

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK MEMBER FACT SHEET



Pakistan: 2020 Loans, Grants, Equity Investments, Technical Assistance, and Trade and Supply Chain Finance and Microfinance Program Commitments (\$ million)^a

Product Type	Sovereign	Nonsovereign	Total
Loans	1,733.32	–	1,733.32
Grants	19.08	–	19.08
Technical Assistance ^b	15.69	0.79	16.48
Trade and Supply Chain Finance and Microfinance ^c	–	803.58	803.58
Total	1,768.09	804.37	2,572.46

– = nil, DMC = developing member country, TA = technical assistance.

Notes:
Commitment is the financing approved by ADB's Board of Directors or Management for which the legal agreement has been signed by the borrower, recipient, or the investee company and ADB.

Grants and TA include ADB-administered cofinancing.

^a Numbers may not sum precisely because of rounding.

^b Financing for TA projects with regional coverage is distributed to their specific DMCs where breakdown is available.

^c ADB-financed commitments from nonsovereign revolving programs of which \$803.58 million is short term.

Pakistan: Cumulative Loans, Grants, Equity Investments, Technical Assistance, and Trade and Supply Chain Finance and Microfinance Program Commitments^{a, b, c, d}

Sector	No.	Total Amount (\$ million) ^e	% of Total Amount ^e	COVID-19 Response (\$ million) ^f
Projects and Technical Assistance	807	36,298.94	81.19	814.63
Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Rural Development	183	4,535.31	10.14	0.60
Education	34	586.65	1.31	–
Energy	140	9,527.91	21.31	–
Finance	98	3,805.25	8.51	2.27
Health	35	1,104.44	2.47	310.95
Industry and Trade	43	1,933.99	4.33	0.21
Information and Communication Technology	1	1.95	0.00	0.07
Multisector	33	1,786.55	4.00	–
Public Sector Management	95	6,133.23	13.72	500.33
Transport	89	5,805.58	12.99	–
Water and Other Urban Infrastructure and Services	56	1,078.08	2.41	0.21
Trade and Supply Chain Finance and Microfinance^f	5,896	8,408.92	18.81	680.64
Finance	2,951	4,204.46	9.40	340.32
Industry and Trade	2,945	4,204.46	9.40	340.32
Total	6,703	44,707.86	100.00	1,495.27

– = nil, 0.00 = less than 0.005%, COVID-19 = coronavirus disease, DMC = developing member country, TA = technical assistance.

^a Grants and TA include ADB-administered cofinancing.

^b Includes sovereign and nonsovereign loans and technical assistance.

^c Using primary sector in reporting of commitments.

^d Financing for TA projects with regional coverage is distributed to their specific DMCs where breakdown is available.

^e Numbers may not sum precisely because of rounding.

^f ADB-financed commitments from nonsovereign revolving programs of which \$8.38 billion is short term.

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PAKISTAN

Pakistan was a founding member of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in 1966. ADB has since committed over \$36.31 billion to promote inclusive economic growth and improve the country's infrastructure, energy and food security, transport networks, and social services.

Aligned with the Government of Pakistan's development vision, ADB's new country partnership strategy, 2021–2025 focuses on three priorities: improving economic management, building resilience, and boosting competitiveness and private sector development.

Since 1966, ADB has committed \$34.36 billion in sovereign loans, \$150.5 million in grants, \$1.01 billion in nonsovereign financing, \$203.7 million in technical assistance projects, and \$591 million in ADB-administered cofinancing for Pakistan. Cumulative loan and grant disbursements to Pakistan amount to \$26.96 billion. These were financed by regular and concessional ordinary capital resources, the Asian Development Fund, and other special funds.

ADB-SUPPORTED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

In 2020, ADB's loan and grant disbursements to Pakistan amounted to \$1.78 billion, comprising \$1.1 billion in program lending and \$680.7 million from project lending.

ADB provided significant and rapid support to Pakistan's coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic response. This included a \$500 million loan under the bank's COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support Program to help the government deliver social protection programs. The funds were channeled through the government's flagship poverty alleviation program, *Ehsaas*, to expand health sector capabilities and deliver fiscal stimulus to boost economic



growth and create jobs. ADB also approved \$2 million from its [Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund](#) and \$3 million through regional technical assistance to help Pakistan purchase personal protective equipment and other emergency medical supplies. [The bank and the Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation](#) cofinanced \$1 million to train 4,500 doctors and paramedical staff in COVID-19 critical care.

