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School Building Maintenance: Training for 170 Civil Servants in Kunduz

Khanabad, Kunduz, 28th September 2017 – Yesterday, 170 civil servants completed a two-day workshop in Kunduz province's Khanabad district on the operation and maintenance of public buildings. Kunduz province's Department of Education (DoEd) organised the training with support from the Afghan-German Cooperation's programme to promote local governance structures in Afghanistan (RCD).

12 engineers and 158 public school management members from Kunduz city and the districts of Qala-e-Zal, Aliabad, Khanabad and Imam Sahib participated in the training. The activity aimed at enhancing the participants' capacities for maintaining and operating public buildings. At the closing ceremony, one of the participants, Mr Mohammad Yosif Orfan, commented, "The training was very helpful. It enables us to do repair works and maintain our school buildings independently in the future."

The training focused on tools such as maintenance checklists, maintenance manuals and budget plans, allowing the public servants to detect building deficiencies promptly, do repair works on their own and plan the maintenance budget. Therefore, the participants are now able to do their jobs more efficiently. All attendants received templates for future use in addition to the completion certificates.

Another trainee, Mr Janatgul Nasiri, emphasised, "In the past, maintaining our school buildings has been a major problem. The training addressed the most important issues and further provided us with operation and maintenance manuals and checklists. Now we are well equipped to maintain our buildings properly. For that, we are very grateful."

As part of the Afghan-German Cooperation, the Regional Capacity Development (RCD) programme is financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. In six provinces in northern Afghanistan, RCD supports its partners' development priorities in the provinces and districts, while at the same time providing training and coaching programmes for civil servants. With its broad range of activities, RCD aims at increasing Afghan ownership of the development process, strengthening state institutions and promoting transparency and inclusiveness.