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A government budget is an important government document presenting the government’s proposed revenue and expenditure for a fiscal year. The budget is usually passed by the legislature, approved by the president, and presented and/or followed by the finance ministry. The budget process begins with the Annual Financial Statement of the country. This document estimates revenue and expenditure for the ensuing (current) fiscal year. For example, only certain types of revenue may be imposed and collected.

Property tax is frequently the basis for municipal and county governments; sales tax and/or income tax are the basis for state governments; and property tax is frequently the basis for municipal and county governments.

This is an important key to rescue a nation from itself and its enemies. The main objective of the budget is to plan proritize and manage its financial resources to support the implementation of important law and projects that best promote the development of the country. Through the budget, the government can act into its plan. There should be no lack of clarity and transparency in the revenue generation, budget allocation and execution. This is because the government does not implement international best practices and its practices are static. Lack of detail and transparency, pressure on the government, lack of community and partipation are respected.

In terms of budget, the budget will be reduced and severely limited. The transfer of budget is delayed, budget execution rate and poor control over inflation rate are the main problems that are facing the economy and security condition in Afghanistan. After a decade and half of Western aid projects it was expected to make the Afghan economy self-sufficient. But that government revenue continues to half that the government is still almost entirely dependent on foreign sources. These fact shows in budget.

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