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FACT SHEET

Government of Greece and USAID form a Partnership for Development Assistance in Afghanistan

OVERVIEW

The Government of Greece is partnering with USAID to support key investments in the water supply and education sectors. Half of the Greece's total investment of \$2.9 million will support the Learning for Community Empowerment Program (LCEP II), a four-year project that teaches literacy in the context of lifelong learning and community economic empowerment in rural and urban settings.

The other half has been allocated to co-fund the new two-year \$18 million Kabul Urban Water Supply project. This project is expected to be awarded by October 2011, and will be implemented in coordination with KfW (the German Development Bank).

LEP II CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- Provide five technical advisors to support the implementation of National Literacy Program
- Develop a National Literacy Program framework and institutionalize systems for student assessment, literacy teacher accreditation, national teacher training and support, monitoring and evaluation, and general management and coordination
- Develop learning materials on topics of general interest, such as microfinance management, entrepreneurship practices, and hygiene
- Establish learning centers that provide integrated vocational skills, literacy, numeracy education, and savings and investment programs for older youth and adults (with a target of 60 percent women)
- Conduct training programs for self-help savings and investment groups in how to invest their savings and improve livelihoods

LCEP II ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

- Established 9,234 learning centers in 20 provinces, covering 2,495 communities in 103 districts, with approximately 223,000 students enrolled
- Formed 10,290 self-help savings and investment groups with total savings of about \$1 million
- Developed a set of integrated literacy and productive skills materials (34 chapters)
- Provided training to 20 lead trainers, 40 provincial trainers, 250 district trainers, 40 productive skills assistants, and 5,000 village facilitators
- Analyzed the policies and resources of the Minister of Education's literacy department in order to improve teacher and student certification systems

KABUL URBAN WATER SUPPLY PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- This project will implement a section of medium term program which includes the development of upper Kabul River 'Logar II' wells, a pumping station, and reservoir

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