

Afghan National Army (ANA) Trust Fund

The NATO-run Afghan National Army (ANA) Trust Fund is one of three funding streams used by the International Community to channel its financial support to Afghanistan's security forces and institutions. The other two are the Law and Order Trust Fund for Afghanistan (LOTFA), administered by the United Nations Development Programme, and the United States Afghanistan Security Forces Fund (ASFF). LOTFA is used to pay the salaries of police and corrections personnel and to build the capacity of the Afghan Ministry of the Interior and the police. The ASFF pays for equipping and running Afghanistan's security forces, as well as facility and infrastructure repair, renovation and construction.

The ANA Trust Fund was created in 2007 to provide a mechanism - for Allied and partner nations contributing troops to the former NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan, as well as for other NATO partners - to support the transportation and installation of donated equipment, to purchase equipment and services for ANA engineering projects, and to support in and out-of-country training. Over time, the scope of the ANA Trust Fund was expanded to also support the sustainment of the Afghan National Army, to support literacy and professional military education and capacity building activities - including those to strengthen good governance within the Afghan security structures - and to enhance women's meaningful participation within the relevant Afghan Ministries and security institutions.

The Afghan National Army Trust Fund continues to focus its activities primarily on the Afghan National Army. The Fund can, however, also be used to provide support in some areas to other elements of the Afghan security forces. This contributes to increasing the ability of different elements of the Afghan security forces to operate together. Following agreement at the NATO Summit in Chicago in May 2012, the ANA Trust Fund has been adapted to make it more flexible, transparent, accountable and cost effective, and to include measures against corruption. In Chicago, Allies and partners contributing to NATO's engagement in Afghanistan reaffirmed their strong commitment to support the training, equipping, financing and capability development of the Afghan security forces beyond 2014. At the NATO Summit in Warsaw in July 2016, NATO Allies and partners agreed to continue their financial support for the sustainment of the Afghan security forces, including until 2020. At the NATO Summit in Brussels in July 2018, Allies and partners confirmed their commitment to continue supporting financially the Afghan security forces through 2024. This was reaffirmed by the NATO Leaders at their Meeting in London in December 2019 and by Defence Ministers of all NATO Allies and Resolute Support operational partners at their Meeting in Brussels in February 2020. It is expected to be reaffirmed also by Allied Defence Ministers at their next meeting this month. At the most recent plenary meeting of the ANA Trust Fund Board which took place in October 2020, donors confirmed pledges to the Fund for 2021 and confirmed their readiness to continue their funding support through 2024.

The Afghan National Army Trust Fund is directly linked to the implementation of a roadmap launched by the Afghan government to further develop the Afghan security forces and institutions. This roadmap has four key elements, namely enhancing national combat capabilities, countering corruption, developing new military leaders, and establishing proper command and control arrangements amongst different elements of the Afghan National Defence and Security Forces. The Afghan government has the lead responsibility to sustain the Afghan National Defence and Security Forces. They have agreed to provide at least 500 million U.S. dollars per year with this contribution increasing steadily over time.

Activities funded through the ANA Trust Fund are implemented in accordance with a yearly Implementation Plan, which is approved by the ANA Trust Fund Board. In 2019, a Project Review Board has been set up within the Afghan government to prioritise projects based on Afghan army requirements and to ensure that funding and maintenance contracts are in place after the completion of projects and the subsequent handover to the Afghan government for their sustainment. The Trust Fund Board is composed of national representatives from donor nations and the United States of America as Trust Fund manager. This body monitors the ANA Trust Fund and reviews its cost effectiveness, financial integrity, and accountability, including through quarterly performance reports and annual financial audits. Examples of current Trust Fund activities include the following projects: 276 million U.S. dollars for medical equipment and supplies, pharmaceuticals, first-aid and vaccines; 200 million U.S. dollars for the Power Delivery Power Purchase Agreement Project; 176 million U.S. dollars for Mi-17 Helicopter Repair and Overhaul Projects; 118.2 million U.S. dollars for the Herat-Farah Power Transmission Line Project; 109 million U.S. dollars for Counter-Improvised Explosive Devices equipment and training; 65 million dollars for security systems enhanced by video surveillance; and 14 million U.S. dollars for Gender Training.

As of 8 March 2021, total contributions made to the Trust Fund since its establishment in 2007 amount to over 3.4 billion U.S. dollars. The ANA Trust Fund is open for contributions by the broader International Community.

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Status of Contributions Made
As of 8 March 2021
(All amounts in US dollars - rounded figures)

Australia	680.000.000
Azerbaijan	2.988.000
Belgium	72.253.000
Bosnia and Herzegovina	18.000
Bulgaria	1.214.000
Canada	254.210.000
Czech Republic	4.565.000
Denmark	39.786.000
Estonia	1.898.000
Finland	19.568.000
Georgia	3.000.000
Germany	810.008.000
Hungary	3.200.000
Iceland	100.000
Ireland	231.000
Italy	508.620.000
Japan	55.301.000
Kazakhstan	6.100.000
Latvia	3.500.000
Lithuania	3.052.000
Luxembourg	58.253.000
Montenegro	2.400.000
Netherlands	134.158.000
North Macedonia	688.000
Norway	115.517.000
Portugal	8.015.000
Romania	3.471.000
Slovakia	5.000.000
Slovenia	4.057.000
South Korea	319.048.000
Spain	5.427.000
Sweden	14.999.000
Switzerland	186.000
Turkey	115.983.000
United Arab Emirates	10.000.000
United Kingdom	141.509.000
United States (ASFF) ¹	40.369.000
Total	3.448.692.000

Numbers are rounded up to the nearest thousand (for ease of reference). Some Allies and partners have made additional pledges. Once these are actually released to the Trust Fund, they will be reflected above.

¹ Through the United States Afghanistan Security Forces Fund.

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