

Component 3. Project Management

This component includes management, monitoring and evaluation and communication activities of the project, and aims at coordinating, overseeing project implementation, auditing, monitoring and evaluation, ensuring transparency, citizen feedback and especially establishing a Beneficiary Feedback Mechanism, including grievance procedures.

IN WHICH REGIONS IS THE SERSP AF BEING IMPLEMENTED?

The Additional Financing of the Project covers seven districts: the cities of Rogun and Tursunzoda, and the districts of Nurobod, Fayzobod, Danghara, Qubodiyan and Roshtqal'a comprising 46 jamoats and 603 villages, including 8 resettlement villages from the inundated area of the Rogun HPP.

JAMOATS COVERING TARGETED DISTRICTS:

DRS

Khatlon and GBAO

> Tursunzoda – 9 jamoats:

- j. Navobod
- j. Pakhtaobod
- j. 10 solagii Istiqolaliyat
- j. Jura Rahmonov
- j. Regar
- j. Tursun Tuychiev
- j. Rabot
- j. Seshanbe
- j. Qaratogh

> Danghara – 8 jamoats:

- j. Lohur
- j. Sebiston
- j. Sangtuda
- j. Pushing
- j. Safobakhsh
- j. Ismat Sharifov
- j. Korez
- j. Lolazor

> Rogun – 2 jamoats:

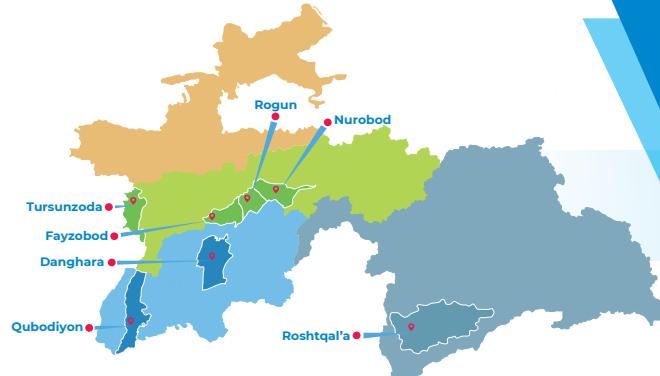
- j. Sicharogh
- j. Qadi Ob

> Nurobod – 7 jamoats:

- j. Mehrobod
- j. Mujikhary
- j. Hakimi
- j. Safedhashma
- j. Izatullo Halimov
- j. Khumdon
- j. Darband

> Fayzobod – 7 jamoats:

- j. Buston
- j. Mehrabad
- j. Vashgird
- j. Dustmurod Aliev
- j. Javonon
- j. Chashmasor
- j. Qal'ai Dasht



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WHAT DOES THE SERSP AF REPRESENT?

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, in collaboration with the World Bank, has allocated additional grant funding of USD 25.0 million under the “Social and Economic Resilience Strengthening Project-Additional financing” (SERSP AF) to improve local infrastructure through the Community-Driven Development (CDD) approach and to provide targeted beneficiaries (both individual and group) with livelihoods, as well as to support small enterprises for beneficiaries. This project (Additional Financing) covers 7 districts and cities across the country, including Khatlon Region and the Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region (GBAO), and its implementation has been entrusted to the National Social Investment Fund of Tajikistan (NSIFT).

WHAT IS THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE SERSP AF?

The main objective of the Project under the Additional Financing is to strengthen local self-governance with community participation, improve the quality of local infrastructure, and expand livelihood opportunities in the targeted jamoats.

WHAT COMPONENTS DOES THE SERSP AF HAVE?

- 1 Inclusive local development initiatives
- 2 Inclusive livelihoods
- 3 Project management

Component 1. Inclusive Local Development Initiatives

Under this component, related to the development of local socio-economic infrastructure and the improvement of living conditions in the villages covered by the project, subgrants are allocated based on local initiatives.

Communities can participate in project activities, identify, and propose the priorities of their villages. Accordingly, for the financing of larger subprojects, they should jointly select overall priorities.

Component 2: Inclusive Livelihoods

Under this component, project activities in the form of entrepreneurship training, business plan development, and technical assistance to start basic economic activities will be implemented for 7,000 people in the affected areas, providing livelihoods to 1,600 targeted beneficiaries. At the same time, 50 small businesses will be supported with guidance and consultations.

Subcomponent 2b: Support for Individual and Group Livelihoods

Empowering women, youth, returning migrants, and vulnerable groups through training, tools, and technical support to start or expand small-scale businesses in 7 target districts.

Who Can Apply?

- Women (via partner networks)
- Youth
- Returning migrants
- Rogun-affected communities
- Vulnerable individuals

Support Includes:

- ✓ Entrepreneurship & Business Plan Training
- ✓ In-Kind Grants:
 - Up to \$1,600 (individuals)
 - Up to \$10,000 (groups)
- ✓ 12 Months of Mentoring:
 - Business registration
 - Market access
 - Financial management
- ✓ Advanced Trainings:
 - Business planning, Financial planning, Marketing, Digital tools, Climate resilience
 - Group cohesion & leadership

Special Focus:

- **Rogun-Affected Communities:** 200 grants reserved for resettled villages
- **Extremely Vulnerable Groups:** 30% grant quota

Group Model – Common Interest Groups:

- 5–10 members from different households
- Shared assets, decision-making, and profits
- Practical training, monthly mentoring, and legal support

Subcomponent 2c: Support for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs)

Accelerating growth of existing MSEs with strong job creation potential, especially for women, youth, and returning migrants.

Who Can Apply?

- Registered businesses with up to 30 employees
- Engaged in value-added sectors (e.g., processing, eco-tourism, handicrafts)
- Excludes primary agriculture

Support Includes:

- ✓ Business Acceleration Training: For 100 selected MSEs
- ✓ Competitive In-Kind Grants:
 - Up to \$20,000 for 50 MSEs
 - Includes 8 grants for Rogun-affected communities
- ✓ Post-Grant Support:
 - 12 months of mentoring
 - Advanced trainings on business growth, business management, digital tools, and market linkages

Cross-Cutting Elements (for Both Subcomponents):

Transparent Selection & Evaluation

- Open calls, community outreach, and fair shortlisting
- Business plans evaluated anonymously by District Evaluation Committees
- Minimum 30% of all grant recipients will be women-led businesses

Monitoring & Mentoring

- Monthly visits by trained mentors
- Digital progress tracking via Kobo Toolbox
- Ongoing technical support and business troubleshooting

Lessons Learned & Good Practices

- Success stories and practical examples will be shared to inspire others
- A database of effective business models will support replication and learning