

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK MEMBER FACT SHEET

Uzbekistan: 2018 Committed Loans, Grants, and Technical Assistance (\$ million)

Loans		Technical Assistance	Grants	Total
Sovereign	Nonsovereign			
1,138.00	–	8.39	–	1,146.39

– = nil.

Notes: Commitment is the financing approved by the ADB Board of Directors or Management for which the investment agreement has been signed by the borrower, recipient, or the investee company and ADB.

Grants and technical assistance include ADB-administered cofinancing.

ADB operations support Uzbekistan's development priorities, with assistance in three strategic areas: private sector development, reduction of economic and social disparities, and regional cooperation and integration.

UZBEKISTAN

Uzbekistan: Cumulative Lending, Grant, and Technical Assistance Commitments^{a, b, c}

Sector	No.	Total Amount (\$ million) ^d	% ^d
Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Rural Development	30	585.48	7.79
Education	22	297.31	3.96
Energy	29	1,999.61	26.60
Finance	32	1,583.27	21.07
Health	6	87.40	1.16
Industry and Trade	3	175.68	2.34
Public Sector Management	19	331.68	4.41
Transport	31	1,606.07	21.37
Water and Other Urban Infrastructure and Services	26	849.44	11.30
Total	198	7,515.94	100.00

^a Grants and technical assistance include ADB-administered cofinancing.

^b Includes sovereign and nonsovereign loans and technical assistance.

^c Using primary sector in reporting of commitments.

^d Numbers may not sum precisely because of rounding.

Emboldened by a new development strategy and a comprehensive reform agenda, Uzbekistan is striving for a vibrant and inclusive market economy led by the private sector.

Since joining the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in 1995, Uzbekistan has received 70 loans totaling \$7.4 billion, including two private sector loans totaling \$225 million and technical assistance of \$87.3 million.

The Government of Uzbekistan has adopted a national development strategy for 2017–2021 and ADB is preparing an aligned country partnership strategy, 2019–2023. The new partnership strategy will support the government's ambitious reform agenda and the economic transition of the country by providing a comprehensive program of investment finance, policy support, and knowledge solutions.

In December 2018, ADB approved the country operations business plan, 2019–2021 for Uzbekistan. The plan supports Uzbekistan's development priorities, with assistance to accelerate

key drivers of change—private sector development, regional cooperation, and improved governance.

Cumulative loan disbursements to Uzbekistan amount to \$3.91 billion. These were financed by regular and concessional ordinary capital resources.

ADB-SUPPORTED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

In 2018, ADB committed five loans totaling \$1.1 billion for Uzbekistan, adding to its ongoing investment in the country.

In energy, ADB has supported construction of two combined cycle gas turbine (CCGT) electricity generation units at the Talimarjan power plant and will help construct two additional

Uzbekistan: Ordinary Capital Resources Nonsovereign Commitments by Product, 2007–2018

No. of Transactions Signed	Amount (\$ million)
Loans	225.00
Equity Investments	5.89
Guarantees	217.95
Total	448.84



CCGT units at each of the Talimarjan and Takhiatash power plants. In the northwest region, the bank is supporting the construction of a 220-kilovolt, high-voltage transmission line to strengthen the electricity grid. It is also helping the national electricity company improve its financial sustainability by installing advanced metering systems.

In transport, ADB is financing road and railway projects along the Central Asian Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Corridor 2 and Corridor 6; the bank had helped reconstruct a highway between Guzar and Daut-ata on the border of CAREC Corridor 2. The bank also supported the rehabilitation of the Tashkent–Samarkand and Samarkand–Bukhara–Khodjavadlet rail lines, electrification of the Marakand–Karshi railway and 145.1 kilometers of the Pap–Namangan–Andijan track, and modernization of the Karshi depot.

ADB's assistance has helped provide safer and more reliable water supply services to nearly 3 million people in Uzbekistan. Under the Water Supply and Sanitation Services Investment Program, over 4,800 new households were connected to water supply and 170,000 people received access to quality sewerage services.

