



### Project Summary Information

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<b>Project Name</b>	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Cities Improvement Project
<b>Document Code</b>	PD000214-PSI-PAK
<b>Country</b>	Islamic Republic of Pakistan
<b>Sector/Subsector</b>	Urban Water and Sanitation, Solid Waste Management (SWM), and other Green Urban Infrastructure
<b>Status of Financing</b>	Under Preparation
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The project will support the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (GoKP) to construct, rehabilitate and revitalize core urban infrastructure, including water supply, sewerage, drainage, solid waste management (SWM) and green urban spaces in five provincial cities namely Peshawar, Abbottabad, Kohat, Mardan and Mingora. This will be achieved through two interlinked outputs: (i) Urban infrastructure and public spaces improved and expanded; and (ii) Institutional capacities of urban service providers, provincial government and city governments strengthened. Project components include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Component 1 (Water Supply and Sanitation)</b> will improve the coverage and access to water and sanitation infrastructure by augmenting potable water supply and storage facilities, promoting water safety, improving water conservation, upgrading sewerage networks and constructing new and rehabilitating existing sewage treatment facilities.</li> <li>• <b>Component 2 (Solid Waste Management)</b> will develop sanitary landfills, safely close the existing dumping sites, and provide solid waste management machinery and equipment.</li> <li>• <b>Component 3 (Urban Infrastructure)</b> will finance the development of green infrastructure to promote healthy and sustainable living environments which may include green spaces, riverside trails, de-congestion of city centers, parks, and other nature-based solutions. Gender- equitable activities to promote small enterprises will also be supported.</li> <li>• <b>Component 4 (Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building)</b> will strengthen technical and institutional capacities of the Water and Sanitation Services Companies, city governments and provincial governments.</li> </ul>

<b>Objective</b>	The objective of the project is to improve access to safely managed water, sanitation, SWM services and green urban spaces in selected cities of the KP province.
<b>Expected Results</b>	<p>The project results will be measured through the following indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Population provided with access to improved safely managed water supply from sources meeting national water quality standards (numbers)</li> <li>• Population provided with access to improved safely managed sanitation systems (numbers)</li> <li>• Population provided with access to improved SWM services (numbers)</li> <li>• Residents (of which, 50 percent women) expressing satisfaction with urban public spaces (percentage of users)</li> </ul>
<b>Environmental and Social Category</b>	Asian Development Bank (ADB) Category A for Environment, A for Involuntary Resettlement and C for Indigenous Peoples (equivalent to Category A if AIB's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) were applicable)
<b>Environmental and Social Information</b>	<p>The proposed project is co-financed with the ADB as lead co-financier. To ensure a harmonized approach to addressing environmental and social (ES) aspects of the project, as permitted by AIB's ESP, ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (SPS) 2009 will apply to the project in lieu of AIB's ESP. The Bank has reviewed ADB's SPS and is satisfied that: (i) ADB's SPS is consistent with the Bank's Articles of Agreement and materially consistent with the provisions of the Bank's ESP; and (ii) the monitoring procedures that are in place are appropriate for the project.</p> <p>The Project has been divided into subprojects based on their geographical locations. Individual sub-projects will be categorized, and ES documents will be prepared for each sub-project in accordance with its ES risks and impacts. The ES instruments include Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) and Initial Environmental Examinations (IEE) including Environmental and Social Management Plans, Social Due Diligence Report (SDDR) and Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plans (LARP).</p> <p>The Project is expected to have positive environmental benefits as construction of sanitary landfills, closure of existing dumpsites and construction of sewage treatment plants (STP) will reduce urban pollution and prevent soil and water contamination. Urban green space interventions will enhance the urban quality with a range of environmental benefits. The adverse environmental impacts due to large-scale construction at multiple geographic locations will be avoided or minimized through sound design. Measures to mitigate the remaining impacts will be included in the ESMPs. The Project also aims at adopting viable climate resilience measures and innovations into the detailed engineering designs.</p>

	<p>The Project is likely to cause involuntary resettlement resulting from land acquisition for new facilities such as STPs and landfill sites, and livelihood impacts. Land acquisition for buffer zones around the landfill sites and STPs may also involve additional involuntary resettlement. Impacts to Indigenous Peoples is unlikely as no Indigenous Peoples, as defined under ADB's SPS, are anticipated to be present in these urban areas. The SDDRs and LARPs will confirm if any, the existence of Indigenous Peoples in the respective sub-project areas. Gender analysis for each Project city will be carried out to identify key gender issues and potential measures to promote women's empowerment, by creating economic opportunities and improving their welfare. A Gender Action Plan will be prepared for the Project.</p> <p>Stakeholder consultations are being carried out with Project-affected People (PAPs), the general public and other relevant stakeholders during the preparation of ES documents. The ES documents will be subject to public consultations and disclosed in a form, manner and language accessible to PAPs and other stakeholders. Water &amp; Sanitation Services Companies (WSSC) of participating cities will disclose the English versions as well as summaries in Urdu language on their websites; AIIB will disclose these versions on its website. ADB will also disclose the ES documents on its website.</p> <p>A Project-level Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) will be established. The information on the GRM will be disseminated through the sub-projects' EIAs, IEEs and LARPs.</p>			
<b>Cost and Financing Plan</b>	<b>Loans/Credits/Others</b>		<b>Amount</b>	
	Borrower		38.00	
	AIIB		142.00	
	ADB		200.00	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>380.00</b>	
<b>Borrower</b>	Islamic Republic of Pakistan			
<b>Implementing Entity Implementing Agency</b>	Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (GoKP), City Governments and Water & Sanitation Services Companies (WSSC) of participating cities			
<b>Estimated date of loan approval (SBF)</b>	June 2021			
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<b>Independent Accountability Mechanism</b>	<p>Since ADB's SPS will apply to this Project, and pursuant to AIIB's agreement with the ADB, AIIB will rely on the ADB's Independent Accountability Mechanism, the Accountability Mechanism, to handle complaints relating to ES issues that may arise under the Project. Consequently, in accordance with AIIB's Policy on the Project-affected People's Mechanism (PPM), submissions to the PPM under this Project will not be eligible for consideration by the PPM. Information on ADB's Accountability Mechanism is available at: <a href="https://www.adb.org/site/accountability-mechanism/main">https://www.adb.org/site/accountability-mechanism/main</a>.</p>
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