This component will finance a Project Management Unit within the BOR, project operation and regular social assessments/user surveys to monitor and assess project impacts.

1. Project Management Unit (PMU)

A PMU has been established within the BOR, composed of core staff primarily seconded from the Government, with the purpose of preparing the Project and managing its implementation. The PMU interacts directly with BOR, the District Governments and the Steering and Operational Committees for the Project. It is responsible for operational control of project implementation, including management of all aspects of the project implementation plan. The PMU has a financial management unit with responsibility for accounting, disbursements, the operations of the Special Account, and the preparation of the project financial management reports. The PMU will also have a procurement unit with responsibility for drafting bidding documents and overseeing the procurement processes under the Project. The PMU will have a central monitoring unit that will work with private sector partners in implementing the Project Monitoring and Evaluation.

2. Divisional Coordination Cells

Divisional Commissioners in all the 9 Divisions of the Province will be assigned coordination and monitoring responsibilities during the implementation of the project. Minimal staff and equipment will be provided to facilitate this work.

3. Project Evaluation and Impact Assessment

A series of social assessments/user surveys will be financed during the life of the project to allow for baseline measurement in the participating districts, mid-term review, and end-of-project data. The purpose of these assessments will be to provide independent and objective feedback on the impact that the Project is having with respect to its development objective of providing higher quality services to the population. It is intended that these surveys will allow for additional project impact analysis by establishing baseline measures at the local level prior to authorizing the start of the automated systems in a given district and providing information on those indicators through project implementation.