



Afghanistan: Preparing the Water Resources Sector Development Project

Project Name	Preparing the Water Resources Sector Development Project	
Project Number	51079-001	
Country	Afghanistan	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA: Preparing the Water Resources Sector Development Project Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.50 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change		
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Irrigation	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	The project will support the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (Afghanistan) to strengthen water resources management in rural areas. The proposed project is expected to comprise 3 outputs: (i) rehabilitation of community based irrigation schemes, (ii) construction of small-scale rainwater harvesting structures for sustainable land management, and (iii) resource efficiency improvement for water resources management in rural areas. Support will include policy support and technical assistance to strengthen O&M and rural asset management and to promote innovation.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan has an urgent need to increase water productivity in rural agricultural areas to provide for better livelihood opportunities for rural communities and improve food security situation in Afghanistan. The population in Afghanistan is expected to grow from the current 31 million to about 40 and 50 million in 2030 and 2040. The coverage of irrigated agriculture, however, declined from 3.1 million ha in 1957 to less than 2.8 million ha in 2016.</p> <p>Low water productivity in many rural areas in Afghanistan is a result of (i) outdated and inadequate rural irrigation infrastructure, (ii) limited capacity to adapt to changing climatic conditions, and (iii) insufficient usage of technological innovations widely applied in other rural areas in the world. Low water productivity in many rural areas in Afghanistan is a result of (i) outdated and inadequate rural irrigation infrastructure, (ii) limited capacity to adapt to changing climatic conditions, and (iii) insufficient usage of technological innovations widely applied in other rural areas in the world. Many local farmer communities lack the knowledge or resources to make a change and initiate more sustainable water resources management practices, and ensure adequate operation and maintenance arrangements for their local irrigation systems.</p> <p>The Government initiated a number of national and regional programs to support rural communities with improving their development opportunities, the Afghanistan National Peace and Development Framework 2017-2021 highlights the urgent support for rural areas, the National Priority Program (NPP), and the Comprehensive Agriculture Development Program (CADP) promote increasing investments in water management.</p>	
Impact		
Outcome		
Outputs		
Geographical Location	Nation-wide	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design		
During Project Implementation		
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Responsible ADB Division	Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, CWRD	
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Finance Pashtunistan Watt, Kabul, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan	
Timetable		
Concept Clearance		

Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
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