



Afghanistan: Mazar Gas Fired Power Project

Project Name	Mazar Gas Fired Power Project
Project Number	52306-001
Borrower/Company	Afghan Power Plant Company Limited
Country	Afghanistan
Location	
Approval Number	
Type of ADB Assistance / Amount	Ordinary capital resources USD 10.00 million Proposed
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Partnerships Private sector development
Sector / Subsector	Energy - Conventional energy generation
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements
Responsible ADB Department	
Responsible ADB Division	
Responsible ADB Officer	Khawaja, Haroun Ahmed
Project Sponsor(s)	Ghazanfar Group of Companies
Description	
Objectives and Scope	The Project will provide long-term financing not readily available in Afghanistan and will increase domestic power generation and reduce import of electricity by contributing to Afghanistan's long-term energy security, affordability, and sustainability.
Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The project is consistent with ADB's Strategy 2030, which includes expanding and diversifying private sector operations in new and frontier markets, such as fragile and conflict affected-situation countries. ADB's support for the project is also in line with its Afghanistan country partnership strategy, 2017 2021 as it supports one of the three key priority areas: energy. The project will improve energy affordability, sustainability, and security, and increase access to reliable sources of domestic power generation in Afghanistan.

Safeguard Categories	
Environment	B
Involuntary Resettlement	C
Indigenous Peoples	C

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects	
Environmental Aspects	An Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) has been prepared and was approved by the National Environment Protection Agency of Afghanistan in May 2018. An independent environmental and social compliance review was conducted for the project in 2019 and developed an Environmental and Social Action Plan (ESAP) to address gaps identified against applicable standards. The potential environmental impacts of the project include dust, heat, noise and occupational hazardous during construction and impacts on air emissions, noise, waste generation and occupational hazards during operation. These impacts are generally site-specific, reversible and will be managed by the implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP).
Involuntary Resettlement	In compliance with ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009), the project is classified as Category C for involuntary resettlement. The project has not caused any physical or economic displacement impacts. A separate LARP has been prepared (and disclosed) for non-significant displacement impacts expected during construction of the transmission line.
Indigenous Peoples	In compliance with ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009), the project is classified as Category C for Indigenous Peoples. The project area is not within areas where distinct and vulnerable Indigenous Peoples or ethnic minority groups reside.
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	Consultations have taken place during preparation of the ESIA, including with local residents and workers, women's groups, local authorities and civil society. The main concerns are related to disturbances and pollution, local employment and opportunities for women. A Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) will be developed and includes a grievance redress mechanism to ensure grievances, if any, will be communicated and addressed appropriately.

Timetable for assistance design, processing and implementation	
Concept Clearance	09 Apr 2019
Due Diligence	
Credit Committee Meeting	04 Dec 2019 to 04 Dec 2019
Approval	10 Feb 2020
Last PDS Update	10 Jan 2020

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