

THE WORLD BANK GROUP IN AFGHANISTAN



ARTF Afghanistan
Resilience
Trust Fund

Since August 2021, the World Bank and ARTF donors have provided **over \$2.3 billion** to support the people of Afghanistan including ring-fenced implementation of CASA-1000. These funds are disbursed directly to UN agencies & NGOs 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 WBG plays a strong role in alignment and coordination of international support to Afghan people. WBG also coordinates with Asian Development Bank (ADB) and UN agencies in delivery of basic human needs.

Knowledge



Through the Afghanistan Futures program and other analytics, 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 2,406 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.



2.7 million children vaccinated with Penta 3 & **8.3 million** women vaccinated with Tetanus shot.



2,406 health facilities supported in 24 provinces.



1.8 million births occurred at project financed facilities.



**Food Security and
Agriculture**

Implemented by:
FAO



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



245,701 female beneficiaries reached with food production inputs and advisory services.



70,532 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



6.9 million Afghans benefitting from jobs through cash-for-work; **68,300** women directly employed.



11 million Afghans with improved access to basic services.

Response to Shocks and Disasters

ARTF's fit-for-purpose design, rapid GRADE assessment of the August 2025 earthquake in Kunar, and joint development of approaches for response to returnees 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 Iran & Pakistan return crisis and the Kunar 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.



Identified and prioritized **443** WASH activities with **443** communities across **20** provinces. **176** contracts has started physical work. **50,000+** beneficiaries consulted, among them, **17,200 (34%)** are women.



Private Sector Development EMERGe

Implemented by:
AKF and ACGF



Approximately
\$11.5 million
total private
capital
enabled



726 MSMEs credit-ready
(53.4% women-owned)
after receiving business
training and mentorship
through AP and CBSG

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 technical level 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. Additional cohort with focus on returnees in Herat in planning.



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.