River Basin Organization and Governance in Afghanistan

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Focuses of USAID Consultation Mission

- Public Administration & Governance Training
- Developing decentralized & sustainable water use system
- Create institutional framework:
  - Utilize international water governance & administration models;
  - Implement 2009 Afghan water law;
  - Include all levels of government;
  - Involve community in water management;
  - Tools for financial management & accountability
The Major River Basins of Afghanistan

- 5 distinct water basins, 4 of which have international demand
Status of Basins

• Amu Darya—

• Harirud-Murghab—

• Helmand—

• Kabul—
Problems Concerning Current Afghani Water Management System

• Lack of International Agreements
• Central Committee Leadership
• Access to Historical Documents
• Slow Implementation of Water Code
• Integration of Water Code, existing canal level management, & basin planning/governance
Potential Solutions and Opportunities

• Committed funding for Infrastructure contingent on certain international terms
• Central Committee limited to policy-more autonomy to Water Ministry
• Historical Documents Located & Copied to Central Library-Institutionalize
• Basin Managers Work with Canal-level Watermasters using historical allocation systems (change code as necessary)
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