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# Kabul Municipality Employees To Attend the Project Management Institute

KM Employees Will Travel to Turkey to Develop Project Management Skills



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*Participants receive computer and English training at the Kabul Municipality.*

USAID's Kabul City Initiative (KCI), in conjunction with the Kabul Municipality (KM) Project Management Working Group (PMWG), has initiated a series of trainings to build the capacity of KM employees in project management. The activities will culminate with two groups of 30 KM employees traveling to Turkey to attend the internationally recognized Project Management Institute.

With copyright permission from the Project Management Institute (PMI), KCI translated the *Fundamentals of Project Management* into Dari. English and Dari copies of the book have been distributed to Kabul Municipality managers and engineers to serve as a desk manual for project management.

The Project Management Working Group solicited a proposal from the PMI chapter in Turkey to provide training for 60 Kabul Municipality employees and to sponsor Kabul Municipality in the establishment of the first PMI chapter in Afghanistan. The PMI is a worldwide organization that provides certification in project management skills for individual professionals and organizations. The first group of participants will travel to Turkey in June for the training.

To help prepare KM participants for the PMI training, KCI provided the 60 participants with a two-week preparatory English and computer skills training course. KCI conducted a pre-test to develop a curriculum for the two-week preparatory course based on staff training needs. The preparatory training took place in May. Mr. Abdul Ghafar Rasool, Project Manager from the department of Street Maintenance remarked that, "This preparatory course is helping me to enhance my computer skills and English language abilities so that I will be able to follow and document the PMI lectures."

Once all 60 employees of Kabul Municipality complete the training provided by PMI, Kabul Municipality will be able to open the first chapter of the Project Management Institute in Afghanistan (a first for Afghanistan), and be recognized as a municipal government leader in Project Management. This will help to build not only the capacity of KM employees but the overall capacity of the local government to manage large-scale infrastructure projects in Afghanistan.

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