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# **Opportunities and Challenges for Agri-Food Trade Between Kyrgyzstan and Pakistan**

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## Kyrgyzstan

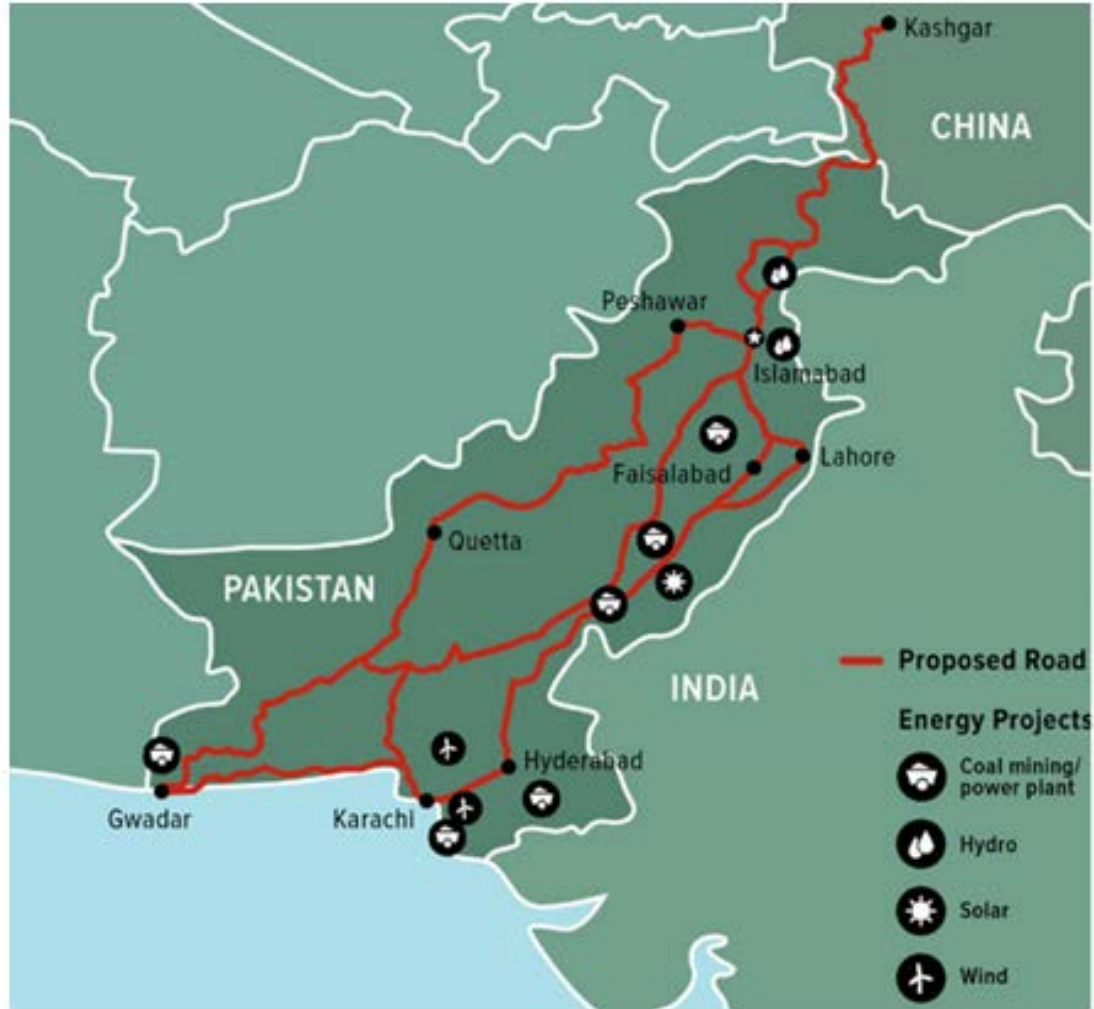
- Landlocked Central Asian Country
- Energy trade is lucrative
- Possess substantial Agri and food industries
- Comparatively liberal regulatory and economic climate than its neighbors

# Pakistan

- Pivotal Geostrategic Location
- Shares borders with India & China
- Key land-sea trade route from Central Asia and China onto the Gulf Region and Africa
- Heavy GDP and labor force reliance on agriculture



## TRADE ROUTES: CPEC



The Proposed \$46-Billion China Pakistan Economic Corridor (Source: Wall Street Journal Investors)



