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Regional Justice Sector Support Program Training and Mentoring

In Balkh, the team presented evidence collection kits to police officials in Balkh and Chemtal Districts. In Chemtal District, JSSP trainees instructed the receiving officials on the use of the kits, under the supervision of their JSSP mentor.



JSSP interpreter Jawed Najafizada (left) looks on as JSSP students Saleh Mohammad and Namatulla instruct Chemtal District narcotics officer Agha Gul in the use of an evidence collection kit.

AGO Anti-Corruption Training Strategy

JSSP met with officials in the nascent anti-corruption unit of the AGO, including Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Aloko and his deputy, Mr. Hafisz to assess the needs of anti-corruption prosecutors in the office and assist in developing an overall anti-corruption strategy. In coordination with the AGO, JSSP created a draft AGO anti-corruption training strategy, in addition to a curriculum to be used for specialized anti-corruption training.



Dr. Sabit, several prosecutors, and JSSP AGO senior anti-corruption advisor Michael Mota (right) discuss specifics of an anti-corruption prosecution.

Rome Conference

JSSP discussed with Attorney General Dr. Sabit the \$10 million U.S. donor funding pledge for the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF) to be used towards salary supplementation, institutional projects, and for provincial justice coordination.

Support for the Ministry of Justice

At the request of Minister Danish, JSSP represented the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) at the US-Afghanistan Strategic Partnership meeting on governance. Chaired by Mr. Shahrani, Deputy Minister of Finance and Ms. Sara Robsenberry, Counselor for Political Affairs of the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, the meeting reviewed the Ministry of Justice's initiatives on sub-national planning, anti-corruption, capacity building, public outreach to strengthen civil society, and the development of democratic institutions and human rights. Additional issues discussed included the translation and ratification of the United Nations Convention for Anti-Corruption (UNCAC), review of the laws in light of the expected ratification of the UNCAC, finalization of the Rules of Procedure of the Board for Senior Appointments and responses to the adopted media law.