

EQUIP REOPENS THREE SCHOOLS IN KANDAHAR

More than 700 girls and 1,200 boys will now be able to continue their education in Kandahar. Last week, the Education Quality Improvement Programs (EQUIP) completed construction efforts for three new schools: two girls' schools in Aino Meena and one co-ed school in Mirza Mohammad Qalacha.

EQUIP is funded by the World Bank (US\$65 million), Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (US\$200 million) and fully backed by the Afghan Ministry of Education. The funds are used directly by local communities through School Shuras to rehabilitate school buildings and to purchase teaching materials including supplies and books.

More than 8,505 out of 11,000 schools are holding School Shuras to ensure that schools reopen and the children of Afghanistan have access to education.