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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

February was an active month in AGRED. A new Chief of Party and Deputy Chief of Party for Programs was recruited, as well as many other staff coming close to completing the staffing design numbers. Many high level discussions and strategy planning meetings were held with MAIL, parallel agencies and plans were laid for cooperative activities in all areas of the Plan of Work for AGRED. In preparation for upcoming activities, many trainings were held developing internal capacity, as well as that of our MAIL and DAIL counterparts. The Monitoring and Evaluation department of AGRED finalized the PMP and the Baseline study design. The month closed out with intense collaboration with MAIL in program planning for the “on budget” mechanisms that will be required for financial management.

The following provides a more in-depth, and brief, account of AGRED activities during this month of reporting.

AGRED MOU

The two MOUs to formalize the AGRED program between partners USAID, MAIL and ROP are pending H.E. Minister Rahimi’s return from Mecca. Currently, two separate MOUs are envisioned, the first between ROP and MAIL to formally establish the roles and responsibilities of each in implementing the AGRED program with a focus on off-budget funding and activities. The second MAIL-USAID MOU and ROP - MAIL MOU are pending. The Minister wants to have a public ceremony for these MOU signings.

CREATING A PLAN TO ADDRESS FARMER NEEDS

AGRED is working with MAIL to develop a work plan that addresses USAID benchmarks and ultimately addresses farmer needs. Given the number of programs currently working on agriculture, AGRED has held several meetings with other implementers and with MAIL to discuss field level engagement approaches. The meetings involve collaborative brainstorming on the approaches employed by the EU, USAID, USDA, World Bank and others. AGRED participated in or coordinated discussions on the CDCs and DAILS. Coordination meetings were held with EC, AAEP, and CBCMP. See page 3 for details on these meetings. Meetings with JICA and MAIL departments are scheduled for early March.

AGRED is supporting MAIL with their benchmark implementation planning. MAIL has reviewed the benchmarks and provided a list of accompanying priorities. AGRED is preparing MAIL to engage with the USAID with a more detailed response of on-budget funding mechanisms.

DOCUMENT FARMER NEEDS

AGRED’s inventory of DAIL facilities was completed and the report delivered to USAID. The inventories will serve as a reference for AGRED activities both on and off budget.

The AGRED baseline survey was developed in February and will be implemented in March. The baseline will inform off-budget activities and ensure that AGRED, both ROP and MAIL, will maintain a focus on outputs and outcomes that ultimately benefit the farmer. Details of the baseline survey implementation are on page 7.

PILOT PROJECTS

The Herat Wheat Trial, the first of the mini-proposals, was finalized in February with an anticipated start in the first week of March. The trial will cultivate five different wheat seed varieties in two demonstration plots in Urdokhan Research Farm using three different methods; hand broadcast seeder machine, line seeder machine and traditional broadcasting in the trial wheat seed cultivation project.

ADMIN

All Regional Gender Specialist positions have been filled and the final interviews for Provincial Extension Coordinators were conducted in late February. The position for National Research Coordinator continues to be a challenging one to fill as recruitment is still

2nd Announcement of National Research Coordinator yielded no qualified candidates. We are now asking for referrals from our contacts.

All major mobilization procurements have been completed and regional offices have been equipped, however, in a number of instances DAIL directors are requiring that the MOU be signed before AGRED staff is granted access.

The AGRED subcontract, with the University consortium, has been approved and finalized.

