



صندوق أبوظبي للتنمية  
ABU DHABI FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT

# Afghanistan & ADFD

A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP







**1971**  
ADFD was established



**536**  
Operational Activities



**16** AED BILLION  
Capital



**88**  
Beneficiary Countries



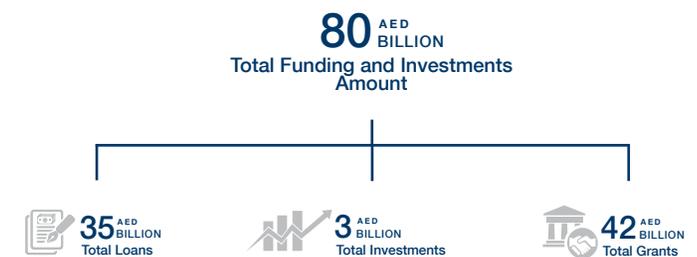
ADFD Headquarters, United Arab Emirates

## About ADFD

Founded in 1971, Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) aims to implement the United Arab Emirates' policy to promote socio-economic growth in developing countries. The UAE, in collaboration with the international community, funds infrastructure expansion schemes through the provision of financial resources. To fund and aid key economic sectors has been a long-standing procedure adopted by ADFD, these sectors include agriculture and irrigation, electricity and water, housing, transportation, industrial and mining, renewable energy, and health and social services.

Moreover, ADFD focuses its infrastructure development activities and socio-economic support in developing countries via:

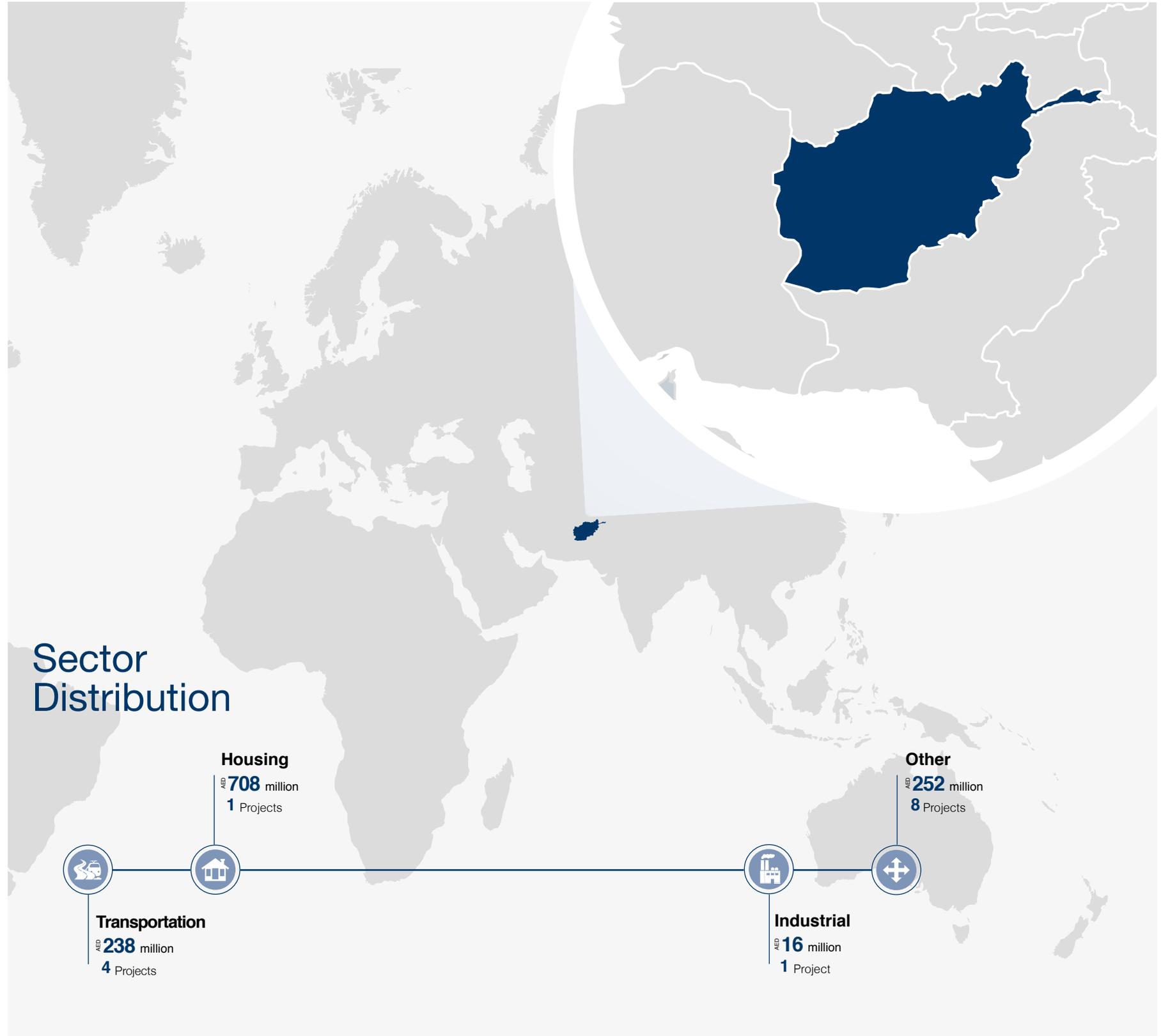
- ◆ Offering concessionary loans to fund development projects.
- ◆ Managing government grants provided by Abu Dhabi government.
- ◆ Investing in a wide range of private and public companies.



# ADFD and Afghanistan

Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) and the Government of Afghanistan have enjoyed close ties dating back to 1977. The constructive cooperation and bilateral relations aim to achieve goals of sustainable development in vital economic sectors that in-turn benefit the citizens of Afghanistan.

