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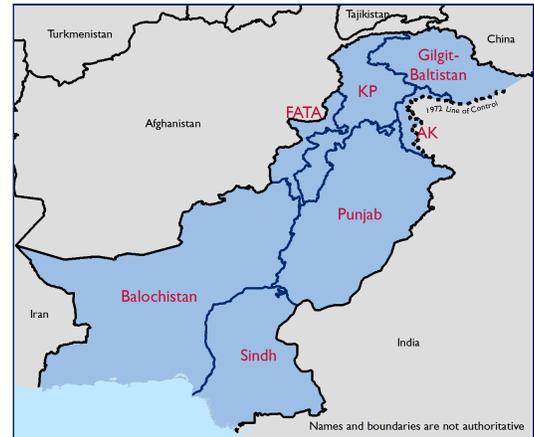
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## Pakistan Trade Project

The project seeks to improve Pakistan's international and regional trade environment by supporting the development of more trade-friendly regulations, policies, and systems. The project encourages improvements in customs and trade facilitation and works to eliminate anti-export bias in trade policy. To support bilateral and regional trade with Pakistan's neighbors, the project facilitates trade and transit agreements and improvements of border structures.

### OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the project is to increase trade by facilitating improvements in Pakistan's international and regional trade environment.



### MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Provide technical assistance to government agencies on the improvements in trade regulations and policies.
- Support the Government of Pakistan's implementation of the Afghanistan-Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement and other international and regional transit and trade agreements.
- Upgrade infrastructure of customs facilities and other trade-related border infrastructure, provide training to customs specialists.



The Trade Project funds new equipment to improve customs operations on the Pakistan border

### RESULTS TO DATE

- Established five consultative forums on trade issues to facilitate discussion among key public and private sector stakeholders.
- Introduced a customs insurance bond system as part of the 2010 Afghanistan-Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement.
- Helped reduce the customs processing time for low-risk cargo to facilitate implementation of the Afghanistan-Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement.
- Helped reduce customs clearances from 43 days to 23 at the Karachi port for Afghanistan-Pakistan transit trade.
- Supported the computerization of data exchange between Afghan and Pakistan customs.
- Through facility upgrades, increased the number of trucks crossing at the Chaman Customs Post on the Afghanistan-Pakistan border in winter months by 50%.
- Helped create a new export market in Australia for Pakistani cobblestones.
- Supported the Pakistan Board of Investment in the implementation of investment treaty obligations.