

## Good Governance



### The Key to Democracy

In various areas, poorly performing and insufficiently transparent administrative structures adversely affect Afghanistan. Government institutions are partially weak and frequently characterised by corruption, arbitrariness and personal interests. Many public employees are in need for further training and capacity development. In addition, the Afghan state is highly dependent on external financial support. Many of the services provided by public institutions rely on support from externally funded consultants. Non-state power holders, informal processes and corruption further limit the effectiveness of the state's institutions.

The government is also confronted with ethnic, religious and tribal groups' demands for greater political, economic and cultural participation. In some places, the lack of confidence in the ability of the Afghan government to take effective action increases the risk of parallel structures emerging.

The German government is therefore assisting Afghanistan to develop its administrative bodies and state structures. The focus is on fighting corruption, training and qualifying administrative staff in the proper provision of services for citizens, thereby boosting public confidence in government bodies.

For further information about our work in the priority area of good governance, please see the project descriptions and the '[Stories](#)' section.

### PROJECT NEWS

- Transparency Forum on Afghanistan's Progress in Fighting Corruption (<http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/en/news/3418>)  
17.08.2018 | Press release
- Women's Rights Conference in Mazar-e Sharif (<http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/en/news/3384>)  
09.08.2018 | Press release
- Improving Access to Education: Three Girls' High Schools for 14,000 Students in Takhar (<http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/en/news/3351>)  
01.08.2018 | Press release

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- Fact sheet: Legal Certainty for all Citizens (<http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-ROL-EN.pdf>)
- Fact sheet: Reforms for an Effective and Trustworthy State (<http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-Opaf-EN.pdf>)
- Fact sheet: Strong local government structures to stabilize northern Afghanistan (<http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-Opaf-EN.pdf>)

## 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.

(<http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/en/news/1778>)



### 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.

(<http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/en/news/1776>)

- [afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-SPNA-EN.pdf](http://afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-SPNA-EN.pdf)
- Fact sheet: Transparently Planning and Implementing Development Measures In Afghanistan (<http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-RIDF-EN.pdf>)
- Fact sheet: Public Authorities as Pillars of Society (<http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-RCD-EN.pdf>)
- Fact sheet: Progress Achieved through the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund ([http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-ARTF-EN\\_0.pdf](http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-ARTF-EN_0.pdf))
- Fact sheet: Sustainable Mining for Economic Growth (<http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-MinGov-EN.pdf>)
- Fact Sheet: Youth for Peace (<http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-ZFD-EN.pdf>)
- Fact sheet: Integrated Experts in Afghanistan ([http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-CIM-e-7\\_2017\\_final.pdf](http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-CIM-e-7_2017_final.pdf))



- Datenblatt: Staatliche Organe als Stützpfiler der Gesellschaft ([http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-RCD-GER\\_0.pdf](http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-RCD-GER_0.pdf))
- Fact sheet: Govern4Afghanistan (<http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/sites/default/files/2017-G4A-EN.pdf>)

### **Strong Local Government Structures to Stabilise Northern Afghanistan**

In order to strengthen local governance structures at district level and at the same time improve living conditions for Afghanistan's rural population, the German Government is supporting the necessary capacity development measures and smaller infrastructure initiatives in Afghanistan. (<http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/en/news/1773>)



### **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. (<http://germancooperation-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.

(<http://germancooperation-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 80 million in 2017 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.

(<http://germancooperation-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.

(<http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/en/news/1766>)



### 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.

(<http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/en/news/1761>)



### **Integrated Experts in Afghanistan**

In order to improve the management skills of Afghan Government ministries, key institutions and administrative bodies, the German Government is assisting with the placement of integrated experts on the Afghan labour market.

(<http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/en/news/1758>)



### **Discussion Platform for Good Governance: Govern4Afghanistan**

In order to promote greater sharing of knowledge on good governance matters and thereby support the qualitative expansion of state structures in Afghanistan, the German Government has joined forces with Afghan partners to launch the discussion platform and think-and-do tank Govern4Afghanistan .

(<http://germancooperation-afghanistan.de/en/news/1752>)