ACHEIVEMENTS IN FEBRUARY

RESEARCH AND EXTENSION

PRIORITIES

1. Mini-Proposal Revision and Implementation
2. Draft MAIL Benchmark Implementation Plan
3. Coordination with MAIL, DAILs, IPs on MAIL Work Plan

ACTIVITIES

EC Reseach Coordination Meeting – EC hosted a coordination meeting among implementers working with MAIL research directorate. In attendance was PHDP, JICA, USAID, ROP, EC program staff. See Annex A for full agenda. Follow on meetings were generally agreed to reconcile AGREED planned activities with JICA and EC programs. Suggestions for future research coordination meetings include:

1. Have MAIL Research Director "officially" chair the next meeting and provide the introduction, then pass the control of the meeting back to EC to manage the agenda. This would be the first small step towards transition.
2. MAIL Extension needs to be represented.
3. Possible topics or actions for future meetings:
 - a. Establish an inventory of all agricultural research projects in progress now
 - b. Discuss documentation, presentation and use of the results from these and past trials
 - i. periodic conferences to present research findings
 - ii. research repositories
 - iii. process to transfer promising results from research to extension
 - iv. select a small number of very promising research projects to pilot this transfer process to extension
 - c. Discussion on the review and vetting process for future public sector funded research projects
 - i. vetting process criteria, process, funding
 - ii. MAIL role in the vetting process
 - iii. donor responsibility for participation in new processes
 - iv. longer-term research plans

[AAEP Coordination Meeting](#) – AAEP COP, David Glenn, and his team came to AGRED offices to discuss collaboration. The two teams are working well together and will collaborate on DAIL extension work. Outcomes of the meeting included plans to develop a joint training plan for 2013 and plans to convene for quarterly meetings. AGRED team members will attend AAEP workshops next week to understand their format and approach.

[CBCMP Coordination Meeting](#) – CBCMP COP, Brian Rudert, and his leadership team came to AGRED offices to discuss collaboration. Brian stated that CBCMP project ends July 2013 and they have not received yet received approval for a no-cost extension. If CBCMP ends, then AGRED will have to bolster our non-technical team for oversight of finance, budget and HR. AGRED will review the qualifications and open positions to provide an opportunity and consider hiring some of the CBCMP team to enhance programmatic continuity. This is a key issue and AGRED needs to understand USDA's plans to plan accordingly.

As an outcome of this meeting, we produced a high-level activity chart and will expand with key contacts for each activity area. Peers from both teams will engage with their MAIL counterparts. See Attachment 1.

[Met with Director of Policy & Planning for MAIL](#) – AGRED staff met with MAIL Director of Policy and Planning. It was a successful meeting with the Director expressing his support of our efforts and commitment to actively engage with AGRED. Outcomes of the meetings were the understanding that ROP will provide draft updates of the Joint Plan to he and his office. The Director will arrange meetings with his staff to support the planning process.

[MAIL Benchmark Implementation Planning](#) – AGRED completed an outline of the implementation plan and is meeting with MAIL, CBCMP and AAEP counterparts to ensure close collaboration on the plan completion. MAIL provided minimal feedback on the benchmarks. USAID will need to engage with MAIL about more detailed description of on-budget funding, including an example.

[Implementation of wheat seed cultivation project](#)- AGRED finalized the min-proposal for cultivation of five different wheat seed varieties on 2000m² in two demonstration plots at the Urdokhan Research Farm of Herat Province. Three different methods of sowing the seeds will be tested; hand broadcast seeder machine, line seeder machine and traditional broadcasting. This cultivation trial will compare the different seeding methods and resulting yields to determine the highest yielding method for wheat seeding in those conditions.

AAEP is collaborating with this trial by allowing for the use of land that was previously prepared. AGRED will be supplying fuel for tractor usage and the DAIL will be providing the seed for the trial.

[Writing of inventory survey narrative reports](#) – 35 narrative reports including nine research and 26 extension centers' reports were submitted to the AGRED M&E Director. AGRED field staff provided the drafts for revision, analysis and compilation into a larger report that was delivered to USAID. These narrative reports will help AGRED to understand the needed supplies and resources at research and extension centers in the target areas.

Women Farmers Program activities – Women’s Director worked with M&E team to develop an assessment form to assess women's involvement, expertise, capacity and capability at Extension and Research Departments of DAIL offices at provincial level.

Recruitment of Women Extension Coordinators for Kandahar, Paktya, and Balkh Provinces was completed in February. The new hires attended a one-day orientation to the AGRED program and have already participated in Sectorial Working groups at the provincial levels.

