



SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT



DONORS

Islamic development bank
OPEC Fund for international development



DURATION

2022-2025



TOTAL BUDGET

\$5,000,000

PILOT REGIONS

Karakalpakstan, Khorezm,
Navoi and Bukhara regions



PARTNERS

Ministry of Economic Development and
Poverty Reduction



FOCUS AREA

Sustainable development



INTRODUCTION

In Uzbekistan, problems of coverage and quality of infrastructure with low availability of centralised public services such as supply of quality drinking water, gas, sewerage, and road infrastructure mostly affect rural areas, where 49.2%¹ of the population resides.

Agricultural activities provide 49% of the population's income, but intensive farming methods have led to the degradation of arable land and depletion of water resources, particularly in the areas affected by the Aral Sea disaster.

An important factor in improving people's well-being is their active involvement in shaping the priority development of infrastructure to meet the needs in their communities.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

covered by the project



¹ State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics. Permanent Population - Village. <https://stat.uz/ru/ofitsialnaya-statistika/demography> Date of access: 07.11.2022.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES



around **710 000** rural people got access to basic infrastructure and better services



10,000 people trained / built capacity, 30% of whom are women/young people

UNDP is responsible for the implementation of Component B of the IsDB project
Engineering Services and Strengthening Capacity Infrastructure in Management



1. Strengthening the capacity of local communities to identify and represent their interests and needs



2. Training representatives of local architectural and design institutes and regional construction departments



3. Capacity building of the construction sector and architectural design to implement innovative IT solutions and digital transformation from a gender perspective



4. Involving local communities in decision-making processes

ACHIEVED RESULTS (as of December 2022)

- ✓ **170 communities** (40 core, 130 adjacent communities) in 4 pilot regions identified for the development of Community Development Plans (CDP)
- ✓ Recruitment of **12 community development facilitators** (3 per region) completed and TORs and individual contracts for community mobilisation workshops issued
- ✓ **3-day ToT** was conducted for 26 participants on needs assessment and CDP development. Of these, 12 facilitators, representatives of the Department of Economy and Poverty Reduction, Khokimiyats, the Common Customer Service Engineering Campaign, PIU, mahallas of target regions and online participants from the regions participated
- ✓ Facilitators conducted **66 community assessment workshops** for **2,646 villagers** between 15 September and 15 October. Of these, 1,593 men, 1,053 women (40%), including 367 youth representatives participated
- ✓ To reach out to additional target communities, **12 workshops** involving **480 participants** were held to explore the needs for social infrastructure development in Karakalpakstan, Bukhara and Khorezm regions from 18 to 30 November 2022
- ✓ **Initiative groups** of local residents have been set up in each district to implement social projects in pilot regions
- ✓ Villagers have increased their awareness of the UN **SDGs** and of the goals and plans of this Project as a result of the workshops
- ✓ By the end of 2022, facilitators will have presented **78 Community Development Plans** in 78 makhallas of the 4 pilot regions