ADB committed \$300 million in emergency assistance and \$5 million from [Norway to strengthen Pakistan's public health system and help meet the basic needs of the poor and vulnerable](#). The bank also reallocated \$30 million from the National Disaster Risk Management Project to support the country's pandemic response, while the National Disaster Risk Management Fund allocated an additional \$20 million from interest earned.

In other measures, ADB provided a [\\$300 million policy-based loan to strengthen Pakistan's finance sector, develop competitive capital markets, and encourage private sector investment](#). The bank also committed a \$300 million policy-based loan to help promote macroeconomic stability by improving trade competitiveness and diversifying exports.

In Punjab, ADB signed an agreement to provide \$8.32 million through its Project Readiness Financing Facility. The financing will enable vital preparatory work ahead of a series of major Punjab projects to [enhance water availability and increase agricultural productivity](#). ADB also provided technical assistance of \$1.5 million to [strengthen food security and post-pandemic resilience in agriculture, following an unprecedented locust infestation](#).

ADB provided a \$15 million loan to fund the preparation of spatial master plans, detailed engineering designs, operational business plans, and ensuring readiness ahead of the [Punjab urban development projects](#).

In June 2020, ADB and the government signed a \$75 million loan for the [Sindh Secondary Education Improvement Project](#). The project signifies ADB's strong commitment to re-engage with Pakistan in the education sector. A number of additional education projects are planned over the next 3 years, particularly in technical and vocational education and training.

ADB raised 1.83 billion Pakistan rupees (\$11.4 million) in local currency bonds. The rupees-linked offshore bond will enable ADB to extend local currency loans to boost to private sector development in Pakistan.

NONSOVEREIGN OPERATIONS

As a catalyst for private investments, ADB provides financial assistance to nonsovereign projects and financial intermediaries. Total commitments in loans and equity investments from ADB's own funds in 2020 amounted to \$1.4 billion for 38 transactions in economic and social infrastructure, finance sector, and agribusiness. ADB also actively mobilizes cofinancing from commercial and concessional sources. In 2020, ADB mobilized \$1.9 billion of long-term project cofinancing and \$3.3 billion of cofinancing through its [Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program](#) and [Microfinance Program](#). Total outstanding balances and commitments of nonsovereign transactions funded by ADB's own resources stood at \$14.3 billion as of 31 December 2020.

Total outstanding balances and commitments of ADB's nonsovereign transactions in the country as of 31 December 2020 was \$497.1 million, representing 3% of ADB's total nonsovereign portfolio.

PARTNERSHIPS

ADB provided \$335 million and partnered with Agence Française de Développement for cofinancing of €130 million to develop a bus rapid

Pakistan: Evaluation Results for Sovereign and Nonsovereign Operations, 2011–2020

	Total Number of Validated and Evaluated Projects and Programs	Evaluation Ratings		
		Highly successful and successful	Less than successful	Unsuccessful
Sovereign Operations	37	15	11	11
Nonsovereign Operations	9	6	–	3

– = nil, IED = Independent Evaluation Department.

Note: The figures indicate the number of sovereign and nonsovereign operations in the country that have been validated or evaluated by the IED and their overall performance ratings. The coverage consists of all validated or evaluated project completion reports and extended annual review reports circulated by ADB within the 10-year period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2020. See [evaluations](#) related to Pakistan.

Source: IED success rate database (as of 31 December 2020).

Pakistan: Projects Cofinanced, 1 January 2016–31 December 2020

Cofinancing	No. of Projects	Amount (\$ million)
Sovereign ^a	35	2,313.82
Loans	10	2,092.37
Grants	10	178.19
Technical Assistance	18	43.25
Nonsovereign	4	3,826.14

^a A project with more than one source of cofinancing is counted once.

Pakistan: Ordinary Capital Resources Nonsovereign Commitments by Product

	2020	2016–2020
Number of Transactions Signed	–	3
Number of Transactions Signed (Programs)	650	2,679
	Amount (\$ million)	
Loans	–	101.00
Equity Investments	–	–
Guarantees	–	–
Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program and Microfinance Program	803.58	3,837.16
Total	803.58	3,938.16

– = nil.

Pakistan: Portfolio Performance Quality Indicators for Sovereign Lending and Grants, 2019–2020

	No. of Ongoing Loans ^a (as of 31 Dec 2020)	
	2019 (\$ million)	2020 (\$ million)
Contract Awards ^{b,c}	430.69	514.73
Disbursements ^b	2,287.72	1,770.67
No. of Ongoing Grants ^{a,d} (as of 31 Dec 2020)	1	
	2019 (\$ million) 2020 (\$ million)	
Contract Awards ^{b,c,d}	–	–
Disbursements ^{b,d}	–	2.00
At Risk Projects (%) (as of 31 Dec 2020)	22	

– = nil.