Participating in Agriculture Technical Working Group Meeting (ATWG) – Agriculture Directorates initiated Agriculture Technical Working Group meetings with the participation of agriculture NGOs and donors. The main point of discussion was celebrating Afghan New Year and farmer days. The mentioned days will be celebrated by DAILs in the provincial level and agricultural tools will be distributed for farmers on the district levels.

Participation in Water Resource Management Conference in Kandahar Province – AGRED representatives participated in Resource Management Conference on February 11, 2013 in Kandahar Province. Mrs. Ellen de Guzman Kandahar PRT Team leader, Kandahar Irrigation Director, DAIL Director, UNHABITAT, MAIL representatives, Kandahar Engineering Faculty representative, CBCMP team leader and SIKA representatives were in participation.

The irrigation and water sanitation in the province were shared with participants. The main topics are as follows:

- USDA Water-related Activities in RC-S.
- Trainings and initiatives through the Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock Directorate.
- USACE Groundwater Projects.
- Afghanistan Water Law by MAIL.
- Alternative Energy for Well Water Pumping and Treatment.
- Summary of Kajaki Dam and overview of the USAID new program on Integrated Water Management.
- AGRED representatives were updated about the irrigation situation in the province and promised to be cooperative with the other stakeholders to improve the irrigation system in Kandahar Province.



[Conduct technical training to DAIL staff and farmers](#) – The DAIL research and extension staff in Kunduz and Tahar provinces requested that AGRED RRCs and PECs provide a training on basic pruning techniques, basic research methodology and use of winter oil and plantation. 28 males and three females participated in the trainings.

[Participation in the DAIL administrative meeting in Kabul](#) – The administrative meeting was held in DAIL meeting hall on the 17th of February, 2013. In attendance were DAIL department managers, CBCMP staff, PHDP II staff and AGRED staff. Discussion topics were:

- Sapling distribution is ongoing in targeted areas and up to date 2,400 saplings were distributed to the qualified farmers.
- Shortage of technical staff for irrigation departments in DAILs.
- Preparing the 10-year agriculture development plan on the provincial level.

[Furnishing of AGRED offices](#) – AGRED team established purchasing committee to purchase office supply equipment for the project offices in target provinces. This committee purchased all needed equipment and furnished most of AGRED offices on provincial levels in DAIL directorates.

CHALLENGES

- Without a formal MOU, DAIL directors are denying AGRED staff access to DAIL offices. Until the MOU is signed, AGRED staff will not be able to establish a presence at DAILs.
- AGRED is trying to work closely with MAIL research and extension to lead and support the idea of working directly with women extension and research in order to address women farmers' needs.

TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

PRIORITIES

1. Signing of MOU between ROP-MAIL
2. Staff level trainings on M&E, Women Farmers Program

ACTIVITIES

[External Trainings on Hold](#) – AGRED external trainings have been postponed until the MOU between ROP and MAIL has been signed. The cancellation of the training in January demonstrated that until there is an official relationship between MAIL and ROP, it is not possible, nor wise, to expend the effort to set-up trainings.

[Staff Trainings on M&E, Women Farmers Program](#) – AGRED held in-house trainings for staff on baseline survey and Women Farmers Program.

COMMUNICATION

PRIORITIES

1. Finalize and submit the AGRED monthly and quarterly reports to USAID
2. Participation in the USAID Communication Workshop

ACTIVITIES

Finalize Reports – The second quarterly report and January monthly report were finalized and shared with USAID.

USAID Communication Workshop – Also in this month, the Communication Manager participated in the communication workshop conducted by USAID. The focus of the workshop was writing the success story and using the social media to outreach the USAID projects' activities.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

PRIORITIES

AGRED M&E has a number of key activities on going.

