



Afghanistan: Andkhoy-Qaisar Road Project

Project Name	Andkhoy-Qaisar Road Project				
Project Number	37075-013				
Country	Afghanistan				
Project Status	Closed				
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan				
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Loan 2140-AFG: Andkhoy-Qaisar Road Project</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Concessional ordinary capital resources / Asian Development Fund</td> <td>US\$ 80.00 million</td> </tr> </table>	Loan 2140-AFG: Andkhoy-Qaisar Road Project		Concessional ordinary capital resources / Asian Development Fund	US\$ 80.00 million
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Strategic Agendas	Regional integration				
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development				
Sector / Subsector	Transport - Road transport (non-urban)				
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements				
Description	The project's main objective was to reduce poverty and promote economic and social development through continued support to the government to (i) reestablish the primary road network damaged during 2 decades of conflict and neglect, and (ii) help implement cost-recovery measures. The project comprised three components: (i) reconstruct and improve the Andkhoy-Qaisar road (210 kilometers [km]); (ii) install road tolling facilities, which include toll plazas, computers and communications equipment, and weighing machines for the project road and other primary roads being improved with external financial assistance; and (iii) provide project management support to the Ministry of Public Works (MPW), including by augmenting capacity through on-the-job training, additional staff, and a consultant team with project implementation expertise and experience.				
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The project design and outputs at appraisal were relevant and consistent with the government's National Development Framework which was developed in 2002 and evolved into the National Development Strategy in 2008. This project was also aligned with the ADB's country strategy and program update, which focused on rehabilitation of the national road network, international link roads, and other key infrastructure. While the project involved rehabilitation and reconstruction of an important section of the primary road network, related policy and institutional reforms in the transport sector was addressed by the Post-Conflict Multisector Program.				
Impact	Promote economic and social development and reduce poverty in the project area				

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce transport costs and travel time on the project road. 2. Provide rural population with better access to social services, markets, and other economic opportunities. 3. Enhance project management capability of Ministry of Public Works (MPW).
Progress Toward Outcome	The PCR for L2140 AFG was completed in 2010. The loan remained open only due to the capitalization of interest charge. Loan closed on 30 June 2014.

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	<p>A primary road section from Adkhoy to Qaisar improved to a standard that allows smooth passage of all types of vehicles, and equipped with facility for road tolling and axle-load control</p> <p>Primary roads equipped with facility for road tolling and axle-load control</p> <p>Project managers, accountants, engineers, and other administrative staff within MPW have experience in implementing large investment projects</p>
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Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	Completed with some delays due to security problems. Loan closed on 30 June 2014. Cancelled at the request of the government as the implementing environment was not yet ready. Cancelled at the request of the government as the implementing environment was not yet ready. Cancelled at the request of the government as the implementing environment was not yet ready. Completed with several EA staff trained throughout the project implementation.
Geographical Location	Faryab Province in north western Afghanistan

Safeguard Categories

Environment	B
Involuntary Resettlement	B
Indigenous Peoples	C

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	The environmental impacts associated with the Project mostly occur during construction. The potential adverse impacts are temporary and manageable. Mitigation measures are incorporated in the contract document.
Involuntary Resettlement	The road improvement are carried out along the existing alignment and on the existing embankment. In places where the existing embankment is not wide enough to accommodate the design width, shoulder width has been reduced to avoid resettlement impacts. However, after finalization of detailed design during implementation, if resettlement impacts are identified, resettlement plan will be prepared as per the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Policy on Involuntary Resettlement.
Indigenous Peoples	No impact on indigenous people or ethnic minorities in the project areas.

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	Appropriate consultations occurred through four missions (a fact-finding mission, a special consultation mission, a pre-appraisal mission, and an appraisal mission) involving 172 person-days of ADB staff input. A wide range of stakeholders were consulted during project processing, including the government, the Embassy of Sweden, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the European Commission, the World Bank, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, the United Nations Office for Project Services, and the World Food Programme. The project was at risk of cancellation during loan processing, but the issue was resolved through discussions between the government and ADB special consultation missions.
During Project Implementation	The contractors conducted briefings for workers on safety and cultural issues. Local consultations were organized to address safety, social, and cultural issues during implementation. Women were given employment opportunities, with some working on project sites as cleaners and gardeners.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	<p>Consulting services will be required to assist the Ministry of Public Works in implementation of the Project. The consulting services will involve (i) certification of the force account works to be carried out by MPW, (ii) supervision of three civil works contracts to be procured by MPW and executed by international civil works contractors under the FIDIC conditions, (iii) supervision of supply and installation of weighing machines and tolling equipment, and (iv) project performance monitoring. The consultants will also provide on-the-job training to the counterpart staff in MPW. The consulting services will be provided by an international firm in association with domestic consultants. The firms will be selected and engaged in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants using the quality- and cost-based selection method for full technical proposals. The consulting services will require about 100 person-months of international consultants and about 500 person-months of domestic consultants over a period of 30 months. The consultants should have expertise in (i) highway, materials, structural, and environmental engineering, (ii) road tolling and axle-load control, (iii) road safety, (iv) civil works contract administration under the FIDIC conditions, (v) information and communications technology, and (vi) socio-economic benefit monitoring. The Expression of Interest (EOI) must be received by ARDS PU at the address below not later than the end of the working day of 23 December 2004. Both hard copies and soft copies received through e-mail will be considered for shortlisting. Reference MPW/311 must be quoted on all correspondence and the Expressions of Interest. Further information can be obtained from:</p> <p>The Manager Procurement Unit Ministry of Reconstruction Afghanistan Reconstruction and Development Services, Procurement Unit (ARDS PU) Ministry of Planning Building 5 & 6th Floors Malik Asghar Square Kabul, Afghanistan Digital phone: +93 20 210 3608 Email: procurement@afghanistangov.org and ardsprocurement@yahoo.com</p>
Procurement	<p>Procurement of goods, services and civil works to be financed under the Project will be carried out in accordance with ADB's Guidelines for Procurement, with flexible interpretation, wherever essential. Civil works contracts will be procured through international competitive bidding (ICB). Approval of Advance procurement action for civil works will be sought at the Management Review Meeting.</p>

Responsible Staff

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Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Transport and Communications Division, CWRD
Executing Agencies	<p><i>Ministry of Public Works H. E Dr. Wali Mohammad Rasooli, Ministry of Public Works First Macrorayan Kabul, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan</i></p>

Timetable

Concept Clearance	07 Mar 2004
Fact Finding	19 May 2004 to 03 Jun 2004
MRM	17 Aug 2004
Approval	15 Dec 2004
Last Review Mission	-
PDS Creation Date	03 Mar 2007
Last PDS Update	25 Sep 2014

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
15 Dec 2004	07 Apr 2005	08 Jul 2005	30 Jun 2014	-	30 Jun 2014

Financing Plan		Loan Utilization			
Total (Amount in US\$ million)	Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage	

Project Cost	80.00	Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	80.00	15 Dec 2004	62.70	0.00	94%
Counterpart	0.00	Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00	15 Dec 2004	66.73	0.00	100%

Status of Covenants

Category	Sector	Safeguards	Social	Financial	Economic	Others
Rating	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	-	Satisfactory

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