

# UNDP AFGHANISTAN ALED

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## THE ISSUE

# BUSINESS

*Afghanistan is ranked 167th globally for its business environment, due to:*

- 1 Low skill base, including literacy
- 2 Weak manufacturing/heavy reliance on agriculture
- 3 Stagnant growth
- 4 Women not allowed or helped to work

# UNDP IN ACTION

## *A launchpad for self-sustaining growth*

We help make Afghanistan more productive by supporting businesses and workers with:



### Innovation fund

With matching grants for ideas that will genuinely boost the economy



### The right tools

Creating business incubators/accelerators and constructing/repairing productive infrastructure



### Needed skills

Analysing markets to offer the right skills training to the right people



### Job placement

Improving employment service centres and matching job seekers to employment agencies

## UNDP experience in Afghanistan

*ALED builds on 15 years of experience in rural economic empowerment and service delivery:*

### Infrastructure

UNDP has delivered rural projects on agricultural productivity, economic development, transportation, irrigation, market access, energy and food storage

### Communities

We have set up elected District Development Assemblies countrywide and helped them plan, resolve conflicts and monitor projects

### Empowerment

We have created 1m labour days, supported SME access to finance through community savings and helped female-led households generate income

## The difference we will make



### 50 infrastructure projects

completed to improve productivity, such as irrigation systems, warehouses and cold storage

### 100 small rural enterprises

linked to larger urban enterprises

### 500 enterprise assessments

to determine technical feasibility and economic viability

### 50 innovation grants

awarded to business associations and SMEs to develop sustainable agriculture and innovative off-farm initiatives