

## Kunduz

Kunduz Province is located in north-eastern Afghanistan where it borders on Tajikistan. Most of the province's one million-plus residents live in the Kunduz River valley. Only one third of the population resides in cities. Dari, Pashtu and Uzbek are the main languages spoken in Kunduz.

The province faces several challenges. Despite electricity being imported from Tajikistan, large areas of Kunduz have no power. Coupled with the volatile security situation, this adversely affects people's willingness to invest in the region. There is a lack of employment opportunities, clean drinking water and roads throughout the province.

Despite these challenges, Kunduz has great potential for development. Roads run from the Tajik border across the Salang Pass to Kabul, and from the east to the west of the province. Kunduz also has an airport. Its climate, soils and irrigation systems make it suitable for agriculture. Kunduz is the second most fertile province in Afghanistan after Baghlan. Nomads use the lowlands to pasture their flocks and herds. Its proximity to Tajikistan means that Kunduz has developed a rich trading tradition.

The German Cooperation with Afghanistan has been working in Kunduz for many years. Current programmes focus on economic development, education, the rule of law, capacity development for regional government organisations, energy supply, water supply, and waste water disposal. A wide range of programmes have helped to effect change and improve local people's living conditions.

This section provides you with an overview of the German Cooperation with Afghanistan's activities in Kunduz.

Project:

- Strengthen sustainable economic growth in northern Afghanistan
- Clean Water in Northern Afghanistan
- Improving Health Care Provision for the Afghan People
- Energy as an Economic Factor – Creating a Legal Framework and Facilitating Investment
- Reforming the Education Sector – New Teaching Standards and Curricula
- Legal Certainty for all Citizens
- Strong Local Government Structures to Stabilise Northern Afghanistan
- Transparently Planning and Implementing Development Measures
- Public Authorities as Pillars of Society
- Clear Rules and Qualified Staff for a Clean Water Supply

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