The impact and achievements of ministry of rural rehabilitation and development (MRRD) from the year 2002 till 2016 in rural poverty alleviation and rural development of Afghanistan

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Abstract

MRRD played pivotal role in construction and rehabilitation of Afghanistan in the past 15 years. After falling the Taliban regime and forming the new government in year 2002 by the help of international community, MRRD was reborn with its new mandate, policies and strategies to promote poverty reduction and social protection in rural areas of Afghanistan to upgrade the life quality and good governance in Afghanistan. Since 2002, MRRD acquired higher proportion of donors fund through establishing of development programs to enhance the life quality of Afghan rural people. Based on latest report, during the past 15 years MRRD has spent around $ 3.5 billion in various development projects mainly to those projects that were prioritized by rural dwellers, such as: protection walls, hydro power, bridges, culverts, community centers, tertiary roads, schools, clinics and etc. At total, approximately around 97000 development projects were being completed by MRRD in past 15 years which comparatively is great achievement with consideration the fragment security and unstable political situation. The MRRD projects design to have at most effected on poverty alleviation in rural areas of the country, and estimated that over 15 million people directly benefit from these projects.

The financial source of MRRD are comprises of many donors. The biggest fund providers are World Bank, United Nation Development Program (UNDP), Asian development bank, European union, JSDF(Japan Govt), CIDA, Danida and several other donors.

MRRD spent the highest proportion of non-military budget in Afghanistan in which allocated 350 million dollar for its year 2015 budget whereas successfully utilized 90 % of its budget.

The reason behind selecting of this topic for outlined paper; is my 9 years working experience with this ministry and direct relation of good performance of this ministry with livelihood and grass root socio-economic development of my country. Moreover I have done my post graduate diploma in the field of Sustainable Rural Development.