^a Based on commitments.

^b Includes closed loans/grants that had contract awards or disbursements during the year.

^c Excludes policy-based, results-based, and financial intermediation/credit loans and grants.

^d Includes only Asian Development Fund and other ADB special funds.

Pakistan: Share of Procurement Contracts for Loan, Grant, and Technical Assistance Projects

Item	2019		2020		Cumulative (as of 31 Dec 2020)	
	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total
Goods, Works, and Related Services	2,197.71	15.49	1,600.33	7.02	19,406.91	8.97
Consulting Services	33.87	4.48	18.49	2.53	352.74	2.50
Total Procurement	2,231.58	14.94	1,618.82	6.88	19,759.65	8.57

Top 5 Contractors/Suppliers from Pakistan Involved in Goods, Works, and Related Services Contracts under ADB Loan and Grant Projects, 1 January 2016–31 December 2020

Contractor/Supplier	Sector	Contract Amount (\$ million)
Ghulam Rasool & Co. Pvt. Ltd.	ANR, TRA	106.02
Zahir Khan and Brothers	TRA, WUS	70.73
Maqbool Associates Pvt. Ltd. & Zarghoon Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. (JV)	TRA	68.82
Khattak Allied Construction Co.	TRA	63.59
Siemens (Pakistan) Engineering Co. Ltd.	ENE	52.49
Others		5,488.60
Total		5,850.25

ANR = agriculture, natural resources, and rural development; ENE = energy; TRA = transport; WUS = water and other urban infrastructure and services.

Top 5 Consultants from Pakistan Involved in Consulting Services Contracts under ADB Loan, Grant, and Technical Assistance Projects, 1 January 2016–31 December 2020

Consultant	Sector	Contract Amount (\$ million)
MM Pakistan Pvt. Ltd.	TRA	18.10
National Engineering Services Pakistan Pvt. Ltd.	ANR, TRA, WUS	13.74
Umar Munshi Associates	EDU	10.46
Associated Consulting Engineer (ACE) Ltd.	WUS	8.08
National Development Consultants Pvt. Ltd.	ANR, TRA	7.00
Individual Consultants		22.62
Others		29.74
Total		109.74

ANR = agriculture, natural resources, and rural development; EDU = education; TRA = transport; WUS = water and other urban infrastructure and services.

transit system that has improved public transport for 500,000 residents of Peshawar.

The bank also signed a \$235 million loan to develop a cleaner and greener public transport system in Karachi, and will administer a \$71.8 million loan from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, a \$71.8 million loan from Agence Française de Développement, and a \$37.2 million loan and \$11.8 million grant from the Green Climate Fund.

ADB is implementing two public-private partnership loans of \$100 million each for the provinces of Sindh and Punjab, with cofinancing grants from the UKaid.

FINANCING PARTNERSHIPS

Financing partnerships enable ADB's financing partners, governments or their agencies, multilateral financing institutions, and commercial organizations to participate in financing ADB projects. The additional funds are provided in the form of loans and grants, technical assistance, and other nonsovereign cofinancing such as B loans, risk transfer arrangements, parallel loans and equity, guarantee cofinancing, and cofinancing for transactions under ADB's Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program and Microfinance Program.

ADB began cofinancing operations in Pakistan in 1973. Since then, sovereign cofinancing commitments for Pakistan

have amounted to \$4.16 billion for 50 investment projects and \$101.07 million for 61 technical assistance projects. Non-sovereign cofinancing for Pakistan has amounted to \$10.08 billion for 23 investment projects.

In 2020, Pakistan received a total of \$1.45 billion loan cofinancing from the Agence Française de Développement, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the Green Climate Fund, the OPEC Fund for International Development and the World Bank for three investment projects; and \$17.08 million grant cofinancing from the Government of Norway and the Green Climate Fund for two investment projects.

A summary of projects with cofinancing from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2020 is available at www.adb.org/countries/pakistan/cofinancing.

PROCUREMENT

Each year, ADB provides loans, grants, and technical assistance to fund projects and activities in its developing member countries and several billion dollars in contracts to procure goods, works, and consulting services. Most contracts are awarded on the basis of international competition, which is open to firms and individuals from all ADB members.

