

## Proposed Project Summary for Public Disclosure

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| <b>Project Name</b>          | Guizhou Qianxinan Rural Roads Improvement Program  |
| <b>Country</b>               | The People's Republic of China   |
| <b>Sector</b>                | Transport  |
| <b>Concept Approval Date</b> | 22 February 2022   |
| <b>Total Project Cost</b>    | RMB 1.51 billion (USD 235 million equivalent)  |
| <b>Proposed Loan Amount</b>  | USD 200 million  |
| <b>Borrower</b>              | The People's Republic of China   |
| <b>Project Entity</b>        | The People's Government of Guizhou Province (Executing Agency)<br>The People's Government of Qianxinan Prefecture (Implementing Agency)  |
| <b>Project Context</b>       | Guizhou is a landlocked province in the southwest region of China. Qianxinan is a multi-ethnic autonomous prefecture within Guizhou which is relatively under-developed. Qinglong, Zhenfeng, Ceheng, and Wangmo are four counties in Qianxinan that have been recently removed from the list of national poverty-stricken counties and are striving to consolidate the achievement of overcoming poverty. The key factors contributing to social and economic development constraints for the four counties include: (i) difficult topographic conditions as more than half of the area is mountainous, which makes for arduous and costly road construction; (ii) limited financing at the local level to support road construction and maintenance, and; (iii) low level of urbanization combined with slow secondary and tertiary industrial development. |
| <b>Project Objective</b>     | The Program focuses on connectivity and accessibility of rural roads, which are crucial for improving socioeconomic conditions of the four counties.   |
| <b>Project Description</b>   | The Program comprises the following key components:<br>i) Upgrade of 400 km of existing rural roads through paving and redesign, and;<br>ii) Capacity building through staff training, project management consulting, developing rural road management module, and organizing road safety campaign.  |