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### **Sweco to advise on new infrastructure projects in Afghanistan**

**Sweco has been commissioned to support the implementation of infrastructure projects in northwest Afghanistan under the endorsement of the RIDF (Regional Infrastructure Development Fund). Sweco will advise and support departments inside the Ministry of Finance in Afghanistan during the various projects.**

“Our consulting activities will be supporting the government authorities that oversee the sustainable development of planning and implementation capacities in the country. Sweco’s services cover both engineering and procurement. We will therefore deliver infrastructure services, and support the development of Afghan civil society,” says Ina Brandes, President of Sweco Central Europe.

Sweco will advise and support with services such as selection, planning, tendering, and awarding of various medium-sized provincial- and district-level projects. Sweco will also guide the construction supervision in the fields of road construction, flood protection, irrigation, education (school construction), and power supply.

Sweco has previous experience from similar infrastructure projects in Afghanistan, which will be leveraged in this project. These include three flood protection projects in Taloquan, five urban roads in Kunduz and the reconstruction of several irrigation canals in Baghlan and Badakhshan.

The projects are financed by the German BMZ (Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development) and the German government-owned development bank KfW. Sweco has overall responsibility for the projects in cooperation with consulting companies GOPA and INTEGRATION. The projects are expected to be finished by the end of September 2020.

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