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## Regional Afghan Municipalities Program for Urban Populations - North (RAMP-UP North)

### OVERVIEW

USAID's RAMP-UP North project assists municipalities to create effective, responsive, democratic, transparent and accountable governance in nine northern provincial capitals: Aybak, Faizabad, Kunduz, Maymana, Mazar-e-Sharif, Pul-e-Khumri, Sar-e-Pul, Sheberghan, and Taloqan.

RAMP-UP North helps municipalities to deliver improved and demand-driven services based on priorities established by its citizens. It also seeks to increase the trust and confidence of the community in the municipal government to deliver services fairly and efficiently. The overarching goals of the project are to:

- Increase the capacity of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIROA) municipal officials
- Markedly improve the delivery of municipal services to citizens in target municipalities
- Increase municipal capacity to enable, support, and sustain economic growth

As a result, Afghan citizens will receive better services, understand the responsibilities of their municipal leaders, play an active role in municipal decision-making, and see local governance structures as legitimate and responsive.

RAMP-UP North supports municipalities through technical assistance, training, and on-the-job mentoring; embedded technical advisors perform the majority of the hands-on work provided by RAMP-UP North. These advisors will work in partnership with municipal staff to design and implement specific context-specific development agendas tailored to each municipality.

RAMP-UP North also procures goods and services from local firms and hires locally to the maximum extent possible. The project wants to play a positive role in each municipality for all citizens.

### PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- **Build capacity of GIROA officials at municipal level:** Directly contribute to enhancing the capacity of municipal officials, managers, and technicians to perform their core municipal management responsibilities in meeting the needs of citizens.
- **Support GIROA to provide responsive, effective, and visible municipal service delivery programs:** Facilitate municipalities in delivering visible, tangible, and desirable services based on the participation of citizens in the identification of needs and priorities; these include expeditious service delivery projects and longer-term services that provide citizens with marked improvements in daily life.
- **Support GIROA to improve economic development and revenue generation at municipal level:** Foster local economic development and strengthen revenue generation, thereby improving the ability of municipalities to finance public services to citizens and associated operating costs.

### EXPECTED RESULTS

In its first year of operations (February 2011 – February 2012), RAMP-UP North expects to:

- Increase citizen satisfaction with municipal government by 20 percent in areas of operation
- Increase citizen access to essential municipal services in target municipalities
- Create 120,000 person-days of labor for local communities
- Increase women's participation in municipal decision-making
- Initiate at least three public-private partnerships