

Resolution of the OGP Steering Committee on the Participation of Afghanistan in the Open Government Partnership May 20, 2025

The OGP Steering Committee has decided to formally withdraw Afghanistan from the Partnership, effective May 20, 2025.

This decision follows the rules outlined in the OGP's Procedural Review protocol which state that countries that fail to submit an action plan for three consecutive years may be designated as "inactive" in OGP by the Steering Committee. If an inactive country does not submit an action plan within a designated time frame—typically one year—or does not engage with the Steering Committee to outline a clear roadmap for its delivery, it is automatically withdrawn from OGP membership.

Before the Taliban's takeover in August 2021, Afghanistan had been developing a roadmap for co-creating its third action plan. Since then, the conditions have not allowed for any communication between OGP and the Afghan authorities, and the domestic OGP process has come to a complete standstill. Furthermore, the continued deterioration of civic space and ongoing concerns raised by reformers who were involved in OGP and remain in Afghanistan regarding their safety and security, has made it infeasible to resume any meaningful collaboration on open government reforms.

As with any withdrawn country, Afghanistan may seek to rejoin the Partnership if it meets the [eligibility criteria](#) and undergoes a Steering Committee assessment. Any future application will be subject to a review of past challenges and the implementation of any corrective measures deemed necessary before reinstating its membership.

This decision does not diminish the efforts of reformers, both within and outside of government, who have courageously worked to advance open government in Afghanistan, and those who continue to persist inside and outside the country despite challenging circumstances. They remain valued members of the global OGP community. The Steering Committee acknowledges the difficult and uncertain conditions that many of these reformers face, calls upon the Afghan authorities to undertake steps to safeguard human rights and the rule of law, and encourages members to explore ways to support them where possible.