

ADB Funds Afghanistan And Pakistan Power Trading Study

The Asia Development Bank will provide US\$3 million to study the potential for electricity trading aimed at easing energy shortages in Afghanistan and Pakistan. A feasibility study will examine a power trading project to export 1000 MW of electricity from Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan to the two countries. “Although there is some existing interconnection between Afghanistan and Central Asia, and additional bilateral projects are under development, there is considerable scope for expansion of regional cooperation in the power sector. This project marks the beginning of the process to bring the demand and supply sides together,” says ADB investment specialist F. C. Kawawaki. The study will look into the feasibility and viability of the proposed project, including the assessment of power availability and demand in the countries, possible transmission routes, economic and financial costs, and environmental and social safeguard assessments.

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