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Kabul June 01, 2009 –UNDP ELECT (Enhancing Legal and Electoral Capacity for Tomorrow) project together with EUPOL and the Ministry of Interior (MOI) started the training of 35,000 police officers for the upcoming presidential and provincial council elections to ensure the security during the election process. One of the intended results of the project is a reduced incidence of electoral violence and a greater awareness of police of the electoral processes and the roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders during the campaign, polling, counting and tallying processes. To that end donors have supported the inclusion in the project of specific support to the Afghanistan National Police (ANP) in the training of relevant officers in electoral specific responsibilities. The training is conducted with the support and active participation of international training institutions already embedded with the ANP particularly EUPOL, and with reference to the other mentoring agencies within the Mol. The training programme aims primarily to build knowledge, skills and change behavior as opposed to simply transfer knowledge. Officers from all the provinces will attend the course in proportion to the number of Polling Centers in each proportion to



Launching Ceremony of Police Training

number of Polling Centers in each province. 350 officers will be brought to four locations for a two day training course conducted by EUPOL in Herat, Mazar-i-Sharif (Balkh province), Kabul and Terinkot (Uruzgan Province). They will return to their provinces and each will conduct further training/briefing in a cascade program to up to 100 other officers.

Religious Scholars training on gender & Women's Rights launched in Herat

Herat June 24, 2009- United Nations Development Programme together with the Ministry of Women's Affairs and Ministry of Hajj & Religious Affairs, officially launched the first phase of a Gender and Women's Rights Training Programme for 250 religious scholars in Herat Province. H.E. Husn Banu Ghanzafar, the Minister of Women Affairs; H.E. Sediq Chakari; the Minister of Hajj and Religious Affairs; Dr. Yousuf Nuristani, the Governor of Herat; local religious scholars; community leaders and representatives of civil society, NGOs and UN agencies participated in the launching ceremonies of the Training Programme.

UNDP's Gender Equality Project and respective provincial departments of Women's Affairs and Religious Affairs, in partnership with civil society organization will train the 250 community and local religious leaders belong to 5 district of Herat on gender and women rights. The objective of this training is promoting awareness on the importance of women's participation in socio-economic development, prevention of violence against women and increased access of women to information, education and justice. The Programme will implement through the existing initiatives and will work closely with progressive religious scholars and local leaders to integrate a gender equality perspective

into their training and capacity building activities. Connections between gender equality the teachings of Islam, the constitutional rights and the development goals of the Government of Afghanistan which altogether contribute to peaceful and prosperous communities will be highlighted in the training.



ACT Project Supports Afghan CSOs to Combat Corruption

Accountability and Transparency Project (UNDP/ACT) partnering with Civil Society Organisations to combat corruption through awareness raising projects for communities.

Integrity Watch of Afghanistan : Aims to increase transparency, integrity and accountability through the provision of policy-oriented researches, developing training modules and tools, facilitate monitoring and policy dialogues. Through the grant provided by ACT project, IWA developed training materials and manuals for assessing integrity through civil society as well as trained 24 staff members of various CSOs on integrity assessing modules. The produced manual was also translated to national languages.

Integrity Approaches for Community Development (IACD) is a community based organization created with the motive to develop the capacity of communities particularly the students and their parents through different kinds of community building trainings. Through grants provided by ACT project, IACD contributed to awareness raising for communities on monitoring of service delivery at sub-national level. Additionally, IACD has trained 334 community members comprised of teachers, students on monitoring of public service delivery.



Training Session for Teachers, students and their parents conducted by IACD.



Training Session of Journalist and Media workers - conducted by SMO

Saba Media Organization (SMO) is an active CSO and is among the recipient of the grant of ACT Project. SMO has so far trained 38 professional journalists and media workers in various media disciplines as investigative journalism producing investigative programs, ethics of journalism, media law, and freedom of expression and so on.

SEAL Project Trained Staff of Parliamentary Committees on Security

June 24, 2009- SEAL project conducted a training workshop for the members of parliament from national defense and security committees from both houses of the Afghan National Assembly. The participants were introduced to the concept of parliamentary oversight on security sector and discussions were initiated on strengthening the capacity and role of the aforementioned committee in the future. Fifteen MPs and staff members attended this training.



Workshop participants receive training