

Press Release

Parwan Governor meets UNDP Afghanistan team as part of improved provincial assistance coordination efforts

Kabul, April 21, 2011 – The governor of Parwan province met representatives from UNDP Afghanistan recently in the first of a series of provincial board meetings aimed at working more closely alongside the Afghan sub-national government to strengthen its capacity to deliver public services.

Governor Basir Salangy, who co-chaired the meeting alongside UNDP Deputy Country Director Vakhtang Svanidze, presented the priorities included in the draft Provincial Development Plan (PDP), while the UNDP delegation outlined how the organization was continuing to work in the province in 2011.



UNDP Deputy Country Director Vakhtang Svanidze (left) in discussion with Parwan Governor Basir Salangy

UNDP currently has three active projects in Parwan, a province just north of Kabul, namely, the Afghanistan Sub-national Governance Programme (ASGP), the National Area-Based Development Programme (NABDP), and the Law and Order Trust Fund (LOTFA).

As part of improved coordination of international assistance to the province, UNDP agreed to the governor's request to work more closely with the provincial authorities, as well as with the wider UN family in Afghanistan, to further prioritize and finalize the Provincial Development Plan.

Mr. Zaki Zahid, Parwan Provincial Council Chairperson, hailed the 13 April discussions as "a sustainable venue to coordinate international assistances around provincial priorities".

Other participants at the meeting included District Development Assembly representatives, District Governors, key Provincial Line Departments, including the ministries of health and public works, as well as representatives from civil society organizations.

The next provincial board meeting is scheduled to be held at the governor's office in July 2011, and is expected to be expanded to include donor representatives.

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