



DAD Pakistan

Improving Aid Effectiveness Through Harmonized Aid Tracking

- **Background:** Pakistan's management, planning and aid coordination systems are facing a huge growth in the volume of assistance being received and the number of organizations requiring coordination around the priorities articulated by Government.

Responding to a request from the Government of Pakistan, UNDP provided a package of capacity development support for aid coordination, including staff, training and a customized **Development Assistance Database (DAD)**, in order to help align aid inflows with the priority needs.

Established against the background of the recent earthquake, DAD Pakistan is now used to track earthquake-related as well as regular development projects. This **information is accessible to all** under: www.dadpak.org.

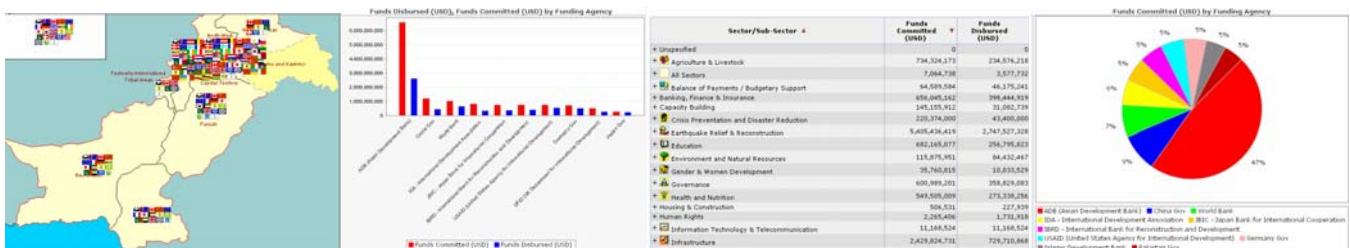
- **National ownership:** The Government of Pakistan has established an aid information management system that meets best practice standards for accountability and transparency. It is accessible to government, partners *and* local communities, as well as national media. While the system is managed and maintained by the Government of Pakistan, its development partners are the custodians of the data. In the spirit of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, the systematic use of DAD as the sole national system for tracking foreign aid will increase harmonization among development partners and foster alignment of external assistance with national development priorities.

Tracking Resources & Results

The Scope of DAD Pakistan

- ✓ Funding – pledges and actual delivery;
- ✓ Projects/Activities – by sector, geographically, by partner;
- ✓ Results – what were the planned and actual outputs of each project?
- ✓ Reports – pre-prepared reports, maps, charts available from website.

- **How can DAD help?** By accessing the DAD, all partners can find out real-time information on who is doing what and where – including details on projects by sector and location. As more partners participate, the DAD gives a more complete and accurate picture of the total financing and the concrete outputs that each community can expect from partners.
- **Does the DAD provide a “one-stop shop” for reporting?** Some organizations are using DAD as a tool for recording their financial and results information. In future, DAD Pakistan can become the single reporting tool for external assistance in Pakistan, as well as an important means to enhance mutual accountability.



- **How can I find out more and ensure my organization's contributions are covered in DAD?** More information, training, secure usernames and passwords and general support can be obtained by:

E-mail to: dadpakistan@ead.gov.pk

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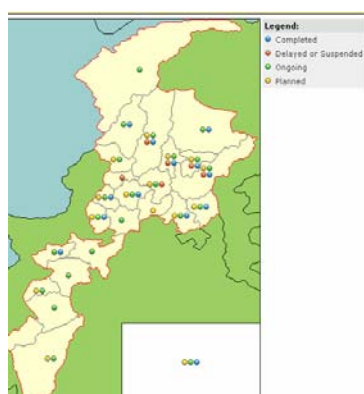
Viewing the data and generating various reports is possible without username and password.

Just access: www.dadpak.org

What is DAD Pakistan?

