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Incentives Driving Economic Alternatives—North, East and West (IDEA-NEW)



Photo (above): A MAIL agriculture specialist gives advice to a caller in the reporting period during the first live “*Karkila Aw Maldari*” show in Kunar, where nine people called to ask questions . The Agriculture and Livestock Extension show is also aired live in Laghman once per week and live in Nangarhar three times per week, giving province-specific extension advice and market price information and strategies. In conjunction with in-person extension agents and demonstration farms, the radio show allows farmers like the ones from Mehterlahm District in Laghman pictured in the second photo, to produce high-yielding vegetable crops and increase their incomes.

Incentives Driving Economic Alternatives-North, East and West (IDEA-NEW)

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TURKMENISTAN

UZBEKISTAN

Northeast Region

TAJKISTAN

CHINA

North/Central

Western Region



Legend

DAI Activities

Infrastructure

- Hydro Power
- Irrigation
- Road

Agribusiness

- TRSR Fall 2006
- Commercial Demonstration Farms
- Small Demonstration Farms
- MAEP Program participants
- MHPB program participants

Private Sector Development

- Poultry Association
- PFA Grower Association
- Poultry Production

Gender & Micro Enterprise

- Cheese Program
- Fish Feed
- Fish Toxicity
- Fish Supplying
- Vegetable Nursery

Mercy Corps Activities

- Animal Health
- Irrigation

ACDI/VOCA Activities

- Mosquito Fly Trainings Conducted



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PAKISTAN

Eastern Region

Background

IDEA-NEW is a USAID-funded initiative in Afghanistan that began in March 2009. Activities are undertaken to target instability/insurgency locales and buffer zones to curb narco-trafficking, and at the same time, increase job creation, strengthen Afghan leadership and promote economic growth.

While responding rapidly through Community Constructed Infrastructure (CCI) projects which develops community trust and infuses them with cash and income, IDEA then builds upon those gains in order to maintain the long term focus of sustainable growth in the agriculture and rural development sectors. The program is predominately centered in the Eastern Region, but also addresses interrelated issues of instability and economic development in select areas of the country's Northern and Northeastern Regions.

Major emphasis is on: *Job Creation, Agricultural Sales and Capacity Building*, IDEA-NEW provides support and linkages to overall US government counter-insurgency (COIN) priorities through local-level agricultural and private sector development, and by engaging and working with local government to respond to the needs of its constituencies in these sectors.

Three partners implement IDEA-NEW: ACDI/VOCA, Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI) and Mercy Corps. ACDI/VOCA primarily works in the North/Central Region, DAI in the East /West and Mercy Corps in the Northeast.

Major Accomplishments to Date

IDEA-NEW interventions have benefited 65,873 families in 14 provinces throughout the North, East and West of Afghanistan.

Afghanization and Afghan First:

In partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL), IDEA-NEW is very committed to working with and through Afghan Ministries and also supports the US government policy "Afghan First". A total of 99% of IDEA-NEW project staff members are Afghans. IDEA-NEW also prioritizes local procurement, and has procured over \$4.3 million from Afghan vendors since June 2009.

Building Capacity:

Partnering with MAIL provincial and district offices, a total of 103,917 MAIL staff and farmers were trained on melon-fly control in the West, North/Central and Northeast regions. An impact study completed in November 2009 showed IDEA-NEW's melon fly training program to have increased participant farmers' yields by an average of 113% and sales by 46%.

Agriculture Productivity and Agribusiness:

- The program has established 17 commercial demonstration farms and 136 smaller, satellite farms throughout Eastern Region in collaboration with MAIL to train farmers and extension workers on modern crop techniques like raised beds and staggered planting. A total of 37,448 people were trained on these farms and through other agriculture training programs in the first quarter of FY 2010.
- To date, a total of 1,438 hectares of cropland have been planted to high-yielding annual and perennial horticulture varieties.
- To date, a total of 1,930 hectares of cropland have been brought under irrigation in IDEA-NEW targeted areas.
- IDEA-NEW has successfully multiplied two MAIL-certified varieties of mung-bean for onward distribution to more than 15,000 farmers.
- More than 20,000 farmers in Eastern Region have participated in voucher distribution programs for improved vegetable varieties.

Exports:

In the last year more than 4 million kgs of onions have been exported to Pakistan by Afghan traders for export revenues of \$1.6 million.

Coordination:

- A Livestock Deworming Campaign in Faryab was implemented in concert with US Army Special Forces, MAIL, USAID's Accelerating Sustainable Agriculture Program's Veterinary Field Units and local, private para-veterinarians. In total 266,605 animals were dewormed in 14 of Faryab's districts.
- IDEA-NEW is collaborating with MAIL and the Nangarhar ADT to cultivate eight varieties of wheat breeder seed through MAIL's Nangarhar Valley Development Authority (NVDA) on 100 hectares of government-owned land in Farm-E and Ghaziabad of Nangarhar. The project is expected to provide 250-300 tons of foundation seeds for wheat seed production enterprises and companies, including village-based seed enterprises operating throughout the Province. In the 2010 season, these companies will replicate the foundation seed and produce more than 6,000 tons of certified wheat seeds for use by farmers across Nangarhar province in 2010/11.

hectares of community agriculture land, orchards and houses.

