





IWRM Spiral for Western Basin/Harirod - Murghab River Basin of Afghanistan



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Introduction/Background

Salma Dam is an under construction hydroelectric and irrigation dam project located on the Hari River/Western Basin of Herat Province

Salma dam was originally constructed in 1976 on the Hari river basin, but was damaged early during the Civil war in Afghanistan. The reconstruction of the dam was first initiated by an Indian company (WAPCOS Ltd.) in 1988, but the project was left incomplete for a significant period of time due to the ongoing instability caused by the civil war. In 2006, India committed to funding the completion of the Salma Dam at an estimated cost of \$200 million Once completed, the hydroelectric plant would produce 42 megawatts of power in addition to providing irrigation for 75,000 hectares of farmland (stabilizing the existing irrigation of 35,000 hectares and development of irrigation facilities to an additional 40,000 hectares of land).







Location of Salma Dam

Location	Herat Province
Status	Under construction
Construction began	1976
Opening date	2014 (est.)
Construction cost	US\$200 million
Owner(s)	WAPCOS
Dam and spillways	
Height	107.5 m (353 ft)
Length	551 m (1,808 ft)
<u>Reservoir</u>	
Active capacity	560 MCM
Inactive capacity	633 MCM
Catchment area	11,700 km²
Power station	
Turbines	3 X 14 MW
Maximum capacity	42 MW
Annual generation	86.6 GWh

Why Western Basin Project

By the time the Salma Dam going to be completed on 2014 the downstream canals should be ready for delivering the water to irrigation systems smoothly with limited loses, and upgrading the irrigation of land up to 40,000 of hectares which is the main responsibility of western basin project, The feasibility study has been done for Western Basin Project in 2004 and negotiation was underway with ADB for the cost of Implementation of Rehabilitation and Upgrading of Western Basin project then in 2006 the Financial agreement have been signed between ADB and the Government of Afghanistan, the physical work started on Feb. 2008 and will complete on 31 December 2014 (7 years)

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Thank you