

Transparently Planning and Implementing Development Measures

In Afghanistan, responsibility for providing access to infrastructure and basic services rests with the provincial administrations. The German Government is assisting them to implement infrastructure measures in Northern Afghanistan, make processes more plannable and implement measures as effectively as possible on an independent basis. In this way, it is helping to promote socio-economic development among the Afghan population.



Situation

Most of the Afghan population in the north of the country have only limited access to infrastructure and state services such as roads, bridges, irrigation systems, clean drinking water, flood protection, energy supplies, health care and education.

Objective

With help from the project, the responsible provincial administrations in the six northern provinces are equipped to independently plan and implement development programmes and maintain the associated infrastructure in future. In doing so, they take ownership of the work,

AT A GLANCE



Activities in the provinces Badakhshan, Baghlan, Balkh, Kunduz, Samangan, Takhar.

Programme: Regional Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)

Commissioned by: German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Partner: Afghan Ministry of Finance

Implementing organisations: KfW

Provinces: Badakhshan

Provinces: Baghlan

Provinces: Balkh

Provinces: Kunduz

Provinces: Samangan

Provinces: Takhar

Programme objective: Create infrastructure measures for improving the socio-economic foundations of Afghan society and planning mechanisms for local administrative and state bodies.

operating in a transparent manner and in line with the needs of the population.

Measures & Results

The infrastructure measures include the construction of roads, flood defence walls, irrigation channels, electricity supply grids and schools. For example, work is currently being carried out to build ten schools, with twelve more in the pipeline. Some 30 km of asphalted roads and 80 km of gravel roads have also been built or resurfaced in the provinces Balkh, Badakhshan, Kunduz and Takhar. Further construction measures are planned. Better transport routes also facilitate access to education and business activities. This stimulates economic growth in the regions and increases the quality of life of the local population, including their future prospects. In Taloqan, the capital of Takhar Province, 4.95 km of flood defence walls protect the city on both sides of the river from annual floods. A 1.25 km flood defence wall in Baghlan Province prevents over 300 ha of farmland from flooding. Additionally, over 82 km of new or restored irrigation channels in Badakhshan and Baghlan Provinces enable farmers to increase their yields. Two electricity supply grid expansion projects are completed and improve electricity supplies for some 60,000 people in Kunduz and Baghlan.

As well as expanding infrastructure, the project team is promoting training for ministry staff and business representatives in the form of management training, coaching and on-the-job training. This is helping to ensure that the new or renovated infrastructure is used and maintained as effectively as possible. For example, engineers completed specialist courses to deepen their knowledge of surveying, enabling them to better plan infrastructure projects in future.

With the help of project funding, it has been possible to improve quality of life for individuals in the affected regions and to boost their confidence in state institutions and elected representatives, as these individuals were involved in the infrastructure measures. This is facilitating the establishment of effective, legitimate and responsive state structures at provincial and district level and also boosting economic growth in the country.

Overall term: 2014 – December 2022

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