Biweekly Highlights March 1-15, 2010

Irrigation, Farm to Market Roads and Micro-Hydro Power:

During the reporting period, IDEA NEW worked on 49 community-constructed infrastructure (CCI) projects throughout Afghanistan. In total, it paid \$284,275 in wages and created 48,928 person days of labor for 6,243 people in its areas of operation:

- Sixteen projects were active in Eastern Region (Nangarhar: Achin, Lalpur Pachir Wa Agam, Chaparhar, Hisarak and Khogiyani Districts, Kunar: Chawkai and Asadabad Districts, Laghman: Qarghai District, Nuristan: Nurgram District).
- Twenty projects were active in the Northeast Region, (Takhar (Taloqan District), Baghlan (Burka, Deh Sala, Khost, Nahrin and Pulikhumri Districts) and Badakhshan (Baharak, Faizabad, Argo Kishim and Darayem Districts).
- Eight infrastructure projects were active in the North/Central region, in Bilcheragh, Bapshtun Kot, Qaisar and Kohistanat Districts of Faryab Province, Balkhab District of Sari-Pul and Khulm District of Balkh Province, including micro-hydro power (MHP) projects, retaining walls and roads. In addition to seven completed micro-hydro power projects, The IDEA-NEW engineers completed the design of six new MHP projects in Dara-e Suf of Samangan, Bilchiragh and Pashtun Kot districts of Faryab in the reporting period.
- A total of five irrigation projects were active in the Western Region, in Abkamary and Qala-E-Now Districts of Badghis Province.

Two CCI projects were finished in the reporting period:

- One irrigation project in Khogiyani District of Nangarhar was finished, it is now irrigating approximately 150 hectares of land.
- The Taloqan River Dike project was completed in the reporting period, with 195m of gabion wall protection dike constructed, protecting 200

Seven CCI projects were started in the reporting period:

- One irrigation project to improve irrigation on 600 hectares of land in Mehterlahm District of Laghman Province
- Five projects in the Northeast project area including road rehabilitation, irrigation and gabion weaving (*see page 44 for details*).
- One road project to gravel and re-surface a road in Mazar-E-Sharif of Balkh Province.

Agriculture Productivity and Agribusiness

- In the reporting period, 2,069 packages of mung bean seed were distributed to subsistence farmers. To date, a total of 58,408 kg of mung bean seed has been distributed to farmers through various agriculture programs. This amount is enough to plant 2,920 hectares of land in Spring 2010.
- A total of 177,487 forestry trees were distributed to 289 farmers in eastern region who reforested 49 hectares with species suitable for woodlot production.
- A total of 3,674 fruit and vegetable farmers were trained in eastern region through its various programs and on more than 150 demonstration farms; *please see page 19 for a detailed chart*.
- Winter feeding and de-worming programs were successfully completed in Badakhshan and Baghlan Yaftal, Khash, Teshkan, Tagab, Shuhada, Warduj, Argo and Faizabad Districts of Badakhshan where the project benefitted 46,236 animals and 8,000 farmers, and Nahrin, Burka, Khost, and Baghlani Jadid Districts where the project benefitted 10,019 animals and 1,128 farmers.

Rural Job Creation

- One poultry hatchery in Darunta began operations using the eggs from a breeder farm established with IDEA-NEW support. The hatching chicks are an important milestone in establishing a permanent regional poultry value chain (and the chicks are extremely cute!).

Women's Job Creation

- IDEA-NEW North Central awarded a sub-grant to a woman owned company, Rabia Maryam Handicrafts Co., who will implement a project to breed silkworms commercially. The three-month-long project will train 400 women in Balkh, Jawzjan, Samangan and Sari Pul provinces. *See pages 55-56 for more information on this project.*
- Rabia Maryam Handicrafts Co. also began implementing another project to train 100 women from districts 7, 10 and Sakhi Camp community in Balkh province (mostly returnee families from Pakistan and Iran) in the process of wool spinning utilizing spinning wheels. The training will enable women to produce producing good quality yarn for carpet weavers in the North, increasing their incomes, and incorporating women into the regional wool value chain in a substantial way.

Building Capacity

- IDEA-NEW worked with the Eastern Region Fruit Growers' Association (ERFGA) to establish a small fruit dehydration factory. This may be expanded once this pilot dehydration proves to be successful.

USG & IROA Coordination

- IDEA-NEW continued collaboration with USAID's ASMED project to support the establishment of a Feed Mill in Surobi District of Kabul Province.
- IDEA-NEW's wheat breeder seed cultivation project, explained on page 3, is implemented in concert with the Nangarhar ADT.

- A community fruit tree and forestry project delivered 7,008 trees to schools, refugee camps, police centers, parks and other government institutions in the reporting period in Kuz Kunar, Behsud and Chaparhar Districts of Nangarhar and Mehterlahm District of Laghman. Trees were bought from IDEA-NEW supported women's trees' nurseries for this project; *please see page 17 for a detailed chart of locations.*

- The live radio programming was expanded to Asad Abad of Kunar Province in partnership with MAIL; it is giving advice to farmers on agriculture and livestock topics, including market price information.

- IDEA-NEW assisted the Directorates of Women's affairs of Laghman, Nangarhar and Kunar provinces to organize events for International Women's Day in which more than 1,950 Afghan women participated.

