

Support for Local Governance in Uruzgan (SLGU)

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The Challenge

The Afghan province Uruzgan is at a crucial stage of its development. Key to this development is the capacity of the government on provincial, district and local levels, enabling it to serve the province's development, provide adequate public services according to the needs of the population and thus enhance trust between the government and the population. Currently, all levels of government are chronically understaffed, existing staff have very low capacity, and the trust of the population is low. While some improvements have been achieved over the five years GIZ IS has worked in Uruzgan, governance in the province remains inadequate and the province itself remains volatile – sustainable development is an everyday challenge.

Objective

The overall goal of the project is to improve the capacity and credibility of provincial, district and local governments to deliver basic services to the citizens of Uruzgan.

Our Approach

Within the project, GIZ particularly pursues the following three aims: (1) Enabling the Provincial Government to manage a range of projects within the Provincial Development Plan (PDP). (2) Supporting the Provincial Government to develop a functional system for the key common functions of design, procurement, coordination and monitoring. (3) Creating a new generation of civil servants competent in their roles and motivated to remain in government.

Our Services

The provision of capacity building to Uruzgan local government is based on four pillars:

- ▲ **Local Methods and Tools:** Tailor capacity development methods and tools to the unique circumstances and needs of Uruzgan.
- ▲ **Local People:** Pursue sustainable outcomes by focusing mainly on the development of locally recruited civil servants, building capacities for peace and community-led development alongside technical skills.
- ▲ **Specialist Capacity Developers:** Develop capacity for trainers by supporting specialisation in capacity building for the marginalised and conflict-affected province.
- ▲ **Inclusive approach:** Demonstrate the benefits of involving civil society, the private sector and other relevant stakeholders in governance of service delivery.

Results

- ▲ Training and coaching in development management provided to 42 public servants from 12 government bodies. This was provided by SLGU's strategic partner – an Afghan training provider that can ensure local methods and tools are used.
- ▲ A system of key common functions is agreed among all major departments and relevant stakeholders such as the Civil Service Commission. An integrated plan is in place detailing each stakeholder's contribution to the introduction of the system.
- ▲ An internship programme to prepare and motivate 50 young people for public service is underway. The interns are recent high school graduates from different parts of Uruzgan.

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