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RAMP UP-North supports budget preparation

The Khash Municipality will become self-sufficient in drafting and submitting the annual budget in the future.



A RAMP UP North Embedded Advisor, with support from Faizabad Municipal Officials, provides technical assistance to Khash District Municipality Mayor and Finance Officer in Faizabad on December 18, 2012.

“I and my team faced an unusual change while we were preparing and adjusting our annual budget in the Khash District Municipality. I was not able to organize and lead the budget preparation professionally. But now we are getting useful and practical support for the first time from the Faizabad Municipality and RAMP UP North,” said Mohammad Qurban, Khash District Mayor, Faizabad Province.

Faizabad Municipal Officials and USAID-funded RAMP UP North Embedded Advisors provided the Khash District Mayor and his team technical assistance and practical on-the-job training on how to organize and model the budget. As a result of this joint backing, Khash Officials drafted the municipality’s 1391 annual budget and submitted it for the approval to the Independent Directorate for Local Governance (IDLG) on November 17, 2012.

“First, we tried to consider the points in our draft that had been rejected by IDLG more than once. We lost hope to conduct such process in the district office,” said the Mayor. He added that when IDLG observed that budget still did not meet the requirements, they requested RAMP UP North support for the district. RAMP UP North responded to this request by providing strategic support to the Khash Municipal Office including assistance from the Faizabad Municipality, through daily on-the-job training to strengthen municipal capacity.

The draft was signed by the Government Administration Committee (GAC) in Faizabad on December 18, 2012 and it will be circulated through relevant governmental offices soon.

RAMP UP NORTH is committed to enabling and supporting sustained economic growth across the nine Northern provincial municipalities where it operates. As a result of this support and capacity building, the Faizabad Provincial Municipality was able to assist RAMP UP North in passing this knowledge and support on to the Khash District Municipality. This sort of capacity building and coordination will help to provide better service delivery in the area.

“The Khash District Municipality has made significant improvements to their budget preparation process through the technical support from the Faziabad Municipality and from RAMP UP North. It has helped us to become self-sufficient in drafting and submitting our annual budget in the future,” said Mohamad Aslam, Khash District Municipality Administrative Manager.