- Training on poultry disease diagnosis for 24 government livestock and agriculture officers is in progress in Faizabad.

- In response to a request from the provincial authorities, IDEA-NEW provided 2,300 pine saplings to Faryab Governor's office and 2,000 to Sari Pul municipality. The authorities plan to plant pine trees in urban areas to decrease pollution and provide a clean environment to residents.

- IDEA-NEW conducted a field day in Sari Pul DAIL research farm in Jangle Bagh to demonstrate laser land leveling, two-wheeled tractors, fruit tree pruning, and the use of lay-flat irrigation piping, provided by the USAID-funded ASAP project. The event attracted more than 30 farmers from Sari Pul, DAIL staff and Ag-retailers.

Afghanization and Afghan First

Locally purchased materials for DAI (East and West) from March 1-15, 2010 was \$576,710. ACDI/VOCA North/Central team spent \$306,000 in local procurements during this reporting period and Mercy Corps (Northeast Team), \$26,370, for a total of \$909,080 in the reporting period.

Activities: Eastern Region

Job Creation

Irrigation, Farm to Market Roads and Micro-Hydro Power

IDEA-NEW implements community-constructed infrastructure (CCI) projects throughout the eastern region, which serve a two-fold purpose: to restore and build productive infrastructure, and inject cash into local economies in unstable and insecure areas helping to reduce communities' reliance on illegal activities including narcotics and insurgency.

During the reporting period, IDEA-NEW worked on 16 CCI projects in eastern region, generating 15,437 person days worth \$77,122 in wages.

In the reporting period, one project was completed and one another started. Two projects in Shinwar District of Nangarhar were temporarily suspended due to the violence of the disputes among the tribes there. The programs will start again following the jirga.

PROVINCE	TOTAL APPROVED PROJECTS	PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED PROJECTS	ACTIVE PROJECTS THIS PERIOD	STOPPED PROJECTS	OTHER PENDING APPROVED PROJECTS	PERSON DAYS OF EMPLOYMENT THIS PERIOD*	WAGES THIS PERIOD*
Nangarhar	32	9	10	2	0	6,356	32,077
Laghman	3	0	2	0	0	213	10,42
Kunar	6	2	3	0	1	7,010	35,700
Nuristan	1	0	1	0	0	1,858	8,303
Total	42	11	16	2	1	15,437	77,122

Completed project in the reporting period:

Baghicha Kariz and intake project, Khogiani district, Nangarhar

The irrigation system is fed from an existing intake which was locally constructed on Zawa Wash and it was in a very terrible condition and usually damaged by floods. However, IDEA-NEW infrastructure team worked with the community to construct a 35m long reinforced cement concrete weir to ensure the intake stayed intake during flooding. In addition, 200m of protection wall was constructed.

“Infrastructure team of IDEA-NEW implemented high standard work, I and villagers are fully satisfied and happy from the work done by USAID’S IDEA-NEW. In this remote and high risky area the implemented work is outstanding, we are strongly supporting IDEA-NEW efforts in Khogaini district and providing all kind of assistance to the team in each field of work,”

**--Hafizullh,
48-year old Shura leader, Baghicha**



Baghicha Intake before construction



Baghicha intake after construction



Baghicha Kariz reservoir before construction



Baghicha Kariz reservoir after construction

Newly started project in the reporting period:

Shamangal Nelawat Canal Improvement project, Mehterlam, Laghman

The irrigation system is fed from the Alingar River. The system was designed to irrigate over 3,000 jeribs of land serving the farms of about 1,500 families and flowing through different villages in the Districts of Mehterlam. The main crops grown in this system are wheat, corn, cotton and seasonal vegetables. The design works include construction of 414 m lengths of canal protection walls, repairs to spillways and three box culverts. The main works involved are excavation for structures. Foundations and construction of three RCC box culverts.

Photos of ongoing projects during the reporting period:



