

## Report of the Regional CCM: April 15, 2013



Regional CCM Meeting in Kabul

Justice & Governance in Eastern Afghanistan (JGEA)  
(Logar, Khost, Paktia)

## Meeting Report

### Fifth Regional Commission on Conflict Mediation

#### Meeting attendees

Members of Provincial CCMs:

- Hajji Mohd. Rasool Tanai (Khost)
- Hajji Shah Khan(Khost)
- Hajji Nawab Khan(Khost)
- Murad Khan Mangal(Khost)
- Maulavi Burjan (Khost)
- Mohd. Laiq Mangal (Paktia)
- Maulavi Mohd. Hanif (Paktia)
- Malik Mata Khan (Paktia)
- Abdul Malik(Paktia)
- Hajji Sangeen(Paktia)
- Hajji Azimullah (Paktia)
- Abdullah Mujahid (Paktia)
- Pacha Zareen Khail (Logar)
- Hajji Mohd. Dawud Milma (Logar)
- Mohammad Riza Jawadi (Logar)
- Hajji Mohd. Qaseem (Logar)
- Hajji Sayed Aniatullah (Logar)
- Dr.Mohammad Deen (Logar)
- Hajji Abdul Rahman (Logar)

**Date:** April 15, 2014

**Time:** 9:00am-12:30pm

**Facilitator:** Dawud Shah Neiazee (Kabul Liaison Officer)

#### Overview

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The 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the RCCM was held on Tuesday April 15, 2014 at the JGEA Support Centre Kabul. 19 members from provincial CCMs, 3 provincial Liaison Officers and Mr. Laiq Shah Kamavi Program Management Specialist (USAID Rule of Law Team) attended the meeting. The meeting began with few verses of Holy Quran. The project's Kabul based liaison officer then welcomed the participants and shed light on the agenda of the meeting. The RCCM meeting started at 9:00am and finished at 12:30pm in the afternoon. This was a followed up meeting on the same topics (listed below) to make sure that there is some progress by the provincial CCMs and also make some further decisions over these sensitive and long standing resource based conflicts in the target provinces.

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#### Topics selected for RCCM

##### **Logar CCM:**

###### *Inter-tribal conflict*

- Conflict over Gargaw *dasht* (desert) between Neiazee and Tajik tribes and locals residents in Mohammad Agha district of Logar Province (20 years old).

##### **Paktia & Khost CCMs:**

###### *Inter-tribal conflict*

- A long standing conflict between (Hakamzai and Hassanzai tribes) over rainfed land and forest in Chamkani district of Paktia province (70 years old)

The RCCM also jointly worked on draft guidelines addressing the following topics:

- **Walwar** (Bride Price)
- **Bad** (girls given into marriage for compensation for a crime: the girls get married to members of the family of the victim to, in theory, end and prevent future enmity between the families)
- The practice of **badal** (exchange of girls between two families)
- Marriage promise of an unborn girl to an unborn boy, or engagement during childhood
- **Mahr** (Dower) right of women
- **Meeras** (inheritance) inheritance rights to women. Efforts of correction of these perceptions lead to the arguments that stagger between religion, culture, and the relationship of the two.

#### Suggestion of the RCCM members

##### Logar CCM topics and decision of RCCM

- *Conflict over Gargaw dasht (desert) between Neiazee and Tajik tribes in Mohammad Agha district (20 years old)*

After going through the opinion of every member, the RCCM made the decision that for the time being the focus should be on how to maintain and enforce ceasefire between the two conflict parties, in order to avoid violence. Because this is a truly major conflict, resolution in the near future is not possible without government involvement (particularly not possible before the new president). The RCCM also decided that the land is under government master plan for a township, and that the issue should be communicated with the Logar municipality first, in order to get further information to understand that why the two parties are claiming ownership of the land.

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#### Paktia & Khost CCM topics and RCCM decisions

- A long standing conflict between (Hakamzai and Hassanzai tribes) over rainfed land and forest in Chamkani district of Paktia province (70 years old)

After going through the opinion of every CCM member; The RCCM members reached to a conclusion that the conflict remained unresolved or partially resolved due to both tribes being in hot blood and due to elections and *waak* has been handed over already to the CCM so they decided that it should be resolved as soon as possible.

A Six months ceasefire was successfully negotiated and about 200,000 USD (two hundred thousand US dollars) have been taken from both tribes as *Baramta* (guarantee money) by the Paktia CCM.

A commission composed of 18 members from different sections of the population such as Paktia and Khost CCM members, *Ulamas* (religious scholars) and other influential traditional elders has been assigned for the resolution of the long standing conflict.

Three out of 18 members are supposed to monitor and observe the resolution process and six members have the authority to make decision and the rest of the members have to approve and sign the decision. The conflict will hopefully be resolved in the near future.

#### Khost, Paktia and Logar CCM joint topic and RCCM decision

After having discussed the topics from all aspects, the RCCM members concluded that all those *negative* customs should be eliminated gradually as well as they discussed all the damages that people are suffering and facing due to negative customs and finally concluded that the following points should be considered in the implementation of these guidelines in the future;

- I. The role of the *Ulamas* (religious scholars) is important in eliminating such customs and they should preach in public in this regard
- II. In provincial districts, these topics should be discussed with tribal elders, different government institutions, youth, civil society members, *Ulamas* and with human rights activists and then representatives of all categories should get together on the provincial level and select a specific stand and spread it through media.
- III. A Jirga should be held between all three provinces and these issues/topics should be spread with one voice through the media to all the three provinces
- IV. Workshops and seminars should be arranged in order to eliminate these customs and clarify/enlighten the damage they do as well as to encourage people to help in public outreach.

#### Absent from meeting

All constituent groups were again asked and insisted to identify alternates to serve in the absence of a representative in the upcoming RCCM meeting.