**Unique Focus of AITF**

The Afghanistan Infrastructure Trust Fund (AITF) was established in 2010 to respond to the government’s need for a dedicated financing mechanism to support infrastructure development in Afghanistan. Administered by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), AITF is a multi-donor platform for bilateral, multilateral, and individual contributors to invest in infrastructure development projects that foster the country’s economic growth and improve the livelihood of the Afghan people.

Through AITF, development partners can provide on-budget grants financing for technical assistance and grants for eligible infrastructure investments. Sectors included are agriculture as well as water management and irrigation, energy, and transport.

AITF investments are closely aligned with Afghanistan’s foremost development priorities, including the National Peace and Development Framework, the National Infrastructure Plan, the Self-Reliance Agenda, and other national priority programs. The use of AITF resources ensures development effectiveness and a focus on projects that Afghanistan needs most.

**What Development Partners Have Contributed**

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<th>Development Partner</th>
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<td>ANA Trust Fund</td>
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Total: $841 million contributed by development partners, $644 million allocated to 10 investment projects and 7 technical assistance, $270 million disbursed as of 31 December 2018 (42% of allocated amount)

Source: Asian Development Bank
Why Contribute to AITF
Through their contributions to AITF, development partners have helped to improve the economic conditions in Afghanistan. These contributions are vital to the country’s economic growth, job creation, access to services, and poverty reduction.

As of December 2018, the total commitments by development partners to AITF have reached $841 million. Of these, over $644 million have been allocated into 10 investment projects and 7 technical assistance projects. AITF worth over $270 million has been disbursed, resulting in the following:

- 30,000 hectares of irrigated land were rehabilitated and upgraded. This resulted in over 28,000 short- and long-term jobs and benefited more than 1.1 million people.
- 930 km of high-voltage power transmission lines and four power substations are under construction. Nearly 140,000 people will have access to grid-connected electricity.
- Over 100 km of regional and national roads across Afghanistan were constructed. The completed projects have substantially reduced the passengers’ travel time and improved transportation of goods.

What AITF Offers Development Partners
AITF allows contributors to meet two of the major commitments they made at the Brussels Conference, including

- a higher percentage of on-budget development assistance and
- 80% assistance aligned with government development strategies.

At the operational level, AITF assures contributors of the following:

- alignment with government’s foremost development priorities
- ADB oversight
- transparent and detailed financial reporting mechanism
- flexible contribution options
- competitive fees, resulting in more funds spent on projects
- strong coordination and joint prioritization among stakeholders

Transport Network Development Investment Program – Tranche 1
The Transport Network Development Program – Tranche 1 increased connectivity, efficiency and effectiveness of land transport in the country by reconstructing 145 kilometers of road sections, supporting a railway project, and improving transport sector governance. Backed by a $188 million grant from ADB’s Asian Development Fund and a $34 million grant from the AITF, the project has connected formerly isolated districts and provided impoverished Afghans access to markets and business opportunities.

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