**Momand Bridge,
Achin, Nangarhar
Project Progress = 24%**



**Landay Canal Intake,
Pachir Aw Agam, Nangarhar
Project Progress = 60%**



**Salar Canal Improvement,
Asadabad, Kunar
Project Progress: 48%**



**Makrana Canal Intake,
Achin, Nangarhar
Project Progress= 80%**



**KCC cobble stone road,
Shegal, Kunar
Project Progress = 25%**



**Chowki Loi Canal Improvement
Chowki, Kunar
Project progress = 45%**

**CCI Projects Status Table—East
March 1-15, 2010**

	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CODE	DISTRICT	Feb 16-28, 2010	March 1- 15, 2010	REMARKS	Hectare irrigate d (ha)	Canal length (m)	Protect ion wall length (m)	Road length (km)	Families benefited	Reservoir capacity (m3)
Nangarhar Province												
1	Abezangani Pipe Scheme	CCI-080308	Hesarak	27%	29%	Active		6,500	50		430	70cum
2	Khanjar Karez	CCI-080307	Hesarak	45%	50%	Active	250	1,800	900		104	
3	Kodikhil Ziarat Kaly Road	CCI-080410	Shirzad	0%		Pending/ Security						
4	Kodikhil 200 KW MHP	CCI-080412	Shirzad	0%		Pending /Security						
5	Baghicha Road	CCI-080511	Khogyani	20%	20%	Suspended		880		281	9,300	850
6	Darwazagai Canal Improvement	CCI-080512	Khogiani	100 %		Completed Nov,09	33.56	2,000	255		205	
7	Nemla Manz Road	CCI-080513	Khogiani	15%		Suspended	400		300	3,000	800	
8	Loghdera Canal Intake Improvement	CCI-080514	Khogiani	100%		Completed Nov , 09	61.9	2,000	193		100	
9	Derga village Karez	CCI-080515	Khogyani	100%		Completed Jan,2010	300	3,820	100		200	210cum
10	Toowda Chena Karez	CCI-080516	Khogyani	100%		Completed Jan,2010		1,600				210Cum
11	Baghicha Karez Intake	CCI-080517	Khogyani	98%	100%	Completed March, 2010	400	3,030	50		300	450Cum
12	Seway Zangal Canal Intake	CCI-080518	Khogyani	100%		Completed Jan,2010		5,000	486			
13	Bibi Mahro Canal Intake	CCI-080611	Chaparhar	30%	33%	Active	160	4,000	258		600	
14	Kandi Bagh & Hafizan Canal Intake	CCI-080612	Chaparhar	18%	24%	Active	1200	14,000	1020		1,500	
15	Landi Pachir Canal Intake Improvement	CCI-080706	Pachir Wa Agam	100%		Completed Dec,2009	94.15		325+26 m Weir		700	
16	Landa Khil Canal Intake	CCI-080707	Pachir wa Agam	65%	68%	Active	120	12,000	300		2,000	
17	Landay Canal intake	CCI-080708	Pachir wa Agam	52%	60%	Active	200	6,000	300		450	

18	Yaghiband MHP	CCI-080807	Dehballa	100%		Completed Jan, 2010	8.16	3,500	725		250	
19	Shalizar Canal Improvement	CCI-080905	Rodat	18%	20%	Active	360	100			300	
20	Terkhay Kariz Improvement	CCI-081106	Nazian	0%		Duplicate						
21	Qasi and Gograni Karez Intake	CCI-081309	Shinwar	100%		Completed Dec, 2009	184.85	5,000	410		820	
22	Lalpur Guldag Road Repair	CCI-081504	Lalpur	55%	58%	Active				12 Km		
23	Trili School Boundary Wall & Toilets	CCI-082307	Achin/Achin	100%		Completed			300 m			
24	Makrana Canal Intake	CCI-082308	Achin/Achin	78%	80%	Active	120	3,000	295		200	
25	Mamand Olas Canal	CCI-082309	Achin/Achin	0		Pending/ weather	360		369		1,000	
26	Mamand tangi Village Bridge	CCI-082310	Achin/Achin	22%	24%	Active		2,400		120	600 RCC	5400
Kunar Province												
27	Salar canal improvemet	CCI-100101	Asadabad	40%	48%	Active	3500	24,000	3400		8,500	
28	KCC Coble Stone Road Improvement	CCI-100701	Shegal	15%	25%	Active	50		250	0.750	200	
29	Warsak Dag Canal Intake Improvement	CCI-101207	Narang	100%		Completed Dec,2009	14.3		140+48 m Weir		1,660	
30	Qazi Banda Canal Improvement	CCI-101310	Chowkay	100%		Completed Oct,2009	16.07		75		427	
31	Chawki Loi Canal	CCI-101311	Chowkay	35%	45%	Active	3000	11,000	824		700	
32	Garigal Canal Intake Improvement	CCI-101312	Chowkay	0%		Pending						
Laghman Province												
33	Sawati Road imp	CCI-090225	Qarghai	95%	98%	Active	500		638	10,000	800	
34	Shamangal Nelawat canal improvement	CCI-090127	Mehterlam	0%	3%	Active	600	8,000	414		1,500	
Nooristan Province												
35	Malil Mashfa Road	CCI-300805	Nurgram	95%	98%	Active	400		341	3,350	1,400	

Eastern Region – Active Infrastructure Projects as of March 15, 2010



Agricultural Productivity and Agribusiness:

Mung bean seed multiplication:

In 2008, ADP/E together with the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), did adaptive research on five types of mung bean in Eastern Region. Two new high yielding varieties Maash 2008 (NM - 94), and Mai 2008 (NM – 92) were officially released by MAIL following these trials.

At MAIL's request, IDEA-NEW ran a mung bean seed multiplication program to produce and make available more seed of both varieties of mung bean. The first phase of the project involved 150 farmers who each planted ½ Jerib plots for seed multiplication on a total of 15 ha of land. In phase two, the mung bean seed is being distributed to farmers to plant and harvest.

In the reporting period, 2,069 packages out of 3,000 mung bean seed were distributed to subsistence farmers through the re-allocation of packages in the voucher program.

To date, a total of 58,408 kg of mung bean seed have been distributed to farmers through various agriculture programs. This amount is enough to plant 2,920 hectares of land during the current Spring season.

Programs	No. Districts	No. Packages	Qty (Kg)
Voucher program for Subsistence farmers (TIMER)	25	12,369	49,476
Voucher program for intercropping orchards (REVAMP)	26	2,008	8,032
Commercial Demo Farm Program	38	225	900
Total		14,602	58,408

Regional Nursery Development Program:

The program works with private local nurseries (including women-owned nurseries established by USAID's ADP program) to improve the quality of the saplings produced and to plan the production according to the needs of the local farmers orchards and forestry establishment. Nurseries are given support to improve their production and marketing systems.

