

## Good Governance



### The Key to Democracy

In various areas, poorly performing and insufficiently transparent administrative structures adversely affect Afghanistan. Government institutions are partially weak and frequently characterised by corruption, arbitrariness and personal interests. Many public employees are in need for further training and capacity development. In addition, the Afghan state is highly dependent on external financial support. Many of the services provided by public institutions rely on support from externally funded consultants. Non-state power holders, informal processes and corruption further limit the effectiveness of the state's institutions.

The government is also confronted with ethnic, religious and tribal groups' demands for greater political, economic and cultural participation. In some places, the lack of confidence in the ability of the Afghan government to take effective action increases the risk of parallel structures emerging.

The German government is therefore assisting Afghanistan to develop its administrative bodies and state structures. The focus is on fighting corruption, training and qualifying administrative staff in the proper provision of services for citizens, thereby boosting public confidence in government bodies.

For further information about our work in the priority area of good governance, please see the project descriptions and the ['Stories'](#) section.

### PROJECT NEWS

- Road Reconstruction to Benefit 22,000 Citizens in Samangan  
(<http://ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/3614>)  
05.12.2018 | Press release
- Agreement Signed: Germany Provides AFN 5.4 Billion of Additional Funding to Afghanistan  
(<http://ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/3580>)  
30.11.2018 | Press release
- Promoting Women's Rights: Awareness Event for Informal Justice Actors in Takhar  
(<http://ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/3575>)  
16.11.2018 | Press release

### READ MORE

- Fact sheet: Legal Certainty for all Citizens  
(<http://ez-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-ROL-EN.pdf>)
- Fact sheet: Reforms for an Effective and Trustworthy State  
(<http://ez-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-Opaf-EN.pdf>)
- Datenblatt: Staatliche Organe als Stützpfiler der Gesellschaft  
([http://ez-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-RCD-GER\\_0.pdf](http://ez-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-RCD-GER_0.pdf))
- Fact sheet: Public

## OUR WORK IN THIS SECTOR



### Legal Certainty for all Citizens

Since 2002, the German Government has been working with the Netherlands and Finland to assist Afghanistan with developing an effective justice system. While significant progress has already been made, there is still more work to be done to guarantee the rule of law for citizens in rural and urban areas alike.

(<http://ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/1778>)



### Reforms for an Effective and Trustworthy State

In order to make public administration more effective in the long term and prevent corruption, the German Government is supporting reform processes in Afghanistan, providing experts to assist the Afghan institutions with this work. This benefits the administrative staff and citizens alike.

(<http://ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/1776>)

Authorities as Pillars of Society

(<http://ez-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-RCD-EN.pdf>)

- Fact sheet: Transparently Planning and Implementing Development Measures In Afghanistan (<http://ez-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-RIDF-EN.pdf>)
- Fact sheet: Progress Achieved through the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund ([http://ez-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-ARTF-EN\\_0.pdf](http://ez-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-ARTF-EN_0.pdf))
- Fact sheet: Sustainable Mining for Economic Growth (<http://ez-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-MinGov-EN.pdf>)
- Fact Sheet: Youth for Peace (<http://ez-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-ZFD-EN.pdf>)



### **Public Authorities as Pillars of Society**

In order to boost the Afghan citizens' confidence in the public administration, the German Government is supporting the expansion of state structures and the provision of professional training to staff, especially in rural areas.

(<http://ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/1771>)



### **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.

(<http://ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/1768>)



### **Progress Achieved through the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund**

Germany is one of the principal donors to the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund which is managed by the World Bank. The German contribution to the programme amounts to EUR 65 million in 2018 and is currently funding a wide range of development measures. Financial processing is carried out via the state budget and should help the Afghan Government to transparently manage budgetary funding, generate its own revenue and implement budget funding with the greatest possible development focus and in line with national priorities.

(<http://ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/1763>)



### **Sustainable Mining for Economic Growth**

The Afghan mining sector offers great economic potential which could significantly boost growth in the country. In order to fully leverage this potential, the German Government is assisting Afghan actors to make mining activities transparent and conducive to innovation in the long term.

(<http://ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/1766>)



### Youth for Peace

In order to drive the peaceful development of Afghan society and thereby create future prospects for the population, the German Government is assisting the Civil Peace Service with breaking the prevailing cycles of violence in Afghanistan.

(<http://ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/1761>)