1. What can DAD Pakistan do?

The Development Assistance Database (DAD) is an on-line database system that provides access to real-time information on project financing, implementation and progress towards results. This information is accessible to all under: www.dadpak.org. DAD allows quick generation of various reports, charts and maps displaying project-level information on foreign assistance by donor, sector and/or location at different levels of aggregation. Thereby, DAD Pakistan contributes to:

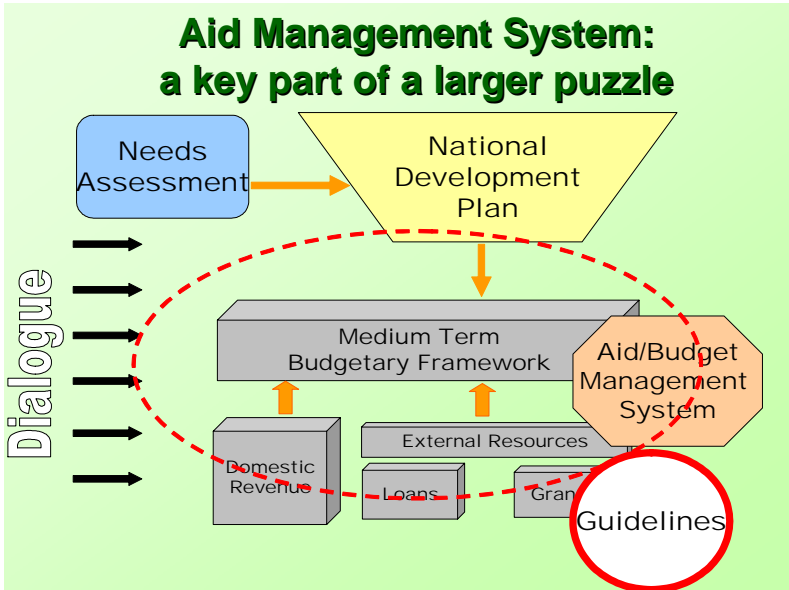


- **Aid Coordination:** by showing who is doing what and where – projects by sector, location and partner – it facilitates decisions on aid allocations;
- **Transparency:** by tracking funding flows from the initial source of funds over the implementing agency to the executing agency;
- **Planning:** by supporting comparison between demand and supply, it facilitates the analysis of gaps and needs, i.e. the extent to which support matches the priority needs identified by the Government;
- **Operations Management:** by showing bottlenecks (e.g. low expenditure ratio) and factors causing delay;
- **Results monitoring:** by tracking of financial resources (pledges, commitments, disbursements and expenditures) *and* of results, i.e. actual progress against indicators.

2. What can DAD Pakistan not do?

- **DAD is not an accounting tool.** While DAD Pakistan tracks external funding flows (commitments, disbursements and expenditures) at project level, it is not meant and not designed to distinguish between individual expenditure items, e.g. salaries, equipment, foreign exchange loss, etc. and hence cannot be used to generate detailed cash flow or operating statements.
- **DAD is not a dept management tool.** While DAD Pakistan can track loan and grant funding separately, it is not meant and not designed to measure and assess interest rates, resulting liabilities, re-payment schedules and economic return rates of individual loans.
- **DAD is not a project management tool.** While DAD Pakistan tracks project-level information, showing what is the project about, what is the budget, who is funding it, who is implementing/executing it, how much money has been released and actually used, what are the expected outputs and how much progress has been made, it is not meant and not designed to serve as project management tool, supporting, e.g., planning and monitoring of individual procurement processes, etc. As a database on foreign aid, DAD Pakistan is meant to allow easy and meaningful aggregation of information across projects, sectors, locations, etc, in order to show the bigger picture of external assistance in Pakistan.

What is DAD Pakistan: Fast Facts



- ### Current Status
- **DAD Pakistan tracks financial flows**, by partner, sector and geographic location of **526 regular development projects** (equal commitments of USD 14.2 billions) and **391 earthquake-related projects** (equal commitments of USD 5.09 billions).
 - Over **150 Focal Persons** from bi- and multilateral agencies and INGO trained.
 - 24 EAD Officials trained..
 - DAD is online and accessible to all

DAD is a national aid information management system and owned by the Government of Pakistan. It is managed and maintained by the Economic Affairs Division (EAD). Development partners of the Government of Pakistan are the custodians of the data and responsible for providing project-level information on their development assistance, including commitments, disbursements and expenditures by sector and geographic location.

The database has the twin goal of serving as a coordination tool to help lining up resources more closely with real needs and providing an instrument for accountability.

The DAD can play a central role in improving aid effectiveness in Pakistan. It can foster harmonization of partners' systems and procedures, as well as promote alignment of external assistance with national development priorities. It can help to build trust, transparency and accountability. Hence, the effective use of DAD by the Government of Pakistan and its development partners is critical to the successful implementation of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness.

