



## QUARTERLY PROJECT REPORT [Q2,2007]

### United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Afghanistan Afghanistan Information Management Services (AIMS) 1 April- 30 June 2007



The First Geo-Conference in Kabul, Afghanistan

**Project ID: 00037482**  
**Duration: April 2004 - December 2007**  
**Component (MYFF): Public Administration Reform**  
**Total Budget: US\$ 11.1 million**  
**Unfunded: USD 0.00**

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## **I. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES**

### **UPDATED PROJECT RISKS AND ACTIONS:**

Retention of the staff is one of the on-going challenges for AIMS Project. The promotion of staff is a long process within HR procedure. AIMS project management has taken appropriate action and responded to this issue through staff capacity and career development initiatives, adjusting staff grades and levels to introduce longer term positions. The Presidential Decree calls on a halt on unauthorized map production last April had some on the current map production by the AIMS. Discussions with the Office Administrative Affairs Government of Afghanistan to clarify issue regarding map production by AIMS is on going, and the results will be shared with the forthcoming project board meeting (Steering Committee meeting).

### **UPDATED PROJECT ISSUES AND ACTIONS:**

Due to the increase demand for AIMS services and the number of sub-projects AIMS needs to manage, efficient project implementation management has become a challenge for AIMS. AIMS Management has started reviewing the staffing level. Meanwhile, the AIMS is recruiting consultants to help prepare a viable business plan for its transition to a sustainable business entity, which will align the HR requirements with the market needs for its services.

## **II. IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS**

*Output 1. AIMS becomes sustainable and information management capacity of government of Afghanistan and humanitarian community is increased.*

*Annual Target/Deliverables: AIMS become an independent sustainable information management service organization*

Following are the activities and achievements during the reporting period:

### **SOFTWARE ENGINEERING, MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (MIS) SERVICES:**

AIMS software engineering unit completed the first phase of ArcGIS Server implementation on GeoBase project tracking system. This system will spatially enable GeoBase and will allow online mapping with interactive data query functionality. The second phase of the project will start in August 2007 and will add new functionality to the system. It will be the first project tracking system implementing advance ArcGIS server in Afghanistan.

AIMS has established 3 version of the web-site in Pashto, Dari and English to the Ministry of Women Affairs (MoWA ). The website was built by AIMS technical team which was officially launched by his Excellency Mr. Khalili the Vice President of the Islamic republic of Afghanistan.



H.E. Khalili, Vice President, and H.E. Rangeen Dadfar Spanta Minister of Forging Affairs Islamic republic of Afghanistan opening ceremony to Lunch MoWA web-site built by AIMS.

AIMS has also completed a website for the office of the Attorney General (AGO), which will be launched in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2007.

As website development was completed for Attorney General Office (AGO). UNDP Justice Project is sponsoring the AGO MIS and Website. That first website will be built and then AIMS will start the MIS projects.

The website for the Office of Administrative Affairs (OAA) of the Office of the President built by AIMS web-development team is due to be launched on 25 July 2007. Considering the importance of the upcoming Peace Jirga AIMS was requested to deliver the website 20 days ahead of the original plan.



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# Office of Administrative Affairs



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It is a great honor for me to serve my country and my people in this new, critical and historical era as Minister of Communications under the leadership of the 1st elected President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan H.E. Hamed Karzai.

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## About OAA

### Office of Administrative Affairs

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To enable Afghanistan to benefit further from Information and Communication Technologies by becoming part of the global information society while preserving Afghanistan's cultural heritage.

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## Message

### Message from Mr. Farog Wardak

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Draft web-site interface designed for OAA (the contents of this web-site is not official and serves only the web-site design demonstration purpose).

AIMS Software Engineering Team is currently conducting a two-week MIS needs assessment for the Scheduling Department of the Office of the President. This will be followed by detailed specification of MIS requirements.

AIMS has conducted several MIS needs assessments for the Government and Non Government Organization, notably one for Afghanistan Investment Support Agency (AISA). Relevant reports and recommendation are prepared.

AIMS also developed several technical proposals for different projects in particular the MRRD and Ministry of Economy feasibility study and working prototype for Provincial Development Committees' Profile and Assets System, a technical proposal for a GIS based structured database for the NSDP, a comprehensive MIS scope document for the Swedish Committee for Afghanistan, a project proposal on the development of the AISA management information system (submitted to UNDP) and a proposal on the Provincial Mapping of UN Activities Project (PMUNA) which was approved by the UN technical team for support by the UNAMA Afghan Emergency Trust Fund (AETF). This project is aimed to establish an activity tracking management information system (MIS) that can be used to capture and maintain information on all reconstruction and development activities conducted by the UN. The software development team has finalized the requirement analysis and started working on the system design. The project will be completed by end of September 2007. The technical team will continue maintaining the system till end of 2007.

In addition, AIMS submitted a proposal for the project regarding the provision of a computerized certificate system to be implemented by the MoE. The project is expected to start August 2007. The system will automate the process of preparing and distributing 12<sup>th</sup> grade certificates, removing a considerable burden from the Higher Education Department of the Ministry Of Education.

