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Municipal Officials Talk, Learn & Do



When municipal officials from across northern Afghanistan gathered in Mazar-e-Sharif to discuss their work, it was more than just another talking shop.

They were talking about the specifics of being a people-oriented service, namely delivery and responsiveness.

The workshop, organized by USAID's Regional Afghan Municipalities Program for Urban Populations (RAMP UP North), stressed six key concepts of project management, including planning, execution and follow-up.

"Most training workshops are like writing on ice and placing it in the sun," said Mohammad Farid, a senior official from Pul-e-Khumri city.

Not this one, he added.

The workshop is part of RAMP UP North's support for effective, responsive, democratic, transparent and accountable municipal governance in Afghanistan.

The program embeds advisors in each municipality to help follow through on key projects.

The workshop was attended by at least 65 officials from nine municipalities - Aybak, Kunduz, Maymana, Mazar-e-Sharif, Pul-e-Khumri, Sheberghan, Andkhoy, Aqcha and Khulm.

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