1. Finalize AGRED Performance Management Plan (PMP)
2. Finalize AGRED baseline study
3. Complete inventories assessment and individual reports
4. Submit Environmental Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (EMMP)
5. Recruitment of M&E staff
6. Meetings with MAIL M&E staff, and other capacity building projects working for MAIL

ACTIVITIES

AGRED Program PMP approved – USAID approved the AGRED Program PMP. There are a few comments and explanations received from USAID that will be incorporated and a revised version will be submitted back to USAID in early March.

AGRED baseline study – Data collection tool for the baseline study was drafted and shared with USAID for review. Feedback received from USAID was incorporated and final version of the tool was produced. The tool is also translated into Dari language. USAID recommended engaging MAIL M&E, and DAIL staff in data collection process. Meetings will be held with MAIL's M&E Director and DG Extension to discuss possibility of the engagement of MAIL and DAIL staff in the baseline study.

We are initiating baseline study of AGRED program from next week. We have selected the following 9 target districts where data will be collected from target farmers:

Table 1: Districts Selected for Baseline Survey

	District	Province
1	Kama	Nangarhar
2	Khanabad	Kunduz
3	Ahmad Aba	Paktya
4	Jaghuri	Paktya
5	Dehdadi	Mazar
6	Dand	Kandahar
7	Shakardara	Kabul
8	Charasyab	Kabul
9	Hertat	Guzara

AGRED will be opting for multi-stage sampling approach where each of the above districts will be divided into the following three clusters:

- Cluster 1: Villages within 5 KM from the district center (mostly DAILs are located in the districts' centers)
- Cluster 2: Villages which are more than 5 KM and less than 10 KM radius from the district center
- Cluster 3: Villages which are more than 10 KM away from the district center / DAIL

In order to mark each of the villages as per the clusters above, the field team working in the above districts will mark each village as per the three clusters.

As per the baseline-sampling frame, AGRED will collect data from 100 farmers in each of the sampled districts (Total 900 farmers from 9 districts). In order to complete the data collection process in one-week time, three staff members (including one female staff) for each of the above districts will participate in data collection process – total 27 field staff. The field staff will attend a one-day training session to take place at the AGRED offices the first week of March.

[Inventories assessment report](#) – Detailed inventories assessment report of 9 research centers and 26 extension centers completed. The report was submitted to USAID.



Kandahar Extension Center during inventory assessment

[AGRED Environmental Mitigation and Monitoring Plan \(EMMP\)](#) – Draft EMMP for AGRED was produced and shared with USAID for review. The EMPP consists of:

- Discussion of IEE and threshold decisions
- The Environmental Verification Form / screening checklist
- The Mitigation Plan for specific environmental threats carried out by AGRED
- The Reporting Format
- General EMS procedures to operationalize the plan

A revised version of the EMMP will be submitted to USAID in early March 2013.

[Introductory meetings with MAIL M&E, and CBCMP](#) – AGRED M&E Coordinator held introductory meeting with MAIL M&E Director and his team. MAIL M&E team extended full support to AGRED and are excited to work with AGRED M&E. AGRED M&E team is working on capacity assessment tool to assess MAIL’s M&E capacity. The assessment results will be share in late March.

Another meeting was held with M&E team of CBCMP (Capacity Building and Change Management Program). The purpose of the meeting was to find out extent of support the program has provided to MAIL M&E. More meetings will be held with CBCMP M&E in

future to acquire M&E assessment reports of MAIL, trainings agenda and modules, and evidence of support they provided to MAIL M&E Directorate.

[Recruitment of M&E staff](#)- AGRED M&E Manager will join from March 2013. Database Specialist position was re-advertised because the person selected for the position regretted to join AGRED.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Hiring

- All Regional Gender Specialists have been hired.
- As of the end of February final interviews were being held for the last Provincial Extension Coordinator vacancies in Helmand, Uruzgan, Zabul and Baghis.
- Nangarhar Regional Research Coordinator has resigned to go to India to get his PhD.
- The second announcement of National Research Coordinator yielded no qualified candidates. We are now asking for referrals from our contacts and advertising for the position outside of Afghanistan.

