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### EU-BOMNAF DONATES QUAD BIKES TO AFGHAN BORDER POLICE IN NORTHERN AFGHANISTAN

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On 16 December 2016, UNDP's EU-BOMNAF project delivered and handed over All five Terrain Vehicle (ATV) quad bikes to the Afghan Border Police Battalion at Chashmai Tut, Khohon district in Northern Afghanistan. The donation is part of the project's aim to increase the efficiency and capacity of the ABP on Afghanistan's northern border.

The vehicles were transported from the project's warehouse in Dushanbe, to the Shohon-Khohon cross-border bridge in Shurobod district and, after customs formalities were completed, were driven onto the Afghanistan side by the ABP officers, to EU-BOMNAF's newly constructed Battalion HQ at Chashmai Tut.

EU-BOMNAF Project Manager, Mr William Lawrence, said: "procurement and handover of useful equipment is part of the solution to increase the capacity of our beneficiary agencies, who are working on the international border to maintain security and safe, legal travel for travellers in the region. Over the past one year, we have trained ABP operators and mechanics how to operate and effectively maintain these vehicles. Now the end users feel confident in using this equipment."

Colonel Abdullo, deputy Commander of the Chashmai Tut Battalion, who inspected and received the vehicles, said: "our Battalion is responsible for guarding the green border in an area with very poor, or no roads. The snow and mud during this season of the year makes it more difficult to patrol the border. The vehicles we received from EU BOMNAF today are particularly useful to assist in interdiction of trafficking and crime within the area of our responsibility at the border."

The overall objective of the European Union's assistance to Afghanistan is to foster regional cooperation and enable Afghanistan to facilitate secure trade links within its neighbourhood, especially Central Asia. The BOMNAF project is a component of a larger Regional Cooperation Programme of assistance agreed between the European Union and the Government of Afghanistan, and complements other programmes in Afghanistan, in Tajikistan and in Central Asia. UNDP is the implementing partner of the BOMNAF project.

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