

Abbottabad, Pakistan

Partner city

Status of the project: upcoming technical assistance



Basic Information

Urban area: 1,967 km²

Population: 981,590 (district scale)

Growth rate: 1.82%

GDP per capita: USD 1,284 (Pakistan, 2019)

Context

The city of Abbottabad is located 61 km northeast of Rawalpindi, in the Hazara Division of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, in the northwest of Pakistan. It is a gateway to the picturesque Kagan valley. It is connected by road with Indus plain and the Kashmir region, and by rail with Peshawar. The city is a district market and trade centre and stands out for being a communication route with China and northern parts of Pakistan. The population of Tehsil Abbottabad is 981,590 spread over an area of 1,967 km². The administration of the city is under District Administrator Abbottabad.

Currently, the major issues related to urban mobility in Abbottabad are:

- High influx of vehicles due to tourism
- High number of commercial vehicles passing through the city, affecting capacity and safety
- Lack of infrastructure such as alternative routes/bypasses, underpasses/flyover, parking areas, intersection improvement, facilities for non-motorized transport
- Lack of road safety and traffic management
- Air pollution from vehicles
- Lack of master plan framework for urbanization and transportation
- Lack of formalised institutional setup for addressing mobility issues

The Local Counterpart, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Urban Mobility Authority, has the mandate and responsibility to finance mass public transport infrastructure. It does not have the authority to borrow from international finance sources. Systems and procedures are partially in place to monitor, evaluate and report on urban matters.

The SUMP elaboration aims at providing a comprehensive sustainable mobility plan at the urban scale and at proposing a conceptual design for priority projects to identify.

Support from the Partnership

Technical Assistance: Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP)

Funded by: AFD

Funding amount: EUR 355,000

Implemented by: AFD and ADB through MobiliseYourCity Asia

Local counterpart: Transport Department Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province and the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Urban Mobility Authority

Supported activities:

- Support the SUMP process for the city of Abbottabad
- Conceptual design for priority projects to identify

Status of implementation

Project start: May 2021

Expected project completion: February 2022