Share of ADB's Procurement Contracts

Goods, Works, and Related Services

ADB's procurement contracts in Asia and the Pacific for goods, works, and related services under loan and grant operations totaled \$14.19 billion in 2019 and \$22.79 billion in 2020. Cumulative procurement since 1966 has been \$216.35 billion covering 222,415 contracts.

For contractors and suppliers from Pakistan, 17,372 contracts worth \$19.41 billion have been awarded since 1966.

Consulting Services

ADB's procurement contracts in Asia and the Pacific for consulting services under loan, grant, and technical assistance operations totaled \$756.72 million in 2019 and \$732.11 million in 2020. Cumulative procurement since 1966 has been \$14.13 billion covering 67,086 contracts.

For consultants from Pakistan, 2,758 contracts worth \$352.74 million have been awarded since 1966.

OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose a major health care and economic challenge to Pakistan. Continued efforts toward fiscal consolidation and policy reforms will be key to sustaining improvements in macroeconomic

stability, especially in broadening the tax base and improving the business environment. Furthermore, reforms are required to promote high value-added exports, expand social spending, reinforce energy sector financial and technical sustainability, and implement structural changes that will strengthen institutions and create jobs.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

ADB will support Pakistan's development priorities as outlined in the bank's

new [country partnership strategy, 2021–2025](#). The strategy focuses on improving economic management, building resilience, and boosting competitiveness and private sector development. ADB's assistance will comprise support for structural reforms and project assistance in key sectors, including energy, transport, irrigation, agriculture, urban infrastructure and services, small and medium-sized enterprises, and social development. The bank will also mobilize private

financing, expand its own financing and technical assistance for public-private partnerships, and explore guarantee products to help the government leverage more financing and support capital market development.

Pakistan's growth prospects have been influenced by COVID-19 challenges. ADB's lending will include policy support for the energy sector and capital market as well as trade and competitiveness to return the economy to a sustainable growth trajectory.

ABOUT PAKISTAN AND ADB

ADB Membership

Joined 1966

Shareholding and Voting Power

Number of shares held: 231,240 (2.174% of total shares)
Votes: 270,354 (2.033% of total membership, 3.122% of total regional membership)

*Overall capital subscription: \$3.33 billion

*Paid-in capital subscription: \$166.55 million

*United States dollar figures are valued at rate as of 31 December 2020.

Contributions to Special Funds Resources

Pakistan has contributed to the Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF), which provides grants to borrowing members to help prepare projects and undertake technical or policy studies.

Contributions to the TASF (committed): \$2.37 million

Omar Ayub Khan is the Governor for Pakistan in ADB.

Noor Ahmed is the Executive Director and **Paul Dominguez** is the Alternate Director representing Pakistan on the ADB Board of Directors.

The Pakistan Resident Mission was opened in 1989 to provide the primary operational link for activities between ADB and the government, the private sector, civil society stakeholders, and development partners. The resident mission engages in policy dialogue, country partnership strategy development and programming, and portfolio management, while acting as a knowledge base on development issues in Pakistan.

The Pakistan government agency handling ADB affairs is the Economic Affairs Division of the Ministry of Finance, Revenue, and Economic Affairs.

ABOUT THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

ADB is a multilateral development bank owned by 68 members, 49 from Asia and the Pacific and 19 from other parts of the world. ADB's main instruments for helping its developing member countries are policy dialogue, loans, equity investments, guarantees, grants, and technical assistance. In 2020, lending volume was \$26.9 billion (149 projects), with technical assistance at \$293.56 million (275 projects) and grant-financed projects at \$1.08 billion (62 projects). In addition, \$16.41 billion was generated for sovereign and nonsovereign cofinancing in the form of loans and grants, B loans, risk transfer arrangements, guarantee cofinancing, parallel loans, parallel equity, and cofinancing for transactions under ADB's Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program and Microfinance Program. From 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2020, ADB's annual lending volume averaged \$19.69 billion. In addition, investment grants and technical assistance funded by ADB and Special Funds resources averaged \$805.5 million and \$230.81 million respectively over the same period. As of 31 December 2020, the cumulative commitments excluding cofinancing were \$323.17 billion in loans for 3,369 projects in 44 countries, \$11.3 billion in 495 grants, and \$5.01 billion in technical assistance grants, including regional technical assistance grants.

Notes:

ADB recognizes "China" as the People's Republic of China and "Korea" as the Republic of Korea.

Figures are estimated by ADB unless otherwise stated. "\$" refers to United States dollars.

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