



# Small Grants Program

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## Small Grants Program extends its activities in the provinces!

*In May, the Small Grants Program extended its activities to the provinces of Afghanistan. Parwan and Wardak were the first ones to conduct electoral-awareness events emphasizing the candidate nomination period.*



### Central Region

**Parwan:** A very motivated Parwan team organized 3 province-wide events inviting tribal leaders, mullahs and women from all 10 districts of Parwan to 3 separate events. These events for sure participated in the significant rise in the number of candidates registering in Parwan at the end of the CN period. The Women Gathering was conducted by the Women Affairs local department: more than 250 women, coming from all Parwan



districts, participated in the event. Two days later, about 300 tribal leaders were briefed on the 2005 elections, particularly on the Candidate Nomination Period, and proposed to use the Friday prayer as a means of dissemination.





**Wardak:** Four projects have been approved so far for Wardak province, two of them for Kuchis and the other ones targeting rural women.



**Kabul:** 34 projects approved so far in Kabul: These have taken place in different districts of Kabul city and one has been implemented in Shakar Darah district, a rural area North of Kabul province, where women held their first gathering in 23 years thanks to the SGP! Almost 25 000 persons so far have been directly reached during these events.

## North

*Eight projects approved so far. One for Balkh, two for Jawzjan, three for Samangan and two for Sar-e-Pul provinces.*



**Sar -e- Pul:** Pictures of a football tournament conducted in Sar-e-Pul city. About 500 youth were participating in this event. During the tournament, the participants were briefed on the 2005 elections and their importance in the rebuilding of Afghanistan.

**Samangan:** 3 projects have been approved so far in Samangan: a football tournament, a theatre show and a women poetry event have been conducted in Aybak city. More than 1860 men and women participated in these events and were briefed on the 2005 elections.



**Central Highland:** Five projects are granted to Central Highland. Two projects for Daikundi and three for Panjaw.

**South:** Five projects are approved so far for the Southern region. Two projects for Helmand, two projects for Kandahar and three projects for Nimroz province.

**Southeast:** Two projects are approved so far in Khost province and many applications are awaited from Paktika.

**West:** Eight projects approved so far, including four for Herat, one for Badghis and three for Farah province.

**Northeast:** Three projects have been implemented so far in Baghlan province.

**East:** SGP HQ team has processed 1 application from Jalalabad, where the recent security problems have delayed the submission of applications.