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### Kabul Municipality Inaugurates Four World Class Parks



*Kabul Municipality and Kabul City Initiative (KCI) Inaugurated four world class public parks between November 2012 and January 2013. All four parks are equipped with colorful playground equipment as pictured above.*

Crowds of excited children rushed in to use the four recently inaugurated parks built through a partnership between the Kabul Municipality and the USAID-funded Kabul City Initiative (KCI). Each park features playgrounds with brightly colored slides, swings and other equipment that drew animated chatter from the children and adulation from community members attending the opening ceremonies.

KCI and the Kabul Municipality carefully planned the neighborhood parks, targeting locations that are particularly accessible for women and families. These parks provide much needed green space as well as play areas for young children. The world class playground equipment, constructed of recycled plastic, includes slides, swings, spinners, monkey bars and other equipment never before seen in Afghanistan.

The KM's Greenery Department staff received on the job training on the installation of the playground equipment, landscaping techniques, and on maintenance of the playgrounds and other facilities in the parks. It is anticipated that as a result of this training, Kabul Municipality (KM) will be able to further improve the landscaping of dozens of parks located throughout Kabul.

KCI and KM are rehabilitating or constructing ten neighborhood parks with sports courts, irrigation systems, security fencing, gazebos, bathrooms, lighting, guard/concession buildings and playground equipment. The four parks recently inaugurated are Shirino Park in District 2, Shahrara Park in District 4, Said ul Naseri in District 11 and Arzan Qemat Block 4 Park in District 12. Six additional parks will be inaugurated in 2013.

The USAID-funded Kabul City Initiative (KCI) works with KM to help build public support through the more effective delivery of city services.

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