

The National Budget of the Government of Afghanistan

The **National Budget** is for the benefit of all the people of Afghanistan. It shows you:

- What the Government plans to achieve in the following year. This can be physical outputs (like schools or roads) or services (like education or security).
- How much money the Government will spend to provide these goods or services.

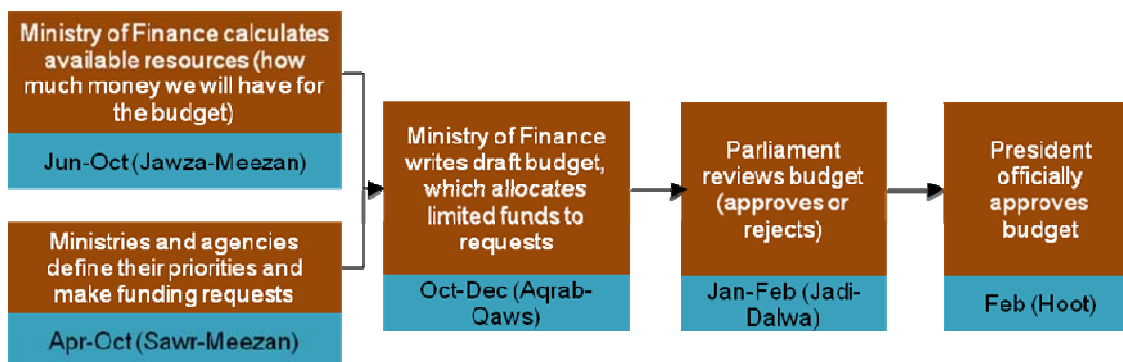
The national budget is one of the most important ways that you can understand how the Government intends to help make Afghanistan a safer and better country for all citizens.

We have almost unlimited development, goods & services and security needs, but limited resources...



...this means we must make very difficult decisions to prioritise spending

The Budget process takes place each year to prioritise these limited resources and runs according to the diagram below



We welcome feedback from society through you asking questions like:

- Is the Government spending money in the best way for the development and security of the country?
- Are we spending responsibly so that the country does not go into too much debt?
- Are ministries and agencies achieving what they said they would in the budget?
- Is the budget fair, making sure that people across the country are helped?

The next page contains a guide to the documents that you can access on the National Budget and information on where money has been spent.

Further information is also available at www.budgetmof.gov.af

Guide to National Budget Documents of the Ministry of Finance

- All documents will be available at www.budgetmof.gov.af -

The Ministry of Finance is the central Government agency responsible for the preparation and implementation of the National Budget of the Government of Afghanistan. It releases various documents throughout the year related to the National Budget. The documents that will be available over the next year are listed below.

1390 Budget Documents	Month Published	Contents and Purpose
1390 Budget Statement	Dalwa (Feb)	<i>This is the main national budget document submitted to Parliament by the Government. The national budget is the primary tool for implementing the priorities and policies of the government. It outlines how the Government intends to raise revenues to fund the budget, where the Government will spend money, and what services and development projects it will provide.</i>
1390 Budget Speech	Dalwa (Feb)	<i>The speech of the Minister of Finance to Parliament seeking Parliament's approval to the Government's proposed Budget.</i>
1390 Budget Decree	Sawr (April)	<i>The budget document that is approved by the Parliament. This shows how much money each Government agency has available to spend.</i>
1390 Citizens Budget	Sawr (Apr)	<i>An easy to understand summary of the National Budget that is approved by the Parliament. This is an overview of where public funds will be spent and what services and projects will be delivered.</i>
1390 Fiscal Bulletins	Every month & quarter	<i>These regular bulletins review the implementation of the National Budget, and analyse trends in expenditure and revenues. They compare spending and revenues against what was expected in the National Budget.</i>
1390 Budget Mid Year Review	Mizan (Oct)	<i>The half year review of the National Budget, where the Government may decide to modify the budget for changed circumstances and new priorities. This document is also submitted to Parliament for approval.</i>

Other Budget Documents for 1389 and 1391 Fiscal Years

Annual Fiscal Report (1389)	Jawza (Jun)	<i>The Annual Fiscal Report is published shortly after the end of the fiscal year. It is an unaudited report on the implementation of the National Budget.</i>
Development Cooperation Report (1389)	Sawr (Apr)	<i>The Development Cooperation Report (DCR) is prepared each year and provides a comprehensive overview of foreign aid in Afghanistan. It contains numerical information on past, present and future aid flows, and summarises aid received from each donor. It also reviews the impact and success of donor funding in meeting its objectives.</i>
Budget Timetable (1391)	Sawr (Apr)	<i>The budget timetable provides Government agencies with the budget preparation timetable and deadlines. It also provides release dates of budget documents for the next fiscal year.</i>
Pre Budget Report (1391)	Sunbula (Sep)	<i>The Pre Budget Report is the first Government policy document for the next fiscal year. It describes the Government's priorities for the next Budget and provides Government agencies with limits for how much funding they are allowed to request in their budget submissions to the Ministry of Finance.</i>

For any questions, feedback or hard copies of these documents, please contact:

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