MoE Terms High Illiteracy Rate a Serious Challenge

KABUL - The Minister of Education, Assadullah Hariz Balkhi, said on Saturday the high rate of illiteracy in the country was a serious challenge.

He said that special inclusive literacy programs through media will be launched soon to tackle the challenge.

“Now that the Ministry of Education (MoE) is working on a national mechanism to fight illiteracy,” Balkhi said.

A number of journalists and media experts said that weak management and widespread corruption, the MoE has wasted millions of dollars in international aid.

“Unless our education curriculum is not effectively designed, our students have not received quality education and our education system is not updated, we cannot effectively work for literacy in our society,” said Nazari, a journalist.

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The overall amount made available under this call for proposals is EURO 1 900 000.

The general objective of this Call for Proposals is to co-finance actions that strengthen civil society coalitions, including through sub-granting schemes, and promote a broad-based and inclusive civil society in Afghanistan, which is capable and willing to engage with communities and government authorities at all levels of policy, economic and social issues, with an aim to promoting dialogue, the accountability and transparency of state entities.

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