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## Success in Afghanistan through Transparency and Fiscal Responsibility



The **Maintenance Bridging Strategy** is an effective combination of contracted logistical and specialist support and management training programs that prepares for the transition to the Afghan-led National Maintenance Strategy (NMS) in January 2017. The Maintenance Bridging Strategy ensures that the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces' operational readiness rates experience significant improvement in preparation for Fighting Season 2016 and the NMS. The transition to the NMS means Afghans take the leading role in the maintenance of their vehicle fleets, engineering equipment and weapons under mentorship of a single prime contractor. The continuation of the NMS contract beyond 2017 will be based upon **conditionality** – marked improvements in the ANDSF **organic maintenance capability** and **supply chain management accountability**.

**Ministerial Internal Controls:** The Afghan National Army General Staff Inspector General Maj. Gen. Abulfazil invited Essential Function-2 (EF2) advisors to observe inspections of the Afghan Air Force fuel, ammunition, meals and plant management at Camp Oqab, Kabul. These inspections ensure **accountability** of critical resources and review **internal controls** to confirm they are effective at managing key vulnerabilities. Effective internal controls are integral to the **Ministerial Internal Controls Program (MICP)** recently adopted by the Ministers of Defense and Interior. "MICP has great potential to strengthen existing processes and ensure the efficient and effective use of resources," said EF2 Lead Danish Brig. Gen. Hans Enevold. He welcomed the openness of the ANDSF and the improving quality of inspections stating, "It shows a commitment to **transparency** and supports **effective oversight**, an important **counter corruption** tool."



**Capabilities Development Course:** A three-month course designed to develop practical Information Communication Technology skills, as well as improve English language **capacity**, kicked off this month. Nearly 100 Ministry of Interior Force Management Directorate personnel enrolled in the course, which provides professional development in an area critical for modern, **transparent personnel management**. The Capabilities Development Directorate worked closely with the European Union Police Mission and Ministry of Interior leadership in crafting the training.

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