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AFD Group AND

# Uzbekistan



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**16**

projects funded since 2016

**€1.2 billion**

committed since 2016

**2 million**

tons of CO<sub>2</sub> eq/year avoided  
thanks to solar and wind  
power plants

Uzbekistan is a Central Asian country with fertile valleys, deserts and medium-sized mountains, and a dynamic economy. It faces great challenges to ensure sustainable growth, benefiting the entire population, while limiting its impact on the climate. Since 2015, the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) Group has been supporting the country in this direction, through projects in the fields of economic and climate governance, urban development, energy transition, sustainable land management and support for the economic fabric.

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# OUR ACTION IN Uzbekistan

**1**

## *Building sustainable and inclusive economic and social models*

Uzbekistan has undertaken significant reforms to open its economy to the global market, while protecting the most vulnerable households and strengthening the rule of law.

AFD supported, alongside with the Asian Development Bank, the Uzbek government to undertake economic and financial governance reforms. Since 2021, AFD has been helping to prepare finance and implement the government's new strategic framework on green economy. The objective is to preserve the environment and adapt to the consequences of climate change.

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## *Supporting urban adaptations*

With 36 million inhabitants, Uzbekistan is the most populous country in Central Asia. Its cities are growing, encouraged by the emigration of rural inhabitants. Faced with this challenge, the authorities want to develop urban services, supported by AFD.

We support the city of Samarkand in its ambition to modernize solid waste management. We are also funding the installation and upgrading of sanitation systems in three medium-sized cities (Karmana, Kitob and Shakhrisabz), along with local capacity building. Finally, we are working with the Tashkent, Ferghana and Kashkadarya regions to develop their drinking water systems.

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## *Encouraging the energy transition*

Developing clean and renewable energy is now a priority for the Uzbek government.

AFD Group has been supporting the energy sector through infrastructure projects and budget loans. A €150-million loan has helped initiate fundamental reforms that have encouraged the development of private investments in renewable energy.

Proparco also finances the development of wind and solar energy in Uzbekistan. The Tutly solar power plant and the two wind farms in Bash and Dzhankeldy help diversify Uzbekistan's energy mix.

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## *Sustainably managing land and preserving natural resources*

The growth trajectory of the Uzbek economy must take into account territories and natural resources. With the aim of developing rural areas, the AFD Group is committed to working alongside the livestock sector stakeholders. The objective is to promote its sustainable development, integrating small producers and climate-friendly investments.

AFD has also set up a climate finance line with the public bank SQB to support the development of an economy with reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

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## *Supporting the local economic fabric*

The AFD Group encourages the development of the Uzbek private sector, particularly through micro businesses and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Proparco is working with the private banks Ipak Yuli Bank and Hamkorbank to strengthen their offer dedicated to micro businesses and SMEs and ensure women's access to financial products.

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## *Supporting public actors in their transformation*

The Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan receives the support of an international expert from Expertise France to progressively introduce green accountability targets for state-owned enterprises.