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Pakistan: Malakand Rural Development

Project Name	Malakand Rural Development
Project Number	29603-013
Country	Pakistan
Project Status	Approved
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan
Source of Funding / Amount	
Strategic Agendas	
Drivers of Change	
Sector / Subsector	**Agriculture and Natural Resources** - Agriculture, natural resources and rural development
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	
Description	The Project aims to reduce rural poverty in Malakand by enhancing household incomes and living standards, particularly for the smallholder and tenant farmers, and the landless, who constitute the rural poor in the Project area. Women's human resource development and improvement of their income earning potential are specifically aimed at. At the same time, by assisting to create a semi permanent structure to support village-level development and by providing capacity- building assistance and training support, the Project will contribute to institutional reforms for devolution of powers to the local level. The Project comprises village development services, rural financing services, road development, and implementation support and capacity-building services.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The Project area has largely been neglected in the development of infrastructure, and in the generation of employment and income earning opportunities. It is estimated that 72 percent of the population in the Project area is below the poverty line of $150 per capita. Human development status is also low due to lack of education and health care services. The previous development projects implemented in Malakand and Government service delivery have reached only a small proportion of the rural population, especially in the remote mountainous areas. Beneficiary consultations in the area indicate that the rural poor request a better road network, irrigation improvement, improved access to agricultural inputs, agricultural extension advice and credit, access to improved livestock breeds and veterinary services, better health care and education, and potable water supply. The Project is designed to meet these beneficiary needs, and policy dialogue conducted with the Government of NWFP focused on institutional innovations to create a rural support organization to sustain institutional support to the village organizations beyond the Project implementation period.
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Project Outcome	
Description of Outcome	
Progress Toward Outcome	
Implementation Progress	
Description of Project Outputs	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	
Geographical Location	Malakand Division in North West Frontier Province (NWFP)

Safeguard Categories	
Environment	B
Involuntary Resettlement	

Indigenous Peoples

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects
Environmental Aspects
Involuntary Resettlement
Indigenous Peoples
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation
During Project Design
During Project Implementation

Business Opportunities	
Consulting Services	All consulting services will be engaged in accordance with the Bank's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants and other arrangements satisfactory to the Bank on the engagement of domestic consultants.
Procurement	All procurement under the Project will be carried out in accordance with the Bank's Guidelines for Procurement. Civil works under the Project are small and scattered over a wide area. The civil works for rural access roads will be carried out by prequalified contractors through local competitive bidding in accordance with procedures acceptable to the Bank. International competitive bidding (ICB) procedures will be followed for the rehabilitation and improvement of the provincial highways. Civil works for community-managed rural infrastructure, including irrigation schemes; jeepable tracks, drinking water and sanitation schemes, and micro hydropower schemes will be carried out by village organizations, which will procure materials directly from local suppliers according to procedures acceptable to the Bank. Procurement of vehicles and office equipment for Project Administration Unit and Rural Support Program will be undertaken through international shopping procedures and direct purchase, as appropriate.

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