



### MISFA Extends its Support to AMA

In line with its commitment to support AMA and the development finance sector of Afghanistan, MISFA extended its financial support to AMA through provision of grants for the year 2017. The grant agreement was signed in MISFA's office on February 28, 2017.

Through this agreement, MISFA provides grant to AMA for its core activities and operations under its four functions during the year 2017.

Mr. Bahram Barzin the Managing Director of MISFA during his speech appreciated AMA's performance and achievements and committed MISFA's long term support to AMA.

MISFA, being one of the founding members of AMA, has been providing technical and financial support to AMA since its inception in 2005. Mr. Najibullah Samim the Executive Director of AMA thanked MISFA for its generous support to AMA for the past few years and further said that AMA is looking forward for future supports of MISFA.



### Awareness Workshop on Kabul Green Homes Project and Access to Green Loans

Under the umbrella of Kabul Green Homes Project, all three implementing partners (GERES, RMO and AMA) in collaboration with Kabul Municipality organized a district level workshop in district 13 of Kabul municipality on April 02, 2017.

Participated by more than 250 participants, the workshop aimed to aware the district municipality staff, community elders, member of councils, craftsmen and residents of district 13 about Switch Asia Project and provision of loans to project beneficiaries.

The terms, conditions and loan process were presented in detail to the participants. The participants, especially local councils expressed their interest in the project, which will be followed up by AMA in coordination with MFIs branches.

GERES and AMA requested the participants to disseminate the message widely and introduce the people who are in need to take loan.



### **Meeting with the Governors of Jawzjan and Badakhshan Provinces**

To proceed with the top down approach of raising awareness of the local government authorities and attract their support, two separate meetings were organized with the Governors of Badakhshan and Jawzjan provinces.

The first meeting was held with Mr. Lutfullah Azizi the Governor of Jawzjan on February 15, 2017. Representatives of the MFIs accompanied AMA's North Regional Coordinator in this meeting. The sector representatives briefed the Governor on Development Finance Sector operations, its challenges and issues, and requested him for extension of his support, particularly in resolving issues with Justice, Attorney, and Court. Appreciating the work done by AMA and its members, Mr. Azizi promised his full support.

The second meeting was held with Mr. Ahmad Faisal Begzad the Governor of Badakhshan on March 06, 2017. After briefing Mr. Begzad on the sector activities and achievement, the sector representatives briefed the Governor on the challenges and issues they face in Badakhshan province and requested him for extension of his support through issuing a supporting letter addressing to all concerned government departments in Badakhshan.

Mr. Begzad promised his full support and appointed his Sectorial Director as the focal point for MFIs for any future support they need. Later on, he issued an official letter of support which will be very helpful for MFIs in getting the required support from the government line departments.

### **Member Feedback Survey**

Following the first survey in 2014, AMA conducted the second Member's Feedback Survey in April 2017 to receive its members':

- feedback on AMA services to its members during 2015-2016, and
- input and suggestions for improving AMA services as well as future activities and initiatives.

All 11 AMA members participated in the survey and responded with interest and enthusiasm. The survey outcome indicates:

- 82% of the members overall experience with AMA has been highly satisfactory.
- 73% of the members opine that almost all AMA current services are valuable for their organizations.
- 91% of the members said that the information they receive about AMA activities is enough/about right.
- Attention to microfinance sector regulation, coordination and networking between MFIs and CSPIs, maintaining transparency and neutrality are the areas/services that need further improvements and focus.

Building on the second survey, AMA will conduct such surveys every year to get its members' feedback, ensuring that services are demand driven and of the quality, that meets members' expectations. AMA encourages constructive feedback from its members and stakeholders to improve its services further.

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