Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 42SUA46601638

City: Shinkai

District: Shinkai

Province: Zabul

Report Basis: ASC ATS4-427

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**1. BLUF:** The ANA finds support for its suggestion that villagers form councils to solicit projects and development money from the government.

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

**3. DETAILS**: On 18 Feb 13, while in the Shinkai District Bazaar ASC-427 overheard two Pashtun males talking about villagers forming a council to bring aid and projects to the district.

A 45-year-old man said, “The ANA told villagers that next year the villagers should form a council to make our wishes known to the government. Villagers of all ages should participate and learn about our rights and how the government can help us otherwise the government will not know what our problems are and will not care about our villages.”

A 50-year-old man said, “We are happy with the ANA advice. In the past 7 or 8 years, no one has helped us with developments or our financial issues. We should form a council to bring development and projects into our village.”

**4. COMMENTS:** Two men discuss the suggestion made by the ANA to villagers to form councils that would convey messages to government and solicit funds and projects. One part of the suggestion is that villagers of all ages should participate and make all the desires of the people known to government.