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National Solidarity Program

برنامه همبستگی ملی

NSP Success Story

CDC an instrument for social and economical development

Having considered the importance and significance of structural involvement of the local bodies in the development process, the National Solidarity Programme (NSP) of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) laid the foundation of nationwide network of local governance called Community Development Councils (CDCs). CDCs have played a key role in the rehabilitation and development process as well as improved access of rural communities to social and productive infrastructures and services through implementation of both basic infrastructure and human capital development projects.

One of these is the CDC of Aqa sofi village, Abkamri district of Badghis province consisted of 30 families who have recently been resettled following the longstanding civil war within the country. Although Badghis residents are expert in the art of carpet-weaving, most of them have forgotten the skills of carpet-weaving due to civil strife and destabilization in the region in the past years. Neither government nor any NGOs have helped them restore their art of carpet-weaving in the past few years.

Providentially, as soon as NSP launched its coverage to this community, it could help establish a democratic and impartial CDC that gave top priority to carpet-weaving project. The project was completed at a cost of 163,300 Afs (equivalent to \$3266), of which 10% was community contribution. Around 30 women from 30 different families have received the carpet-weaving training and now they are able to weave good quality carpets and sell them in the open market so that they can financially support their families.

The project not only created the villagers employment opportunities, but also trained them how to get access to income generation sources that could help them improve their living standards as well as strengthen their economy. Now the villagers are utterly satisfied with NSP activities.

The National Solidarity Program (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 program lays the foundation for a sustainable form of inclusive local governance, rural reconstruction, and poverty alleviation.

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