



Afghanistan: Western Basins Water Resources Management and Irrigated Agriculture Development Project

Project Name	Western Basins Water Resources Management and Irrigated Agriculture Development Project		
Project Number	36252-012		
Country / Economy	Afghanistan		
Project Status	Closed		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance		
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 4420-AFG: Western Basins Water Resources Management and Irrigated Agriculture Development Project		
	Technical Assistance Special Fund		US\$ 1.20 million
	Canada (CIDA)		US\$ 760,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth		
Drivers of Change	Partnerships		
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development / Water-based natural resources management		
Gender	No gender elements		
Description	The project goals are to reduce poverty, improve rural livelihoods and on farm productivity, and to promote the sustainable management of land and water resources. This technical assistance (TA) is to prepare an investment project to rehabilitate and/or develop surface water irrigation systems in selected river basins in the western region of the country as well as develop limited agriculture and market support service and enhance watershed management. Project activities will take place within a framework of integrated water resources management (IWRM) and include substantial stakeholder involvement to help ensure sustainable project O&M. The ensuing project from this TA will include the following activities: (i) rehabilitation, improvement, and/or development of irrigation schemes and related infrastructure; (ii) strengthening irrigation management and development and the related policy framework and the advancement of Water User Associations; (iii) associated activities to enhance agricultural production, markets and rural livelihoods; (iv) activities to support IWRM and watershed management; and (v) capacity development of national, provincial, and local sector institutions.		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The TA is in line with the ADB's Afghanistan Country Strategy and Program 2003-2006, and was developed within the framework of the ADB-financed Agriculture Sector Program Loan that underpins ADB's strategy for agricultural development and natural resource management.		
Impact			
Project Outcome			
Description of Outcome			
Progress Toward Outcome			
Implementation Progress			
Description of Project Outputs			
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)			
Geographical Location			
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

A team of international and domestic consultants will be engaged through a firm using the quality and cost-based selection method in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants and other arrangement satisfactory to ADB for engaging domestic consultants. The consultants will have expertise in (i) irrigation engineering and management; (ii) water resources and river basin management; (iii) hydrology; (iv) water user association development; (v) watershed management; (vi) environment, social and poverty assessment; (vii) vulnerable persons; (viii) agriculture and markets; and (ix) economics.

Responsible ADB Officer	ADB Disclosure
Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources Division, CWRD

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	31 Jan 2003
Fact Finding	27 Feb 2004 to 13 Mar 2004
MRM	-
Approval	26 Oct 2004
Last Review Mission	-
PDS Creation Date	31 Oct 2005
Last PDS Update	29 Oct 2008

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
26 Oct 2004	25 Nov 2004	25 Nov 2004	31 Aug 2005	31 Dec 2006	31 Oct 2007

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,200,000.00	760,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,960,000.00	29 Oct 2008	1,690,943.63

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