Special Project Facilitator Asian Development Bank 6 ADB Avenue Mandaluyong City 0401 Metro Manila, Philippines

# SUBJECT: Submission of Complaint: Multan-Faisalabad Motorway M4 Project Pakistan

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We "Farmer Welfare and Development Organization" (FWDO) are presenting problems and expected hardships of affactees of proposed Multan-Faisalabad Motorway Project in Pakistan. We want you to put your attention to the problems in this project.

### We will suffer Material Harm

We are, or are likely to be, directly affected materially and adversely by the ADB -assisted project known as the Multan-Faisalabad Motorway Project.

**Homes** - We will lose our homes, our land and our livelihoods as a direct result of the Motorway being built through our homes and lands and destroying our communities.

The estimate of lands to be directly lost is 100000's of hectares of which, the majority of the land is wheat, paddy, cotton and fruit and vegetable gardens, which contribute significantly to our economic well-being. The choice of the FT going through productive lands has caused material loss for many of us both directly and indirectly.

**Social Structure** - Hitherto integrated communities will be dispersed. We have extended family structures and up to 4 generations live within walking distance of each other. We will now be displaced and forced to live away from each other.

## **Compensations**

There is no resettlement policy for affected farmers which are being displaced nor any policy is made for their earnings as the have the only source which is agriculture which will be no more available to them after the lands are used for Motorways. Compensation being awarded to the affected is very little. Present average price of the land in our area in Multan in Bhakkal-Bher is Rs.4000000/ Acre while the affected are being paid Rs.1000000 only which is not sufficient for us to make our earnings possible. Even the Compensation criteria is not same for all, the powerful and affective figures are being paid in **Crores** while a common farmer is being paid Rs. 1000000/acre only.

## **Suggested Remedies**

- 1) The Route should be changed as this is a populated as well as highly fertile land. OR
- 2) The minimum compensation price should be according to market rate, however according to rules the minimum compensation price is 18% more than the market price and the valuation must be made according to private Market and private ealuators.
- *Proper resettlement policy for the people being displaced.*
- 4) A very favorable setup is required for Llive-stock rehabilitation as this is the major source being neglected in whole the project and need a lot of consideration.
- 5) Substitute ways of earnings should be provided to the affected farmers who don't have any alternates.
- 6) ADB's acts must be properly followed during the whole project.

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