AIMS has sent a technical team to Mazar-i-sharif to conduct an MIS assessment of the Mazar and Faryab provinces under the ASGP project. The same team also conducted an assessment of Kandahar and Helmand province in response to the request from DFID and CEDA.

#### **GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) SERVICES:**

The GIS department in developed customized English Language maps based upon requests received from Government, UN, national and international agencies.

GIS department was involved in the following technical projects designing and implementation:

- Geobase project maps
- CARE activities maps
- NHDR activities maps
- French Embassy map
- and MRRD maps

In addition to the customized maps projects, GIS section updated the Dari version of the administrative divisions' map, the Kabul city map and the physical map as well as digitized Kabul land use map. The 2006 population data was also updated and the Afghanistan land cover map was developed. GIS department provided on-going technical support to 11 GIS labs in the ministries and departments as part of its advisory services to the GoA.

The GIS training team has provided ArcView 3.x and ArcGIS 9.x training to 43 Government staff.

#### **AIMS INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:**

AIMS Institutional Relations and Development department played an active role in supporting AIMS technical and non-technical project.

The English Languages and Computer Literacy programme for government technical and support staff is an important enabling approach. The Asia Foundation instructed AIMS to provide English training programme to 400 staff and Computer training to 200 staff of the Office of President and OAA. AIMS has dedicated its 15 qualified instructor to deliver English and Computer training programme in Government of Afghanistan.

Two technology workshops were conducted by AIMS to 15 senior staff of Ministry of Hajj including deputy minister and 16 senior officials from Ministry of Economics.

The first Geo-conference was organized by IRD team in Kabul, Afghanistan on 24 April 2007, which was attended by almost 170 participants from the Government of Afghanistan, the UN, ISAF and the development community. The conference's main purpose was to bring NGOs, the Government of Afghanistan, and the international community together to share information regarding projects and spatial data.

A proposal was developed and submitted for bidding through ARDS for Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, Martyrs and Disabled (MOLSA) to hire a consultant for the development, installation, and training for skills training provider for a GIS based structured database for the NSDP.

#### **EXIT STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT:**

The current ATSP (Annual Transitional Sustainable Plan) is monitored on a quarterly basis and the preparation of a comprehensive AIMS exit strategy including a five-year business plan is expected to complete in early 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2007. The second project Board meeting held on 23 June 2007 reviewed AIMS progress, and the ATSP components in regard to its organizational capacity. The meeting also reviewed 3 transit alternatives for AIMS future (Government entity, NGO and Private entity) upon completion as a UNDP project. The board meeting decided to hire two consultants (a transition specialist and a business development specialist) to help develop a sustainable and comprehensive business plan for AIMS.

### **III. FINANCIAL STATUS AND UTILISATION**

#### **FINANCIAL STATUS:**

**Table 1: Contribution Overview April 2004– 30 June 2007**

<b>Resources</b>			
<b>DONOR NAME</b>	<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		<b>CONTRIBUTIO N BALANCE</b>
	<b>Committed</b>	<b>Received</b>	
USAID	5,254,070	4,354,070	*900000
EC	2,577,588	2,577,588	-
UNOCHA	1,935	1,935	-
FAO	49,817	49,817	-
UNAMA	470,893	470,893	-
UNDP	1,500,000	1,500,000	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,854,303</b>	<b>8,954,303</b>	<b>-</b>

Note: \* This amount is part of \$2 million committed by USAID which will be released in September 2007.

#### **FINANCIAL UTILIZATION:**

**Table 2: Quarterly Expenditure by Activity 1 April – 30 June 2007**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>BUDGET [2007]</b>	<b>QUARTERLY EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>DELIVERY (%)</b>
Activity1 Project Management	801,732	595,395	206,337	

Activity 03	00	47,700	-47,700	
Activity13 Exit Strategy Development	1,118,268	349,270	768,998	
UNDP GMS 5%	80,000	32,422	47,578	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>1,024,787</b>	<b>975,213</b>	<b>51%</b>

**Table 3: Quarterly Expenditure by Donor 01 April 2007 – 30 June 2007**

DONORS	ACTIVITY (as per approved budget)	2007 Budget	Q2 EXPENDITURES 01/04/07 - 30/06/07	BALANCE as of 30/06/07	DELIVERY RATE %
USAID	Activity 1: Project Management	401,732	266,742	134,990	
	Activity 13: Exit Strategy Develop	1,118,269	349,270	768,999	
	GMS 5%	80,000	32,422	47,578	
<b>Subtotal USAID</b>		<b>1,600,000</b>	<b>648,434</b>	<b>951,566</b>	<b>37%</b>
UNDP	Activity 1: Project Management	400,000	328,653	71,347	
	Activity 3:	-	47,700	-47,700	
<b>Subtotal UNDP</b>		<b>400,000</b>	<b>376,353</b>	<b>23,647</b>	<b>94%</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>1,024,787</b>	<b>975,213</b>	<b>51%</b>