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## Enhancing electricity facilities in Ghor province

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### 9 MHPs projects will lighten different villages in Ghor

Kabul:- National Area-Based Development Programme (NABPD) have started the construction of 9 Micro Hydro Power Plants (MHP) Projects at different villages of Ghor province by which hundreds of families will have access to free electricity. The Projects cost \$ 588,355 USD which is funded by People of Japan and these projects will benefit 8,085 villagers and will create 18,829 labor days.

Ghor is the province which is strongly faced with deficiency of power and a large number of people are suffering from the high rate of fuel goods (fuel, gas and woods). And as in winter season all the transportation ways are blocked due to heavy snowfalls and the villagers are suffering a lot from cold weather.

A resident of Dawlathyar district of Ghor province, Mr. Haji Jan Mohammad said, “ we are very happy that NABDP is implementing these projects in our district, it was so difficult for us to buy fuel or gas for lightening purpose because the rate of fuel goods are very high and a lot of the people are unable to purchase it, each year many people become sick because of cold weather even some time peoples dies but now it is the best help at the best time with our villagers which we will have access to power without spending money and we are hopeful that these projects will make our future more bright because this is the sign of promotion and development as we lost the hopes for having electricity in our houses, but now NABDP is making our hopes become true and once again thanks to NABPD”.

The percentage of the population with access to electricity in Afghanistan is among the lowest in the world. The Ministry of Energy and Water estimates that about 30 percent of Afghans have access to electricity from grid-based power, micro hydro or solar panel stations. According to the report 2011 of World Bank.

It has to be mention that till yet NABDP completed 2,443 number of projects with worth of \$ 122,962,497 USD which totally created 3,924,296 labor days with 14,481,869 beneficiaries and with worth of \$ 64,672,504 USD , 876 number of projects are going on which will create 2,074,732 labor days and 6,657,695 people will be benefited.

NABDP commenced as a joint initiative of the MRRD and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in 2002, with the goal of contributing to a sustainable reduction of poverty and an improvement of livelihoods in rural Afghanistan. With the support of the international community, MRRD is working to rebuild rural Afghanistan through national programmes, such as NABDP.

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