

## Takhar

Consisting of 17 districts, the rural province of Takhar is located in north-eastern Afghanistan, where it borders Tajikistan. Around one million people live within its 12,000 square kilometre territory.

The province faces a number of major challenges. The remote geographical location of a number of districts, sluggish economic growth, poverty, a lack of education among the rural population, and a volatile security situation in some areas hinder progress and development. Almost 90% of the population live in rural areas. The near inaccessibility of several districts means that their residents often have to rely on horses and donkeys for transport. Schools and health centres are difficult to reach. Natural disasters such as avalanches and floods are a frequent occurrence. The provincial economy is largely based on the service and agricultural sectors. Local people generate most of their income through the sale of agricultural products from this relatively fertile and water-rich region and the manufacture of ceramics, jewellery and rugs.

The German Cooperation with Afghanistan has been working in Takhar for many years, with a particular focus on promoting the rule of law, developing the capacity of regional government organisations, encouraging sustainable economic development, and improving drinking water and energy supplies. 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 German Cooperation with Afghanistan's activities in Takhar.

### 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
- Renewable energy for Afghanistan
- Reforming the Education Sector – New Teaching Standards and Curricula
- Legal Certainty for all Citizens
- Strong Local Government Structures to Stabilise Northern Afghanistan
- Public Authorities as Pillars of Society
- Transparently Planning and Implementing Development Measures
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