



Pakistan: Sustainable Livelihood in Barani Areas Project (formerly Barani Dev III)

Project Name	Sustainable Livelihood in Barani Areas Project (formerly Barani Dev III)		
Project Number	34331-013		
Country / Economy	Pakistan		
Project Status	Closed		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan		
Source of Funding / Amount	Loan 2134-PAK: Sustainable Livelihood in Barani Areas Project (formerly Barani Dev III)		
	Asian Development Fund		US\$ 41.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth		
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Governance and capacity development		
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development / Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development		
Gender	Effective gender mainstreaming		
Description	The Project's objectives are to enhance access to land, water, markets, services, agricultural inputs, technologies, and employment among the population living in barani areas in order to increase incomes, improve the quality of life and, ultimately, reduce poverty among vulnerable groups within the project area. At the same time, the Project will strengthen governance structures, aid the process of devolution, and build capacity within local governments to plan and implement development activities. The Project will cover those districts and parts of districts in Punjab province that have much barani land but that have yet to be covered by a barani or area development project.		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Barani areas are, almost by definition, areas with high levels of poverty. The primary problem facing barani areas is a lack of access to water for crop and livestock production and thus lower and uncertain crop yields and livestock productivity. However, many other factors also add to the high levels of poverty. These include impeded access to markets, inputs, and services due to inadequate or nonexistent transportation infrastructure; a lack of access to electricity, with negative consequences for the productive potential of both agriculture and off-farm sectors; health and productivity constraints arising from limited access to domestic drinking water; a limited range of alternative, high-value crops or crop varieties specially adapted to barani areas; inadequate and poorly managed rangelands for livestock; serious loss of productive land due to water and wind erosion; poor access to agriculture and livestock advisory and support services; and low levels of literacy, which impede access to new technologies or the adoption of alternative income-earning activities. Development activities in barani areas have been shown to be successful in tackling these problems when there have been high levels of beneficiary involvement in the design and implementation of project activities. As a result of the Punjab Local Government Ordinance of 2001, official institutional structures now exist at grassroots level in rural areas to allow elected representation and local management of development activities. In these conditions it is now possible to combine past experience and lessons learned in barani areas with the new, representative institutional structures in rural areas (union councils and zila councils) to implement a poverty-focused project that will reinforce the ongoing decentralization process and have a strong development impact on the ground. This will be achieved through the support of activities, selected and managed by the beneficiaries themselves, that enhance productivity of resources, improve the quality of life for the areas' population, and improve access to markets through better rural infrastructure.		
Impact	1. Improved quality of life 2. Reduced Poverty 3. Better natural resources management		
Project Outcome			
Description of Outcome		Enhanced access to land, water, markets, services, agriculture inputs, technologies and employment for the population of the barani areas.	
Progress Toward Outcome			
Implementation Progress			
Description of Project Outputs		C. Components/Outputs 1. Village and Union Development Fund 1.1 Community-based medium-scale initiatives 1.2 District line agencies support 1.3 RSP support to union council 2. Targeted Poverty alleviation Fund 2.1 Group-based small-scale initiatives 2.2 Off-farm employment opportunities 3. Literacy Through Skillsbased Training 4. Institutional Support	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)			
Geographical Location		Bhakkar District, Chakwal District, Gujrat District, Jhelum, Khushab District, Leiah District, Mianwali, Narowal, Rawalpindi, Sialkot District	
Safeguard Categories			
Environment		C	
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	Consulting services will be recruited following ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants. The Project will require support from 399 person-months of consulting services, comprising 42 personmonths of international consulting services and 357 months of domestic consulting services. In addition, ABAD will recruit the services of rural support programs, nongovernment organizations, or local consulting companies for the village and union organizers who will work directly in the field with the union administrations, villages, and district agencies to provide on-the-ground support to the VUDC. About 1,080 person-months of village and union organizers input will be required. With the exception of the international project management specialist who will be recruited early on as an individual consultant, international and local consultants and union and district supervisors will be recruited through a firm or an NGO/RSP. In addition, ABAD will recruit the services of RSPs, NGOs, or local consulting companies for the village and union organizers who will work directly in the field with the union administrations, villages, and district agencies to provide on the ground support for the village and union development component. About 1,080 person-months of village and union organizer input will be required.
Procurement	Procurement will be undertaken following ADB's Guidelines for Procurement. Civil works will be small to medium scale and scattered, and will thus not be suitable for or of interest to international contractors. Civil works will thus be undertaken through local competitive bidding for local companies or by direct selection for beneficiary user groups.

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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	08 Mar 2003
Fact Finding	17 Jul 2004 to 06 Aug 2004
MRM	17 Sep 2004
Approval	14 Dec 2004
Last Review Mission	-
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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
14 Dec 2004	10 Jan 2005	13 Apr 2005	30 Jun 2011	31 Mar 2012	25 Feb 2013

Financing Plan			Loan Utilization			
	Total (Amount in US\$ million)		Date	ADB	Others	Net Percentage
Project Cost	58.60		Cumulative Contract Awards			
ADB	41.00		17 Jun 2022	28.12	0.00	100%
Counterpart	17.60		Cumulative Disbursements			
Cofinancing	0.00		17 Jun 2022	28.12	0.00	100%

Status of Covenants						
Category	Sector	Safeguards	Social	Financial	Economic	Others
Rating	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	-	Satisfactory

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