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Update on TA Activities and TA Work Plan

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Status of approved prefeasibility and knowledge support 1/2

TA activity	Present status
Railway sector assessments for each CAREC MC	Reports published in 2019–20
Development and use CAREC Regional Transport Model	Model completed in 2019–21
Situation analysis of CAREC railways identifying opportunities for commercialization, reform and investment	Report published in 2022, presented at ADB Transport Forum 2022
Approved knowledge and capacity development (KCD) projects	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Paper on track capacity and timetabling software</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Paper published in 2020</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Advisory support to prepare railway commercialization, reform and investment programs in KGZ and TAJ</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Consultants recruited in Q1 2020 but work halted due to pandemic. First and second country visits conducted in Q3 2022 and Q2 2023. Expect completion by Q3 2023</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Study on CAREC rolling stock needs and financing facility</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>After discussion at 6th RWG, TOR updated in Q2 2023 and study approach discussed at 7th RWG. ADB has supplemented the TA resources. Expect completion by Q4 2023</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Capacity development on best practices in establishing and operating a railway sales and marketing function</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Draft TOR prepared in Q1 2020. Work suspended due to pandemic. Recruitment of expert will be subject to TA replenishment</i>

Status of approved prefeasibility and knowledge support 2/2

TA activity	Present status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knowledge support on railway accounting standards 	<p>Draft TOR prepared in Q1 2020. Work suspended due to pandemic. Recruitment of expert will be subject to TA replenishment</p>
<p>Approved prefeasibility study projects</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Traffic study on proposed China–Kyrgyz Republic–Uzbekistan (CKU) railway 	<p>Consultant recruited in Q1 2020 but work suspended due to pandemic. Work resumed in Q2 2022, field studies in Q3, team augmented Q1 2023. Expected completion in Q3 2023</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uzbekistan–Turkmenbashi block train services 	<p>Consultants recruited. Field work scheduled for September 2023. Expected completion in Q4 2023</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uzbekistan Northwestern International Freight Corridor 	<p>Consultants recruited. Field work scheduled for September 2023. Expected completion in Q4 2023</p>



Concluding observations

- After two-year gap due to the pandemic, TA implementation resumed in mid-2022 and completion is now expected in 2023
- Overall deliverables of TA were accomplished or are on track
- Ongoing approved PFS and knowledge support to be completed within 2023
- Upon completion of ongoing approved support, TA budget will be fully utilized
- Knowledge support on accounting standards and railway sales & marketing, and any more PFS, knowledge/other support, depends on TA replenishment
- TA replenishment to be considered by ADB and cofinancing partners

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Thank you!

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