

Progress for the Ministry of Finance in Afghanistan

Established in 1956, the Ministry of Finance in Afghanistan is responsible for fiscal policy, customs, national budgeting, and taxation. USAID provided approximately \$15 million for the Ministry of Finance operations and committed an additional \$60 million to be used over three years to support the recent currency exchange, fiscal reform, customs reform, commercial law reform, national budgeting process changes, and tax administration and policy reforms.



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Before

During the years of Taliban rule, the facility housing the Ministry of Finance deteriorated, and the effectiveness its 1,600 employees declined dramatically.

After

USAID committed \$139,000 to the renovation of the main building of the Ministry of Finance. In addition to providing appropriate working conditions for this key ministry, the project included Internet access to bring its operations to the computer age.



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