

Public Health and Education

Germany's Consul General stated: "These projects share the vision of sustainable improvements, development and modernisation. I congratulate all officials and stakeholders on having the foresight to bring all five projects forward that are now going to benefit so many people – men and women, boys and girls."

During the inauguration ceremony, Baghlan's governor, Mr Abdul Hai Nemati, emphasised: "These buildings enable the local government to provide a better educational environment for students as well health better facilities for patients and doctors. The constructions are of very good quality. Now, the District Development Assembly (DDA), government related bodies and the community need to take proper care of these."

The new health facilities significantly improve public health provision for the local population. The training centre offers 13 rooms for training and administration, water and sanitation system, and a protection wall. About 1.000 employees from, clinics and hospitals will receive health-related training at the new centre each year. Citizens will benefit from well-trained healthcare staff.

The basic health centre is located in the Khinjan district. The district's approximately 12,000 inhabitants now have access to health care services close to their homes. About 30 to 60 patients are expected to be admitted for treatment each day.

The three newly constructed schools will offer space for 3,400 students; 3,265 girls and 135 boys. The school buildings are equipped with fully furnished classrooms, toilets, wells, boundary walls, computers and laboratories. The students will benefit from high-quality equipment and a good learning environment. The three schools include the Naw-Bahar School in Puli-Hesar district, the Shahi Mardan School in Khinjan district and the Ustad Ainuddin School in Dosh district.

The director of Baghlan's Department of Education (DoE), Dr Ghulam Muhaiuddin Paikan was very thankful for this investment and encouraged residents to cooperate with the DoE to guaranty quality education in Baghlan.

The District Development Assemblies (DDAs) and the Provincial Department of Education and Public Health jointly initiated these projects. Their completion was a top priority in the Districts Development Plans in the mentioned districts.

The programme SPNA is funded by the German Federal Foreign Office, managed by KfW Development Bank and implemented by the Aga Khan Foundation, in partnership with the non-governmental organisation Mercy Corps and the French Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED). The total programme budget amounts to over AFN 7 billion for the period 2010 to 2018, targeting the Northern provinces Badakhshan, Takhar, Kunduz and Baghlan. So far, more than 423 small- and medium-sized infrastructure projects (most of them educational infrastructures) have been funded in more than 50 districts; in Baghlan alone, 99 projects have been accomplished in eight districts, including the provincial capital Pol-e Khomri. In the same time, the project has trained roughly 18,000 development council members in project selection and monitoring.

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The Afghan-German Cooperation helped to construct a basic health centre, a public health training centre and three new school buildings in Baghlan. The inauguration ceremony for the five buildings took place yesterday. About 16,000 people directly benefit from the new facilities. The German programme for stabilising northern Afghanistan (SPNA) financed the constructions at a total cost of more than AFN 78 million. The non-governmental organisation Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) implemented the projects.

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