

Semi-annual Social Safeguards Monitoring Report

(January to June 2018)

Loan 3524-GEO: Secondary Road Improvement Project
(km 0.00 to km 10.680 and km 16.340 to km24.640)

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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
AH	Affected Household
AP	Affected Person
DDC	Detailed Design Consultant
DMS	Detailed Measurement Survey
EA	Executing Agency
GEL	Georgian Lari (Currency)
ETIC	Euroasian Transport Corridor Investment Centre
GoG	Government of Georgia
GPS	Geographic Positioning System
GRCE	Grievance Redress Committee
GRCN	Grievance Redress Commission
GRM	Grievance Redress Mechanism
Ha	Hectare
HH	Household
IA	Implementing Agency
IP	Indigenous People
IR	Involuntary Resettlement
Km	Kilo Meter
LAR	Land Acquisition and Resettlement
LARC	Land Acquisition and Resettlement Commission
LARP	Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan
MOF	Ministry of Finance
MRDI	Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia
NAPR	National Agency of Public Registry
PRRC	Property Rights Recognition Commission
RoW	Right of Way
RD	Resettlement Division
RDMRDI	Roads Department of the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia
RoW	Right of Way
SPS	Safeguard Policy Statement, 2009

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1 Introduction

1.1 Objective of the report

1. This Semi-Annual Social Safeguards Monitoring Report for Rehabilitation of Dzirula – Kharagauli – Moliti – Pona – Chumateleti Secondary Road Section (50 km) covers the period from January to June 2018. The objective of the report is to provide an overview of the progress made in the implementation of the land acquisition and resettlement (LAR) tasks in the second half of 2018. It provides information on social safeguards activities related to the preparation and implementation of the LAR plans (LARP) as well as safeguards issues raised during construction period and social impact mitigation measures. It describes the project's performance in dealing with community consultation and stakeholders' participation, impacted assets registration/records and compensation processes, and grievances received and redressed. Lessons learned and the recommendations for the implementation of safeguards component of the project in the next stage of the program are summarized at the end of the report.

1.2 Background Information

2. Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a loan with the Government of Georgia in June 2017 for financing toward the rehabilitation of Dzirula-Kharagauli-Moliti-Pona-Chumateleti secondary road section (50 kilometres). The project impact will be aligned with the increased economic activity in the Kharagauli municipality and surrounding regions and national connectivity. The outcome will be increased mobility and accessibility of the residents of Kharagauli municipality and tourists visiting the project area by reducing vehicle operating costs and providing time savings for road users. The project's output will be about 50 km of improved road between Dzirula and Chumateleti, including several short access roads to the nearby national park and to Kharagauli and other railway stations. Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure (MRDI) is the executing agency (EA) of the Project on behalf of the Government of Georgia (GoG) and the Roads Department of the MRDI (RDMRDI) is the implementing agency (IA).

3. For implementation purposes, the project has been divided into 2 separate sections of about 25 km each. The first road section (Section-1) covers the western region comprising 24.620 kilometre (km) road length from Dzirula to Moliti and the second road section (Section-2) covers the eastern region comprising 25.624 km of road length from Moliti to Chumateleti.

Figure 1: Map of Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 locations



1.3 Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plans

4. Given that civil works will be implemented in two separate contracts, final Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plans (LARP), has been prepared separately for each contract/section, during the detailed designs of the project. To satisfy the ADB Safeguards Policies Update of 2009 (SPS 2009) the Roads Department of the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure of Georgia (RDMRDI) – the Implementing Agency (IA), has prepared two implementation-ready Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plans (LARP) for both sections. The first road section (Section-1) covers the western region comprising of 24.64 kilometre (Km) road length from Dzirula to Moliti (0.0km – 24.64km) and the second road section (Section-2) covers the eastern region comprising 26.4 km of road length from Moliti to Chumateleti (24.64km – 51.04km). The project is classified category B for involuntary resettlement as per ADB Safeguard Policy Statement (SPS), 2009.
5. The LARP Section 1 (0+000 km – 24+640 km) is dated 15 November 2017 and was approved by ADB as fitting the requirements of the SPU 2009. LARPs implementation started in November 2017.
6. The LARP Section 2 (24.64km – 51.04km) is dated 27 June 2018 and was approved by ADB as fitting the requirements of the SPU 2009. LARPs implementation in July 2018.

2 LARP Implementation

2.1 The LARP Section 1 (0+000 km – 24+640 km)

2.1.1 LARP implementation during January – June of 2018

7. Due to minor adjustments of the alignment and other technical reasons several corrections have been made in the compensation matrix without updating the LARP. According to Updated Compensation Matrix, the project has impact on 83 land plots owned or used by 70 private households. Out of this number, in relation with the 66 land plots the LARP implementation procedures have been completed fully and all compensation tallies have been paid in compliance with the Updated CM.
8. Payments of the compensations have not been completed in relation with 14 land plots, owned or used by 13 AHs. Not compensated land plots are located in the middle of the road section 1 from km 10.68 to km 16.340. In order not to delay the start-up of the civil works, decision has been made to prepare the Compliance Report only for the road subsections where the LAR process is fully completed and thus establish conditions of readiness to start the implementation of early civil works along these road segments. The Compliance Report No 1(CR1) confirmed that for the affected land plots located within the subsections from km 0.00 to km 10.680 and km 16.340 to km 24.640 LAR process is completed. Within this subsection 50 land plots owned or used by 41 AHs are located. Affected assets located on 48 land plots and eligible for compensation have been compensated in cash, as well as all additional allowances in accordance with LARP. Compensations for two land plots and associated assets are placed at escrow accounts. One of these two land plots belongs to the AH headed by a person, who currently serves his

term in a penitentiary facility. To be able to receive compensations deposited on escrow account, this person has to complete formalities of issuing power of attorney. The other AH, who has debts registered in the Register of Debtors, has to cover his minor debts to enable NAPR registration of the purchase and sales agreement. After completion of these formalities the compensation amounts placed on escrow accounts will become accessible for the AHs. So far as the pending procedural actions are not dependent on RD and so far as the compensation money is placed on escrow accounts, it is considered that RD has fulfilled its obligations in relation with the mentioned AHs.

2.1.2 LARP implementation during August - December of 2018

9. For the end of July 2018 payments of the compensations have not been completed in relation with 14 land plots, owned or used by 13 AHs. Not compensated land plots are located in the middle of the road section 1 from km 10.68 to km to km16. 340.

10. During August - December of 2018 for 2 land plots (two AHs) out of this 14 compensation has been paid. Compensated land plots are No 38 (Owners – I ,) and land plot No 54 (owners – I and I). All compensation tallies for these affected households have been paid according to LARP.

11. Currently only 12 cases are pending for section 1 and out of these 11 are land plots formally owned by Georgian Railways. The status of these affected land plots is under discussion with Georgian Railways.

2.2 The LARP Section 2 Moliti to Chumateleti (24.64km – 51.04km).

LARP implementation

12. The Implementation of the LARP for section 2 commenced in August 2018.

13. Out of 208 affected private land plots to be acquired for 111 compensations have been paid and the plots are acquired by RD. At present it is planned to prepare the Compliance Report for section 2, when the entire land or most part is acquired.