

# Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund



## Gender in the Afghan Reconstruction Trust Fund



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# ARTF APPROACH TO GENDER MAINSTREAMING



- Including **specific objectives, targets, and indicators** in individual project results frameworks;
- Measuring the **process and institutionalization** of gender planning across the Trust Fund portfolio;
- Strongly **privileging gender issues** in project design where significant gaps between service delivery to men and women exist;
- Providing regular **technical support** to client teams;
- Systematically assessing progress on gender issues in **biannual reviews** of portfolio projects;
- Integrating gender concerns into **knowledge products**, to better inform the broader portfolio through research.



# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN GENDER (2013/14)



- New **project initiatives or analytical work** have been launched with projects in the health, education, rural development, governance, and justice sectors;

**Health:** Gender thematic proposal under development, identifying key gaps re: gender issues, for SEHAT support;

**Education:** Anti-harassment and respectful workplace initiative underway (with new policy/GRM development);

**Rural Development:** New training modules under development for female farmers; gender analysis performed for agriculture sector review chapter;

**Governance:** Policy note developed re: increasing women in the civil service;

**Justice:** New qualitative research performed re: women's access to justice



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- **Technical assistance** was provided throughout the year to 8 gov't ministries/agencies, in support of 10 national programs/projects;
- Gender issues were **assessed in 12 ISMs**, with recommendations provided in Aide Memoires;
- A **gender stocktaking report** of trends across key sectors (measured against 2005) was carried out, and full report and policy brief prepared;
- A **portfolio-wide gender performance system** was initiated, as part of the new ARTF Scorecard;
- A **gender-sensitive course was prepared on social assessments**, to be used at several national universities.



# GENDER WORKING GROUP



Since April 2013, the GWG has looked at the following issues:

- Gender results and challenges in NSP;
- Findings of the Gender Stocktaking report;
- Challenges for women in the civil service across project sectors;
- The World Bank's analytical pipeline in terms of gender findings;
- Gender Review of the ARTF's key tools for measurement – ARTF Scorecard and Results Matrix (ongoing)



# CURRENT FOCUS



- Review ARTF Results Matrix and project frameworks to **strengthen gender measurements** for project results and portfolio performance;
- Gender **policy note** for upcoming new government (as part of WB package of notes);
- **Continued TA** to ARTF-funded projects, and design processes in pipeline

