

# Progress for the Ministry of Finance

Established in 1956, the Ministry of Finance is responsible for fiscal policy, customs, national budgeting, and taxation. In addition to the building renovation shown below, USAID will provide approximately \$15 million for the Ministry of Finance. In 2003, USAID committed an additional \$60 million to be used over three years to support the recent currency exchange, fiscal reform, customs reform, commercial law reform, national budgeting process changes, and tax administration and policy reforms.



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## Before

During the years of Taliban rule, the facility housing the Ministry of Finance was allowed to deteriorate, and the effectiveness its 1,600 employees declined dramatically.

## After

The people of Afghanistan witnessed the effect of the peace dividend when USAID committed \$139,000 to the renovation of the main building of the Ministry of Finance. In addition to providing appropriate working conditions for this key ministry, the project included connecting the ministry to the Internet.



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