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Special Report on Vulnerability to Corruption in the Ministry of Public Health

Kabul, Afghanistan, June 7, 2016: Today, MEC is releasing its Special Report on Vulnerability to Corruption in the Afghan Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), conducted at the request of the Minister of Public Health, Dr. Ferozuddin Feroz. This Special Report assesses the extent of chronic risks to corruption in the MOPH and includes major recommendations to enhance independent oversight, as well as targeted priorities in three major areas: systemic issues; leadership issues; and integrity issues.

The work of this Special Report was conducted from December 2015 to May 2016, by a team of Afghans and international experts knowledgeable in both the Afghan health sector and anti-corruption work. The assessment was based on direct observations by the assessment teams and more than 260 face-to-face interviews with former MOPH officials, non-management employees and frontline staff, health sector implementers, civil society organizations, community leaders, and patients. MEC's assessment team worked in Kabul and 12 provinces.

MEC welcomes the proactive approach of the Minister of Public Health to identify vulnerabilities and his publicly-expressed commitment to use the recommendations of this Special Report to develop the Ministry's actions to fight corruption. The Special Report includes 115 specific recommendations related to training needs, health management information systems, the importation of reliable pharmaceuticals, and improving audits and inspections, developed in an effort to institute genuine reform and substantially reduce corruption.

The findings of this Special Report provide a clear picture of the level of corruption risk which exists in the MOPH and an explanation of the measures that need to be undertaken to restore confidence in the Ministry. Implementing the recommendations is necessary to ensure the lasting change so vital to the improved health and well-being of all Afghans.

The Ministry of Public Health acknowledges the MEC Special Report. The Ministry also recognizes that there are thousands of dedicated and hard-working employees who provide health services under difficult circumstances on a daily basis. The leadership of the Ministry, as the pioneer of this effort, intends to develop an anti-corruption strategy followed by a practical action plan based on the overall findings of MEC's Special Report and other relevant available data. The implementation of this strategy will be ensured by leveraging both the continued support and political will of the leadership of the National Unity Government and international partners.

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