Project Summary

Project Background
The third phase of the "Regional Infrastructure Development Fund" (RIDF) started in October 2017. The RIDF Programme supports the following infrastructure sub-sectors: decentralized energy supply, drinking water supply, sewerage, construction of roads and bridges, irrigation, flood protection and construction of education facilities. The total RIDF investment budget of all phases is about 86 Mio. The average project size of each implementation measure is between 0.5 and 1.5 Mio Euro. RIDF is funded by KfW (German Development Bank).

Project Objectives
In Phase III, the implementation of infrastructure projects is accompanied in six provinces - Badakhshan, Baghlan, Balkh, Kunduz, Samangan and Takhar in Northern Afghanistan - in support of and collaboration with the responsible authorities, which are Provincial Development Committees and Infrastructure line departments. RIDF Phase 3 carries on the services provided in Phase 1 and 2. Services comprise the continued implementation of 18 infrastructure projects and the elaboration of 23 feasibility studies for newly prioritised projects. Additional projects currently in proposal stage are predominantly road construction, flood protection and irrigation projects, as well as school buildings.

Project Activities
The consultant supports, accompanies and monitors the responsible entities over the whole project cycle from project identification and proposal via feasibility, project prioritization, engineering design, tender document elaboration and procurement, supervision and handover, with the objective to strengthen the Afghan authorities to carry out the cycle self-responsibly.

Capacity development in Integrated Professional Development approach is therefore a significant component of the program. A web-based Information Management Tool to support Monitoring, evaluation and decision-making processes and operational procedures is simultaneously being implemented.

The programme volume for this phase is 78,000,000 EUR.

Services Provided
• Social and livelihood support through services in the following sectors: school construction, decentralized energy supply, drinking water supply and sewerage, construction of roads and bridges, irrigation and flood protection.
• RIDF Programme management
• Support to PDC and Line Departments in good governance
• Capacity Development for Line Department engineers (on-the-job training, coaching, classroom trainings within an Integrated Professional Development approach)
• Peace and conflict and do-no-harm assessments
• Target group surveys (user groups, PDCs)
• Mid-size infrastructure projects identification
• Proposal Preparation
• Feasibility checks
• Tendering, evaluation and Contract award
• Contract Management and Financial Administration
• Design reviews and complementary design
• Construction Monitoring (on-site and remote)
• Handovers/Acceptances
• DLP-follow-up
• Operation and Maintenance concepts, planning and projects implementation
• Roll-out and implementation of Remote Monitoring and Remote Site Supervision software for infrastructure projects and capacity development
• Development and follow-up of program criteria and procedures
• Projects and capacity development database management
• Monitoring and evaluation

Afghanistan

Regional Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), Phase III

Client
Ministry of Finance (MoF)

Duration
23/10/2017 - 30/06/2020

Personnel
• 8 intern. LTE (179 PM)
  - 1 Team Leader
  - 7 Technical Unit Leader (Capacity Building, Roads and Bridges, Schools/Gravel Roads, Flood Protection/Irrigation, Water Supply and Sanitation, urban Schools/Public Buildings, Energy)
• 32 nat. LTE (1.118 PM; Project Coordinators, Administrators, Engineers)
• Pool of intern. STE (64 PM)
• 1 national STE (9 PM)