Procurement

- All mobilization procurements are complete.

USAID Contracting Issues

- The WSU subcontract has been approved, WSU has signed.
- The PC procurement vetting was completed rapidly, PCs delivered already and sent to regions.
- MAIL-USAID MOU and ROP - MAIL MOU are pending H.E. Minister Rahimi's return from Mecca. The Minister wants to have a ceremony for these MOU signings.

Table 2: AGRED Professional Staff in February 2013

No	Province	Name	Position
1	Kabul	Herschel Weeks	COP
2	Kabul	Mohammad Sediq Orya	DCOP Operation
3	Kabul	Amanullah Alamzai	DCOP Program
4	Kabul	Mona Kamel	Procurement and Compliance Manager
5	Kabul	Dr. Shahla	Women's Program Director
6	Kabul	Hamed Sultani	Admin/Logistic Manager
7	Kabul	Nabil Rahil	Human Resource Specialist
8	Kabul	Nisar Ahmad	National Extension Coordinator
9	Kabul	Raz Gul (ACTING)	Regional Extension Coordinator
10	Kabul	Maheedullah Khan	M&E Director
11	Kabul	Mohammad Haris Mujadidi	Financial Analyst
12	Kabul	Fatemeh Rahimi	Communications Manager
13	Kabul	Nazim	IT Assistant
14	Kabul	Abdul Maroof	Procurement Agent
15	Kabul	Zahra Raghuzar	Accountant

16	Kabul	Abdul Nasear Salmyar	Admin &Log officer
17	Kabul	Hamid Nazari	Admin &Log Assistant
18	Balkh	Mohammad Farhad	Provincial Extension Coordinator
19	Balkh	Laily Ahamdi	Women Regional Extension Coordinator
20	Balkh	Khan Alam	Regional Extension Coordinator
21	Balkh	Baktash Hakimi	Regional Research Coordinator
22	Faryab	Sayed Tuha	Provincial Extension Coordinator
23	Jawzjan	Mohammad Fawad Saqib	Provincial Extension Coordinator
24	Samangan	Mohammad Eisa Tabish	Provincial Extension Coordinator
25	Sar-i-pul	Jayoon	Provincial Extension Coordinator
26	Kunduz	Fazal Rahman	Provincial Extension Coordinator
27	Kunduz	Asdullah Salarzi	Regional Extension Coordinator
28	Takhar	Mohammad Nader	Provincial Extension Coordinator
29	Baghlan	Asadullah Dahi	Provincial Extension Coordinator
30	Kunduz	Rahina Asghary	Women Regional Extension Coordinator
31	Badakhshan	Abdul Rahim Sherzad	Provincial Extension Coordinator
32	Nangarhar	Mohammad Naem	Provincial Extension Coordinator
33	Nangarhar	Shah Mardan Heamt	Regional Research Coordinator
34	Kunar	Ajmal Azam	Provincial Extension Coordinator
35	Jalalabad	Naveen Hashimi	Women Regional Extension Coordinator
36	Laghman	Abdul Shakoor	Provincial Extension Coordinator
37	Paktya	Ahamd Zia Khaliqi	Provincial Extension Coordinator
38	Paktya	Amina Rawan	Women Regional Extension Coordinator
39	Paktya	Mohmmad Din	Regional Extension Coordinator
40	Logar	Mohammad Maroof	Provincial Extension Coordinator
41	Kandahar	Mohebullah Alokozai	Provincial Extension Coordinator
42	Kandahar	Habib ur Rahman Irfan	Regional Research Coordinator
43	Kandahar	Shah wali Khan	Regional Research Coordinator
44	Helmand	Toryali	Provincial Extension Coordinator
45	Kandahar	Heena	Women Regional Extension Coordinator
46	Uruzgan	Najibullah	Provincial Extension Coordinator
47	Zabul	sadiqullah	Provincial Extension Coordinator
48	Herat	Fazel Ahmad Ahmadi	Regional Extension Coordinator
49	Heart	Ahamdi Azizi	Provincial Extension Coordinator
50	Heart	Sema Rezai	Women Regional Extension Coordinator
51	Badghis	Dr. Asif	Provincial Extension Coordinator
52	Kabul	Ahmad Sear Azimi	Provincial Extension Coordinator
53	Bamyan	Sayed Ali	Provincial Extension Coordinator
54	Ghazni	Ahmad Farid Azizi	Provincial Extension Coordinator
55	Kapisa	Emamuddin Eshaqzai	Provincial Extension Coordinator
56	Parwan	Mohammad Arif	Provincial Extension Coordinator
57	Wardak	Mirdad Arbab	Provincial Extension Coordinator

ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH

RESEARCH AND EXTENSION

PRIORITIES

1. Mini-Proposal Revision and Implementation
2. Draft MAIL Work Plan
3. Coordination with MAIL, DAILs, IPs on MAIL Work Plan
4. Field staff to conduct Baseline Survey

PLANS

The Herat Wheat Trial is scheduled to begin in the first week of March. Four additional mini-proposals are expected to be approved for implementation in early March; projects in Kunduz on melon fly management and okra research; one project in Kandahar on corn extension; and one in Helmand on cotton extension. Staff will continue to work on the subsequent proposals, prioritizing those that are seasonally appropriate.

AGRED staff is currently working closely with MAIL and IPs to collect information on MAIL processes and procedures, resources, policies, etc. to incorporate into the MAIL on-budget work plan. This will be a priority for all of March with a draft due to Director of Extension and Research towards the end of the month.

As the MAIL on-budget work plan will address a number of departments with are existing donor programs (capacity building, policy reform, research and extension development), AGRED is coordinating meetings with the relevant program staff to incorporate existing analysis and knowledge as well as to coordinate efforts to eliminate redundant tasks.

Field staff will be conducting the baseline survey in the target districts (Khan Abad, Dehdadi, Shakardara, Kama, Ahmad Aba, Jaghori, Dand and Gozara).

TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

PRIORITIES

1. Coordinate logistics of On-budget Workshop
2. Cross-reference AGRED training plans with MAIL work plan

PLANS

AGRED will be working closely with MAIL and USAID to prepare for the On-budget Workshop that will take place in early April. AGRED is coordinating logistics: location, catering, set-up, and translation. AGRED will also be holding meetings with various department heads and their staff to clarify expectations of the workshop and informally introduce benchmarks.

AGRED is working with MAIL to develop MAIL's On-budget work plan. A large number of trainings will be based upon the supported needed in order for MAIL to receive on-budget funding.

COMMUNICATIONS

PRIORITIES

1. Work with MAIL on Communications related benchmarks
2. Develop AGRED printed materials and website

PLANS

AGRED Communications will be collaborating with MAIL communications to draft the section for communications related benchmarks.

AGRED will begin developing material that outlines AGRED objectives, strategy, partners, etc. The material will be both in print and online. All materials will be developed in coordination with MAIL.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

PRIORITIES

1. Baseline study
2. Capacity assessment of MAIL M&E
3. Finalization of AGRED's EMMP
4. GIS System Development
5. Hiring of Database Specialist

PLANS

Baseline Study - Meetings will be held with MAIL M&E Director and DG Extension to assess possibility of engagement of their staff in AGRED baseline data collection. AGRED field staff and MAIL/DAIL staff will be trained on data collection tool, sampling frame, and methodology for the collection of baseline data. It is expected that the baseline data collection will be completed by the end of March 2013.

Capacity assessment of MAIL M&E - Concept note will be developed to outline purpose, methodology, capacity areas, and timeline and team composition for the capacity assessment of MAIL M&E. This will be followed by development of OCAT along with guidelines for the capacity assessment. The assessment will be based on participatory methods where both AGRED and MAIL M&E staff will participate.

