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## Press Release

### **10 villages of Pashtun Kohat District in Faryab Province have been provided with 25 Water Points**

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After 14 months of implementation with the help of 1323 daily workers 16 kilometres of pipes have been laid and which provide 10 villages of Pashtun Kohat in the areas of Induiak, Bedakalanasar, and Galmuria with 25 water points. A total of 8400 persons are provided with safe drinking water as a result of this project implemented by INTERSOS and funded by the European Commission.

*"Access to safe drinking water is a basic precondition for a dignified human life. It is also an essential for economic and social development. The European Commission is satisfied that it helps more than 8000 persons in Faryab province to gain access to safe water."* Said Dr. Hansjörg Kretschmer, the Head of the Delegation of the European Commission in Afghanistan

This project started in August 2005 and had the following main objectives:

- Provide safe drinking water to the communities of Induiak, Bedakalanasar, and Galmuria as well the rural areas of Pashtun Kohat district;
- Provide the communities with training on health and hygiene practices;
- Increase the resources of both the community and the local RRD office in Maimana to manage and maintain existing and future water and sanitation infrastructure.

The pipeline scheme connects three natural springs in the mountains above Induiak, Bedakalanasar, and Galmuria with water tanks in the 3 main villages and from there with 25 water points in 10 villages. Additionally, communities of the three targeted areas received training in health and safety practices and 168 demonstrative latrines were built.

INTER S O S experts provided staff of the Ministry of Rehabilitation and Rural Development with information technology training, water analysis training as well as ongoing technical training on the job. Capacity building of the Ministry staff was matched by in-kind contribution from the European Community. Office equipment, computers, printers, scanners and, stabilizers, were provided for each department of the Ministry's regional office in Faryab province.

A complete water testing laboratory was established on Ministry premises. This laboratory was inaugurated by Mr Abdul Sattr Barez deputy governor of Faryab and Mr Amer Chopan Delegate of the provincial council.

The deputy governor of Faryab and the staff of INTERSOS thanked the communities of Pashtun Khot and the Ministry staff for their full participation in bringing this project to a successful conclusion and expressed their appreciation to the European Commission for its ongoing efforts to support rural water sanitation projects in the region of Faryab.

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