



Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF)

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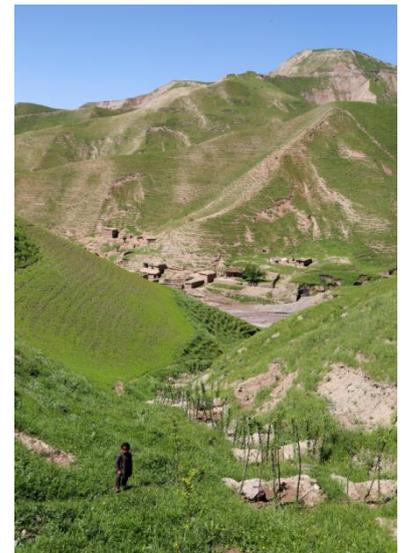
<i>ARTF phase budget</i>	<i>CHF 2'500'000'000, 2018-2020</i>
<i>Swiss phase contribution</i>	<i>CHF 9'000'000, 2018-2020</i>
<i>Swiss total contribution</i>	<i>CHF 30'000'000, 2015-2024</i>
<i>Partner</i>	<i>World Bank</i>
<i>Geographic focus</i>	<i>Nationwide</i>
	
<i>Other donors</i>	<i>34 donors, UNAMA and UNDP</i>

Context

While the status and lives of the Afghan population has considerably improved over the past 15 years, its living conditions remain in many fields among the worst worldwide. Uncertainty surrounding the political and the security transition significantly affected the economy and the pace of reforms. The new Afghan Government stays committed to a vision of “self-reliance” by 2025, but state capacity still remains very weak in many regards.

What has the ARTF achieved so far?

The Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF) was



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established in 2002 to provide a coordinated financing mechanism for the state budget as well as its priority national investment projects. It constitutes the largest single source of on-budget financing for Afghanistan’s development and is delivering important results within key sectors including education, health, agriculture, rural development, infrastructure, and governance. ARTF is supported by 34 donors and administered by the World Bank.

The fund is currently serving approximately 8.1 million people in all of Afghanistan’s 34 provinces, 38% of whom are female. Millions of Afghan women, men and children could therefore gain access to services and improve their income since its establishment in 2002. ARTF also significantly contributed to the Afghan state’s capacity.

The Swiss contribution

Switzerland contributes to CHF 30 million (0.36% of ARTF total budget) for 10 years. Thanks to its technical expertise in a variety of ARTF areas (education, agriculture, governance, etc.), profound contextual knowledge and a wide network of contacts, Switzerland aims at following goals:

- Agriculture and rural infrastructure
 - Increased food security in Afghanistan.
 - Farmers enhance the agricultural and livestock production and productivity, while sustaining the natural resource base.
 - Rural people increase their access to services and markets.
- Education
 - The Ministry of Education increases its institutional capacities at provincial and district levels.
- Governance
 - Afghanistan’s civil service has a sustainable staff and salary structure.

Switzerland brings to ARTF a solid experience in approaches aiming at overcoming fragility and in institution building. Thanks to this and Switzerland’s proactive participation in ARTF seat governance, it co-orient ARTF decisions in a spirit of partnerships and for the benefit of the Afghan population.