



# THE WORLD BANK GROUP IN AFGHANISTAN



Since August 2021, the World Bank and ARTF donors have provided **over \$1.7 billion** to support the people of Afghanistan. These funds are disbursed directly to UN agencies and remain outside the control of the Interim Taliban Administration (ITA). This support helps provide health, education, food security, livelihoods and water services nationwide.

## Principled Approach



The WBG puts women and girls at the center of projects and ensures that project activities are implemented by and for women.

## Robust Independent Monitoring



The independent ARTF third-party monitoring agents verify compliance in all project activities.

## Partnerships



As a co-chair of the Afghanistan Coordination Group (ACG), the World Bank Group plays a strong role in partners alignment and coordination in support of basic services for the Afghan people.

## Knowledge



Through the Afghanistan Futures program, the World Bank undertakes research and analysis on the Afghan economy and society to inform the international community as it assesses ways to support the people of Afghanistan.

- Monthly Economic Monitor
- Afghanistan Development Update
- Welfare Monitoring Survey
- Gender Monitoring Survey
- Private Sector Rapid Survey



## ACTIVE PORTFOLIO OF PROJECTS



The Afghanistan **HEALTH** Emergency Response Project

Implemented by: UNICEF, WFP and WHO

**More than 2,300** health facilities nationwide provide continued access to basic health services and nutrition support to women and children in partnership with national and international service providers.



**2 million** children & **6.2 million** women vaccinated with Tetanus shot.



**2,406** health facilities supported nationwide.



**1.3 million** births occurred at project financed facilities.



**Food Security and Agriculture**

Implemented by: FAO



**1.5 million** food insecure HHs reached with agricultural inputs and services for food production.



**170,000 female beneficiaries** reached with food production inputs and advisory services.



**60,000 MT** high quality wheat seeds produced by private sector seed companies' assisted by the project



**Education** Emergency Response Project

Implemented by: UNICEF



Reached more than **7 million** children and has increased girls' and boys' access to education and improved learning conditions.



**5,000** Community-Based Education schools established and operational.



**Community Resilience and Livelihoods**

Implemented by: UNOPS



**6.5 million** Afghans benefitting from jobs through cash-for-work; **59,900** women directly employed.



**10.3 million** Afghans with improved access to basic services.

## Response to Shocks and Disasters

ARTF's fit-for-purpose design, rapid GRADE assessment of the October 2023 earthquake in Herat, and joint development of ARRNA allowed us to respond to natural disasters and shocks and deliver urgent humanitarian assistance to thousands in need.



Supported more than **1.6 million** people affected by the Pakistan return crisis and the Herat earthquake



## Water and Irrigation Water Emergency Response Project

Implemented by:  
UNOPS and AKF



**7,000** people across **10** communities received emergency drinking water supply and hygiene kits after the May 2024 flash floods.



## Civil Society Support NGO/CSO Capacity Support Project

Implemented by:  
UNDP



Trained more than **4,760** staff in **400** institutions, 43% of whom were women.



## Private Sector Development EMERGe

Implemented by:  
AKF and ACGF



Supporting the demand and supply of finance for micro and small enterprises, with a focus on women.



**800** small and micro enterprises and more than **31K** people to be provided with micro credits.

## INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION



### Afghanistan Private Sector Development Program

Supports the growth of small-businesses and women-owned businesses, while fostering entrepreneurship, advocacy, public-private dialogue and financial sector growth.



Launch of an advocacy platform with Harakat Afghanistan Investment Climate Program, which includes two events since May 2024 with over **200** participants from the private sector, international agencies, and local authorities.



Launch of the Darya Incubation & Acceleration program, which provides training, coaching, mentorship and business development services. To date, **three** incubation cohorts have been organized, comprising **70** businesses, of which **50%** are women-owned.



### Advisory project for Afghanistan Red Pomegranate

Supports Afghanistan Red Pomegranate, a food manufacturer, in fortifying its financial management systems, enhancing its bankability and supporting its expansion plans.



Over **1,500** farmers and extension workers trained in modern food production techniques.



Enabled the export of raisins and pomegranates worth **\$4 million**.



### Equity investment in First Microfinance Bank Limited (FMBA)

Equity investment of **16.7%** aims to assist FMBA in developing micro-finance for MSMEs and underserved groups, including women.



Supported FMBA in managing an Islamic portfolio worth AFN **1.2 billion** (US\$16.9 million), reaching **13,000** clients with Shariah-compliant products, including **3,400** women.



Provided advisory support to FMBA on **housing microfinance, women market development, and digital transformation**.



### Equity investment in Afghanistan International Bank (AIB)

Equity investment of **7.5%** aims to diversify AIB's shareholding, strengthen its risk management, and build its capacity for commercial lending.



Assisted AIB in managing **one of the largest market shares of deposits** in Afghanistan.



Facilitated **international payments** by operating as a partner for the UN's Humanitarian BRIDGE operation.