

JICA comment concerning the eurasianet article dated Jul 14, 2022

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When JICA provides governments with financing to invest in projects, great attention will be paid to factors such as environmental and social impacts, and the recipient governments are required to implement the projects with appropriate consideration in accordance with our environmental and social consideration guidelines.

Under this road rehabilitation project for the section km 28-75 on the Osh-Batken-Isfana road, it was confirmed at the planning phase that no resettlement was necessary. Furthermore, in 2019, the executing agency -Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic- has conducted an assessment and research on identification of the project's negative impact on properties and facilities, green plantings etc., located along the project site with the aim of avoiding and minimizing the project impact on the social environment in the project area. Accordingly, the design of road rehabilitation was developed avoiding any necessity of resettlement.

According to the executing agency, the demolition work mentioned in the article had been implemented by Nookat district administration in accordance with the legislative law for the purpose of implementing the urban development plan of the district.

However, if there shall be any problems related to the social impact on local residents, JICA will take necessary considerations with the executing agency per the relevant laws and regulations.

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