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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AFN	Afghanis (currency)
ARTF	Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund
BG	Block Grant
CDC	Community Development Council
CDP	Community Development Plan
CFHF	Community Financial History Form
DAB	Da Afghanistan Bank
FP	Facilitating Partner
GTZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit)
NGO/INGO	Non-Governmental Organisation/ International NGO
NSP	National Solidarity Programme
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MRRD	Ministry of Reconstruction and Rural Development
PMC	Project (Sub-) Management Committee – CDC level
PMU	Provincial Management Unit (NSP)
RRD	Provincial Offices of Reconstruction and Development
SFSR	Sub-project Final Status Reports

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY NSP INTRODUCTION

The National Solidarity Programme (NSP) was a flagship programme of the Government of Afghanistan and had the goal of building peace and solidarity amongst the people and to empower them to be responsible for local level governance and development.

As part of the NSP Community Development Councils (CDC's) were formed in each village through a transparent election process. The CDC's were empowered through a process of experiential learning to plan and undertake their own development work with the goal of being responsible for local level governance.

The design of the NSP rested on four foundational elements:

Facilitation – to assist communities establish representative and inclusive community institutions able to form consensus as to their development needs and priorities.

Block Grants – transferred to support identified rehabilitation of development activities – planned and implemented by the communities.

Capacity building – ensuring the development of the skills required by community members and leaders to plan and implement projects such as financial management and technical skills.

Linkages – building ties between local communities and the different tiers of government, as well as with other stakeholders.

NSP OUTPUTS SUMMARY

Over fourteen years, the NSP financed more than 88,000 Sub-projects that were implemented nationwide - across all 34 provinces - by 35,000 newly established, village-level, representative local Community Development Councils. By the end of the programme, 98% of the country's 398 districts had received one or more Block Grants. In doing so, over \$1.6 billion was invested directly in community development, primarily in infrastructure, projects (see Table 1).

Working in nine provinces: Balkh, Bamyan, Farah, Hirat, Kandahar, Kapisa, Nangarhar, Panjsher and Parwan, UN-Habitat played an important role in the development, capacitation and design of the programme as a whole and more specifically in facilitating its delivery. As a Facilitating Partner, UN-Habitat was responsible for implementing a significant portion of the programme -reaching 4,133 CDCs of the total of 35,075 village CDCs (see Table 2) and training more than a quarter of a million community members.

For the NSP as a whole and specially for UN-Habitat as its lead Facilitating Partner, in many instances planned targets were out-performing by a considerable distance. During NSPI, for the programme as a whole, the following performance against targets were exceeded:

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