

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



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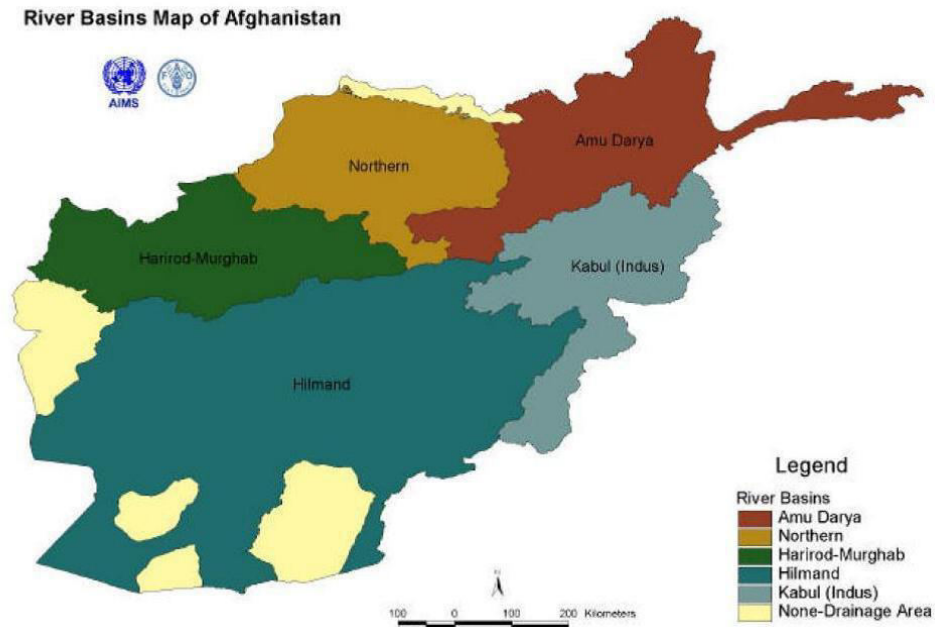
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The Major River Basins of Afghanistan

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





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Status of Basins

- Amu Darya—
- Harirud-Murghab—
- Helmand—
- Kabul—



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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- Access to Historical Documents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



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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- Historical Documents Located & Copied to Central Library-Institutionalize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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