During the current reporting period, citrus rootstock species resistant to *Tristeza* and *Phytophthora* imported from Australia and South



Carrizo citrange citrus seedlings in IDEA-NEW supported greenhouse located in Noorgal District of Kunar Province. The rootstock will help to grow virus resistant new varieties of citrus in the region.

Africa were planted. It is estimated that 122 kg seeds produce around 500,000 grafted trees.

Technology Innovations for Market-Led Economic Rehabilitation (TIMER):

The Technology Innovations for Market-Led Economic Rehabilitation (TIMER) Program addresses the needs of subsistence farmers in their efforts to increase productivity and produce marketable surpluses by providing a package of improved seed varieties with marketable attributes, fertilizer, and technical assistance. Under USAID's ADP/E program, the project was shown to increase farmer's yields by between 60-125% and had a cost: benefit ratio of 1:4.

Fall 2009

The farmers involved in this program planted 1,500 Ha of vegetables (carrots, cauliflower, onion, red radish, spinach, turnip and white radish). During the fall planting the most important crops are onion, cauliflower, turnip and spinach.

A total of 90 farmers were trained on four field days conducted in Noorgal and Serkani districts of Kunar and Kot district of Nangarhar. To date date, 2,560 farmers have been trained on the different demonstration plots.

Spring 2010

During the current period, a total of 2,069 out of 3,000 packages were distributed in the following districts: Manogai (761) and Noorgal (322) of Nuristan and Mehtarlam (600) and Qarghaee (386) of Laghman.

To date, a total of 12,639 out 16,000 packages have been distributed in 25 districts of the region. Distribution in Achin District will commence as soon as the jirga is over and security conditions allow.

An additional ten demonstration plots were selected in the districts were packages are under re-allocation. A total of 130 demonstration plots throughout 25 districts will be used for training purposes.

Onion Production Program:

Under the onion production program, new varieties and improvement in the production system, plus training on harvesting and curing

methods are being implemented in the main production areas of the region. Demonstration plots are being established where the trainings will be implemented. Farmers in the following districts are participating: Dihbala, Rodat, Batikot, Shinwar, Kuz Kunar, Kot and Kama districts of Nangarhar; Asad Abad, Chawkai, Narang, Shigal, Sirkani and Watapur districts of Kunar, and Alishan, Qarghai and Mehterlahm Districts of Laghman.

In the current reporting period, a total of 251 farmers were trained during eleven field days on modern techniques in five Districts. See the training chart below for more information.

To date, 4,992 out of a planned 10,500 farmers have been trained on onion production.



IDEA-NEW feild techician trains farmers on an onion demonstration plot in Alishang District of Laghman

Potato Program:

The purpose of the potato program is to promote the crop in the region as an alternative staple crop (fresh market) and to supply potatoes for a chip factory established by USAID earlier in 2009 (potato for processing); different varieties are used for each purpose. Potato prices have been very stable over the years in the local and international market and are an excellent and cheap source of carbohydrates that will reduce pressure on wheat. In the eastern region, potatoes can be produced in lower areas during the fall and the high areas during the spring, so it is possible to have year-round production. Currently Eastern Region produces approximately 10% of the total national production.

An IDEA-NEW field technician displays potato seeds (KMC Variety) that will be reproduced for the fresh market in Qarghaee District of Laghman



In the reporting period, Helal Seed Company in collaboration with Green Globe factory delivered six metric tons of Lady Dakata Potato variety. A total of 24 farmers received seeds and subsidized fertilizer who will be producing potatoes for the chips factory. Another 23 farmers received 4.5 metric tons of the Indian variety Kufri Chandra Kukhi(KCM).

In addition, training was provided to 46 farmers on three field days in Khogiani District of Nangarhar.

Regional Vegetable Marketing Program (REVAMP):

REVAMP helps orchard farmers to grow vegetables as an interim cash crop until their trees begin to bear fruit.

Fall 2009

The farmers involved in this program are planting 468 Ha of vegetables (carrots, cauliflower, onion, red radish, spinach, turnip and white radish). During the fall planting the most important crops are onion, cauliflower, turnip, and spinach.

During the reporting period, a total of 39 farmers were trained in two field days on onion seedling

transplant and harvesting activities in Kot and Rodat districts of Nangarhar province. To date, 3,589 out of a planned 5,520 farmers have been trained on a diversity of topics regarding the cycles of different crops.

Spring 2010

Inputs distribution was completed in the region; a total of 1,937 out 2,340 farmers in 26 districts collected their packages. Farmers are planting 387 Ha of vegetables (Tomato, Eggplant, Okra, Cucumber, and Watermelon) during Spring 2010. Inputs packages were distributed in the following districts:

Nangarhar province: Batikot (214), Bedsood (34), Chaparhar (16), Dari Noor (15), Ghanikhil (243),Goshta (55), Hessarak (23), Kama (116), Khogyani (60), Kot (48), Kuz Kunar (72), Momandara (57), Pacher Agam (19), Rodat (15), Sherzad (114), and Surkrod (146)

Kunar province: Assadabad (100), Asmar (91), Chawki (30), Dangam (45), Khas Kunar (181), Narang (58), and Shigal (99),

Laghman province: Alingar (25), Mehtarlam (27) and Qarghee (34).

