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Quick Facts

Countries	Afghanistan
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2018-10-26
Borrower	Government of Afghanistan
Sectors	Technical Cooperation, Transport
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services, Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 0.23 million

Project Description

According to the bank website, The TA will have the following outcome: Roadmap for development of Afghanistan's railway subsector updated. The SSTA will deliver three outputs:

Output 1: Meetings of the Advisory Group completed. The TA will support the conduct of at least 2 more meetings of the Advisory Group. Such meetings will help to ensure that donor coordination is upkept and a consistent approach is maintained toward the further development of the railway subsector in Afghanistan.

Output 2: Project concepts prepared and prioritized. The TA will help the government and ARA to elaborate on project concepts which are line with principles outlined in para 6. One approach which could bring early benefits to Afghanistan, would be to construct multimodal hubs at Herat and Mazar-i-Sharif, so that transit freight could start flowing through Afghanistan via the Ring Road, financed by ADB and other donors. Transit fees from such multimodal transport operation could be collected into a dedicated fund, and proceeds used for the incremental construction of the railway line. Alternatives may include commissioning certain (shorter) parts of the MHR line such as Herat-Torghundi or Mazar-I-Sharif to Aquina in advance of other parts of the line. The TA will assist in examining these options, and prioritize them according to economic feasibility.

Output 3: Institutional transition plan completed. ARA is currently at a crossroad in terms of its institutional development. To date, it has remained mainly a regulator of small branch lines into Afghanistan from Iran, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. As it prepares for the construction and subsequent operation and maintenance of larger stretches of railways, the institutional form and mandate of ARA also needs to evolve. Work has been conducted to date under the TNDIP Tranche 4 to elaborate on several options moving forward. Based on this work, the TA will prepare an institutional transition plan for ARA, to guide its future development in line with the future form of the network.

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