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The SDC is implementing the "Building of 250 km of road network in seven provinces on a priority basis" project. The project aims at improving the access to markets, schools, health services and infrastructures and providing an improved environment for the Afghan population. The project is estimated to cost CHF 55 million (mainly Swiss Aid). The project will be implemented by the Ministry of Transport and Communication.

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) signed an agreement with the Afghan government to support the Afghan government in the implementation of the project.

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The strategy is based on an understanding that development is not only needed and possible but already taking place in Afghanistan. Switzerland, as a small donor, can contribute to the rebuilding of the country in making use of its strategic advantages as a neutral donor and actor that can provide its expertise in low of sub-national governance and sustainable livelihood. The medium-term strategy is consistent with the Afghan National Development Strategy (ANDS).

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The community is contributing to the infrastructure work by participating in the construction of roads, schools, health centers, and other public facilities. The community participation is also supported by providing training and equipment to ensure the sustainability of the projects.

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