

# Microfinance Investment Support Facility for Afghanistan



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## MISFA committed to supporting the sector and AMA

Microfinance Investment Support Facility for Afghanistan (MISFA) will continue to support the Afghanistan Microfinance Association (AMA) for the year 2018. MISFA Managing Director, Mr. Bahram Barzin, signed a grant agreement with AMA Executive Director, Mr. Najibullah Samim, in a ceremony held recently at the MISFA office in Kabul.

"AMA is playing an important role in the sector by providing a networking platform for development finance institutions in the country," said Mr. Barzin. Under this agreement, MISFA will provide financial and technical support to AMA to undertake its main activities including: (i) lobbying and advocacy at provincial level to increase the support of local authorities in helping microfinance institutions (MFIs) disburse and recover loans smoothly;

(ii) developing electronic and print publications to promote and provide updates on the sector; (iii) representing the sector at national and international platforms, and facilitating networking and coordination among financial institutions.

The overall objective of the grant partnership is to help AMA provide better services to its member institutions and for such interventions to lead to better access to financial services among low income Afghans across the country.

MISFA, being one of the founding members of AMA, has been providing technical and financial support to AMA since its inception in 2005. "MISFA's support to the sector and to AMA is vital. We are grateful for MISFA's unwavering support," said Mr. Samim.

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