ADFD has provided UAE government grants and concessionary loans financing a cumulative of 14 development projects amounting to a value of AED 1.2 billion covering several sectors notably; transportation, industry, education and housing.



## Total Facts and Figures

**1977**

Relationship between ADFD and the Government of Afghanistan

**14**

Number of projects funded by ADFD

**AED 1.2 Billion**

Amount of ADFD funding of projects

## From the Afghan Minister

“ Over the past three decades, Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) has supported socio-economic growth in Afghanistan by financing several important development projects. ADFD began its activity in the Republic back in 1977 with funding the Baghlan Sugar Factory. Additionally, till date, the Fund has secured more than AED 1 billion for projects across key sectors. ”



Moreover, it's not worthy to mention the important role ADFD played in financing the construction of 3,330 housing units in Kabul. This strategic project will positively impact not only the capital but the nation's greater housing sector, it will underpin efforts to overcome housing problem and shortages in Afghanistan. Furthermore, due to remarkable population growth of 4.6 percent over the past decade, Afghanistan currently faces a large housing deficit requiring the addition of about 1.5 million residential units.

Above all that, the projects financed by ADFD have worked to improve the lives of the Afghan people and it goes with saying, the UAE has led tremendous efforts to support the Afghan government in achieving its development goals. Moreover, the Government of the UAE and ADFD continue to play a pivotal role in alleviating living standards, underpinning development programmes and supporting the national economy hence paving the way for sustainable, socio-economic and long-term growth for Afghanistan.

His Excellency Sadat Mansoor Naderi  
Minister of Urban Development and Housing, Afghanistan

# ADFD's Projects in Afghanistan





## Transportation Sector



Mazar-e Sharif International Airport Project

### 2006 **Kabul Roads Infrastructure (Phase I) | AED 110 million**

ADFD contributed to the development of infrastructure projects in Afghanistan, especially within the transportation sector. Phase I of the project led expansionary and overhaul works for some of Kabul's major roads and bridges. It ensured ease of movement and travel and reduced traffic jams in the capital. The project involved the construction and expansion of three major roads, 17km in length and 40m - 60m in width, and the establishment of rainwater drainage systems and pedestrian sidewalks.

### 2009 **Mazar-e Sharif International Airport | AED 55 million**

The project developed the transport sector particularly Mazar-e Sharif International Airport. It included the establishment of a new runway to serve international flights capable of accommodating large aircrafts such as; Airbus 300 and Boeing 747, and the rehabilitation and overhaul of the old runway, passages to link both runways, as well as aircraft parking bays. Moreover, the project included the construction of a new passenger terminal, rehabilitation of the old terminal and supplementing the air control tower with navigation devices.

### 2010 **Kabul Roads Infrastructure (Phase II) | AED 26 million**

This contribution accelerated and completed the expansionary and rehabilitation works on some major roads in Kabul. It also helped in curbing pollution resulting from traffic jams and gridlocks.

### 2012 **Al Salam Road 611 | AED 46 million**

The Al Salam Road project contributed to the construction of more than one point of entry to the northern part of Sangin Valley and provided significant employment opportunities in the region. Moreover, the project sought to improve energy and water distribution across the Helmand River, and connected the isolated community in Kajaki with Sangin, Gereshk and Lashkargah resulting in sustained security, stability and economic benefits. The project also included the construction of a 39km road equipped with rainwater drainage systems, safety features and road signs.



## Housing Sector

### 2010 Shiekh Khalifa bin Zayed City – Kabul | AED 708 million

This project in the Al Qasaba area in Kabul included the construction of 3,330 housing units across 53.8 hectares. These residences have been designed in accordance with the Afghan family lifestyle. Moreover, this project included infrastructure works such as roads, water and electricity distribution networks and sewage systems.

Shiekh Khalifa bin Zayed City project - Kabul





## Industry Sector

### 1977 Baghlan Sugar Factory | AED 17 million

ADFD funded the establishment of this factory which in-turn supported the local economy in Afghanistan and revitalised the agricultural sector by increasing the production capacity for exporting sugar. The initiative also equipped the 27,000 tonne per-year factory with all the necessary hardware and advanced equipment and led to the recruitment of many individuals.



## Other Sector

### 2009 Development Projects | AED 45 million

ADFD allocated AED45 million to finance several development projects within key and wide ranging social and economic sectors. These projects underpinned efforts to meet the needs of the people of Afghanistan and achieved sustainable development across local communities.

### 2014 Supporting the activities of the Emirates Committee AED 124 million

The United Arab Emirates has provided 3 grants managed by ADFD through the UAE Standing Committee for Humanitarian and Development Assistance to the Republic of Afghanistan as part of its permanent support for the reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan and boost the economy. These grants alleviated living standards by supporting development of socio-economic projects and providing humanitarian assistance to Afghan people by optimizing the available resources according to priorities and importance and developing local and international partnerships.

### 2016 Supporting the activities of the Emirates Committee (Phase 2) AED 82 million

The United Arab Emirates has provided an additional 3 grants to the UAE Standing Committee for Humanitarian and Development Assistance in Afghanistan to support a number of development projects, including the development of innovative vocational curricula to support vocational institutes, training and development of skills for the labor market and supporting segments of Afghan society to overcome economic and social obstacles.

### 2016 Saffron Industry Feasibility Study | AED 1.4 million

The project aimed to prepare a detailed feasibility study to assess investment opportunities in Afghanistan's saffron industry. The study will provide the private sector in the UAE with a base line and a wealth of data about investing in the production of Afghanistan's saffron



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