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## Afghan Sub-national Governance Policy Approved

**Kabul, 23 March**— the proposed Afghan Sub-national Governance Policy approved by the Afghan Government. This policy was prepared in a consultative process with UNDP Afghanistan Sub-national Governance Programme's technical and financial support. UNDP will support implementation process of the policy throughout Afghanistan as well.

With implementation of the new policy, 25 percent of the developmental budget will be allocated to local administration so that they can design and implement developmental projects themselves. The new policy will also enable the local administration to take decisions for improving performance in all aspects of the administration.

The approval of the new sub-national governance policy will pave the way for significant changes which will improve good governance and help development of local administration at sub-national level.

Implementation of this policy will increase the authority of local councils and they will be enabled to summon local authorities for clarification in their performance.

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