSs for each chemical being used, and safety and environmental information shall be available on site where the chemicals are being used
- Mixing or pouring of chemicals should be performed on waterproof surfaces to prevent soil contamination
- Handling of hazardous chemicals (transportation, change of containers, etc.) should always be kept to a minimum
- Chemical containers are not to be left open and are always to be kept closed when not in use
- Mixing of hazardous chemicals should be avoided since mixing of incompatible chemicals can induce emissions of toxic gases and other dangerous reactions
- The right amount of product is to be used (check product instructions to dilute chemicals)
- Hazardous chemicals are never to be left unattended

3.6 Storage of chemicals

If any chemicals are to be stored on work premises for the duration of works, the Contractor must ensure that the following rules are put into practice:

- It should be verified that all legal limits related to chemical storage are being met.
- Storage areas for the chemicals are to be defined.
- All dangerous chemicals must be located in the appropriate storage area unless currently in use.
- Storage areas should always be bunded and covered to avoid leaching of pollutants through rainwater.
- The capacity of the chemical storage basin or containment should always be the greater
- Any spill occurring within the bunded storage area shall be isolated from the drainage and sewage systems.
- It must be ensured that the capacity and characteristics of storage areas, shelves and any other device used to store chemicals are adequate for the specific operation.
- Good housekeeping must be ensured in storage areas
- Chemicals cannot be stored and/or located in areas such as passageways, vehicles, and so on.
- It must be ensured that incompatible chemicals are segregated within the storage areas.
- Chemical products must be stored according to their compatibility. Acids are to be stored away from bases (such as Alkalis). Flammable products are to be stored away from all other products and especially away from potential fire hazards.
- Storage areas for explosives shall be designed in such a way as to prevent hits, falls or any other potential cause of explosion and to protect the surroundings against explosions.
- Chemicals should ideally not be stored under direct sunlight, in warm areas or near heat sources.

- When storing chemicals, the label and SDS are to be consulted for correct storage of each substance.
- Certain chemicals or substances have to be stored in well ventilated areas or at a specific humidity and temperature.
- It must be ensured that all containers such as drums and their lids are in good condition, are safe to use and there is no possibility for spills or leakages.

3.7 Control and monitoring activities

The Contractor has the responsibility to:

- Check periodically for correct identification, handling, use and storage of process chemicals at point-of-use;
- Check periodically that all waterproof areas where chemicals are located are in good condition and that there are no surface irregularities or cracks. This is especially important for storage of large containers;
- Check periodically for spills and leaks;
- Check periodically on the correct use of products by his personnel and give adequate training if deemed necessary.
- Visual checks shall suffice.

3.8 Abnormal conditions and emergency situations

In case of an accident or emergency such as spills, dangerous chemical reactions, etc., the Contractor shall ensure that the following recommendations are followed:

- Necessary safety protection devices (gloves, glasses, etc.) are to be worn
- The hazardous chemical causing the problem is to be identified
- If the level of risk is acceptable, all valves are to be isolated and taps turned off in order to stop the spill from spreading further out in the accident area as well as to contain the spill as much as possible and stop it from reaching unprotected areas, such as areas which are not waterproof, sewage discharges, etc.;
- The Responsible Person is to be informed so as to intervene;
- The accident area is to be cordoned off;
- Given that the danger level is acceptable, appropriate materials are to be used to clean up the spill. Rags, sawdust or other combustible materials are not to be used to collect combustible agents or flammable chemicals;
- Access to the area is only to be allowed when the spill has been contained, cleaned and the area is risk free.
- In case of damage to a container, this is to be replaced and it must be ensured that the container is clearly and correctly identifiable and disposed of in the appropriate manner.
- Proper absorbent materials should always be readily available for use close to all chemical storage and handling areas.

Appendix 8: DOE Environmental Clearance Certificate for IUGIP

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তারিখ : ২২/০৬/১৪৩০ বঙ্গাব্দ
২৫/০৬/২০২৩ খ্রিস্টাব্দ

বিষয়: Improving Urban Governance and Infrastructure Program (IUGIP) শীর্ষক কর্মসূচীর অনুকূলে পরিবেশগত ছাড়পত্র প্রদান প্রসঙ্গে।

সূত্র: আপনার ০৬/০৬/২০২৩ ইং তারিখের আবেদন।

উপর্যুক্ত বিষয় ও সূত্রের পরিপ্রেক্ষিতে নির্দেশক্রমে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, পরিবেশ অধিদপ্তর, সদর দপ্তরের পরিবেশগত ছাড়পত্র বিষয়ক কমিটির ৪৯৯ তম সভায় Improving Urban Governance and Infrastructure Program (IUGIP) এর অনুকূলে দাখিলকৃত আইইই প্রতিবেদন ও অন্যান্য কাগজপত্র সভায় পর্যালোচনা করা হয়। পর্যালোচনান্তে, আলোচ্য কর্মসূচীর অন্তর্গত প্রকল্পসমূহ পরিবেশ সংরক্ষণ বিধিমালা, ২০২৩-এর তফসিল-১-এ উল্লিখিত প্রকল্পসমূহের চেয়ে ক্ষুদ্র হওয়ায় বিধি মোতাবেক ছাড়পত্র প্রদানের অবকাশ নেই মর্মে সিদ্ধান্ত গৃহীত হয়।

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