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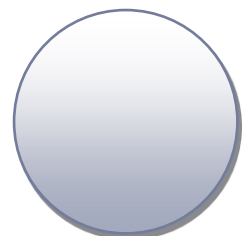
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WE ARE THRILLED TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE LATEST ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE NOOR EDUCATIONAL AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (NECDO) IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2024.

Celebration of Milad-ul-Nabi

The birthday of the Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him) is an important religious ceremony in Islam that commemorates the birth of the Prophet Muhammad pbuh. This phenomenon is observed globally and reflects the love and respect that Muslims have for the Prophet. According to the NECDO Organization, a program was requested to commemorate this holy day. On September 16th, the NECDO organization held a grand Quran recitation gathering at the Nazo Ana library, attended by NECDO staff and AWFPO staff. This program began with Mr. Edris reciting the Holy Quran. After the reading, the ceremony began with a warm welcome from Manizha Rauf, the librarian of the Nazo Ana Library, to all the NECDO staff and guests. After that, Ms. Maryam Hussaini spoke about this great day and shared a story from the life of the esteemed Prophet of Islam. After that, Ms. Jamila Safi, the AWPFO Deputy Director, talked about Sirat-ul Nabi, and she thanked the NECDO Organization for celebrating this grand day. And at the end, Mr. Naseer Ahmad Kakar recited the concluding prayer of the Holy Quran. Milad-ul-Nabi holds deep spiritual significance for Muslims worldwide. It serves as a reminder of the Prophet Muhammad's teachings and the values he espoused, fostering community spirit and reinforcing the principles of peace and compassion. In contemporary times, it represents a moment for Muslims to not only celebrate but also to recommit to the moral ideals exemplified by the Prophet.



Capacity Training for WFP Project Staff Maidan Wardak

The training session was successfully conducted with active engagement from all new employees. The collaboration with the WFP third-party monitoring team was crucial in ensuring the effectiveness of the session. The training includes a survey verification session, a scope registration session, and PSEA issues; feedback received will guide the planning of future training sessions to further improve the staff's capabilities; and detailed explanations were provided on what constitutes sexual exploitation and abuse, emphasizing the abuse of power, trust, or vulnerability for sexual purposes. The training emphasized the importance of creating a safe working environment, raising awareness about the consequences of SEA, and ensuring immediate reporting and handling of SEA cases. The session highlighted the United Nations' six core principles related to SEA, which include the prohibition of sexual relations with minors, offering employment or other benefits in exchange for sexual favors, and the importance of reporting SEA cases promptly. Addressing challenges such as limited resources, logistical constraints, and environmental factors and exploring solutions through collaboration, innovation, and continuous improvement.

The training session on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse was a crucial step in NECDO's ongoing efforts to create a safe and respectful working environment. The active participation of staff members and the support from WFP's third-party monitoring team highlighted the importance of this initiative. NECDO remains committed to upholding the highest standards of conduct and ensuring the well-being of all its staff and beneficiaries.



Recruitment For WFP Project Maidan Wardak

On September 14, 2024, the Human Resources Department of the NECDO Organization conducted a written examination for the positions of scope and survey that was announced through the ACBAR website as part of the recruitment process for the WFP project in Maidan Wardak Province.

Out of 132 shortlisted candidates, 94 participated in the examination, which included both male and female applicants, and this examination represented a critical step in our selection process.

NECDO is committed to ensuring that the recruitment process is fair and transparent, with the primary objective of hiring qualified and professional individuals who will contribute effectively to the successful implementation of the project.

The goals of this exam were for the NECDO organization to identify and select talented people, and hire qualified and professional individuals who will contribute effectively to the successful implementation of the project.

Utilizing experienced persons who have prior experience in the scope and survey section. Persons who hold a master's degree or higher. Persons who have complete skills in computers. People who speak Dari, Pashto, and English.

This exam took place on the 14th of September, 2024, at the NECDO main office. The value proposition of the examination conducted by NECDO for WFP projects includes alignment with strategic goals, provision of rigorous assessments, generation of evidence-based insights, and enhancement of stakeholder engagement.

This comprehensive approach helps to ensure that WFP's initiatives are effective, accountable, and sustainable, ultimately contributing to the organization's mission of ending hunger and promoting food security worldwide.



