Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 41RQR56500350

City: Daman

District: Kandahar (District 06)

Province: Kandahar

Report Basis: RCS ASC-016

Unit: RCS

Tasker: N/A

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**1. BLUF:** Residents are pleased with the development of vocational training programs in Kandahar City. They say that they learn skills and get to keep the tools upon completion of the program.

**2. ATMOSPHERIC VALUE:** Supportive-GIRoA.

**3. DETAILS**: On 19 Feb 13, ASC RCS-016 overheard a conversation between a 20-year-old and a 29-year-old Pashtun male in District 9 regarding vocational programs in Kandahar City.

The 20-year-old male stated, “I really appreciate the Department of Labor and the Department of Social Affairs. They conducted workshops for various skills in Kandahar City. I was unemployed and as a result, I suffered from the merciless economic conditions. My friend encouraged me to attend a workshop. I learned carpentry within six months and now I own and manage a carpentry shop.”

The 29-year-old male replied, “I heard it is a great program and it teaches multiple skill sets. In addition, students receive tools upon completion of the course. This program is battling unemployment.”

**4. COMMENTS:** A couple of men from District 9 conveyed their extreme pleasure and support with vocational training programs in Kandahar City. According to them, the Department of Labor and the Department of Social Affairs developed programs to teach residents vocational skills such as carpentry. In addition, they receive tools upon completion of the course. This is the first report describing the program; however, countless reports generally convey anger amongst the residents due to the economy.