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Quick Facts

Countries	Pakistan
Specific Location	Khyber Pakhtunwa, Punjab
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2021-12-31
Borrower	Islamic Republic of Pakistan
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environment, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services, Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 3.09 million
Grant Amount (USD)	$ 3.00 million

Project Description

According to ADB documents, the proposed investment is a transaction technical assistance (TA) facility that will support the development of climate-resilient solutions and efficient project implementation in the agriculture, natural resources, and rural development (ANR) sector in Pakistan. The TA facility will help ensure projects are grounded in the strategic sector and climate change assessments; have a high level of procurement and safeguards readiness, and provide innovative and integrated solutions. This will be achieved through a combination of upstream analytical work, project processing and readiness support, policy advisory and capacity building, and implementation support. The support will be focused on Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab provinces, primary areas of Asian Development Bank (ADB) activities in the sector.

PROJECT RATIONALE AND LINKAGE TO COUNTRY/REGIONAL STRATEGY

The facility will support the national and provincial development priorities for the agriculture and natural resources sector. These include Pakistan Vision 2025, Pakistan's National Water Policy (2018), provincial water policies and acts, and NDC to the Paris Agreement, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Integrated Water Resources Management Strategy, the respective Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab draft climate change policies. The facility will support more strategic programming decisions, integrated project interventions, improved safeguards and procurement readiness, and strengthening of institutions and policymaking. It will ensure project rationale and design is anchored in adequate thematic and climate change analysis. More efficient lending modalities will be explored. Investments will be supported by associated policy advice and capacity building. The facility will provide early-stage stakeholder engagement and project safeguards screening and scoping.

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The TA facility is estimated to cost $3.09 million, of which (i) $2.25 million will be financed on a grant basis by ADB's Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF 7), and (ii) $0.75 million will be financed on a grant basis by the Climate Change Fund.

The governments of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab will provide counterpart support in the form of counterpart staff, meeting facilitation, data access, and other in-kind support. The government contribution is estimated to account for 3% of the total TASF 7 and Climate Change Fund financing, which is $90,000. The government was informed that approval of the TA does not commit ADB to finance any ensuing projects.

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Bank Documents

- Project Disclosure PDF [Original Source]
- Technical Assistance Report [Original Source]