

Mingora (Swat District), Pakistan

Status of the project: ongoing technical assistance



Basic Information

Urban area: 5,337 km² (district scale)

Population: 2,309,570 (district scale)

National GHG emissions per capita: 1.99 (tCO₂eq)

Context

Mingora is the largest city and commercial centre of the Swat district, while Swat's administrative capital is Saidu Sharif. Mingora is located on the Swat River side, north of Saidu Sharif. This district is part of the Malakand division of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan. It is renowned for its natural beauty and well known as a tourist centre. Mingora is connected by the N-95 and N-45 highways to Peshawar and Islamabad through Mardan. Locally, the administration is run by the Deputy Commissioner. Tehsil Municipal Administration is responsible urban transport and the Regional Transport Authority regulates private vehicles.

Mingora suffers from inadequate road capacity (including infrastructure facilities such as flyovers and underpasses) in view of the high traffic growth rate and rising private vehicle ownership. Road safety is a major issue due to a lack of proper traffic control devices (such as signs, signals, markings) and a little enforcement of regulations by traffic wardens. There is currently no masterplan for transportation and land use available.

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 capacity to borrow from international finance sources. Some systems and procedures are partially in place to monitor, evaluate and report on urban issues.

The Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP) elaboration aims at providing a comprehensive sustainable mobility plan at the urban scale and at proposing a conceptual design for priority projects that will be identified in the SUMP.

Support from the Partnership

Technical Assistance: Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP)

Funded by: French Development Agency (AFD)

Funding amount: EUR 1,200,000 (budget includes SUMP for 3 cities in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province)

Implemented by: AFD and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) through MobiliseYourCity Asia

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

Supported activities:

- Development of a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan
- Conceptual design for identified priority projects

Status of implementation

Project start: Q3 2021

Expected project completion: Q3 2022

Completed outputs:

- Inception report

Next expected outputs

- Urban mobility diagnosis
- Scenario building
- Action plan

Highlights

Managing one SUMP process for Peshawar, Swat and Abbottabad

Since all three cities belong to the same province i.e., Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, financing of urban mobility lies within the purview of the provincial government. Therefore, one SUMP process shall be developed for three cities located within the provincial government's jurisdiction.

The management and supervision of the SUMP formulation will be the responsibility of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Urban Mobility Authority (KPUMA), an institution recently created with the support of ADB to plan and regulate transportation within the province. The capacities of the transport authority will be strengthened throughout the planning process to facilitate the coordination with the three cities and the management of the elaboration and implementation of the SUMP. Additionally, the staff will be trained to use a tailored software that will allow them to effectively plan future investments in urban mobility – a prerequisite to ensuring the successful implementation of the SUMP.

The development of the SUMP is being conducted with participation of both the provincial and local authorities, under the leadership of KPUMA. This coordination process has been facilitated through the establishment of three technical SUMP committees for each of the involved cities, Abbottabad, Swat and Peshawar.

The urban mobility diagnosis is currently ongoing. The data collection process and activities will be implemented by three different teams on the ground, one for each city.