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### Tracking National Development Projects – Afghan Ministry of Economy Launches Monitoring & Reporting Database in all Afghan Provinces

**Fayzabad, Badakhshan, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019** – This week, the Ministry of Economy's (MoEc) Deputy Minister for Policy and Technical Affairs, Mr Mohammad Ismail Rahimi, introduced the Provincial Monitoring and Reporting System database (PMRS) to government officials from Badakhshan, Takhar and Kunduz Provinces. They learned how to use the database that tracks national development projects in Afghanistan and monitors their progress. This shall facilitate project implementation while increasing transparency and accountability at the same time. PMRS has now been introduced to all 34 Afghan provinces. The Afghan-German Cooperation supported the database's development.

Mr Rahimi emphasised, 'PMRS has now been introduced in all Afghan provinces and it is functioning online. By one click, you can see up-to-date progress information. Provincial governors will now be aware about their respective province's socioeconomic development.'

The MoEc is responsible for tracking and monitoring national development projects concerning progress and results. In the past, the MoEc used a paper-based system that caused a lot of administrative paperwork and produced inaccurate data. National development projects' budget, progress and status were often not clear.

To tackle these challenges and replace the old reporting system, the MoEc has developed PMRS. Government officials on central and provincial level can use this new, user-friendly system for decision-making and policy development. Among others, it contains data on project budgets and their allocation as well as their implementation progress and location promoting transparency as well as accountability. It is available online and open for all institutions and budget entities.

Badakhshan's deputy and acting provincial governor, Mr Akhtar Mohammad Khairzadah, commented, 'We will enthusiastically follow and run this system. We were waiting for such a system for years. It enables us to inform ourselves about the socioeconomically development progress of projects in Badakhshan.' He further added, 'Justice and equality will be considered in project implementation with the help of this system.'

In a series of introductory events, the MoEc has introduced PMRS to government officials from all 34 Afghan provinces. These focal points now have to make sure that the database is constantly fed with accurate and up-to-date data. The reward will be a clear picture of Afghan national development projects and their progress.

*The programme Monitoring Evaluation and Communication in Afghanistan (MEC) is implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH on behalf of the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The programme aims at supporting the Afghan government in strengthening its monitoring and evaluation capacities. To achieve this objective, MEC assists the Afghan Ministry of Economy (MoEc) in implementing monitoring and reporting systems on central and provincial level. It further offers evaluation courses for the ministry's staff and supports the MoEc in conducting impact evaluations on national development projects to measure results, effectiveness and sustainability. This also increases these projects' transparency and accountability,*