



### Tajikistan



- Location: Central Asia, west of China
- Area: Total - 143,100, sq km; Land - 142,700 sq km; Water - 400 sq km
- Natural Resources: hydropower, some oil, uranium, mercury, brown coal
- Population: 7,076,598 (July 2007)
- Languages: Tajik (official), Russian widely used in government and business
- Government Type: Republic
- Legal System: Civil law system
- Executive Branch: Chief of state: President of the Republic Imomali Rakhmon
- Political parties: People’s Democratic Party of Tajikistan, Islamic Revival Party, Communist Party, Democratic Party, Socialist Party Social Democratic Party, Agrarian Party, Party of Economic Reforms
- National Election: Presidential Election 2013

### Challenges:

- Strong ties exist between high-level politicians and organized crime groups as a result of weak government institutions and continued lucrative drug smuggling from Afghanistan, thus undermining the legitimacy and authority of the government.
- The import and export of goods is very expensive and time consuming. An insufficient inland transportation system, corruption, and handling procedures of containers are contributing to the lengthy procedures.
- The rise of religious extremists in Tajikistan and Central Asia has the potential to undermine the government and internal stability by gaining popular support and taking advantage of citizen’s dissatisfaction with government corruption, to mentioned but one resentment.

Challenges: High



### Opportunities:

- Tenders (open and invited) and government procurement opportunities are available upon request.

### Actions:

- CIN can identify and recommend local officials that are not influenced by criminal organizations and that are free from corruption.