



Pakistan - ADB Dialogue



HIGHLIGHTS

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Issues / Barriers

- **Political**
 - lack of inter-province consensus (e.g. mega dams, ...).
 - low level of priority to MDG achievement (water supply, sanitation)
- **Institutional**
 - Limited policy framework (groundwater regulation, water pricing, mismatch of safeguards, private sector confidence, ..)
 - insufficient O&M funding – asset deterioration
- **Capacity**
 - poor water service delivery (lack of performance standards, monitoring..)
 - non-integrated approach across water agencies
 - poor information database as input to decision-making and communications
 - lack of community ownership
 - low productivity of agriculture

Solution Strategies

- Implementation of IWRM (federal and provincial councils, ...)
- Forge trust and common understanding (working group dialogue, information sharing, ..)
- Review and update sector policies (subsidies, cost recovery, asset management, groundwater use, framework for private sector financing,...)
- Reinforce and accelerate institutional reforms (towards service orientation, ...)
- Develop strategy for reliable, equitable and performance oriented delivery of water (standards, benchmarks..)
- Improve decision making based on adequate information
- Improved community involvement and communications
- Raise agriculture productivity and profitability
- Capacity building of all stakeholders

Investment Opportunities

- Construction of major multi-purpose dams (task group established)
- Rehabilitation, upgrading and management of irrigation and drainage infrastructure
- Flood management (structural and non-structural)
- Community based-rural water supply and sanitation (appropriate technologies, improved public health engineering practices..) – fast track next phase
- Upgrading and improvement of urban water (surface and groundwater) and sanitation services, wastewater management – fast track next phase
- IWRM in basins - Ravi (Punjab), Tochi (NWFP), Balochistan aquifer, Naigaj (Sindh)
- Capacity building (water councils, institutional and policy reform, R&D,..)

Products and Services

- Multi-tranche financing facility (e.g. for mega projects, urban services, canal rehabilitation, multi-sector projects..) – first tranche should have flexibility of relatively small size
- Private sector – ADB catalyst role (particularly hydropower)
- Sub-sovereign and local currency lending – need to examine the terms and conditions
- ADTA and PPTA – strengthen accountability linkage between consultant and executing agency
- Strengthen and harmonize in-country systems and capacity building (procurement, accounting, consulting, safeguards,..)



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Thank you