The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) links the Pakistani southern sea ports of Karachi and Gwadar to Kashgar in China through three routes covering roads, power plants, special economic zones and related infrastructure



# TRADE ROUTES: BRI



Route from Islamabad to Almaty under QTTA  
(Source: USAID and Deloitte Consulting LLP, 2014. *Analysis of Quadrilateral Traffic in Transit Agreement- QTTA*)



Major Trans-Eurasian BRI Corridors  
(Source: Eurasian Development Bank)

# Trade Agreements- The Quadrilateral Transit Trade Agreement (QTTA)

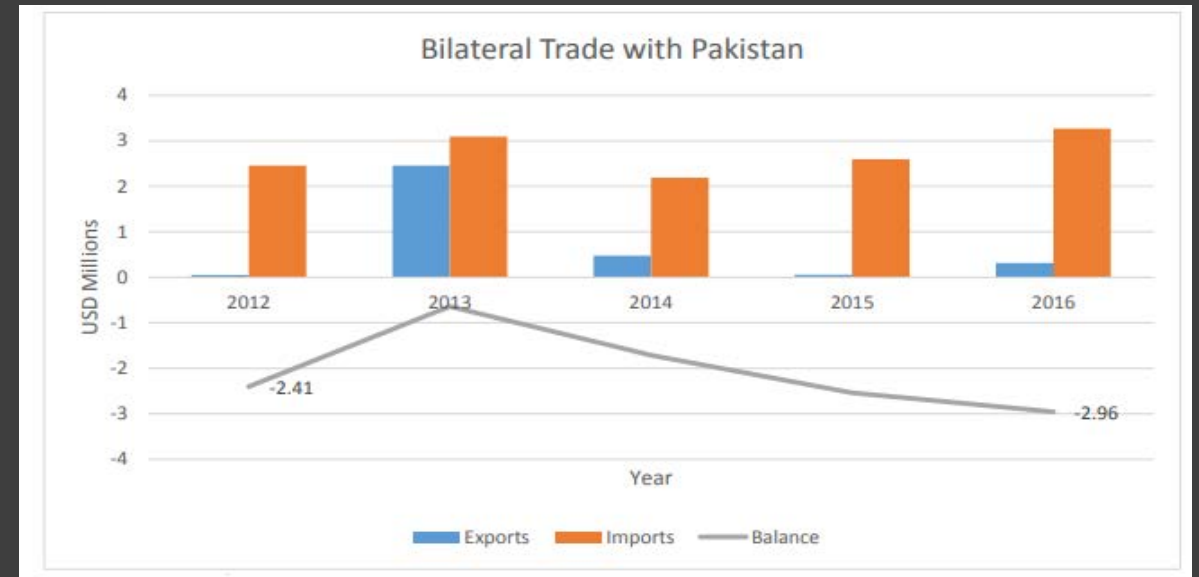




## Existing trade relations between Pakistan & Kyrgyzstan

Pakistan imports meat, dairy, oil and raw cow from Kyrgyzstan.

Kyrgyzstan imports pharmaceutical products from Pakistan.



*Figure 1: Bilateral trade of Kyrgyzstan with Pakistan (The Pakistan Business Council, 2017)*







***Table 1: Exports & Imports from Central Asian countries to Pakistan***

Central Asian Country	Exports (in USD)	Imports (in USD)
Kazakhstan	36.8 million	0.364 million
Kyrgyzstan	0.469 million	0
Turkmenistan	3.3 million	1.94 million
Tajikistan	6.6 million	5.138 million
Uzbekistan	3.4 million	0.276 million
Total	50.7 million	7.718 million

Source: State Bank of Pakistan, 2019. Export of Goods and Services by Country.



**Truck traveling along the Karakoram Highway**

# Quadrilateral Traffic in Transit Agreement (QTTA)

- Agreement between Pakistan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan to construct a transit route to allow Pakistan to access CARS
- CARs to access Pakistani ports



# Recommendations

- Formal enhancement of trade ties at government level
- Expansion of the scope and remit of the Quadrilateral Trade Agreement (QTTA), reducing duties on goods where destination is either Pakistan or Kyrgyzstan
- Trade facilitation/ information dissemination to business communities and traders regarding business opportunities, packaging, customs and food technology for value-added Agri-goods trade
- Capacity building of associated industry stakeholders