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CDC RECEIVED ALMOST 3,000,000 USD FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

As the NABDP started 44 rural development projects the Community Development Councils (CDC) take lead of project implementations in 13 provinces of Afghanistan.

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The Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) and United National Development Programme (UNDP), has awarded contract with total value of about three million USD to Community Development Councils (CDCs) for implementation of 44 rural development projects in 13 provinces: Badakhshan, Badghis, Balkh, Bamiyan, Ghor, Helmand, Kabul, Kandahar, Kunar, Nangarhar, Nimroz, Panjsher and Parwan; under the National Area-Based Development Programme (NABDP).

The projects will be benefiting more than 10,000 families in rural areas in comprehensive approach. Amongst other, rural areas connection will be established through gravelling of 50.8 Km road and construction of more than 6 Km secondary road, while projects in irrigation system such as construction of 2,612m protection wall, construction and cleaning of 7,810m canals and 1,000m culvert will be contributing to establishment of two water supply network for further support in agriculture development.

At least 150 households are eagerly waiting for the construction of six micro hydro power plants totalling capacity of 350kw energy to bring enough power to their villages. Mr. Abdul Rahim Daud, the NABDP Deputy Programme Manager added *"As community-lead development process these projects will create 9,800 working days to provide short-term income especially during winter period, and create sense of ownership. Once finish, the community will be able to reap the benefits of productive infrastructures built, contributing to more sustainable livelihoods."*

With support from international community, the NABDP has been actively contributing to a sustainable reduction of poverty and an improvement of livelihoods in rural Afghanistan through establishment of District Development Assembly's (DDAs), enabling more than 13 million rural population take part in their development, and lead in implementation of 1,960 projects.

Started as one of the MRRD priority programmes in 2002, the NABDP continue its work under phase III (July 2009 – 2014) with focus on: (i) Local governance and DDA institutionalization, (ii) sustainable livelihoods through productive rural infrastructure services, and (iii) stabilization through enhanced economic livelihoods.

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