

**Implementation Status & Results**  
**Afghanistan**  
**Afghanistan ICT Sector Development Project (P121755)**

Operation Name: Afghanistan ICT Sector Development Project (P121755)	Project Stage: Implementation	Seq.No: 2	Status: ARCHIVED	Archive Date: 17-Sep-2011
Country: Afghanistan	Approval FY: 2011			
Product Line: IBRD/IDA	Region: SOUTH ASIA	Lending Instrument: Emergency Recovery Loan		
Implementing Agency(ies):				

**Key Dates**

Board Approval Date	26-Apr-2011	Original Closing Date	30-Jun-2016	Planned Mid Term Review Date	15-Jun-2013	Last Archived ISR Date	17-Sep-2011
Effectiveness Date	14-Jun-2011	Revised Closing Date	30-Jun-2016	Actual Mid Term Review Date			

**Project Development Objectives**

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

**The Project Development Objective is to expand connectivity, mainstream use of mobile applications in strategic sectors in the government and support development of the local IT industry.**

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project?

Yes     No

**Component(s)**

Component Name	Component Cost
Expanding Connectivity	30.00
Mainstreaming Mobile Applications	9.30
IT Industry Development	4.30

**Overall Ratings**

	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	Moderate	Moderate

**Implementation Status Overview**

This ISR reports on the results of the implementation support mission of December 7 - 15, 2011.

The project has been effective for 6 months and is making steady implementation progress. The institutional arrangements for Project implementation are in place, with the establishment of the Project Steering Committee, Project Implementation and Coordination Unit and the Project Management Office. Key technical assistance activities are in the final stages of the procurement process.

Bids have been received for the supply and installation of approximately 1000km of the fiber optic backbone, and bid evaluation is underway. It is expected that contracts will be signed within the first quarter of 2012. Other project activities are progressing satisfactorily. The Operational Manual for the Innovation Support Program is close to being finalized. Bidding documents for spectrum monitoring tools has been finalized and procurement of consultant services for 4 large value assignments are being completed. Request for Expression of Interest for an international internal audit specialist has been published.

At this time, barring a significant deterioration of the security situation, it is expected that project objectives will be met in a timely manner.

**Locations**

No Location data has been entered

**Results**

**Project Development Objective Indicators**

Indicator Name	Core	Unit of Measure		Baseline	Current	End Target
Impact of Technical Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	2003 Policy	Procurement underway	Revised ICT Policy adopted by Government
			Date	25-Apr-2011	31-Dec-2011	30-Jun-2016
			Comments	Consultants being hired to support Government develop policy.	Consultant being contracted to develop new policy	
Revised ICT Policy adopted bu the Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text Sub Type Breakdown	Value			
			Date			
			Comments			
Number of Government agencies or programs using m-apps for public service delivery or program management	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00		10.00
			Date	25-Apr-2011		30-Jun-2016
			Comments			
Number of ministry CIOs and other officials trained under the Project services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00		100.00
			Date	25-Apr-2011		30-Jun-2016
			Comments			
Access to telephone services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percentage	Value	55.00		80.00
			Date	25-Apr-2011		30-Jun-2016
			Comments	Percentage of people with access to telephone services		
Access to Internet services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percentage	Value	3.00	4.00	10.00
			Date	25-Apr-2011	31-Dec-2011	30-Jun-2016
			Comments	Percentage of people with access to internet services		

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Direct project beneficiaries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00	0.00	1000000.00
			Date	25-Apr-2011	12-Jan-2012	30-Jun-2016
			Comments			
Female beneficiaries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Percentage Sub Type Supplemental	Value	0.00	0.00	1000000.00
			Date			
			Comments			
Number of people trained under the project	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00		1500.00
			Date	25-Apr-2011		30-Jun-2016
			Comments	Skills development strategy being finalized.		
Length of fiber optic network built under the project	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00		1000.00
			Date	25-Apr-2011		30-Jun-2016
			Comments	Aprox. 2500 km of fiber optic backbone has been developed outside of the project.	Procurement underway with contract award likely in February 2012.	