In agriculture, over 3.2 million people in five major regions benefited from

irrigation infrastructure that helps ensure sustainable water supply for farmlands. ADB also supported crop diversification and enhanced private sector participation in horticulture value chains.

Under the Primary Health Care Improvement Project, committed in 2018, ADB will strengthen health care services in rural areas by providing modern equipment to 793 newly established family polyclinics. Meanwhile, the Housing for Integrated Rural Development Investment Program has helped provide cofinanced mortgage loans to individuals, contributing to the construction of 41,510 homes for rural families earning from low to moderate incomes.

ADB is supporting ongoing economic reforms in Uzbekistan through its first policy-based loan to the country valued at \$300 million. The loan supports government efforts to improve economic management, ensure fiscal sustainability, and strengthen governance in state-owned enterprises.

ADB plays a key role in Uzbekistan's regional cooperation activities under the CAREC Program. The bank helped finance power lines to supply electricity to Afghanistan and construct 75 kilometers of track to extend the Afghan railroad to the Uzbekistan border.

NONSOVEREIGN OPERATIONS

As a catalyst for private investments, ADB provides financial assistance to nonsovereign projects and financial intermediaries. Total commitments from ADB's own funds (in equity and direct loans) in 2018 amounted to \$3.14 billion for 32 transactions in economic and social infrastructure, the finance sector, and agribusiness. ADB also actively mobilizes cofinancing from commercial and concessional sources. In 2018, ADB mobilized \$3.17 billion of long-term cofinancing and \$3.99 billion of cofinancing in trade finance, microfinance, and supply chain finance programs. Total outstanding balances and commitments of nonsovereign transactions funded by ADB's own resources stood at \$12.7 billion as of 31 December 2018.

COFINANCING

Cofinancing operations enable ADB's financing partners, governments or their agencies, multilateral financing institutions, and commercial organizations to participate in financing ADB projects. The additional funds are provided in the form of official loans and grants, technical assistance, other concessional financing, and commercial cofinancing such as B loans, risk transfer

Uzbekistan: Project Success Rates

Year	Success Rate (%)	No. of Independently Evaluated Projects and Programs
2006	100.0	1
2008	33.3	3
2009	100.0	1
2010	50.0	2
2011	50.0	4
2012	50.0	4
2013	100.0	2
2015	–	1
2016	100.0	3
2017	100.0	2
2018	60.0	5
Total	64.3	28

Note: "Year" refers to the circulation year of the project completion report (PCR). The success rates reported are based on the ratings from validated PCRs and independently evaluated performance evaluation reports only and do not include self-evaluations. With small sample sizes, success rates do not necessarily represent country operations performance.

Source: PCR validation reports and project/program performance evaluation reports ratings database as of 31 December 2018.

Uzbekistan: Portfolio Performance Quality Indicators for Sovereign Lending and Grants, 2017–2018

	No. of Ongoing Loans ^a (as of 31 Dec 2018)	
	2017 (\$ million)	2018 (\$ million)
Contract Awards ^{b,c}	385.56	301.95
Disbursements ^b	452.59	656.59
	No. of Ongoing Grants ^a (as of 31 Dec 2018)	
	2017 (\$ million)	2018 (\$ million)
Contract Awards ^{b,c}	–	–
Disbursements ^{b,d}	–	–
Actual Problem Projects (%) (as of 31 Dec 2018)		5

– = nil.

^a Based on commitments.

^b Includes closed loans/grants that had contract awards or disbursements during the year.

^c Excludes policy-based lending/grants.

^d Includes only Asian Development Fund and other ADB special funds.

Uzbekistan: Projects Cofinanced, 1 January 2014–31 December 2018

Cofinancing	No. of Projects	Amount (\$ million)
Projects ^a	8	2,126.54
Official loans	7	1,910.56
Commercial cofinancing	1	215.98
Technical Assistance Grants	6	7.10

^a A project with more than one source of cofinancing is counted once.

