

PROJECT BRIEF

Project Name	Greater Thal Canal Project (GTCP) (Phase-II)
Donor	ADB
Project Background	Under the “WAPDA Water Vision 2025 Programme”, a project to construct Greater Thal Canal system for development of remaining area of Thal falling in the districts of Khusab, Layyah, Bhakkar, Jhang and Muzafargarh was approved in 2001. However, this project was discontinued in 2009 after completion of Phase-I, which included Main Canal and Mankera Branch Canal System. Command Area Development activities of Main Canal and Mankera Branch Canal System and construction of Chaubara Branch Canal System could not be completed due to shortage of funds. The proposed ADB financed project will support the construction of the remaining parts of the GTC scheme, which include construction of Chaubara Branch Canal System and command area development of already completed Main Canal and Mankera Branch Canal System and that of to be completed Chaubara Branch Canal System.
Project Cost	Loan amount from ADB: \$200 M (Regular OCR) Counterpart funding (GoPb): \$33M Farmers: \$18 M Total: \$252 M
Project Rationale	The area of the GTC is not taking full advantage of the Water Accord allocation 1991 owing to the non-construction of the Choubara Branch Canal and other canal (Dhingana, Mehmood and Nurpur) systems.
Beneficiary Districts	Khushab, Layyah, Bhakkar, Jhang and Muzafargarh.
Objectives	1. Ensuring food security by means of the introduction and development of sustainable agriculture and by combating the adverse effects of climate change. 2. Increase in agriculture production, alleviation of poverty, development of social structure & markets in the under developed areas of the Punjab.
Project Scope	1. Construction of Choubara Branch Canal system with a length of 72 KM along with its distributaries and minors. 2. Command area Development of Main Canal, Mankera Branch Canal system and Chaubara Branch Canal System covering land leveling and the construction of Community Watercourses and nakkas over an area of 649,892 acres (262,997 ha)
Output	1.Three branches of the Greater Thal Canal Irrigation System constructed 2.Farmer's on-farm and water management capacity improved 3.Institutional system for irrigation scheme management strengthened
Sectors/subsectors	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development / Agricultural production - Irrigation - Rural water policy, institutional and capacity development