

Small Project Facility Uruzgan

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The Challenge

Uruzgan is at a crucial stage of its development. Key to this development is greater cooperation between communities and government bodies to address priority needs. Considerable improvements have been achieved over the five years that GIZ IS has worked in Uruzgan, but the province remains volatile and sustainable development is an everyday challenge.

Objective

The overall goal of the project is to promote the cooperation of communities and government on development challenges facing the province. SPFU does this by providing a facility for communities to undertake small-scale rural infrastructure activities. While providing this facility, the project works closely with communities, district development bodies, and the government to help ensure community priorities get recognition in government plans.

Our Approach

The small-scale activities are financed through grants for the establishment and rehabilitation of basic community assets in public health, agricultural productivity and transport. The communities plan, implement and evaluate their own development priorities. Further, SPFU aims at strengthening local and provincial governance and civil society, including the capacities of community-based organisations or groups. Since SPFU integrates with other programmes, the project is an instrument supporting and strengthening the development efforts of the Afghan Government at provincial level, aligning provincial development with national policies. The target group of the project is the local population.

Our Services

- ▲ Strengthening links between provincial and community level: the SPFU approach is followed in communities in five districts.
- ▲ Improving rural infrastructure through small community projects: projects are implemented by the communities themselves with technical support from the SPFU team.
- ▲ Strengthening governmental administration to implement development processes through capacity building for stakeholders directly involved in SPFU.

Results

- ▲ Three Uruzgani field supervisors and 12 surveyors are trained and implementing the SPFU approach
- ▲ Cooperation is established with district development bodies and community decision-making bodies in each district
- ▲ Cooperation is established with district and provincial government, and direct support to improve their facilities and capacity has already been provided
- ▲ Over 200 small development activities have been completed by communities
- ▲ Most activities are in drinking water, land protection, transport/rural access, and irrigation
- ▲ These activities benefit over 30,000 people in 65 communities across five districts
- ▲ Many of these communities are in the most isolated and neglected areas of Uruzgan.

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