Uzbekistan: Share of Procurement Contracts for Loan, Grant, and Technical Assistance Projects

Item	2017		2018		Cumulative (as of 31 Dec 2018)	
	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total
	Goods, Works, and Related Services	91.13	0.89	419.31	3.34	1,184.37
Consulting Services	1.65	0.22	2.11	0.30	22.06	0.17
Total Procurement	92.77	0.85	421.42	3.18	1,206.43	0.62

Top 5 Contractors/Suppliers from Uzbekistan Involved in Goods, Works, and Related Services Contracts under ADB Loan and Grant Projects, 1 January 2014–31 December 2018

Contractor/Supplier	Sector	Contract Amount (\$ million)
Juydam Tamirchi LLC	WUS	70.62
Kuvasoytamirqurilish LLC	WUS	41.75
Binokor Temir-Beton Servis LLC (JV)	TRA	18.70
2-MKK LLC & 10-Qishloqurilishkorhonasi LLC (JV)	WUS	12.64
O'Zelektroapparat-Electroshield JSC	ENE	12.61
Others		500.98
Total		657.30

ENE = energy, TRA = transport, WUS = water and other urban infrastructure and services.

Top 5 Consultants from Uzbekistan Involved in Consulting Services Contracts under ADB Loan, Grant, and Technical Assistance Projects, 1 January 2014–31 December 2018

Consultant	Sector	Contract Amount (\$ million)
Sue Uzbekkommunalloyihakurilish	WUS	0.82
Intellek Service LLC	WUS	0.80
Royal Dizayn Loyiha LLC	WUS	0.79
Fargona Kommunal Fukaro Kurilish	WUS	0.65
Nazar Business and Technology LLC	ENE, MUL	0.39
Individual Consultants		3.48
Others		2.22
Total		9.14

ENE = energy, MUL = multisector, WUS = water and other urban infrastructure and services.

arrangements, parallel loans and equity, guarantee cofinancing, and cofinancing for transactions under ADB's [Trade Finance Program](#) and [Supply Chain Finance Program](#).

ADB began cofinancing operations in Uzbekistan in 2001. Since then, cumulative direct value-added official cofinancing commitments for Uzbekistan have amounted to \$2.28 billion for 15 investment projects and \$13.08 million for 16 technical assistance projects. Cumulative direct value-added commercial cofinancing for Uzbekistan has amounted to \$3.16 billion for three investment projects.

In 2018, Uzbekistan received \$1.07 billion in loan cofinancing from AFD, the World Bank, and the Uzbekistan Fund for Reconstruction and Development for two investment projects.

A summary of projects with cofinancing from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2018 is available at www.adb.org/countries/uzbekistan/cofinancing.

PARTNERSHIPS

ADB closely coordinates programs and projects with multilateral and bilateral development partners in Uzbekistan.

ADB's first results-based loan to Uzbekistan, for the [Affordable Rural Housing Program](#), is being cofinanced by the Islamic Development Bank. The [Power Efficiency Improvement Project](#), committed in 2018, is being implemented with cofinancing from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, while the [Economic Management Improvement Program](#) is being cofinanced by the Agence Française de Développement.

The [Talimarjan Power Project](#) was implemented with cofinancing by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and coordinated development support from the World Bank. The [CAREC Corridor 2 Road Investment Program](#) is supported by cofinancing from the Islamic Development Bank. The [CAREC Corridor 6 Railway Electrification Project \(Marakand-Karshi\)](#) and the [Amu Bukhara Irrigation System Rehabilitation Project](#) are being implemented with coordinated development assistance by JICA.

PROCUREMENT

Each year, ADB provides loans, grants, and technical assistance to fund projects and activities in its developing member countries and several billion dollars in contracts to procure goods, works, and consulting services. Most contracts are awarded on the basis of international competition, which is open to firms and individuals from any ADB member, regional or nonregional.

Share of ADB's Procurement Contracts

Goods, Works, and Related Services

ADB's procurement contracts in Asia and the Pacific for goods, works, and related services under loan and grant operations totaled \$10.2 billion in 2017 and \$12.55 billion in 2018. Cumulative procurement since 1966 has been \$180.86 billion covering 215,461 contracts.

