

DEH-SABZ SATELLITE TOWN MASTERPLAN

location:	Kabul (Afghanistan)
client:	Afghan Government
consultants:	AS-Architecture Studio (urban design); Composante Urbaine; Eaux de Paris; Partenaires Développement; DEERNS (project management)
site surface:	40 000 hectares
cost:	5,0B € excl. VAT
phase:	masterplan and planning
timetable:	05.2007-02.2008

This huge study includes a project for a new town that shall accommodate around 3 million of people on horizon 2030. The new town shall find place on the site of Deh-Sabz, very close to Kabul.

The construction of this new town will ensure access to the Kabulis health and social facilities. In a second step, it is planned the renovation of downtown Kabul.

Deh Sabz is a poly-centric town without a city center. The rigorous plan - which allows a clear mental representation of the city - is broken by natural ravines, ingeniously landscaped as urban parks, promenades, playgrounds and gardens.

The challenge was to understand, beyond form, fundamental uses of Afghan cities: the public-private relationship and the importance of ethnic families. There is no concept of public space in Deh-Sabz, but the role of the bazaar is however very important. This constant relation between local and universal needs has helped the design, mostly introducing innovative and essential principles regard to the new town sustainable development, declined here in many aspects: environmental, economic, social and cultural. The main objective was to clearly show Deh-Sabz as the rebirth of Afghanistan with a total respect for its culture and history.

The town is organized around a huge central park with three fundamental poles: a sports centre, a cultural centre and a religious centre with the great Ait mosque.

In its suburban zone the town is contained by a agricultural field band, existing and preserved.

