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PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (PFM) ROADMAP
Yesterday at Ministry of Finance, HE Deputy Minister for Finance Mastoor chaired a meeting of senior officials responsible for implementing the PFM Roadmap. The invitees included Budget Department, Treasury Department, Revenue Department, Customs Department, Procurement Unit, Human Resource Department, and Internal Audit of the ministry of finance, as well as Ministries of Mines and Foreign Affairs, External Audit. Deputy Minister Mastoor said
“As we approach the first anniversary of the publication of the PFM Roadmap, I am pleased with the progress we are making. Each quarterly monitoring report shows an improvement. For example, the monitoring report of the last quarter has indicated a significant improvement over its previous quarter. But we must keep up the pressure to implement PFM reform, to ensure money is allocated and spent wisely to achieve development goals and so improve public services and infrastructure in Afghanistan.”
Today’s session focused on identifying and overcoming blockages to successful implementation of the Roadmap. Among the issues discussed were:

- How to ensure sustainable investment, especially as we prepare for Transition, to ensure ongoing running costs of development projects are reflected in medium term planning
- Increasing budget execution rates by improving efficiency of allotment and disbursement
- How to communicate better with Afghan public the importance of holding the government to account for money spent and results achieved
- Better coordination of capacity building support to ministries to achieve permanent increase in human capacity to achieve better results.

The outcome of the meeting will be followed up, and coordinated by the Ministry of Finance. The meeting came to a conclusion to consider necessary changes into PFM Roadmap based on one-year assessment and lessons learned.
The PFM Roadmap is one of the National Priority Programmes agreed at last year’s Kabul Conference. It will bring Afghanistan into line with international standards and best practice in public financial management. The PFM Roadmap contains measures to: 1) Strengthen the government budget to drive delivery of national priorities, 2) Improve budget execution so that allotted resources are spent to achieve desired results, 3) Provide greater transparency and accountability in public finances, reducing the risk of corruption, 4) Build capacity across government to effectively and efficiently plan and deliver programs.

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