ACBAR 1st SHAPE TPP Mentoring Meeting

All NGOs received an announcement from AHF regarding the reopening of the AHF membership application process after a long pause. As a result, the first mentoring meeting of the month focused on discussing the new AHF membership application process.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Qamaruddin Maqsoodi (ACBAR-RM). The email from OCHA sent to all NGOs included three essential documents: the AHF eligibility announcement, the AHF eligibility pre-screening questionnaire, and the AHF partner eligibility guidance for 2024. ACBAR-RM provided a detailed explanation of the two documents outlining the application stages.

The first stage of the AHF membership application process involves the AHF Eligibility Pre-screening Questionnaire, which was explained by RM in detail during the meeting. NGOs are required to submit the completed pre-screening questionnaire by September 22, 2024, as per OCHA's specified deadline. In addition, NGOs must also submit a Board of Directors interest letter and a written confirmation letter from the relevant clusters along with the questionnaire.



ACBAR 2nd SHAPE TPP Mentoring Meeting

The meeting was led by Dr. Qamaruddin Maqsoodi (ACBAR-RM) and began with greetings and introductions of all participants. Following the discussions in the first mentoring meeting, all partners have worked on the AHF preliminary screening questionnaire and the required documents.

During this meeting, ACBAR-RM and the partners reviewed the questionnaire once again. Participants shared their suggestions, thoughts, and questions regarding completing the questionnaire and submitting it online.

ACBAR-RM advised participants not to rush the submission process. Instead, they should share the completed questionnaire with their advisor and ACBAR for review before submitting it. Partners are encouraged to thoroughly review the questionnaire and all required documents, be fully prepared, and submit the questionnaire a day before the deadline (September 22, 2024).

Additionally, ACBAR-RM highlighted the importance of the due diligence and organizational capacity assessment stages, which are crucial parts of the AHF application process. Partners were advised to prepare for these stages as well and focus on the necessary documents to ensure success in these critical steps.



NECDO's UCSS Project Supported by WFP Report for September 2024 of Maidan Wardak Province

The Conditional & Unconditional Seasonal Support Project (AF01-2466) is a one-year initiative funded by the World Food Program (WFP) and implemented by NECDO. This project aims to provide support to vulnerable families in Maidan Wardak province who have been affected by various factors such as poverty, widows, disabilities, orphans, families living in rented houses or tents, those impacted by regime change, and families affected by natural disasters, and 15% of the overall caseload is conditional, meaning that they will receive assistance against work.

Objectives:

The project aims to find and identify families who are facing extreme poverty, hunger, and various hardships such as unattended orphans, widows, disabled individuals, families living in rented houses, families living in tents, and those affected by regime change or natural disasters. The project focuses for the month of September on different districts of Maidan Wardak province, including Maidan Shahar, Daimirdad, Jaghato, and Chak.

Selection Process criteria:

1. The head of HH is either a woman or child HoHH without an adult male.
2. OR elderly is the HoHH (male or female).
3. Households size 7+
4. HHs with one or more members with disability and chronic illness
5. HoHH with disability
6. HHs with more than 3 children under the age of 5
7. HH with no stable source of income or main source derived from borrowing, begging, or zakat
8. HH relying on casual labour by one member
9. HoHH with no formal education
10. Rural: Landless HHs (do not own a house or agricultural land). Urban: HHs who rent their accommodation (don't own it or live with others for free)
11. HH with poor asset holdings—[to differ in definition between rural and urban}.
12. Experiencing extreme hunger and destitution with no social support.



Survey Verification

Location: Maidan Wardak Province

Districts: Maidan Shahr, Jaghato, Daimirdad

Summary of Beneficiaries Surveyed

Jaghato District: 1,551 beneficiaries

Daimirdad District: 1,174 beneficiaries

Maidan Shahr District: 1,765 beneficiaries

Total Beneficiaries Surveyed: 4,490 beneficiaries

The survey aimed to identify a significant number of vulnerable households in Maidan Shahr, Jaghato, and Daimirdad districts who qualify for food and cash assistance. The findings underscore the critical need for timely interventions to support these communities.

Efforts should continue to ensure that the assistance reaches those most in need and is accompanied by programs that promote long-term stability and self-sufficiency.

Distribution process

Food distribution efforts were successfully carried out in Chak and Daimirdad districts of Maidan Wardak Province. The focus was on providing essential food supplies to vulnerable households in these areas.

I. Items of food to distribute:

1. 50 kg wheat Flour
2. 4.55 kg V.Oil
3. 6.250 kg Split peas
4. 0.50 kg Salt
5. 1.5 kg LNS
6. 3 kg WSB

Number of Households (Male and Female)

Total beneficiaries: 1408

- Male = 675
- Female = 590
- Disability: 143

