



## Afghanistan: Qaisar-Dari Bum Road Project

Project Name	Qaisar-Dari Bum Road Project
Project Number	37075-023
Country	Afghanistan
Project Status	Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Grant
Source of Funding / Amount	<b>Grant 0555-AFG: Qaisar - Dari Bum Road Project</b> concessional ordinary capital resources lending / Asian Development Fund US\$ 330.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration
Drivers of Change	Knowledge solutions
Sector / Subsector	<b>Transport</b> - Road transport (non-urban)
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements
Description	The objective of the Project is to help the Government to promote economic and social development and reduce poverty by rehabilitating the primary road network damaged during two decades of conflict and neglect. The Project will support (i) rehabilitation of the Qaisar-Bala Murghab section (90 km) of Herat-Andkhoy road; (ii) installation of road tolling facilities including toll plazas, computers and communications equipment, and weighing machines for the project road; (iii) HIV/AIDS prevention and anti-human trafficking awareness activities; (iv) construction supervision and monitoring; and (iv) incremental project management such as engagement of external auditors to audit project accounts and the payment of additional salary of MPW staff assigned to the PMU and the consultant team.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	
Impact	

### Project Outcome

#### Description of Outcome

#### Progress Toward Outcome

Procurement of works and recruitment of consultants are ongoing.  
The achievements will be assessed upon completion of the project.

### Implementation Progress

#### Description of Project Outputs

#### Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

Procurement of works and recruitment of consultants are ongoing.

#### Geographical Location

### Safeguard Categories

#### Environment

B

#### Involuntary Resettlement

B

#### Indigenous Peoples

C

### Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	The project is categorized as B for environment. The road alignment will mostly follow the existing dirt track's alignment thus the environmental impacts are expected to be minimal. The initial environmental examination (IEE) prepared for Project 2 (G0244/G0291) in 2010 was updated in accordance with ADB's SPS (2009), and was disclosed on 15 August 2017. It is anticipated that the major environmental impacts of the project will occur during construction phase and will include soil erosion, air and water pollution, noise impacts, occupational health and safety, and cutting of trees. Adequate mitigation measures are included in, and will be implemented through, an environmental management plan (EMP).
Involuntary Resettlement	The project is categorized as B for involuntary resettlement. Although most of the road improvement work will be carried out within the existing right of way, acquisition of privately-owned land presently being used for agricultural, residential and commercial purposes may be needed to meet the minimum national road standard pavement and embankment width of 12 meters. Based on preliminary assessment, works in all three road sections (Dari Bum-Bala Murghab; Bala Murghab-Gormach; and Gormach-Sar Chashma) will require the acquisition of 34.6 ha of agricultural and 8.96 ha of residential and commercial land. Thus, potentially impacting about 14,701 square meters of primary and secondary residential and commercial structures. It is estimated that 491 households (3,437 persons) will be affected. Of these, 168 persons will experience significant impacts, i.e., possibly displaced from housing or potential loss of 10% or more of their productive assets. Due to challenging security issues, access to project sites can be difficult. Therefore anticipated land acquisition impact assessment has been made using satellite imagery in combination with highway design software. Based on this and consultation with village representatives, 3 draft land acquisition and resettlement plans (LARPs) have been prepared in accordance with Afghanistan law and ADB SPS (2009). The draft LARPs have been endorsed by MPW and disclosed on the ADB website on 15 August 2017, and will be updated following detailed design, consultations, detailed measurement surveys and valuation of assets.
Indigenous Peoples	The project is categorized as C for indigenous people. Communities along the project alignment comprise mainly of Pashtuns and other smaller ethnic groups. These communities are all mainstreamed into Afghanistan's general society and culture and cannot be considered as indigenous people as defined under ADB's SPS, 2009.

### Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	Detailed tasks include undertaking consultations with relevant stakeholders to present the recommendations and seek inputs before finalizing the recommendations. Additional public consultations will be conducted during the detailed design stage (before construction).
During Project Implementation	MPW and ADB will maintain and regularly update its website with information on the Project, and regularly consult with the public, civil society organizations and development partners in respect of each of the preceding matters.

### Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	A consultant team will be hired to help MPW implement the Project. They will (i) oversee overall project management; (ii) assist with the procurement of civil works; (iii) supervise construction and installation of equipment, including reviewing detailed designs prepared by contractors; (iv) supervise implementation of HIV/AIDS component; (v) certify completed works by force account as well as by contractors; (vi) provide on-the-job trainings for MPW staff assigned to the consultant team; implementing and supervising the training component of the project; and (vii) undertake benefit monitoring and evaluation. The consulting services will require about 96 person-months of international consulting and about 150 person-months of domestic consulting. All consultants will be selected and engaged in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants and other arrangements for recruitment of domestic consultants acceptable to ADB. It is proposed to use direct selection for the consulting services for construction supervision and monitoring. The consulting services contract will be awarded to the same firm who will be engaged under the ongoing Andkhoy-Qaisar Road Project since the firm will be involved in the same Andkhoy-Herat road section.
Procurement	Procurement of goods, services, and civil works to be financed under the ADB loan will be carried out in accordance with ADB's Guidelines for Procurement. Due to the emergency nature of project implementation, the Government requested flexible application of such guidelines, including shorter bidding period of 60 days for the procurement of civil works under international competitive bidding. Civil works contracts will be procured through international competitive bidding (ICB). A single-stage two-envelope procedure with no separate prequalification, which has been used in the three preceding ADB-financed road projects in Afghanistan and has proven to be effective in reducing time required for procurement, will be used. Equipment will be procured by ICB for contracts with an estimated value of more than \$1,000,000, international shopping for contracts estimated at \$100,000-1,000,000, and direct purchase arrangement for contracts valued at less than \$100,000. All international procurements will be undertaken by the Government Procurement Unit operating under ARDS.

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<b>Timetable</b>	
Concept Clearance	17 Jul 2017
Fact Finding	17 Jun 2017 to 25 Jun 2017
MRM	16 Aug 2017
Approval	06 Dec 2017
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	28 Sep 2018

#### Grant 0555-AFG

<b>Milestones</b>					
<b>Approval</b>	<b>Signing Date</b>	<b>Effectivity Date</b>	<b>Closing</b>		
			<b>Original</b>	<b>Revised</b>	<b>Actual</b>
06 Dec 2017	01 Aug 2018	17 Aug 2018	30 Jun 2023	-	-

<b>Financing Plan</b>		<b>Grant Utilization</b>			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	334.00	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	330.00	06 Dec 2017	0.00	0.00	0%
Counterpart	4.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	06 Dec 2017	0.00	0.00	0%

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