



Water and Urban Development Sector Office (SG-WUD)

Key Highlights of Urban Sector Pakistan

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Strategic Direction of SG-WUD

Strategy 2030: Achieving a Prosperous, Inclusive, Resilient, and Sustainable Asia and the Pacific

Operational Plan	Contribution to Strategy 2030 Component			
	Prosperous	Inclusive	Resilient	Sustainable
Making cities more livable	Improved city competitiveness	Equal access to opportunities	Adaptation to reduce risks	More efficient resource use and reuse



Strategic Direction of SG-WUD

Urban Sector Directional Guide— toward making cities more livable in Asia and the Pacific

OP4: Making Cities More Livable

- Pillar 1: Improve coverage, quality, efficiency, and reliability of services in urban areas
- Pillar 2: Strengthen urban planning and financial sustainability of cities
- Pillar 3: Improve urban environment, climate resilience, and disaster management of cities

Guiding Principles

- Address urban development complexities by designing projects that incorporate multisectoral and cross-thematic benefits
- Pursue pro-poor, inclusive, gender-responsive, and participatory approaches
- Foster the competitiveness of cities for economic growth and job creation
- Adoption of efficient technologies and digital solutions
- Enable PPPs and private sector participation to enhance synergies with sovereign operations
- Improve governance and institutional capacities of cities

Areas of Focus in Pakistan

MUNICIPAL SERVICE



- Water Supply and Sanitation
- Sewerage and drainage
- Solid Waste Management



GOALS

Clean Water Supply and Sanitation

SMART CITIES



- Automation –SCADA
- Compliant Management
- Land Record Digitization
- Billing
- Smart Service – transfers, payments, registration, taxes



GOALS

Using technology to create efficiencies

URBAN RESILIENCE



- Parks and Spaces
- Drainages
- Greenways
- Urban Forests



GOALS

Make the cities livable and inclusive



CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTERS



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Sector Portfolio in Pakistan

Investment Projects and PRFs under implementation

S. No	Project Details	ADB Loan (USD million)	Gov Share (USD million)
1.	Punjab Intermediate Cities Improvement Investment Project (PICIIP)	200 (OCR)	50
2.	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Cities Improvement Project (KPCIP)	380 (OCR)	65
3.	Developing Resilient Environments & Advancing Municipal Services (DREAMS)	180 (COL)	45
4.	Sindh Emergency Housing Reconstruction Project	400 (COL)	40
5.	KPCIP Project Readiness Financing (PRF)-1	7 (OCR)	1
6.	Punjab Urban Development Projects PRF	15 (OCR)	1.36
7.	KPCIP-PRF-2	15 (OCR)	2.12
Total Projects Under Implementation		1,197	204.48

Sector Portfolio in Pakistan

Pipeline Projects

Year	Project/Program/TA	ADB Loan (USD million)	Co-Fin (USD million)
2025	DREAMS 2 Punjab	200 (COL)	N/A
2026	KPICIP 2 (DREAMS KP)	200 (COL)	200
2026	Baluchistan Urban Development Project - PRF	15 (COL)	N/A
2026	Faisalabad Integrated Urban Water Management Project	150 (COL)	20
Total Pipeline Projects		565	220

Emerging Areas of SG-WUD



Sustainable Tourism

- Livable cities project in Georgia
- Environmental Management and Sustainable Tourism in Kyrgyz, Lao PDR, Uzbekistan, India, Sri Lanka and Philippines
- Tourism opportunities in Tajikistan

Affordable housing

- Affordable Housing in Bhutan, India, Mongolia, and Philippines
- Housing reconstruction in Sindh, Pakistan
- Mainstreaming gender equality, Social inclusion and disability inclusion
- Green building certification
- High level technology

Sub-sovereign, Non sovereign & Subnational finance

- Nonsovereign operations in Viet Nam, Indonesia and Philippines
- Joint NSO transactions, direct loans to utility companies
- Municipal finance (sovereign and sovereign-guarantee loans)



Changing the Urban Development Narrative in Pakistan

Historically, urban development in Pakistan has been characterized by ad hoc and fragmented investments, lacking a cohesive long-term vision. To address this, the ADB Urban team is collaborating with the Government of Pakistan to promote a more sustainable development approach through integrated planning and institutional reforms. ADB's urban projects in Pakistan incorporate the following aspects:

Facilitate discussion on the need to transform urban governance.

Foster the realization that urban development requires thorough understanding and long term, integrated planning.

Improve financial and operational sustainability of investments through up-front planning.

Develop collaborative form of governance, like public-private-partnerships.

Establish that data-driven scientific and technological approaches are the answer to redefining rules of accountability and resolution of urban problems.

Ensure that social and environmental safeguards receive the attention and priority they warrant.