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FACT SHEET

Kandahar Commercialization Support

OVERVIEW

The primary objective of this project is to provide technical direction, coaching, and training to management and staff in Kandahar Province with Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS), the national power utility, to improve collections and reduce kilowatt hour losses (especially due to non-technical reasons). This project also endeavors to support long-term tariff reform given Afghanistan's continued reliance on expensive diesel generation and tariffs that are well below operating and maintenance cost recovery levels. After Kabul, Kandahar Province is the second largest user of such subsidies. Improving commercial performance through increased cost recovery and reduced kilowatt hour losses will help minimize the need for such subsidies in Kandahar.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- Assist DABS Kandahar to build its capacity and recover operational expenses from customers
- Support DABS Kandahar in business planning and performance improvement
- Transfer all 46,000 Kandahar customers from manual paper-based billing to a computerized automated billing system

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Converted 39,000 customers to a computerized automated billing system
- Conducted a technical assessment of the existing distribution system in Kandahar and recommended how to improve and/or expand the system to increase revenues