**Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan**

**Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority**

**Afghanistan National HFA Report**

**Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction**

**Geneva, Switzerland**

Honorable Chairperson; Her/ His excellencies; distinguish participants, on behalf of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, it is indeed a great pleasure for me to be here today with you all and share the Afghanistan National HFA report 2011 on brief.

I am sure, many of you are aware that Afghanistan is a disaster prone country and regularly hit by disasters such as earthquakes, floods, landslides, snow avalanches, droughts, insect infestations, etc. causing losses of lives, livelihoods and property. In recent decades, this has led to massive problems of food insecurity and population exodus from the worst-hit areas. In 2010 alone, 350 people were killed and more than 45,000 people were affected by natural disasters particularly due to floods, landslide and earthquake. Vulnerability to disaster risk has increased significantly as coping capacities have been eroded due to prolonged conflict and lack of capacity.

Despite of these challenges, the Government of Afghanistan with its limited resources both technical and financial and with the strong support from donors, UN agencies, I/NGOs were able to achieve following significant activities among others:

**HFA priority 1:**

**Achievements:**

* National DRR Platform launched on 28 February 2010;
* Sectoral Disaster Management Plan has been initiated by 5 key ministries (MRRD, MoPH, MoE, MoRD and MAIL) with the support from UNDP;
* National DRR Capacity Need Assessment conducted last year with the support from UNDP and planning for a comprehensive capacity and structural assessment of ANDMA within first half of 2011 with UNDP’s support;
* National level training organized on Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM), training manual and guidelines developed to implement large scale CBDRM activities in the country with the support from UNDP. Similarly, many I/NGOs have been implementing CBDRM activities in different disaster prone communities.

**In general the achievement level is 2.5**

**HFA Priority 2:**

**Achievements:**

* National level training on disaster risk assessment organized last year with the support from UNDP and 30 nationals were trained on disaster risk assessment;
* With the support from SAARC Disaster Management Centre, we organized regional workshop on Drought Risk Management;
* With the support from UNDP, all 34 Province Emergency Operations Centres were strengthened with communication devices.

**Achievement level is 2.**

**HFA priority 3:**

**Achievements:**

* UNISDR DRR Terminology has been translated in to Dari and Pashtu and widely circulated to many agencies at different levels with the support from UNDP;
* More than 1,200 government officials, faculty members of academic institutions and NGO representatives were trained last year alone on different DRR subjects with the support from UNDP;
* With the support from UNDP, UNEP and ICIMOD, Kabul University has established the Department of Environmental protection and Disaster Management and running undergraduate courses for last 3 years;
* School Safety programme has been implemented in few selected disaster prone schools in the country; and
* Several public awareness materials were developed and published and circulated.

**Achievement level: 3**

**HFA Priority 4:**

**Achievements:**

* DRR as a part of the rural development initiative, initiated by MRRD;
* MoPH has developed Health Sector Emergency Management Plan with the support from WHO;
* Guidelines for the transparent and effective use of the National Emergency Fund developed with the support from UNDP

**Achievement level: 2**

**HFA Priority 5:**

**Achievements:**

* ANDMA established its province offices in all 34 provinces and fully functional;
* Provision of the National Emergency Fund under the Chairmanship of Second Vice President;
* 28 Provinces developed Province Disaster Management Plan with the support from UNDP;
* UNDP assisted in reviewing National Disaster Management Plan 2010;
* Close linkages with SAARC Disaster Management Centre and Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO).

**Achievement level: 2.5**