



# Afghanistan: Capacity Development of the Ministry of Public Works

Project Name	Capacity Development of the Ministry of Public Works	
Project Number	54159-001	
Country	Afghanistan	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA: Capacity Development of the Ministry of Public Works	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships	
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Road transport (non-urban)	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements	
Description	This KSTA will help develop the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Public Works (MPW), in conjunction with major transport sector reforms which the president's decree announced in 19 May 2020. The decree suspended the merger of various transport agencies consisting of Ministry of Transport, Railway Authority, Civil Aviation Authority, Traffic Directorate of the Ministry of the Interior Affairs and Ministry of Public Works. Under the previously proposed merger, these entities were centralized under a new central administrative unit under the name of Ministry of Transport (MOT). The proposed TA will strengthen MPW in its core functions, assist in enhancing management's capacities including policy formulation, sector planning, and regulation. Considering that MPW has also been designated implementing agency for all transport sector projects, the TA will provide the needed support to project conceptualization and for administration of ongoing projects. The Government requested ADB assistance for the TA in February 2020 during the review mission.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Prior to the President's decree of reverting back to MPW, responsibilities for the transport sector had been fragmented, and the need for an apex ministry in charge of sector planning, policy formulation, and regulation had been expressed on several occasions. The government needs capacity development assistance to help MPW deliver on its new mandate. MPW will have to review, clarify, and consolidate sector responsibilities covering investment planning and financing, formulation of a policy for the entire sector, and regulation of agencies and transport operations. As a first step, the relative roles and responsibilities of MPW, the National Road Authority (NRA), and the project management office (PMO) will have to be clarified. These tasks are urgent as MPW is already acting as the lead implementing agency for all donor's funded transport sector projects.	
Impact	Long-term prosperity through the development of efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally and socially sustainable transport infrastructure; and Steady economic growth and increase in foreign trade driven by increased trade competitiveness	
Outcome	The functionality of the PMO restored and put in a sustainable path	
Outputs	Training and mentoring in infrastructure engineering and procurement delivered Project management and monitoring system operationalized Satellite imaging monitoring system piloted	
Geographical Location	Nation-wide	
<b>Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects</b>		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design		
During Project Implementation		
Responsible ADB Officer	Kailasam, Ganesh	
Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department	
Responsible ADB Division	Transport and Communications Division, CWRD	
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Finance Pashtunistan Watt, Kabul, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan	

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	02 Oct 2020
Fact Finding	08 Oct 2020 to 08 Oct 2020
MRM	-
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	07 Oct 2020

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