In addition, demonstration plots were selected in

Surkhrud, Kuz Kunar, Batikot, Ghani khil, Dari Noor, Kot, Rodat, Sherzad and Kama districts of Nangarhar province; Khas Kunar, Narang and Chawky districts of Kunar province; and in Qarghaee and Alingar districts of Laghman province. Each demonstration plot will be provided with a free package of basic tools that will be distributed in the second half of March.

Wheat Breeder Seed Cultivation:

MAIL is cultivating eleven varieties of wheat breeder seeds through its Nangarhar Valley Development Authority (NVDA) on 100 hectares of government-owned land in Farm-E-Ghaziabad of Nangarhar. The NVDA is responsible for implementing the wheat breeder seed cultivation project. NVDA is contributing more than 12 tons of breeder seeds, labor, tractors and irrigation facilities, while USAID's IDEA-NEW and the ADT team are providing fuel and nearly 27.5 (12.5 MT DAP and 15 MT Urea) tons of fertilizer, as well as oversight by internationally trained agriculturalists.

The project is expected to provide 250-300 tons of foundation seeds for wheat seed production enterprises and companies, including village-based seed enterprises operating throughout the Province. These companies will replicate the foundation seeds and produce more than 6,000 tons of certified wheat seeds for farmers across Nangarhar Province in 2010.

The wheat fields continued to head out well in the reporting period.

FIELD Program:

The Forestry Innovation for Livelihood Diversification (FIELD) Program is planting forestry trees for watershed and windbreak protection as well as woodlot production. A total of 46 Hectares will be planted in spring season.

In the reporting period, farmers involved in this program received 50% (Eucalyptus and mulberry) and 25% (Poplar) subsidized forestry seedlings. Tree seedlings distribution started and trees were delivered to 23 districts. Around (177,487) forestry trees were distributed to 289 farmers in the region who reforested 49 Ha with species suitable for woodlot production.

Community Tree Distribution

In concert with IDEA-NEW's women's programs, some reforestation and fruit tree distribution activities were implemented in the following sites in the reporting period (previously, three projects were reforested):

- One kilometer main road boulevard to Chaprihar and Pacheer Wa agam districts was laid-out and is ready for planting of the trees. The reforestation activity is implemented in collaboration with Jalalabad municipality.
- School reforestation: reforestation activities were completed in 24 boys and girls schools. Schools were selected based on water availability, ground conditions, existence of surrounding wall, and commitment of the school principals to look after trees are planted. A total of 2,872 trees were planted in the schools of (Kuz Kunar, Behsood and Chaprihar) districts of Nangarhar and Mehtarlam of Laghman province.
- Around 2,850 forestry trees were planted in women parks, Kama district hospital, districts educational office of Chaprihar, Police station of Kuz Kunar of Nangarhar and Mehterlam of Laghman.

Please see the chart below for trees distributed as part of this community distribution program. Trees were provided by IDEA-NEW supported women's nurseries.

Staple crops program—Yellow Maize

A total of 41 demo plots of maize will be established during Spring 2010. The size of the demonstration plots is one jerib and a total of 8.2 Ha will be under demonstration during the spring and summer seasons of 2010.

Selection process was finalized, and plots will be established in 19 districts in the region:

Batikot, Momandarah, Kama, Kuz Kunar, Pachir agam, Debalah, Hessarak and Darinoor districts of Nangarhar; Alishang, Alingar, Dawlat sha, Metarlam, and Qarghae districts of Laghman; and Narang, Asadabad, Noorgal, Chawky, Narang and Khas Kunar districts in Kunar province.