Environmental Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (EMMP) - AGRED's EMMP will be finalized in March 2013. Field staff will be trained on the Screening Checklists, Reporting template, and the EMS procedures.

GIS System for AGRED - AGRED will be developing a GIS system for tracking and presentation of key AGRED activities and indicators. A concept note will be produced to outline purpose, scope, utilization and required resources for establishment of the GIS system.

Hiring of database specialist - Database specialist will be hired in March 2013.

AGRED Year-1 Target Provinces and Districts

#	Province*	Priority Districts
1	Kabul	Shakar Dara, Char Asyab
2	Bamyan	Bamyan
3	Ghazni	Ghazni Center, Khoja Omari, Jaghori
4	Kapisa	Khohistan 2 nd
5	Parwan	Charikar, Sayed Khil
6	Wardak	Maidan Shar
7	Nangarhar	Mohmand Dara, Kama, Sorkhrood, Rodat
8	Kunar	Narang, Khas Kunar
9	Laghman	Qargace
10	Paktya	Gardiz, Ahmad Aba
11	Logar	Mohammad Agha
12	Kandahar	Dand, Daman, Arghandab
13	Helmand	Nadali, Garmsir
14	Uruzgan	Trinkot
15	Zabul	Qalat, Shahjoy
16	Herat	Gozara, Pashton Zarghon
17	Badghis	Qadis
18	Balkh	Nahre Shahi, Dehdadi
19	Faryab	Khoja Sabzposh
20	Jawzjan	Aqcha
21	Samangan	Aybak
22	Sar-i-Pul	Sancharak
23	Kunduz	Kunduz Center, Khan Abad
24	Takhar	Taloqan
25	Baghlan	Markazi Baghlan
26	Badakhshan	Kishim

*The seven initial target provinces are highlighted in bold

Acronyms

AAEP	Afghan Agricultural Extension Program
AGRED	USAID Afghan Agriculture Research & Extension Development
ATWG	Agriculture Technical Working Group
CBCMP	Capacity Building and Change Management Program
COP	Chief of Party
CDC	Community Development Council
DAIL	Directorate of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock
DCOP	Deputy Chief of Party
EC	European Community
EMMP	Environmental Monitoring & Mitigation Plan
EMS	Environmental Monitoring System
EU	European Union
GIS	Geospatial Information System
H.E.	His Excellency
HR	Human Resources
IEE	USAID's Environmental Assessment
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
KM	kilometer
MAIL	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MRRD	Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development
OCAT	Organizational Capacity Assessment Tool
PMP	Performance Management Plan
PHDP	Perennial Horticulture Development Program
PEC	Provincial Extension Coordinator
ROP	Roots of Peace
RRC	Regional Research Coordinator
REC	Regional Extension Coordinator
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USG	United States Government
WSU	Washington State University
RRD	Rural Rehabilitation and Development
PDC	Provincial Development Council

Annex A: FIRST COORDINATION MEETING ON AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH.

Date: Saturday 16 February

Time: 14.00 (if you have a ppp presentation, please show up at 13.30)

Venue: PHDP/II/ANHDO/ANNGO office, Badam bagh farm

Objectives: Share information, objectives & plans; agree on a broad division of tasks; identify possible synergies and merge of resources

Proposed agenda:

- introduction of participants
- presentation of AGRED & AAEP objectives, components, implementing partners, etc. (15', ROP);
- presentation of JICA agricultural research program objectives, components, etc. (15' JICA)
- presentation of PHDP/ ANHDO ongoing adaptive research program (15' ANHDO/PHDP)
- presentation of ANNGO fruit sapling certification system (15')
- discussion on exchange of information, division of tasks and possible synergies and merging of resources
- capacity building and ownership of MAIL; current status and prospectives
- next steps; how to make this coordination a permanent feature and involve all stakeholder
- schedule next meeting

No. of participants: 24

EU-PHDP/II/ANHDO/ANNGO 12

USAID- AGRED/AAEP/ROP 8

JICA 2

CDIS 2