



# Afghanistan: Improving Management of Involuntary Resettlement Impacts in Afghanistan

Project Name	Improving Management of Involuntary Resettlement Impacts in Afghanistan		
Project Number	53201-001		
Country	Afghanistan		
Project Status	Active		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance		
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9904-AFG: Improving Management of Involuntary Resettlement Impacts in Afghanistan		
	Technical Assistance Special Fund		US\$ 225,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth		
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions		
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management - Economic affairs management		
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements		
Description	This TA aims to provide support to the government in managing social safeguards requirements in ongoing and processing projects through: (i) increasing capacity of national expertise in understanding and managing LAR activities in compliance with ADB safeguards policies; and (ii) providing operational support to project teams to ensure compliance of ADB financed projects with ADB Safeguards Policy Statement 2009 on Involuntary Resettlement.		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	During country safeguards review mission in November 2018, 8 projects in Afghanistan were identified as non-compliant with ADB Safeguards Policy Statement 2009 on Involuntary Resettlement (ADB SPS 2009). Detailed action plans with specific timelines were developed to bring projects back to compliance. Executing agencies (EA) have been demonstrating a strong commitment to implement social safeguards policies and bring these projects back to compliance. In achieving and keeping this target, EAs need a capacity building support to increase their knowledge and understanding of ADB Safeguards Policy Statement 2009 for Involuntary Resettlement. International experts are not willing to travel to Afghanistan for processing and ongoing projects due to increased security risks. Also, there is quite limited number of national social safeguards expertise in the country. Location of project site areas in _active conflict zones_ or _post-conflict zone_ areas is another challenge in Afghanistan. While there are access and security constraints on project sites located in _active conflict-zone_ areas, there are many other challenges in Afghanistan directly relevant to implementation of social safeguards requirements. These are due to _post conflict-zone" challenges, which include damaged government institutions, buildings, incomplete or missing data, archives, lack of public services to people, etc. These constraints eroded confidence in the results of field surveys among government agencies and government introduced additional layers of internal review and approval. A combination of these factors have been causing significant delays in implementation of LAR activities.		
Impact	Improved of social safeguards compliance in ADB funded projects in Afghanistan		
Project Outcome			
Description of Outcome		Management of involuntary resettlement impacts of projects in Afghanistan improved	
Progress Toward Outcome			
Implementation Progress			
Description of Project Outputs		Capacity of in-country social safeguards specialists enhanced Operational support to improve management of involuntary resettlement impacts in project established	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)			
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			
Responsible ADB Officer		Aida Satylganova	
Responsible ADB Department		Central and West Asia Department	
Responsible ADB Division		CWOD-PSG	

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	12 Apr 2019 to 12 Apr 2019
MRM	-
Approval	03 Dec 2019
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	16 Dec 2019

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
225,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225,000.00	-	0.00

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