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### Better Coordination of Governmental Bodies and Civil Society Organisations

**Feyzabad, Badakhshan, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018** – This week, Badakhshan’s Department of Justice (DoJ), civil society organisations (CSOs) and the Department of Women’s Affairs (DoWA) held a biannual coordination meeting. About 55 attendants, including Badakhshan’s deputy governor as well as representatives from 20 CSOs discussed how to improve cooperation. The Afghan-German Cooperation’s programme for strengthening the rule of law in Afghanistan (RoL) supported the event.

„We decided that Badakhshan’s DoJ will monitor all activities of registered civil society organisations and support them to better implement these. We will create a reporting format that applies to everyone to properly report to the DoJ in a timely manner”, Badakhshan’s head of the civil society forum, Mr Saifuddin Sais, said.

During the meeting, participants discussed barriers hindering efficient cooperation between CSOs and governmental bodies. CSOs need to report all operations to the DoJ to avoid repeating activities. Also, approaches among CSOs shall be consistent when it comes to promoting women’s rights and other topics. All parties agreed to coordinate their activities better to prevent future problems. Thus, the effectiveness of various awareness programmes, advocacy campaigns and many more shall be increased.

“We decided to organise similar events in the future to give organisations time to talk about their activities, achievements and challenges”, Mr Saifuddin Sais adds.

*The programme Promotion of the Rule of Law in Afghanistan (RoL) is implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The programme aims at ensuring the rule of law, a well-functioning judicial system and legal security in Afghanistan. To ensure legal security for all citizens, RoL has been supporting so-called Huquq bureaus that handled more than 77,000 civil cases since 2013. In the same time, to support higher legal education, RoL provided more than 30,000 books to law and sharia faculties, organised more than 150 courses on legal topics for students and lecturers and awarded more than 60 students with scholarships. RoL further trained almost 13,000 police staff to carry out duties according to law. The programme also emphasises promoting women’s rights and strengthening their access to justice as well as the job market.*

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