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## **Five million USD funding is being directly channeled to provincial projects within the Provincial and District Development Plan (PDDP) of Maydan Wardak.**

Maydan Wardak owes now a five years (PDDP). The initiative of developing a five year (PDDP) was taken in July 2011 by Provincial Governor's Office. This plan is specifically tailored to the Maydan Wardak Province local needs and priorities.

The plan was intended to be developed with direct participatory consultations held with identified stakeholders including Shuras consisting of elders, women, people living with disabilities, teachers, National Civil Society Organizations, the international donor community and UN agencies.

The PDDP had to be aligned with the existing Provincial Strategic Plan (PSP) of Maydan Wardak, which was challenging as it had to consider that the diverse and often competing interests, of many stakeholders in the province were taken into account.

Hence, ASGP in the Central Region of Afghanistan was daily engaged in advancing the PDDP planning by organizing consultations, developing the capacity of the four ASGP funded Afghan specialist advisors to the province, in enhancing their coordination capacities and their gathering of evidence based data allowing the production of a provincial profile picturing the socio-economic situation in Maydan Wardak.

The ASGP support enabled that consistently evidence-based long-term planning decisions could be made by the Maydan Wardak stakeholders through the various consultations over a four month period of time. The outcome of the technical assistance was a successful formulation of a five year PDDP with a budget of USD 254 Mio benefitting a population of approx. 886,000 living in the province.

Following, UNDP was gratified in a speech by His Excellency the Governor of Maydan Wardak Province, Mr. Abdul Halim Fedai, at the final consultation meeting with provincial council and districts stakeholders, various other stakeholders and international donors on 18 August 2011.

The PDDP was approved In October 2011, by the IDLG. The donor committee has been delighted with the outcome of this PDDP consultation process, thus as of date approx. USD 5 Mio funding is being directly channeled to provincial projects within the PDDP.

The Afghanistan Sub-national Governance Programme (ASGP), a UNDP programme, with a planned budget of USD 139 Mio, funded by the international donor community and UNDP.

ASGP is supporting the principle of "Good Governance", through support to the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG), the 34 Provincial and District Governors' Offices, provincial councils and municipalities, in developing their capacity adopting modern administration practices, improved planning, and project cycle management, income generation, and the provision of enhanced public basic services delivery, contributing to a better quality of life of the local population.

ASGP's is since 2007 working closely with the sub-national governance counterparts, and contribute for example and to a cleaner environment, by solid waste management at the municipal level, capacity

development within public outreach and oversight “nezarat” of local sectoral service delivery (e.g. basic education and health care facilities), access to latest information technology, making a real difference in the lives of the citizens.

Moreover ASGP is also supporting the capacity development ensuring effective and efficient planning and implementation capacities at provincial and regional level ensuring better utilization of limited financial and human resources in accordance with the Afghanistan National Development Strategy at the provincial level.