# ADB-46526-007

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### **Quick Facts**

Countries	Pakistan
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2017-09-19
Borrower	Government of Pakistan
Sectors	Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 200.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 250.00 million

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### **Project Description**

#### **DESCRIPTION**

The project will improve the quality of life of the residents in the two intermediate cities of Sahiwal and Sialkot in Punjab Province, making these cities more livable and sustainable. This will be achieved by improving urban infrastructure and services, and operations and maintenance capacity for urban service delivery.

### PROJECT RATIONALE AND LINKAGE TO COUNTRY/REGIONAL STRATEGY

The Government of Pakistan has realized the importance of making its cities, particularly the intermediate cities, more livable and has put the urban sector at the forefront of its national development strategy. Pakistan's Vision 2030 and Framework for Economic Growth envisage livable cities as engines of national growth and centers of economic activity, culture, and knowledge. The Framework recognized the advantage of the local governments in managing the urban development on the ground, as they are closer to the beneficiary population with an informational advantage in identifying citizens' preferences, as well as essential flexibilities to respond rapidly to evolving city's needs. Under these circumstances, the government amended its constitution to decentralize the role of urban services to the provincial governments. The project will support the two city governments of Sahiwal and Sialkot to improve key urban services delivery.

#### **IMPACT**

Living standards, health, and economy in Sialkot and Sahiwal improved.

#### **CONSULTING SERVICES**

All consultants will be recruited according to ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). Consultants support will be provided under the project to the executing agency and Project Management Unit (PMU). This support will include project management, financial management, procurement, contract administration, safeguards implementation, and monitoring and evaluation. Two consulting firms will be engaged to provide specialist technical support in the technical design and engineering aspects of solid waste management, procurement of civil works and goods contracts, and construction monitoring and supervision. In addition to the PMU consultants, four consulting firms will be recruited for the following subprojects (i) operational design and business model, (ii) audit and finance, and performance monitoring, (iii) technical support studies and Integrated City Development Strategy implementation, and (iv) operation and maintenance of Sahiwal Sewerage Treatment Plant. The project also provides technical support, through a firm, on the capacity building for the design of training programs and its implementation. Given the envisaged technical complexities and the requirement for high quality, all consulting firms will be engaged using the quality- and cost-based selection method with a quality cost ratio of 80:20 in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).

### **PROCUREMENT**

Procurement capacity assessment of the implementing agency has been undertaken and included as a linked document. Based on the findings of the assessment, the thresholds for procurement of goods and works as well as consulting services have been defined, and the degree of ADB oversight (prior and post review) has been recommended. These are set forth in the underlying procurement plan.



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#### **Bank Documents**

- Contribution to the ADB Results Framework [Original Source]
- Country Economic Indicators [Original Source]
- Development Coordination [Original Source]
- Economic Analysis [Original Source]
- Financial Analysis [Original Source]
- Gender Action Plan
- Initial Environmental Examination: Sahiwal and Sialkot [Original Source]
- Project Administration Manual
- Project Disclosure PDF [Original Source]
- Punjab Intermediate Cities Improvement Investment Project: Gender Action Plan [Original Source]
- Punjab Intermediate Cities Improvement Investment Project: Procurement Plan [Original Source]
- Punjab Intermediate Cities Improvement Investment Project: Project Administration Manual (as of Boar Source)
- Punjab Intermediate Cities Improvement Investment Project: Report and Recommendation of the Presiden [Original Source]
- Punjab Intermediate Cities Improvement Investment Project: Resettlement Framework [Original Source]
- Punjab Intermediate Cities Improvement Investment Project: Sahiwal City Initial Environmental Examin [Original Source]
- Punjab Intermediate Cities Improvement Investment Project: Sahiwal City Initial Environmental Examin [Original Source]
- Punjab Intermediate Cities Improvement Investment Project: Sahiwal Sewage Treatment Plant Resettleme [Original Source]
- Punjab Intermediate Cities Improvement Investment Project: Sialkot City Initial Environmental Examin [Original Source]
- Punjab Intermediate Cities Improvement Investment Project: Sialkot City Initial Environmental Examin [Original Source]
- Resettlement Framework [Original Source]
- Resettlement Plan: Sahiwal [Original Source]
- Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan [Original Source]
- Sector Assessment (Summary): Urban Water Supply [Original Source]
- Summary Poverty Reduction and Social Strategy [Original Source]



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### **Other Related Projects**

• ADB-46526-001 Punjab Intermediate Cities Improvement Investment Program