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Afghanistan - Paris Club Debt Relief (Taken Question)

Question: What kind of debt does Afghanistan owe the United States?

Answer: Afghanistan's debt of approximately \$108 million is owed to two U.S. government agencies, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

USAID is owed about \$81 million and USDA about \$27 million. The USAID loans are from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s and were mostly for agricultural projects. The USDA loans were for agricultural commodities under the Public Law 480 Program ("PL-480"), also known as the "Food for Peace" program.

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