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FACT SHEET

Human Resource and Logistical Support (HRLS)

OVERVIEW

To address Afghanistan's lack of critical infrastructure, USAID implements infrastructure programs to support economic growth, promote national integration and security, and facilitate the delivery of government and social services, while strengthening Afghan public and private-sector capacity to build, finance, operate, and maintain infrastructure. Given the complexity and geographic dispersion of the infrastructure projects, USAID uses the Human Resources and Logistical Support (HRLS) program to support the design, implementation, and construction monitoring of USAID's infrastructure projects in the roads, energy, and building sectors. The program's flexibility allows USAID to respond quickly to requirements necessary to support infrastructure development.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- **Engineering support:** Conduct site identification, review tender documents and designs, monitor construction to help ensure that infrastructure projects are built to established standards and approved designs.
- **Technical assistance:** Provide technical assistance to help ministries establish sound policies and strengthen government institutions to implement them. Assist with technical evaluation of project proposals at the Ministry of Mines and the Ministry of Energy and Water to enable these ministries to arrive at informed investment decisions.
- **Capacity building:** Embed technical experts within the Ministry of Mines and Ministry of Water to work with their local staff, and transfer technology in the process.
- **Information management:** Develop a geospatial infrastructure database that provides vital information for effective planning and monitoring of infrastructure projects.
- **Logistical support:** Provide security, transportation, conferences, training, and office facilities in response to USAID requests.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Provided quality assurance services for more than 2,000 kilometers of roads, two power plants, and three industrial parks, thus helping ensure sound construction of these facilities
- Conducted a post-occupancy evaluation of 768 buildings to determine their condition and use, resulting in valuable lessons for the design of similar projects in the future
- Conducted preliminary structural evaluations of more than 800 buildings and created action plans for 20 potentially unsafe buildings
- Trained Ministry of Energy and Water and Ministry of Foreign Affairs staff on trans-boundary water issues
- Conducted training of Ministry of Public Works staff on feasibility analysis for road projects
- Assisted in drafting water and roads sector strategies that fed into the Afghanistan National Development Strategy