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Afghan citizens learnt to fight against corruption

Civic awareness raising sessions on anti-corruption result in good outcome.



Civic awareness raising session conducted in Bamsaray village center of Bamyan province.

With financial support USAID/CPI, SO conducted civic awareness sessions under the Government monitoring project and empowered community to fight against corruption.

Civic awareness on anti-corruption initiatives helped Bamyan people to stand up against corrupt officials and resulted in dismissal and arrest of a local police officer.

With support of USAID's Afghan Civic Education Program, Su-huada Organization (SO) implements a project to promote government accountability and transparency to eliminate corruption in Bamyan, Ghor and Daikundi provinces. Between July and November 2015, SO provided 60 civic awareness raising sessions to 1,484 people included (671 males and 813 females) on anti-corruption, adverse damages of corruption and social responsibility of citizens in fighting against this phenomenon in Bamyan, Ghor and Daikundi provinces.

Rafiq (pseudo name) one of the participants of civic awareness sessions of this program, planned to build a house on his property in Bamyan province, but was stopped by a local police officer and forced to demolish what he had already built [partly built house].

Rafiq discussed his problem with several local government officials, however did not get a positive response. Finally, he decided to refer to Advocacy Committee and put forward his petition. The Advocacy Committee met the provincial governor and presented Rafiq's property ownership documents. As a result, provincial government called an emergency meeting with head of the Police Department and assigned an officer to follow up on the issue and immediately report on the progress. Reports show that the head of Provincial Police Department fired the above mentioned police officer and referred him to Provincial Attorney's Office for further investigation.

Rafiq is very happy and continues building his house. He expressed his appreciation and gratitude to Advocacy Committee/CPI for making him aware of his legal rights and helping him learn anti-corruption issues and ways to stand up against corrupt government officials. "I applied the methods and techniques I learned during civic awareness session to fight against corruption and secured my rights." said Rafiq.