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Kabul Municipality Develops an Online Interactive Map of Donor Projects in Kabul



An example of the projects listed on the Kabul Municipality website is shown above.

For almost 10 years, international donors lacked a mechanism for the coordination of municipal and donor projects in Kabul. In early 2011 the USAID-funded Kabul City Initiative (KCI) launched the Mayor's Donor Coordination meeting, a bi-weekly assembly chaired by the Mayor of Kabul and attended by all international donors. Most recently, KCI and the Kabul Municipality (KM) established an interactive map of all donor projects on the Municipality's website.

During KCI's first year, the project and the KM developed the city's web site, <http://km.gov.af/en>. This comprehensive site provides detailed information on the city, the Municipality, and on KM's posted tenders. In the past year, KCI has developed the capacity of the Municipality's Urban Planning Department to design a capital improvement plan, utilize GIS (geographic information system) and produce municipal maps on land use.

Using GIS and Google mapping technology, KM and KCI have mapped each donor project including those funded by USAID, the World Bank, the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the United Nations (UN) and others. Each project on the website, <http://km.gov.af/en/page/4513> lists the implementing agency, type of project, size of project, and the anticipated budget.

Under the Mayor's leadership, Kabul is unique in providing a regular forum for donors to review the status of their initiatives, raise concerns and present their proposals for future development. This not only avoids duplication of projects, but also enables donors to join forces when necessary to tackle some of Kabul's most serious needs, and increases the transparency of donor and Municipal projects.

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