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PROJECT READINESS FOR ENHANCING SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

Agriculture, Food, Nature, and Rural Development Sector

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Overview of the Sector

Climate Resilient Investments

Upstream climate work to inform prioritization and pipeline development

Water Resources Management

Irrigation modernization

Flood and river bank erosion risk management

Multi-purpose reservoirs to ensure water security

Landslide risk management



Overview of the Sector

Institutional Strengthening

Flood forecasting and early warning, disaster preparedness

Promotion of water use efficiency

Policy advice and capacity development

Agriculture/Agribusiness Development

Climate-smart agriculture

Private sector development/financing in agribusiness

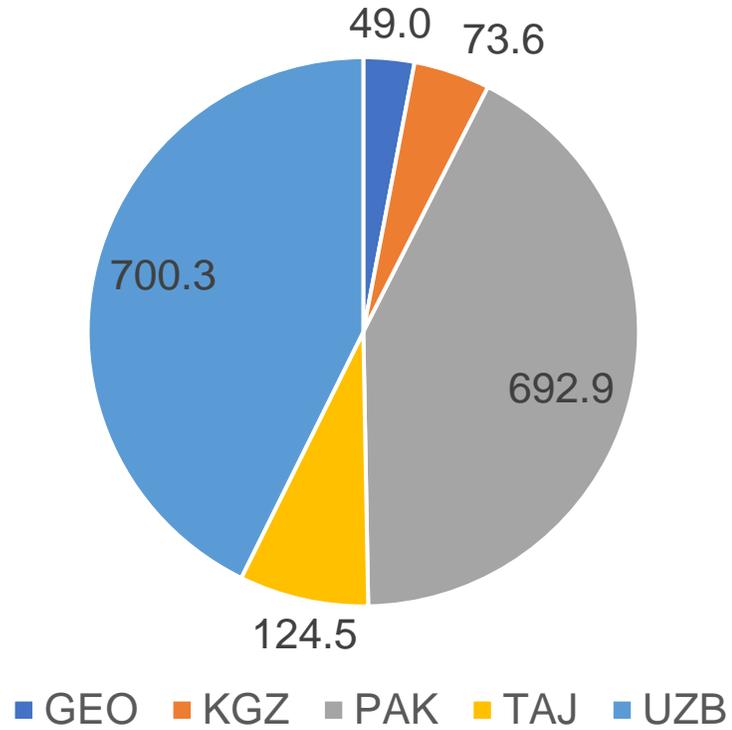
Value chain development

Improved market connectivity

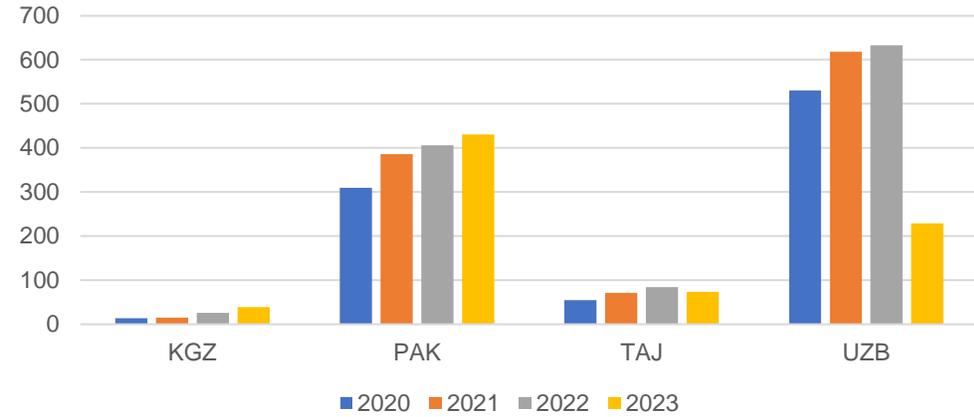


Portfolio

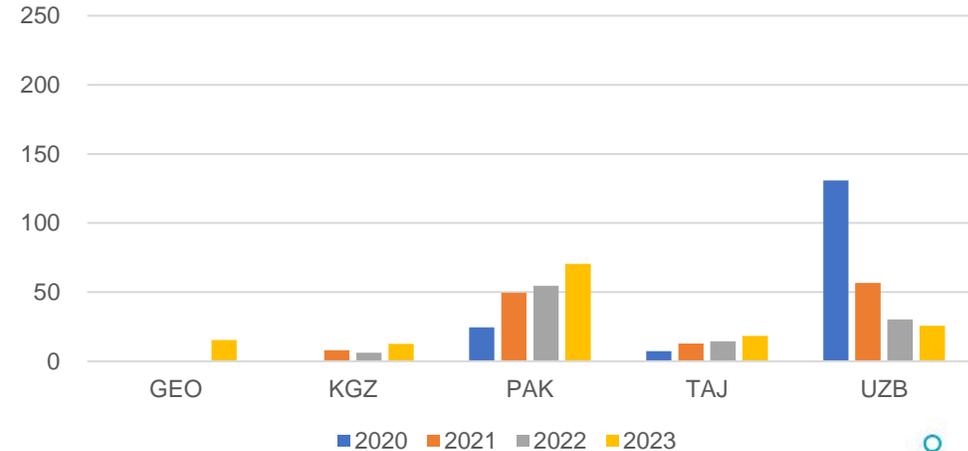
AFNRD Portfolio (\$1.6 billion)



Annual Contract Awards (2020-2023)
(\$ million)



Annual Disbursements (2020-2023)
(\$ million)



Challenges

- Lengthy procurement timelines
- Complex safeguard issues
- Capacity of contractors/consultants
- Frequent changes in project implementation units/ lack of qualified staff



- ***LONGER IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD (6 YEAR PROJECTS- COMPLETED 9 YEARS) - Need Improved Project Readiness!!***



Pakistan – PRFs

- **First PRF approved** in the sector in CWRD (2019)
- **Pakistan has 4 PRFs**
 - \$22 million (3 COL, 1 OCR)
 - >3-<5 years implementation period
 - preparing \$2.5 billion portfolio (PRF 1% of the ensuing investments cost)
 - supported by upstream or concurrent technical assistances
 - involve 10 EAs/IAs
 - coordinate multiple collaborating departments, federal and provincial entities
 - continuity of PMOs in TAs, PRFs and ensuing project



Pakistan – PRFs

Major outputs

- detailed engineering design, procurement, and safeguard documents preparation
- capacity of executing and implementing agencies improved also including project start-up activities.

ADB's value addition

- integrated and holistic climate-smart agriculture and efficient water resources management.
- comprehensive preparation of a quality project with collaborating TAs
- environmental and social safeguards, climate change, technical assessments, advance procurement actions, detail engineering design, innovative solutions, and best practices.



Prepare Summary for Discussion

- What are the major sector-specific challenges associated with project design and implementation you face when strategically planning for quality project investment (incl. those related to integrating global agenda and/or adapting to rapid technological innovations)?
- How has your institution addressed these challenges in the past, at the project processing/readiness stage? How did it ensure that solutions are long term and strengthen the sector overall?
- How would you ensure lessons are learnt across different projects within the sector and what plans are in place to tackle new/emerging ones?

