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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **A newly established Community Center handed over to Dehsabz District Development Assembly**

**Kabul, 25 April 2010**-- Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), through National Area-Based Development Programme (NABDP), has completed construction of a Community Center in the center of Dehsabz district of Kabul province.

Some 28 District Development Assembly members will benefit from this Community Center where they will be able to conduct their planning meetings and Shuras on a regular basis. It will also be used as a central meeting point for the local community of more than 47,000 people to resolve their social problems and conflicts in a peaceful manner.

“We hope that through inauguration of this Community Center people are encouraged to lead their peaceful Shuras and Jirgas for future development activities in Dehsabz district.” said the Minister of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, H.E. Jarullah Mansoori while addressing the inauguration ceremony attended by Government officials and District Development Assembly members.

Total cost of the project, is USD 170,000, funded by the Government of Japan, through Disarmament of Illegal Armed Groups (DIAG) programme of NABDP.

With support from the international community, NABDP has been actively contributing to a sustainable reduction of poverty and an improvement of livelihoods in rural Afghanistan through establishment of District Development Assemblies (DDAs), enabling more than 13 million rural population to take part in their development, and lead in implementation of 1,960 projects.

Started as one of the MRRD priority programmes in 2002, NABDP continues its work under phase III (2009 – 2014) with focus on: (i) Local governance and DDA institutionalization, (ii) sustainable livelihoods through productive rural infrastructure services, and (iii) stabilization through enhanced economic livelihoods.

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