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## Internship program

The Internship program for 12 students of law and Political Sciences, Economics and Social Sciences faculties has been started by sitting up a partnership between Asia Foundation, ACSOR and NCPR on 27 October 2007. The program is funded by Asia Foundation and is pursuant to scientific research methodology courses held by NCPR.

## Journal of research (Sarana)

The leadership of Kabul University in the recent days have been paid a serious attention to a very important question. It is the revival of the Sarana (Research Journal). Therefore, the three research centers in Kabul University (NCPR, KURC and CPHD) all in a very intimate, good understanding manner and unity set together and decided that the Sarana (Research Journal) should start its publication again. These three research centers, however, decided to publish the results of their researches, projects report, workshops, seminars, conferences, educational programs and other academic activities quarterly. These three research centers in a number of meetings took this issue into consideration and made necessary decisions.

## Training project in Research Methodology

The NCPR has recently agreed with NATO to launch a training project in research methodology, project management and working skills. It was decided that the project will start on 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2008 for 20 students from different universities of Afghan-

istan, and after 12 intensive training days it will end on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008. The overall project will be financed by NATO, and The NCPR will contribute through running the training and teaching affairs.

## Workshop on Project Management

There was a workshop on Project Management & Working Cycle of Project for the staff of NCPR dated 27<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> of October 2007 at the KAS Kabul office. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Babak Khalatbari, the Country Representative of Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Afghanistan and Dr. Fischer an expert in project management to enhance the capacity of NCPR's staff.

## The NCPR Research Projects

In the year 2007, the National Centre for Policy Research (NCPR) is conducting three research projects in the fields of Law and Political Sciences, Economics, and Social Sciences. The duration for completing of each project is six month, which started in 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2007, and considering one month break in Ramadan, it will be finished in 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2008:

### 1. The Causes of Political Instability and Possible Options for Its Improvement

This project is running by 3 lecturers and 6 students of the faculty of Law &

Political Sciences of Kabul University. The theoretical framework, data collection, and data entry phases have been completed. Presently, the project is at the stage of data analysis.

### 2. Causes of Poverty in Afghanistan and Possible Ways of Reducing It

This research is carrying out in cooperation with three experts Lecturers & five students of Economic Faculty of Kabul University, who have been trained in research methodology by NCPR. On the basis of prepared schedule, the project has already passed, its three stages such as preparing and writing of theoretical framework, designing of the questionnaire, conducting of field research and data entry. At present the project is laying in its fourth stage of data analysis via SPSS program, which will take one month, and later on the research report will be written.

### 3. Crisis of Trust in Afghanistan and How to Solve It

The question of "What are the major causes of crisis of trust in Afghanistan?" consists the original question of this project. Three instructors and six students from the department of Sociology and Philosophy of the Faculty of Social Sciences carry out the affairs of this project. This research project has three basic focuses as follows:

1. Relations between state & people
2. Tradition and modernization
3. Relations between nationalities and tribes