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Media Unit for women in Herat opened

Herat, 17 April 2010— With support from UNDP Gender Equality project (GEP), media unit of Department of Women’s Affairs (DoWA) of Herat province inaugurated. UNDP Gender Equality project donated some office and audio-visual production equipment such as furniture, computers, professional digital camera, TV set and Voice Recorder which will enable DoWA to produce audio-visual educational programmes on women and community. Journalists and media representatives including Herat National TV, Taban TV, Sahar Women Radio, Azadi Radio, Faryad Radio and Herat Journalists Union representatives as well as representatives of Herat Governor’s Office and Civil Society were present in this ceremony.

UNDP Gender Equality Provincial Coordinator highlighted UNDP GEP objectives towards women empowerment and social participation and emphasized on the role of this media unit in developing women capacities in community education and raising public awareness by producing programmes on women’s rights and needs in the province.

Meanwhile, Acting DoWA Director thanked UNDP for its support to this Department and mentioned that now they feel more confident and independent to produce programmes like DoWA’s weekly TV programme “Women and Society” and other media and public awareness activities related to women’s rights and social participation.



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