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TA-9641: Railway Sector Development in CAREC Countries

Introduction to the TA activities, outputs and outcomes

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Outcomes and outputs defined in the TA report

Outputs

Subregional rail transport model developed

Project preparation facility established

Knowledge products competed

Capacity of EAs in project preparation improved

Output targets (4)

Subregional rail transport model completed

≥ 3
prefeasibility
studies
prepared

Agency-specific actions/measures prepared and disseminated

≥ 3 knowledge products published/ presented on commercialization and reform

Outcome

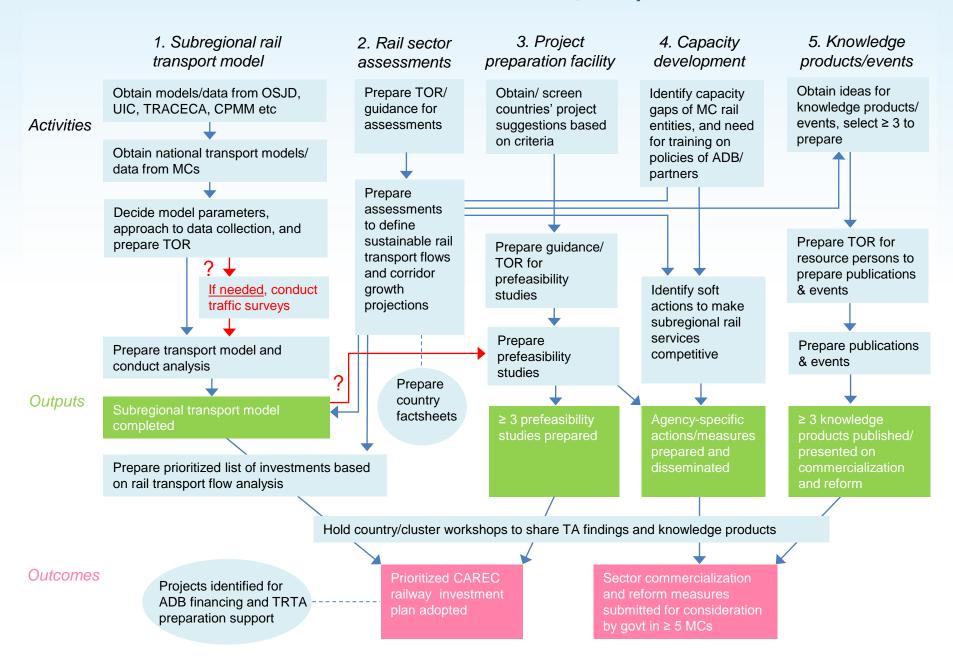
Railway investments in CAREC MCs are prioritized to match market opportunities and backed by sector reforms

Outcome targets (2)

Prioritized CAREC railway investment plan adopted

Sector commercialization and reform measures submitted for consideration by govt in ≥ 5 MCs

Work streams to deliver TA outcomes, outputs and activities







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Types of policy questions the CAREC rail transport model can help to answer

- 1. How is freight and passenger traffic likely to grow on each CAREC subregional railway corridor?
- 2. What additional traffic growth could be attracted if railways implement actions and measures to improve service quality and customer orientation?
- 3. What are the main bottlenecks on the subregional railway corridors?
- 4. What measures are needed to overcome these bottlenecks e.g. infrastructure, rolling stock, border crossing improvement, service quality improvement etc
- 5. On which routes may traffic growth justify investment in additional capacity or new links?
- 6. Which projects should be prioritized for prefeasibility study preparation?





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2 pathways for developing rail transport model

Countries provide necessary data and national models as inputs to the subregional transport model?



Model can be prepared

Modelling can commence once data/models provided

Model should be ready in time to provide inputs to prefeasibility studies

Model cannot yet be prepared

Modelling to be preceded by country traffic surveys/studies

Model not ready to provide inputs to prefeasibility studies

or prefeasibility studies delayed e.g. by 1 year





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Process of proposing investment projects and knowledge products/events for TA support

MCs send proposals to ADB

Submissions to based on investment project template or knowledge product/event template provided by TA consultants

Review & endorsement in accordance with selection criteria

Next RWG meeting reviews & endorses



Proposals screened prioritized & recommended

Screening & prioritization based on selection criteria





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Examples and selection criteria for TA support: railway investment projects

Examples

- Filling infrastructure gaps and missing links on CAREC rail corridors
- Modernization of existing infrastructure on CAREC rail corridors
- Modernizing and replacing rolling stock serving CAREC rail corridors
- ICT to support customer orientation and railway efficiency

Selection criteria

- Will improve railway operations and services on CAREC corridors and
- Will raise competitiveness of crossborder rail services
- Expected cost ≥ \$50m
- Supported by ≥ 2 CAREC MCs
- Likely to attract traffic and exceed economic/financial return threshold
- Strategically important for CAREC railway development
- Social & environmental impacts are limited, can be avoided/mitigated
- Commitment to tackle performance issues through actions/measures on commercialization/reform
- Extend TA investment support to additional MCs where possible





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Examples and selection criteria for TA support: knowledge products and events

Examples

- Presentation of papers at knowledge sharing sessions of RWG
- Presentation of papers at workshops and conferences
- Publication by ADB, in reputable journals, or equivalent
- Holding a special CAREC railways knowledge forum

Selection criteria

- Concerns actions and measures for commercialization/reform that could improve railway operations and services on CAREC corridors
- Potential to raise competitiveness of cross-border railways
- Can be prepared with short inputs from well-chosen experts
- Potentially relevant for many MCs
- Supported by ≥ 2 CAREC MCs
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Next steps

- Transport modelling

 MCs to provide data/models and TA consultants
 to recommend approach, time frame and updated work plan for
 modelling
- 2. Country rail sector assessments—TA consultants to prepare for workshop/s to train national experts and field visits for two pilot assessments
- 3. Project preparation facility—MCs to provide initial proposals of investment projects based on template provided by TA consultants
- 4. Knowledge productions and events —MCs to provide initial proposals of knowledge products and events based on template provided by TA consultants
- **5. Inception report**—TA consultants to prepare inception report for consideration at next RWG meeting