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**Community Development Councils lead 58 rural development projects initiated by NABDP**

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The Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) and United National Development Programme (UNDP), has awarded a contract valued at approximately two million USD to Community Development Councils (CDCs) and District Development Assemblies (DDAs) for implementation of 58 rural development projects under the National Area-Based Development Programme (NABDP) in 10 provinces: Ghor, Hillmand, Herat, Jowzjan, Kabul, Kandahar, Kundoz, Nangarhar, Nimroz and Panjshir.

The projects will benefit more than thousand families in rural areas in this comprehensive approach. Rural areas will be connected through the gravelling of a 22.9 Km road, while projects in irrigation such as the construction of a 2,735m protection wall, construction and cleaning of a 7,810m drainage ditch and a 8,900m culvert will supplement the water supply network and water reservoir for further support in agriculture development.

Mr. Sultan Ali Javid, the NABDP Acting Deputy Programme Manager said, *“As a community-led development process these projects will create a thousand working days to provide short-term income, especially during the summer period, and create a sense of ownership. Once finished, the community will be able to reap the benefits of productive infrastructures built, contributing to more sustainable livelihoods.”*

With support from the international community, NABDP has been actively contributing to a sustainable reduction of poverty and an improvement of livelihoods in rural Afghanistan through establishment of District Development Assemblies (DDAs), enabling a rural population of more than 13 million to actively take part in their development, and lead in the implementation of 1,974 rural development projects.

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

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