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Quick Facts

Countries	Pakistan
Specific Location	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2016-11-07
Sectors	Infrastructure, Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 2.40 million

Project Description

DESCRIPTION

The PATA's impact is aligned with renewed focus on inclusive and sustainable urban development in provincial policies and allocations. The outcome will be improved urban inclusivity, sustainability, and resilience in investment programming in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The TA outputs include: (i) sector road map for inclusive and sustainable urban growth endorsed; (ii) Regional Development Plans prepared by provincial and local governments; (iii) institutional capacity for implementation agencies built; and (iv) lessons from pilots on accredited trainings and municipal business planning mainstreamed within the urban sector. The outputs will be implemented through a participatory process to ensure stakeholder consultations across the political spectrum and all income levels. Four themes run across all TA outputs: poverty alleviation, gender inclusivity, enabling small and medium-sized enterprises, and building resilience to disasters and climate change.

PROJECT RATIONALE AND LINKAGE TO COUNTRY/REGIONAL STRATEGY

Major cities in Pakistan have experienced rapid urbanization, with an average urban population growth of 4% per year since 1951. By 2030, about 60% of the country's population will be living in urban areas, of which 12 large cities will have a population of more than 1 million inhabitants. While economic activities in urban areas produce more than 75% of national income (gross domestic product), about 15% of the urban population lives in poverty. The urban infrastructure is aging and has not expanded at the pace necessary to provide basic services or stimulate economic growth and create jobs.

A lack of strategic planning, combined with inappropriate regulation, weak planning standards, and inefficient resource allocation, has resulted in major urban problems across Pakistan. People in urban Khyber Pakhtunkhwa face many challenges, such as limited access to land and housing, limited access to basic social services, and a lack of employment opportunities. Many urban citizens live in areas that are susceptible to natural disasters and pollution, thus creating pressures that can degrade the environment and further increase vulnerabilities. As the government's ability to address these challenges is limited, these conditions have contributed to high levels of socioeconomic deprivation and constrained productivity and economic growth in urban areas.

Against this backdrop, ADB's country partnership strategy, 2015 -2019 for Pakistan has stated that ADB will support the government's priorities for urban renewal with improved infrastructure and institutions for water supply, sanitation, and other critical areas at national, provincial, and city-level. The country partnership strategy and country operations business plan, 2016 -2018 have also underscored the importance of greater equity, facilitation of inclusive jobs, and increased economic opportunities by supporting reforms that improve urban services and support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. The proposed TA was included in the country operations business plan to support the development of a national urban renewal policy and investment road map.

The TA will seek to seize opportunities to address selected challenges by: (i) identifying cities potential to contribute to the national economy; (ii) developing a road map for the urban development in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa; (iii) preparing regional development plans; (iv) capacity development of implementing agencies; and (v) mainstreaming lessons in the urban sector.

IMPACT

Renewed focus on inclusive and resilient urban development in provincial policies and allocations

OUTCOME

Improved urban inclusivity, sustainability, and resilience in investment programming in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

CONSULTING SERVICES

1. Package A/Output 1, 2 and part of Output 4 (Quality- and Cost-Based Selection, output-based, Full Technical Proposal):

Investment Description

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)

TA 9223-PAK: Provincial Strategy for Inclusive and Sustainable Urban Growth
Technical Assistance Special Fund US$ 400,000.00
Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction US$ 2.00 million

Contact Information

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Bank Documents

- Project Disclosure PDF
- Provincial Strategy for Inclusive and Sustainable Urban Growth: Technical Assistance Report [Original Source]