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A VIP Team has Visited one of the MRRD/NSP Funded Development Projects

On February 08, 2011, H.E, Jarullah Mansoori, the MRRD minister along with Dr. Rajiv Shah, Administrator for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) visited a health clinic funded by the MRRD/NSP located in Dako-e-Payan village of Mirbachakot district of Kabul province. In this VIP visit, H.E, Eng.Wais Ahmad Barmak, the MRRD Deputy Minister of programs, Muhammad Tariq Ismati, the NSP Executive Director, the governor of Mirbachakot district, CDC heads, venerable influential elders and a growing number of Mirbachakot residents also participated.



At the beginning of the ceremony, the governor of Mirbachakot district welcomed the guests. Following this, H.E, Jarullah Mansoori, delivered a speech on the transparent use of funds disbursed for the establishment of the development projects by the programme within the rural areas. He expressed his appreciation for the continual assistance of the USAID in funding the NSP projects.

Remarked, Dr. Rajiv Shah, "We are proud to be one of the donors of the projects implemented under the auspices of the NSP. It gives us great pleasure to see that the villagers are spending the money on development of their own villages.



In a short interview, Mr. Shah stated the reason behind his trip to Afghanistan in this way: "The purpose of my trip is to demonstrate that the United States has a deep and broad commitment to the development of Afghanistan and to the people of Afghanistan.

We believe that the National Solidarity Programme is an outstanding example of what is possible. The United States and the USAID are the largest supporters of the NSP. As you can see, the visit to the clinic and with the CDCs has helped us understand how it helps these communities gain access to health, education and better roads. So... these are all fine and great opportunities".

Question: How often does the CDC come together to discuss important issues? And have you discussed and settled community-related disputes in this gathering?

The CDC head said: "We have a social center where we gather together once a week to discuss our difficulties. We work very hard to solve our problems through this CDC. Prior to the outreach of the NSP to our village, the residents of this community had various controversies and hurdles. Fortunately, following the establishment of a democratic CDC in our village, we have been able to put an end to the disputes that had existed among villagers for years. With the help from venerable influential elders, we have been able to sort out several controversies among the inhabitants to date. Currently, very few disputes within our community are referred to the district and provincial authorities".



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