

Good Governance



A Key Factor

Measures within the priority area of *good governance* are designed to develop the capacity of government bodies in Afghanistan and involve the population to a greater extent in political decision-making processes. They place a particular focus on promoting the rule of law, strengthening women's rights, combating corruption and expanding administrative structures.

One of the key expectations the Afghan people have of their government is for it to observe the principles of the rule of law. Consequently, the German government is working to strengthen legal protection for Afghan citizens. To this end, it is promoting measures for raising public awareness of the law and offering legal assistance, and providing practical instruction and internships to improve training for law students. Additionally, it is supporting the Afghan government in its fight against corruption, an issue that is particularly pronounced in the mining sector, where large sums of potential state revenue are currently being lost due to illegal activities and a lack of transparency.

Through its support of the World Bank's Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF), the German Government is also helping to develop the capacities of government bodies. Moreover, governors and managers in selected districts are being advised on ways to improve the management and coordination capabilities of provincial administrations. This is intended to create effective and responsive government bodies at this level that are

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able to independently plan and deliver development projects and programmes. Furthermore, promotion of public platforms such as dialogue forums and citizens' consultations is encouraging public participation in political processes and thus boosting the confidence of Afghans in their own state.

The German Government is also pursuing its objectives through close cooperation with civil society organisations, which are to be increasingly integrated into political processes and empowered to demand transparency from public institutions.

For further information about our work in the priority area of *good governance*, please see the project descriptions and the 'Stories' section.

OUR WORK IN THIS SECTOR



Legal Certainty for all Citizens

Since 2002, the German Government has been working with the Netherlands and Finland to assist Afghanistan with developing an effective justice system. While significant progress has already been made, there is still more work to be done to guarantee the rule of law for citizens in rural and urban areas alike.

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- Fact sheet: Transparently Planning and Implementing Development Measures In Afghanistan
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Reforms for an Effective and Trustworthy State

In order to make public administration more effective in the long term and prevent corruption, the German Government is supporting reform processes in Afghanistan, providing experts to assist the Afghan institutions with this work. This benefits the administrative staff and citizens alike.

(<https://www.ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/1776>)



Public Authorities as Pillars of Society

In order to boost the Afghan citizens' confidence in the public administration, the German Government is supporting the expansion of state structures and the provision of professional training to staff, especially in rural areas.

(<https://www.ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/1771>)



Transparently Planning and Implementing Development Measures

In Afghanistan, responsibility for providing access to infrastructure and basic services rests with the provincial administrations. The German Government is assisting them to implement infrastructure measures in Northern Afghanistan, make processes more plannable and implement measures as effectively as possible on an independent basis. In this way, it is helping to promote socio-economic development among the Afghan population.

(<https://www.ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/1768>)



Progress Achieved through the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund

Germany is one of the principal donors to the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund which is managed by the World Bank. The German contribution to the programme amounts to EUR 65 million in 2018 and is currently funding a wide range of development measures. Financial processing is carried out via the state budget and should help the Afghan Government to transparently manage budgetary funding, generate its own revenue and

implement budget funding with the greatest possible development focus and in line with national priorities.

(<https://www.ez-afghanistan.de/en/news/1763>)



Sustainable Mining for Economic Growth

The Afghan mining sector offers great economic potential which could significantly boost growth in the country. In order to fully leverage this potential, the German Government is assisting Afghan actors to make mining activities transparent and conducive to innovation in the long term.

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Youth for Peace

In order to drive the peaceful development of Afghan society and thereby create future prospects for the population, the German Government is assisting the Civil Peace Service with breaking the prevailing cycles of violence in Afghanistan.

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