Community Fruit and Forestry Distribution Project—IDEA-NEW

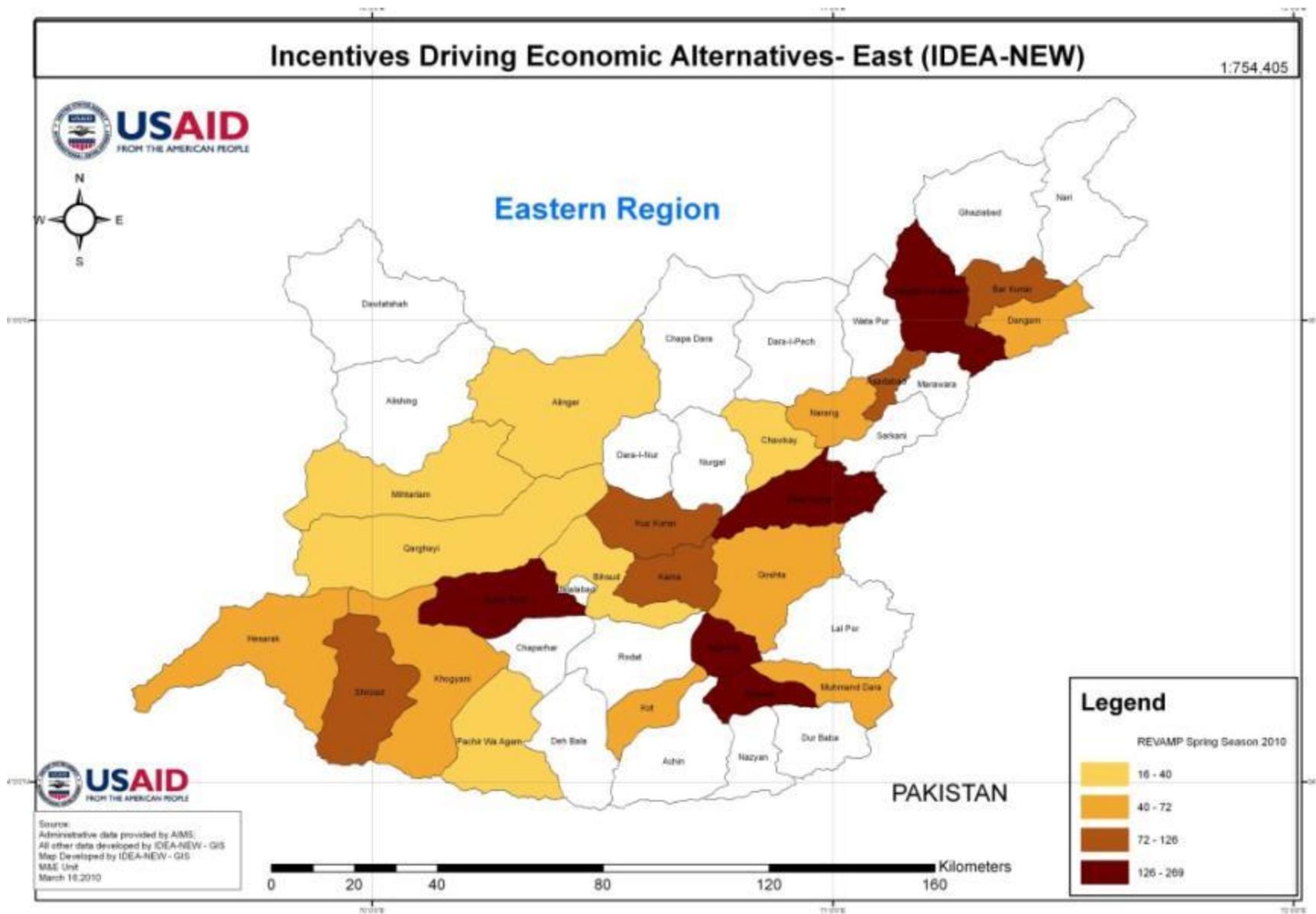
Name	Location		Number and species of trees distributed and planted												
			Fruit trees					Forestry trees			Ornamental trees				
	District	Province	Orange	Apricot	Almond	Pom.	Plum	Euc.	Mulberry	Cypress	Bottle brush	Pine	Morphang	Dudonia	Total
S.Jamaluddin High School	Kuz Kunar	Nangarhar	30					150		110					290
Qalatak Girls High School	Kuz Kunar	Nangarhar	20	30				200							250
Yaseen Baba High School	Kuz Kunar	Nangarhar						150	40						190
Abdul Khil High School	Kuz Kunar	Nangarhar	20	40					40						100
Police station Kuz Kunar	Kuz Kunar	Nangarhar	10	10					20	50					90
Tawakal Baba girls school	Kuz Kunar	Nangarhar								70					70
Shaheed M.Arif High School	Jalalabad	Nangarhar	20	30					20	14					84
Gunbazi Jumat	Jalalabad	Nangarhar	10							10					20
Kama Hospital	Kama	Nangarhar	100							80					180
Kama Road	Kama	Nangarhar								1,300			1,300		2,600
IDEA-NEW office	Jalalabad	Nangarhar							120	100					220
Chaprihar High school	Chaprihar	Nangarhar	40	50				150							240
Trilay High school	Chaprihar	Nangarhar	40	50				100							190
Manu High school	Chaprihar	Nangarhar	30	20				150	20						220

Hidea Khil High school	Chaprihar	Nangarhar	20	20				150	20						210
Shulana High school	Chaprihar	Nangarhar	20					200	20						240
Kandi Bagh High school	Chaprihar	Nangarhar	30	-				100	20						150
Lalma high school	Chaprihar	Nangarhar	30	-				100	20						150
Dawlat Zai high school	Chaprihar	Nangarhar	30	-				200	20						250
District Educational office	Chaprihar	Nangarhar	30					100	-						130
Pahlawan high school	Mehtarkam	Laghman	16										10		26
Women park	Mehtarkam	Laghman		112	116		55								283
Bibi Maryam high school	Jalalabad	Nangarhar											33		33
Nazu Ana high school	Jalalabad	Nangarhar											28		28
Bibi Hawa high school	Jalalabad	Nangarhar									25		100	25	150
Women park	Jalalabad	Nangarhar		20											20
Bibi Zinab high school	Jalalabad	Nangarhar	7			20			35				50	12	124
Alayee high school	Jalalabad	Nangarhar											73		73
Malika suryahigh school	Jalalabad	Nangarhar						300	30				47		377
Araban High school	Jalalabad	Nangarhar							5				15		20
Grand Total			503	382	116	20	55	2,050	430	1,734	25	-	1,656	37	7,008

