



Pakistan: Greater Thal Canal Irrigation Project

Project Name	Greater Thal Canal Irrigation Project		
Project Number	49372-002		
Country	Pakistan		
Project Status	Proposed		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan		
Source of Funding / Amount			
	Loan: Greater Thal Canal Irrigation Project		
	Ordinary capital resources		US\$ 200.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth		
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Partnerships		
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Irrigation		
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements		
Description	The proposed project will support the construction of the Choubara branch of the Greater Thal Canal irrigation scheme covering around 119,000 hectares, along with support for on-farm command area development (CAD) for the Main Canal, Mankera and Choubara area and capacity development of the government entities and water users for efficient water uses and management, improved agricultural practices and sustainability of infrastructure. The Main Canal and the Mankera branch covering about 144,000 hectares of command areas have been constructed by the Government in 2009. The proposed project is designed as the first project of potential phased-support for sequentially completing the development of the entire GTC scheme.		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The project will contribute to enhancing food security and rural economic growth in Punjab Province. It will increase the agricultural production of the project area by developing a new irrigation system. The Greater Thal Canal (GTC) irrigation scheme will convert about 704,000 hectares of arid or semi-arid lands in Bhkkar, Jhang, Muzaffargarh, Khushab and Layyab districts of Punjab to irrigated productive lands.		
Impact	Food security enhanced and rural poverty in Punjab reduced.		
Outcome	Agricultural production in the project area increased.		
Outputs	Irrigation system infrastructure developed On-farm command area developed in the Main Canal, Mankera and Choubara branch areas with enhanced capacity stakeholders including the PAD and beneficiaries PID's institutional system for irrigation scheme and water resource management strengthened		
Geographical Location	Punjab		
Safeguard Categories			
Environment			A
Involuntary Resettlement			A
Indigenous Peoples			C
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects			
Environmental Aspects	The project is likely to be categorized A for environment. The categorization, potential impacts and mitigation measures will be assessed, and EIA including the EMP will be prepared during the project preparation.		
Involuntary Resettlement	The project is likely to be categorized A for involuntary resettlement. Necessary due diligence and documentation will be conducted during project preparation.		
Indigenous Peoples	The project is likely to be categorized C for indigenous peoples. The categorization will be assessed during the project preparation.		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation			
During Project Design	Stakeholders will be duly consulted during the project preparation.		
During Project Implementation	Stakeholders will be duly consulted during the project implementation.		
Business Opportunities			
Consulting Services		To be determined	
Procurement		To be determined	
Responsible ADB Officer	Natsuko Totsuka		
Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department		
Responsible ADB Division	Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, CWRD		

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	11 Dec 2017
Fact Finding	05 Feb 2020 to 19 Feb 2020
MRM	11 May 2020
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	28 Feb 2020

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