

Third Annual Reports: Web Updates

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The Resilient Governance Initiative (RGI) is currently more than mid way through its implementation. It has been developed and implemented through DFID funding aimed at enhancing governance and transparency across the globe. This initiative is established as a result of looking into the DFID “Capability, Accountability and Responsiveness (CAR) framework” from Afghanistan’s perspective. The aim of the initiative is to enhance the local governance processes and build confidence in formal governance mechanisms in Afghanistan. The methodology is to target formal and traditional governance mechanisms on sub national level through training, awareness raising sessions, and implementation action learning projects. The desired outcome is the development of credible governance institutions that can facilitate effective, equitable and sustainable growth and poverty education in rural areas.

Key indicators used to trace the impact of this intervention are:

- a) Improved quality and quantity of inter-institutional partnerships
- b) Satisfaction with different aspects of the sub-national planning process at the state-civil society interface
- c) The presence of rights-based projects in sub-national development plans and the quality and level of participation in developing these plans

After a pilot phase of RGI in Laghman province, the project was implemented in the province of Kapisa situated to the north-east of Kabul. Another two provinces will be the focus of the next phases. Implementation in the Province of Baghlan which is located on the Northern foot of Hindu Kush Mountains has recently started. The main target audience of RGI are provincial government level departments, community development councils (informal governance structure on village level), civil society bodies and the private sector. The Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development is the principal stakeholder and it is expected that the lessons learned from RGI will be streamlined into policy development processes in the Ministry.

For further information on this programme, please visit

<http://www.cranfield.ac.uk/cds/resiliencecentre/governance.html>