**Project Summary**

**Project Background**
The second phase of consulting services for the Implementation of the “Regional Infrastructure Development Fund” (RIDF) in the five provinces of Badakhshan, Baghlan, Balkh, Kunduz and Takhar in Northern Afghanistan started in July 2014. In 2015, the Program was extended to Samangan as the sixth province. The Project is funded by KfW (German Development Bank) on behalf of the Ministry of Finance in Afghanistan. The services continue seamlessly from Phase I. This includes the continued contract implementation of 14 infrastructure measures and elaboration of 36 ongoing feasibility checks.

**Project Objectives**
The RIDF Programme covers the following main components i.e. sectors: power transmission & distribution, water supply, roads & bridges, flood protection & irrigation and education (i.e. construction of schools). More than 46% of the projects are within the roads/bridges sector.

**Project Activities**
As per the original scope, the Consultant is supporting, accompanying and monitoring the responsible entities (Provincial Development Councils, Line Departments) over the whole project cycle from project proposal via feasibility check, selection (“Implementation Vote”), design, tender, award, supervision and handover. The target is that after the end of the program this project cycle can be handled single-handedly by the Afghan Line Departments.

To achieve this, not only specific locally adjusted selection and implementation procedures and criteria are developed and followed up but also specific capacity development measures as well as on-the-job trainings and regular coachings for the involved Line Departments and Ministries (as Ministry of Reconstruction and Rural Development (MRRD) and Ministry of Energy and Water (MEW)) are conducted. Several programme tasks such as tendering, contract and financial management, design reviews and construction supervision have been taken over by the consultant until the capacities of the Afghan Partners are built up to a degree that they can take over a bigger share of the implementation.

Within RIDF, medium range infrastructure projects from 0.5 mill. EUR to 1.5 mill. EUR are financed, with the possibility of splitting them into lots/subprojects or having accompanying Complementary Measures.

**Services Provided**
Within 19 main projects (some of them split in lots or submeasures) under implementation, the following features are implemented:
- Feasibility checks
- Tendering and award
- Contract Management and Financial Administration
- Design reviews and complementary design
- Construction Monitoring
- Remote Monitoring of Construction if required (due to security reasons)
- Handovers/Acceptances
- DLP-follow-up
- Capacity Development and on-the-job training/coaching
- Maintenance and Operation concepts
- Development and follow-up of procedures
- Database management
- Monitoring and evaluation

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**Afghanistan**

**Regional Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), Phase II**

**Client**

Ministry of Finance (MoF)

**Duration**

07/2014 - 09/2017

**Personnel**

- 9 internat. LTE (256 PM)
  - 1 Team Leader
  - 3 Key Experts (Management)
  - 5 Technical Unit Leader (Roads and Bridges, Water Supply and Waste Water, Flood Protection/Irrigation, Energy, Education)
- 16 national LTE (558,5 PM, Project Managers Engineers)
- pool of STE (93 PM)