



Afghanistan Justice Sector Support Program Update September 2007

U.S. DOS/INL's JSSP program seeks to increase the capacity of the Afghan Government and Afghan legal practitioners to deliver fair and transparent criminal justice and rule of law services to the people of Afghanistan. To that end, JSSP advisors work with the Attorney General's Office and the Ministry of Justice on a wide range of initiatives. In addition, JSSP conducts police/prosecutor training in four provinces and works to promote Afghans' access to justice services by implementing provincial justice conferences, training and mentoring of defense lawyers, and working on a range of other projects.

JSSP-R Program Screens candidates for Year 2 Police Prosecution Training program in Balkh, Herat and Nangarhar



Prospective students complete literacy evaluation in the Balkh Regional Training Center classroom.

In preparation for the Year 2 Police Prosecution training program, the Balkh, Herat and Nangarhar Provincial Justice teams conducted literacy tests and interviewed police and prosecutor candidates. The next program—currently scheduled to begin Oct. 20—will include new presentations on Juvenile Law and the role of the Defense Attorney.

JSSP Initiates AGO Anti-Corruption Training

In September, JSSP initiated an anti-corruption training course targeting 120 new prosecutors currently in AGO stage training. The weekly training—based on a JSSP-developed anti-corruption training curriculum—is part of the AGO's Stage Course, a 9-month post-graduate training program for newly hired prosecutors. The anti-corruption training course integrates guidance and materials from JSSP advisors, the U.S. Dept. of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

JSSP Helps Coordinate Drafting of Justice Sector Consolidated Strategy

JSSP hosted multiple meetings and drafting sessions at which advisors to the justice institutions worked to edit and finalize a draft Justice Sector Consolidated Strategy. Pursuant to the interim Afghanistan National Development Strategy (ANDS) and related to follow up efforts to the July 2007 Conference on the Rule of Law in Afghanistan, the Justice Sector Consolidated Strategy seeks to unify the strategies of the Attorney General's Office, the Ministry of Justice and the Supreme Court as well as incorporate aspects of the justice system outside those three institutions. JSSP helped translate the completed draft, which was then presented to the ANDS office, Afghan justice institutions, and the international community for discussion.



Senior Anti-corruption Advisor Mike Mota instructing an AGO anti-corruption course as part of the AGO's Stage Program.