

National Solidarity Programme (NSP)

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As a post-conflict country with state building and reconstruction with minimal national implementation capacity, the ability of the state to plan and manage expenditure and to raise revenue is still in its nascent stages.



The National Solidarity Programme (NSP) has relied on funding from a variety of sources, including financing from IDA, JSDF, and the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF), which provide funding to NSP from various donors (Australia, Canada, Denmark, EC/EU, Finland, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Czech Republic, UK DFID, and the United States), and bi-lateral funding, which has come from Norway, Denmark, New Zealand, Switzerland and Netherlands directly to NSP. Overall the NSP budget from the beginning of the programme till the end of NSP Phase II in September 2009 totals USD 1 billion.



Block grants are disbursed to communities based on an entitlement of USD 200 per family. Average block grant entitlement per community is USD 27,000 with a maximum community entitlement of USD 60,000. Disbursements to date total USD 450 million.



In NSP Phase II, a total of 35 facilitating partner (FPs) are expected to cover most of the districts in Afghanistan bringing NSP and the establishment of Community Development Councils to a total of 23,000 communities. Currently, NSP is aided by 29 Facilitating Partners, including UN-Habitat.



Operating costs are the implementation and management costs related to the day-to-day running of the NSP Programme. The NSP, including all its Facilitating Partners, has an employee base of approximately 6,000 across the country.

The National Solidarity Programme (NSP) was created by the Government of Afghanistan to develop the ability of Afghan communities to identify, plan, manage and monitor their own development projects. NSP empowers communities to make decisions and manage resources during all stages of the project cycle. The programme lays the foundation for a sustainable form of inclusive local governance, rural reconstruction, and poverty alleviation.

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