

Roundtable Discussion 4: Regional Improvement of Border Services (RIBS)

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Background

- Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM) identified several border crossing points (BCPs) as major bottlenecks.
- Regional Improvement of Border Services – coordinated investments to improve key BCPs and support development of national single windows (NSWs) .

Project Output

- Development of NSWs to streamline data submission to trade regulators and support information-sharing through regional interoperability; and
- Improvement of physical infrastructure at BCPs along priority CAREC corridors.

RIBS Project in the Kyrgyz Republic

- Approved on 1 April 2013; Financing Agreement signed on 22 May 2013
- ADF grant: \$4.2 million
- ADF loan: \$4.2 million

Project Components

Karamyk BCP improvement (CAREC corridors 3b and 5)

- upgrade & outfitting of terminal facilities, traffic management, paved areas
- provision of communications, power, water supply & wastewater facilities

Kyrgyz Republic NSW development

- development of SW system & trade portal software, certificate of origin and license track & trace systems;
- provision of SW backup system, regional center & trade portal hardware; business process analysis & re-engineering;
- legal & regulatory framework review; stakeholder engagement & public awareness activities; market study and research

Status

- Project Implementation Unit established and staffed
- First Project Steering Committee meeting held on **4 April 2014**
- Selection process on going for NSW institutional and technical support, negotiation scheduled in **September 2014**

Obstacle

- Delays in re-categorization of BCP as international, preventing third-country and transit traffic access

- Approved on 1 April 2013; Grant Agreement signed on 24 April 2013
- ADF grant = \$9.2 million

Project Components

Guliston BCP improvement (Osh-Batken-Isfara-Khujand highway)

- upgrade & outfitting of terminal facilities
- provision of communications, office & customs inspection equipment

Tajikistan NSW development

- development of SW system & trade portal software, certificate of origin & license track & trace systems, and enhancement and integration of the unified automated information systems of Customs Service
- provision of SW system, regional center & trade portal hardware, operational assistance to the SW governance & working groups, business process analysis & re-engineering, legal & regulatory framework review and proposal, stakeholder engagement and public awareness

Status

- Project Implementation Unit established and staffed
- Selection process on going for NSW institutional and technical support, financial proposal being evaluated
- Civil works bidding documents will start preparation in September 2014

Loan processing uncertain

- has ADF allocation
- Sainshand-Zamyn Uud road construction completed
- ICT and single window experts recruited for scoping and fact-finding
- Interagency coordination proving cumbersome

New corridor alignments

- Pakistan and Turkmenistan
 - ADB processing an investment in Pakistan BCPs with Afghanistan and India

Sustain demand for highway investments

- World Bank-financed Almaty-Khorgos highway
 - Status of development of new BCP unknown

Changing trade patterns

- Trade patterns, traffic volumes, and country priorities
 - Need to anticipate Eurasia Economic Union accession
 - Need to avoid developing facilities that are not open to traffic
 - Need to identify BCP pairs that impede intra- and inter-regional trade

Delays at the borders

1. Top 5 Road BCPs, outbound

| | Road BCP Outbound, in hours | Partner BCP Inbound, in hours |
|-------------|---|----------------------------------|
| 5a,6c | PAK Peshawar 36.2 | AFG Torkham 32.9 |
| | Major Delays: Customs clearance, waiting in queue | |
| 5c,6a,6b,6d | PAK Chaman 36.0 | AFG Spin Buldak 60.0 |
| | Major Delays: Customs clearance, waiting in queue | |
| 1b | PRC Khorgos 28.2 | KAZ Korgas 11.2 |
| | Major Delays: Waiting in queue, customs clearance, loading, health/quarantine | |
| 2a,6a | UZB Daut-Ata 9.6 | KAZ Tazhen 8.6 |
| | Major Delays: Waiting in queue | |
| 2a,6a | KAZ Tazhen 8.4 | UZB Daut-Ata 6.1 |
| | Major Delays: Waiting in queue, customs clearance, loading, health/quarantine | |

Delays at the borders

2. Top 5 Road BCPs, inbound

| | Road BCP Inbound, in hours | Partner BCP Outbound, in hours |
|-------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 5c,6a,6b,6d | AFG Spin Buldak 60.0 | PAK Chaman 36.0 |
| | Major Delays: Customs clearance, waiting in queue | |
| 5a,6c | AFG Torkham 32.9 | PAK Peshawar 36.2 |
| | Major Delays: Customs clearance, waiting in queue | |
| 1b | KAZ Korgas 11.2 | PRC Khorgos 28.2 |
| | Major Delays: Customs clearance, waiting in queue | |
| 3a | TKM Saraks 8.8 | IRN Sarakhs n/a* |
| | Major Delays: Waiting in queue, border control | |
| 2a,6a | KAZ Tazhen 8.6 | UZB Daut-Ata 9.6 |
| | Major Delays: Waiting in queue, health/quarantine | |

*No data for 2013, 2012 data: 15.4 hours

Delays at the borders

3. Top 5 Rail BCPs, outbound

| | Rail BCP Outbound, in hours | Partner BCP Inbound, in hours |
|-------|---|----------------------------------|
| 1a,2c | PRC Alashankou 46.3 | KAZ Dostyk 64.8 |
| | Major Delays: Customs clearance, waiting in queue | |
| 4b | PRC Erenhot 25.1 | MON Zamiin-Uud 29.2 |
| | Major Delays: Customs clearance, waiting in queue | |
| 4b,4c | RUS Naushki 17.6 | MON Sukhbaatar 19.0 |
| | Major Delays: Waiting in queue | |
| 4b | MON Zamiin-Uud 12.7 | PRC Erenhot 30.6 |
| | Major Delays: Customs clearance, waiting, loading/unloading | |
| 1a,2c | KAZ Dostyk 5.2 | PRC Alashankou n/a* |
| | Major Delays: Waiting in queue, change of gauge | |

*Records of trains bound to PRC stop at Dostyk, 2011 data: 10.0

Delays at the borders

4. Top 5 Rail BCPs, inbound

| | Rail BCP Inbound, in hours | Partner BCP Outbound, in hours |
|-------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1a,2c | KAZ Dostyk 64.8 | PRC Alashankou 46.3 |
| | Major Delays: Customs clearance, waiting in queue | |
| 4b | PRC Erenhot 30.6 | MON Zamiin-Uud 12.7 |
| | Major Delays: Customs clearance, waiting in queue | |
| 4b | MON Zamiin-Uud 29.2 | PRC Erenhot 25.1 |
| | Major Delays: Customs clearance, waiting in queue | |
| 4b,4c | MON Sukhbaatar 19.0 | RUS Naushki 17.6 |
| | Major Delays: Waiting in queue, border control | |
| 2b,3a | TKM Farap 14.5 | UZB Alat n/a |
| | Major Delays: Waiting in queue, health/quarantine | |