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Quick Facts

Countries	Uzbekistan
Specific Location	Gijduvan district of the Bukhara region
Financial Institutions	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2025-12-01
Borrower	ACWA Power Company
Sectors	Energy
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 120.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 120.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 293.00 million

Project Description

As stated by the AIIB, the project development objective is to support the expansion of renewable energy in Uzbekistan by financing the construction of a 300MW wind power plant.

The Project involves the development, construction, and operation of a wind power plant of 300MW capacity and Purchaser Electrical Facilities, including a 1.5 km of single circuit of 500kV Overhead Transmission Line (OHTL) connecting to existing Bash-Karakul OHTL, as well as 500kV switching station. The proposed site is located in the Gijduvan district of the Bukhara region in southern Uzbekistan. This project will be co-financed with ADB and other commercial banks.

A 25-year PPA was directly negotiated and signed in November 2023 with the National Electric Grid of Uzbekistan (NEGU) as the offtaker. The Investment Agreement (IA) with the Ministry of Investments, Industry and Trade on behalf of the Government of Uzbekistan (GoU) was also signed in November 2023.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

According to the AIIB, the wind farm, located on government-owned land, will affect 12,626 hectares, with only a small portion utilized during construction and operation, allowing most land to remain accessible to leaseholders. The Project will necessitate the resettlement of assets for 23 herders, with compensation plans in place to address business interruptions and transitions. The land allocations for 1.5 km of OHTL tower footprint will be relatively minor with 30 m health protection zone (HPZ) from the power line. Substation will be located within the footprints of the wind farm. In addition, the predominantly male workforce on-site may increase risks of gender-based violence (GBV) or sexual harassment (SH), and inadequate facilities can further restrict women involvement. Women in nearby communities may be disproportionately impacted by land acquisition and livelihood changes. These risks will be addressed through specific measures in the Contractor's ESMPs and Resettlement Plan (RP). The Project will cascade gender measures to site-specific ESMPs during project implementation, including inclusive recruitment, GBV and SH sensitization, safe working conditions, and gender-sensitive consultations.

Investment Description

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Private Actors Description

As stated by Bloomberg, ACWA Power Co provides utility services. The Company develops, owns, and operates seawater desalination and power generation projects. ACWA Power serves customers worldwide.

Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	ACWA Power Company	Client	Energy

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The complaint submission form can be accessed in Arabic, Bahasa Indonesia, Bengali, Chinese, English, Tagalog, Hindi, Nepali, Russian, Turkish, or Urdu. The submission form can be found at: https://www.aiib.org/en/about-aiib/who-we-are/project-affected-peoples-mechanism/submission/index.html

Bank Documents

- Draft ESIA Vol. 1_Non-technical Summary
- Draft ESIA Vol. 2_Main Text
- Draft ESIA Vol. 3_ESMP Framework
- Draft ESIA_Vol. 4_Technical Appendices A
- Draft ESIA_Vol. 4_Technical Appendices B
- Draft Resettlement Action Plan Report
- Draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan
- Project Summary (September 23, 2025) [Original Source]

Other Related Projects

- ADB-59324-001 Uzbekistan : Bash Phase 2 Wind Power Project