**Intermediate Results Indicators**

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Indicator Name	Core	Unit of Measure		Baseline	Current	End Target
Participation in incubation activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00		10.00
			Date	25-Apr-2011		30-Jun-2016
			Comments	Number of participants		
Employment in IT firms located in the ICT Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00		180.00
			Date	25-Apr-2011		30-Jun-2016
			Comments	Number of people		
Internet users	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	15000.00		50000.00
			Date	25-Apr-2011		30-Jun-2016
			Comments	Number of people who use the Internet through any technology at least once a month.		
Service Delivery Platform established	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	No		Yes
			Date	25-Apr-2011	31-Dec-2011	30-Jun-2016
			Comments	Bidding Documents prepared	Bidding documents being finalized	
Number of transactions conducted	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number	Value	0.00		150000.00

			Date	25-Apr-2011		30-Jun-2016
			Comments	Number of sessions logged, cumulative		
Average retail price of Internet connectivity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Text	Value	US\$450	US\$400	US\$250
			Date	25-Apr-2011	31-Dec-2011	30-Jun-2016
			Comments			

**Data on Financial Performance (as of 03-Jan-2012)**

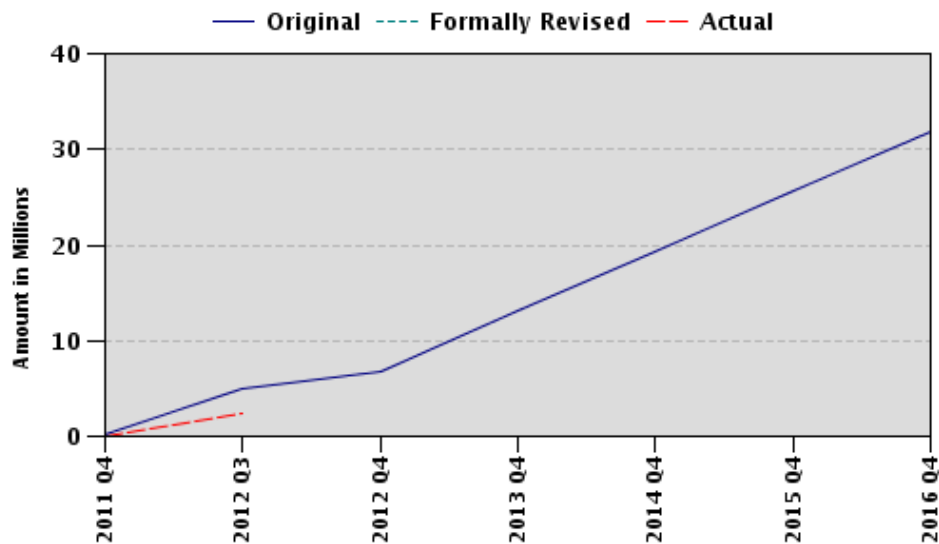
**Financial Agreement(s) Key Dates**

Project	Loan No.	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Closing Date
P121755	IDA-H6650	Effective	26-Apr-2011	15-May-2011	14-Jun-2011	30-Jun-2016

**Disbursements (in Millions)**

Project	Loan No.	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P121755	IDA-H6650	Effective	XDR	31.80	31.80	0.00	2.41	29.39	8.00

**Disbursement Graph**



**Key Decisions Regarding Implementation**

1. Bid evaluations for the fiber optic backbone component has been completed and is being reviewed by the World Bank. It is expected that contract award will be issued by

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- February 2012. The Ministry of Communications and IT will ensure that the safeguards specialist has been hired prior to contract award.
2. The Operations Manual for the Innovations Support Program is being finalized and will be completed by end January 2012.
  3. The bidding documents for the shared service delivery platform will be finalized by February 2012.
  4. Consultants to support MCIT in the development of a new ICT policy will commence services by end February 2012.
  5. Consultants to support ATRA on regulatory issues to develop the broadband and mobile services sector will commence services in February 2012.

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### **Restructuring History**

There has been no restructuring to date.

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### **Related Projects**

There are no related projects.