In Uzbekistan, 899 contracts worth \$1.18 billion have been awarded to contractors and suppliers since 1995.

Consulting Services

ADB's procurement contracts in Asia and the Pacific for consulting services under loan, grant, and technical assistance operations totaled \$746.79 million in 2017 and \$696.18 million in 2018. Cumulative procurement since 1966 has been \$12.7 billion covering 59,248 contracts.

In Uzbekistan, 567 contracts worth \$22.06 million have been awarded to consultants since 1995.

OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES

With a growing portfolio of projects in Uzbekistan, ADB and the government are intensively monitoring project implementation and management. Regular portfolio reviews have enabled quick decisions and actions to address implementation issues. Project performance is being improved by strengthening the capacity of executing and implementing agencies on procurement, contract management, financial management, and integrity.

To improve the government's project monitoring and debt management capacity, ADB helped the Ministry of Finance operationalize the Debt Management and Financial Analysis System—a modern system for compilation and processing of all debt-related data which enables reliable and complete reporting on debt-related matters.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

In the medium term, ADB assistance to Uzbekistan will help support inclusive and sustainable economic growth, strengthen governance and institutions, and promote regional cooperation and integration, with

an enhanced focus on policy support and capacity development.

The bank will also explore direct investments in the private sector and public-private partnership opportunities to modernize infrastructure as a priority for sustainable growth.

ADB's support will combine finance, knowledge, and partnerships to ensure maximum development impact.

The bank will mobilize funds from other sources and provide advanced knowledge products specifically suited to Uzbekistan's development needs.

ADB will promote dialogue and collaboration among diverse partners and stakeholders in Uzbekistan, including civil society organizations, the private sector, international financial institutions, and bilateral development partners.



ABOUT UZBEKISTAN AND ADB

ADB Membership

Joined 1995

Shareholding and Voting Power

Number of shares held:	71,502 (0.672% of total shares)
Votes:	111,199 (0.836% of total membership, 1.286% of total regional membership)
Overall capital subscription:	\$994.44 million
Paid-in capital subscription:	\$49.73 million

In-chang Song is the Director and **Bobur Khodjaev** is the Alternate Director representing Uzbekistan on the ADB Board of Directors.

Cindy Malvicini is the ADB Country Director for Uzbekistan. The Uzbekistan Resident Mission was opened in 1998 and provides the primary operational link for activities between ADB and the government, the private sector, civil society stakeholders, and development partners. The resident mission engages in policy dialogue, country partnership strategy development and programming, and portfolio management, while also acting as a knowledge base on development issues in Uzbekistan.

The Uzbekistan government agency handling ADB affairs is the Ministry of Investments and Foreign Trade.

ABOUT THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

ADB is a multilateral development bank owned by 68 members, 49 from the region and 19 from other parts of the world. ADB's main instruments for helping its developing member countries are policy dialogue, loans, equity investments, guarantees, grants, and technical assistance. In 2018, lending volume was \$19.88 billion (126 projects), with technical assistance at \$241.20 million (280 projects) and grant-financed projects at \$1.42 billion (44 projects). In addition, \$14 billion was generated in direct value-added cofinancing in the form of official loans and grants, other concessional cofinancing, and commercial cofinancing such as B loans, risk transfer arrangements, guarantee cofinancing, parallel loans, parallel equity, and cofinancing for transactions under ADB's Trade Finance Program. From 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2018, ADB's annual lending volume averaged \$15.99 billion. In addition, investment grants and technical assistance funded by ADB and Special Funds resources averaged \$583.95 million and \$184 million over the same period. As of 31 December 2018, the cumulative totals excluding cofinancing were \$275.82 billion in loans for 3,090 projects in 44 countries, \$9.38 billion in 374 grants, and \$4.52 billion in technical assistance grants, including regional technical assistance grants.

Notes:

ADB welcomed Niue as its 68th member in March 2019.

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