



Afghanistan: Sustaining Essential Services Delivery Project (Support for Afghan People)

Project Name	Sustaining Essential Services Delivery Project (Support for Afghan People)	
Project Number	55343-001	
Country / Economy	Afghanistan	
Project Status	Active	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant	
Source of Funding / Amount	Grant 0819-AFG: Sustaining Essential Services Delivery Project (Support for Afghan People)	
	Asian Development Fund	US\$ 65.00 million
	Grant 0820-AFG: Sustaining Essential Services Delivery Project (Support for Afghan People)	
	Asian Development Fund	US\$ 5.00 million
	Grant 0821-AFG: Sustaining Essential Services Delivery Project (Support for Afghan People)	
	Asian Development Fund	US\$ 200.00 million
	Grant 0822-AFG: Sustaining Essential Services Delivery Project (Support for Afghan People)	
Asian Development Fund	US\$ 135.00 million	
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Partnerships	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development / Agricultural production Education / Education sector development Health / Health system development	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	The project will provide financing to United Nations agencies (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Children's Fund, and the World Food Programme) to help sustain delivery of essential services to the people of Afghanistan and secure the basis for the future development of the country through enhancing food security, maintaining provision of core public health services, sustaining access to primary and secondary education (especially for girls), and ensuring project implementation and monitoring capacity. Delivery of the project will be through the non-governmental organizations. As ADB placed on hold its sovereign and non-sovereign assistance to Afghanistan effective 15 August 2021, the implementation of this project will be outside of the public financial management system.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Afghanistan is classified by ADB as Fragile and Conflict-Affected Situations country and has been affected by conflict for extended period. In response to the Taliban regime takeover on 15 August 2021, the development partner financing, which accounted for 75% of public expenditures in recent years, has been suspended. The country's foreign reserves held abroad have also been frozen. After the takeover, trade and investment into Afghanistan have ceased. The financial sector has been pushed to a liquidity crisis due to the freeze on foreign transactions and stoppage of money printing abroad. This is superimposed on the adverse effects of drought, which led to poor harvests and high food prices, and economic disruptions because of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. This has also led to massive displacement of people domestically, with 570,000 internally displaced persons in September 2021. The economy is projected to have contracted by 30% in 2021, driving the country to near universal poverty in 2022.	
Impact	The people of Afghanistan supported by saving lives, providing essential services, and sustaining community systems addressing basic human needs.	
Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome	Delivery of essential public services and food security sustained to ease adverse impacts of economic disruptions on the welfare and livelihoods of vulnerable Afghan people	
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs	Food security enhanced Delivery of core health services continued Access to primary and secondary education sustained Monitoring and implementation capacity strengthened	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	Nation-wide	
Safeguard Categories		
Environment	C	

Involuntary Resettlement	C
Indigenous Peoples	C

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	ADB Disclosure
Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Afghanistan Resident Mission

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	29 Oct 2021 to 29 Oct 2021
MRM	14 Dec 2021
Approval	25 Jan 2022
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	25 Jan 2022

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
25 Jan 2022	08 Feb 2022	08 Feb 2022	31 Dec 2024	-	-

Financing Plan			Grant Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)		Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	65.00		Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	65.00		22 Feb 2022	0.00	0.00	0%
Counterpart	0.00		Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00		22 Feb 2022	0.00	0.00	0%

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
25 Jan 2022	04 Feb 2022	-	31 Dec 2024	-	-

Financing Plan			Grant Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)		Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	5.00		Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	5.00		22 Feb 2022	0.00	0.00	0%
Counterpart	0.00		Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00		22 Feb 2022	0.00	0.00	0%

Grant 0821-AFG

Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
25 Jan 2022	01 Feb 2022	04 Feb 2022	31 Dec 2024	-	-

Financing Plan		Grant Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	200.00	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	200.00	22 Feb 2022	0.00	0.00	0%
Counterpart	0.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	22 Feb 2022	0.00	0.00	0%

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Milestones				
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing	
			Original	Revised
25 Jan 2022	-	-	31 Dec 2024	-

Financing Plan		Grant Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	135.00	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	135.00	22 Feb 2022	0.00	0.00	0%
Counterpart	0.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	22 Feb 2022	0.00	0.00	0%

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