




## Law and Order Trust Fund for Afghanistan (LOTFA)

2018

<i>LOTFA phase budget</i>	<i>CHF 800 million (annual)</i>
<i>Swiss phase contribution</i>	<i>CHF 4.8 mio, 2015-2018</i>
<i>Swiss total contribution</i>	<i>CHF 11 mio, 2003-2018</i>
<i>Partner</i>	<i>UNDP</i>
<i>Geographic focus</i>	<i>Nationwide</i>
	
<i>Other donors</i>	<i>Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, European Union, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Republic of Korea, United Kingdom and United States</i>

### Context

As insecurity remains chronic in Afghanistan, the country needs a professional national police force capable of enforcing the rule of law, containing crime and protecting the Afghan population.

However, despite continued efforts of the Afghan Government and its international partners to establish and sustain an effective and committed national police, there is still huge public mistrust and therefore limited engagement between the police and the public. This limits the police in gathering information on needs and demands and to provide better and client-oriented policing services.

In addition, gender segregation in the Afghan society prevents most women from approaching male police officers to report crimes; hence the importance of having female police officers staffing units that can investigate incidents of violence against women.



Police women training, Kabul, 2010, © LOTFA.

### What does the LOTFA do?

The Law and Order Trust Fund for Afghanistan (LOTFA) is a UNDP-managed multi-donor trust fund established in 2002. Within this framework, the donor community works closely with the Afghan Government to build and maintain a professional police force and implement the reform priorities of the Ministry of Interior Affairs (MOIA).

Since its launch, LOTFA has improved gender empowerment in MOIA and the national police, and enabled MOIA to recruit, retain and empower women police and to implement measures that improve the access of women to police services.

It also contributed to the establishment of a Gender Mainstreaming Unit within MOIA, Family Response Units in 6 regions across Afghanistan as well as the institutionalization of a consultation mechanism - "Police e-Mardumi (PEM)". With the aim to enhance

local security, police service delivery and accountability, this consultation mechanism expanded progressively to 20 provinces creating an environment for greater voice for communities, particularly women and youth, on policing issues.

LOTFA also supported sustained capacity and institutional reform of the MOIA through capacity development programmes, and contributed to enhanced police services in accordance with human rights and professional policing standards.