



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation & Development
National Area-Based Development Programme



News Report

Flow of Development activities in Herat Province

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The Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) and United Nation Development Programme (UNDP), through the National Area-Based Development Programme (NABDP), has completed 25 rural development projects. 3 Projects are ongoing and 3 other projects are being designed in the various districts of Herat Province.

The projects includes: Gravelling of 150 km of secondary roads, 2 clinics with protection walls, 2 community centers, purchasing of 30 tracks, digging of 120 wells, cleaning of 4,000 meters of Karez, construction of 500 meters of protection wall and construction of 1200 gabion Walls, at a total Cost of 100 million Afs, funded by NABDP, implemented by CDCs and Monitored by DDAs.

NABDP has also established 15 District Development Assemblies (DDAs) in Herat province which trained 11 DDAs in the fields of capacity building, education, gender, procurement, monitoring & evaluation & social protection.

The above projects will benefit 50 thousand rural families in districts of Angel, Ghorin, Robot Sangin, Guzara, Kurokh, Zanda Jan, Kohsan, Gulraan, Adraskan, Obai, Pashtun Zarghon and Shandan of Herat Province to create one thousand working days for local rural people and contributing to the local economy by providing much-needed employment.

National Area-Based Development Programme (NABDP) commenced as a joint initiative of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) and 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.

The third phase of NABDP began in July 2009, to take the next step in the continuum of national programme development that started with Phase I as a priority recovery and economic regeneration programme in a complex emergency context. The NABDP Phase-III strategy is based on the third pillar of ANDS, '*social and economic development*', and addresses the following main thematic areas:

- 1. Local Governance and DDAs Institutionalization**
- 2. Sustainable Livelihoods through Rural Infrastructure Services**
- 3. Stabilization through enhanced economic livelihoods**

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With the support of the international community, MRRD is working to rebuild rural Afghanistan through national programmes such as the National Area-Based Development Programme (NABDP) & other MRRD National Programmes.

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