



Afghanistan: Second Support for Infrastructure Investments and Policy

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| Project Name | Second Support for Infrastructure Investments and Policy | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Project Number | 51173-001 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Country | Afghanistan | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Project Status | Active | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Project Type / Modality of Assistance | Technical Assistance | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source of Funding / Amount | <table><tr><td colspan="2">TA 9396-AFG: Second Support for Infrastructure Investments and Policy</td></tr><tr><td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td><td>US\$ 1.00 million</td></tr><tr><td>Afghanistan Infrastructure Trust Fund</td><td>US\$ 1.10 million</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">TA: Second Support for Infrastructure Investments and Policy (Supplementary)</td></tr><tr><td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td><td>US\$ 1.27 million</td></tr><tr><td>Afghanistan Infrastructure Trust Fund</td><td>US\$ 490,000.00</td></tr></table> | TA 9396-AFG: Second Support for Infrastructure Investments and Policy | | Technical Assistance Special Fund | US\$ 1.00 million | Afghanistan Infrastructure Trust Fund | US\$ 1.10 million | TA: Second Support for Infrastructure Investments and Policy (Supplementary) | | Technical Assistance Special Fund | US\$ 1.27 million | Afghanistan Infrastructure Trust Fund | US\$ 490,000.00 |
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| Strategic Agendas | Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Drivers of Change | Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sector / Subsector | Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development Energy - Energy sector development and institutional reform Public sector management - Economic affairs management - Public expenditure and fiscal management Transport - Transport policies and institutional development | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gender Equity and Mainstreaming | No gender elements | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Description | <p>The proposed knowledge and support technical assistance (KSTA) will help to further reform and assist the government to improve infrastructure development and delivery. The TA will focus on: (i) implementation and project management, (ii) strategic planning, and (iii) project finance. The TA's main activities will be providing policy advice and building the capacity of the Ministry of Finance (MOF the executing agency or EA), line ministries, and other government agencies (the implementing agencies or IAs).</p> <p>(TA) will further reforms and assists to improve infrastructure development and delivery by focusing on (i) implementation and project management, (ii) strategic planning, and (iii) project finance. The TA will focus on providing policy advice and building the capacity of the Ministry of Finance (MOF), line ministries, and other government organizations.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy | The TA is included in the country operations business plan, 2017-2019 of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for Afghanistan and aligns with the ADB Country Partnership Strategy priorities of energy, transport, and water and natural resources investments. The TA will build on the Support for Infrastructure Investments and Policy. The TA will also continue to support the Afghanistan Infrastructure Trust Fund (AITF) and develop line ministries' capacity. This TA will have a particular focus on the sector strategy and planning to advance and support the implementation of the National Infrastructure Plan (NIP) 2017-2021, under the direction of the MOF and the Infrastructure Council, and develop project financing budgeting and strategies. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Impact | <p>Improved transport systems for movement of goods and services (in-country and regionally), increased access to affordable and reliable energy, and increased food self-sufficiency and agricultural exports. (COBP 2017-2019)</p> <p>Economic stimulus and stability from release of unspent development budget, job creation and development of the national construction industry</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Project Outcome | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Description of Outcome | Infrastructure delivery improved |
| Progress Toward Outcome | Under the TA, several international and national specialists have been recruited. Some of the positions are currently being reviewed to ensure that the objectives will be met. |
| Implementation Progress | |
| Description of Project Outputs | Strengthened government project implementation capacity and procedures. Strategic policy and planning documents and support including NIP revisions, NIP implementation plan, project selection criteria, infrastructure investment plan, revised development budget and technical notes on infrastructure sector institutional arrangements. Increased infrastructure financing through improved AITF operations and strengthened PPP plans and framework. |
| Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues) | All the consultants' positions have been advertised and recruitment is on-going. International Infrastructure Specialist, Water Resources and Irrigation Specialist, Project Economist is recruited and is on board. PPP Specialist recruitment is in progress. Energy Specialist and Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist are recruited and on board. Recruitment for the remaining positions is ongoing. Once all consultants are recruited, they will build on the previous support for infrastructure investments and policy TA and will further develop line ministries capacity and continue to support the AITF. The consultants will work on sector strategy and planning to advance and support the implementation of the National Infrastructure Plan (NIP), under the direction of the MOF and the infrastructure council. The TA is currently in the process of receiving additional funds (subject to ADB Management approval) to help the reform of the Ministry of Public Works. In addition, the TA will facilitate to engage a third party monitoring and evaluation firm - which will help the government to better identify issues and to timely resolve the issues so that project implementation will achieve its target. |
| 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 Officer | Budiman, Renadi |
| Responsible ADB Department | Central and West Asia Department |
| Responsible ADB Division | Afghanistan Resident Mission |
| Executing Agencies | <i>Ministry of Finance Pashtunistan Watt, Kabul, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan</i> |

Timetable

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| Concept Clearance | 07 Jul 2017 |
| Fact Finding | 18 Apr 2017 to 18 Apr 2017 |
| MRM | - |
| Approval | 26 Sep 2017 |
| Last Review Mission | - |
| Last PDS Update | 03 Oct 2018 |

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| Milestones | | | | | |
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| Approval | Signing Date | Effectivity Date | Closing | | |
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26 Sep 2017

26 Nov 2017

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30 Sep 2019

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| Financing Plan/TA Utilization | | | | | | | Cumulative Disbursements | |
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| ADB | Cofinancing | Counterpart | | | | Total | Date | Amount |
| | | Gov | Beneficiaries | Project Sponsor | Others | | | |
| 1,000,000.00 | 1,100,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,100,000.00 | 26 Sep 2017 | 393,197.64 |

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