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Press Release

7 Development Projects in Balkh Province

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The Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD), through the National Area-Based Development Programme (NABDP), has started construction of seven major development projects in Balkh Province.

The projects involve the construction of 35 kilometers of roads between various villages of Nahr Shahi, Chamtal, Balkh, Dowlat Abad, Marmal, Khum and Charknat district of Balkh Province, at a total cost of 19,809,359 Afs, funded by the Counter-Narcotic Trust Fund. The projects will provide transport facilities for approximately 5000 rural families in Balkh Province, and give three months of daily work for 66,089 local people, thus contributing to the local economy and providing much-needed employment.

These projects are part of the Labor-Based Rural Development (LBRD) Project, implemented by NABDP, which works in ten provinces which have shown reduced poppy growth in the past year. A total of 195 projects have been identified for implementation in these ten provinces, 37 of which have now been contracted.



With support from the international community, MRRD is working to rebuild rural Afghanistan through national programmes such as the National Solidarity Programme (NSP), National Area-Based Development Programme (NABDP), Water Supply & Sanitation Programme (WATSAN), National Rural Access Programme (NRAP), and the Micro-Finance Investment Facility for Afghanistan (MISFA).
