



Pakistan: Preparing Lower Palas Hydropower Project

Project Name	Preparing Lower Palas Hydropower Project
Project Number	52193-002
Country	Pakistan
Project Status	Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9674-PAK: Preparing Lower Palas Hydropower Project Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 225,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Private sector development
Sector / Subsector	Energy - Large hydropower generation
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements
Description	The proposed transaction TA will initiate due diligence and update the feasibility study for a medium-sized run of river Lower Palas Hydropower Project (665-MW). The proposed TA will review the existing documentation and commence preparation of the project for ADB's consideration in 2019. The TA will be complemented by a supplemental transaction TA to be approved in early 2019, which will pick up and conclude the remaining project preparatory work for ADB to consider and lead financing of this as well as one additional hydropower project (Patan Hydropower Development Project 2400-MW).
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Despite nearly 100 gigawatts (GW) of recognized hydropower potential in Pakistan, only 9.4 GW has been realized to date. Country's current power generation mix is deeply tilted towards thermal generation from imported fuels at 69%, which on average costs 3 times more per unit than indigenous hydropower generation. This imbalance has primarily put severe pressure on fragile balance of payments situation, undercut sector governance, mopped up sector liquidity, and created unfunded circular debt of PRs. 950 billion (\$8.2 billion) as of now.
Impact	
Project Outcome	
Description of Outcome	
Progress Toward Outcome	
Implementation Progress	
Description of Project Outputs	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	
Geographical Location	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects	
Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	
During Project Design	
During Project Implementation	

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Responsible ADB Division	Energy Division, CWRD
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Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	07 Dec 2018
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	10 Dec 2018

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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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