Farmer Training Summary March 16-31, 2010

Province	District	Staple Crops			CDF	TIMER	REVAMP	Orchard	FIELD	Total
		Mung	Onion	Potatoes	Vegetables	Vegetables	Vegetables	Fruit trees	Forestry	
Nangarhar	Batikot				46	17		150		213
Nangarhar	Behsood				21			10		31
Nangarhar	Chaparhar							24		24
Nangarhar	Dari noor				44			22		66
Nangarhar	Dihbala		26		41					67
Nangarhar	Ghanikhil							38		38
Nangarhar	Goshta							107		107
Nangarhar	Hissarak				25			106		131
Nangarhar	Kama		41		42			183		266
Nangarhar	Khogyani		65	46	45	64		80		300
Nangarhar	Kot		42		23	21	35	44		165
Nangarhar	Kuz Kunar				44			70		114
Nangarhar	Momandara						25	207		232
Nangarhar	Pachir Wa Agam							23		23
Nangarhar	Rodat		26				41	125		192
Nangarhar	Sherzad				76			104		180
Nangarhar	Achin				23					23
Nangarhar	Surkhrod							206		206
	Sub-total	0	200	46	430	102	101	1,499	0	2,378
Kunar	Asad Abad		27					131		158
Kunar	Asmar							139		139
Kunar	Chawky		24		42					66
Kunar	Dangan							18		18
Kunar	Khas Kunar							163		163
Kunar	Manogai							14		14
Kunar	Marawara				23					23
Kunar	Narang				49			65		114
Kunar	Noorgal					46				46
Kunar	Serkaney				21	23		15		59
Kunar	Shegal							191		191
Kunar	Watapur				21					21
	Sub-total	0	51	0	156	69	0	736	0	1,012
Laghman	Alingar				27			22		49
Laghman	Alishang				24					24
Laghman	Mehtarlam				27			31		58
Laghman	Qarghaee				41			42		83
	Sub-total	0	0	0	119	0	0	95	0	214
Nooristan	Noorgram				37	0	0	0	0	37
	Sub-total	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	37
Total	Grand Total	0	251	46	742	171	101	2,330	0	3,641

REVAMP Voucher Program Participants by District—Spring 2010



Rural job creation:

IDEA-NEW's private sector development activities are aimed to assist entrepreneurs to start up new businesses and expand existing operations. IDEA-NEW helps people to create bankable business plans, delivers technical and financial management training, builds the capacity of entrepreneurs, facilitates linkages with financial resources, helps establish market linkages for program participants and provides support to business associations. Activities are designed and new projects selected based on considerations of long-term employment opportunities and domestic market product development to reduce reliance on imports.

Updates in the biweekly period:

- Support continued with Zaman Snack Production Factory and Khalil Rehan Tomato Paste and Jam Production Factory. In both businesses, the trainers fielded by IDEA-NEW continued delivering training to the employees. Both companies also benefited from improved packaging materials designed and provided by IDEA-NEW. Zaman snacks factory which launched new items produce from local yellow maize and rice varieties is increasing its market share, and sold its new products in Jalalabad and Kabul in the reporting period.
- Support continued with the two breeder farms in Nangarhar. The layer breeder farm is located in Batikoot district. On 15th

of this month, the farm produced 3,410 fertile eggs in one day which represents 74.13% productivity. One hatchery in Darunta started the operation already using the eggs from Batikoot breeder farm established with IDEA-NEW support. There are ten settings (one setting is 9,720 eggs) of hatching eggs in the hatchery. The first hatch came out on 9th March with 7300 chicks. Second hatch was 7,400 chick and third hatch was 7,910 day-old chicks, indicating improvement after each hatch. All the chicks were immediately sold in the market.

The broiler breeder farm is located in Saracha area of Bihsud district. Mortality rate stands at 5%.

“We started this hatchery two years ago, but stopped after three months. The reason was we didn't have ways to keep the operation sustainable. Fertile eggs were being imported and the local breeders weren't reared under good conditions to ensure supply of fertile eggs. Now with IDEA-NEW support, we are successful. Now the IDEA-NEW breeder farm produces sufficient eggs, so I won't be out of hatching eggs. I don't see any major problem except the lack of public electricity, a problem I hope to solve soon,”

**-- Shamsulhaq
Hatchery owner, Jalalabad**



IDEA-NEW and MAIL staff look at day-old chicks from a hatchery in Jalalabad supported by IDEA-NEW. The chicks are from a breeder farm also supported by IDEA-NEW. Both of these initiatives are part of a larger effort to build the poultry value chain in the region, reducing reliance on imported varieties.

- Support continued to the local fiber distribution center in Nangarhar. This center offers fiber for the local textile weavers with credit for three months period. Over time, IDEA-NEW plans this center will become a manufacturer of fiber produced from local cotton and wool.
- Machinery of Darai-Noor Textile Factory will arrive soon. Once the machinery arrives, IDEA-NEW will select local villagers in coordination with the Shura to get training for about four months period who will then become the employees of the factory; an investor is providing the capital worth approximately \$30,000.
- A total of 25 farmers were selected in five districts of Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunar for a pilot home-based poultry project. IDEA-NEW will help create 100 commercial poultry farms; 50 layer hen farms and 50 broiler hen farms. IDEA-NEW will first train these farmers and an extensive training will be delivered before the program starts.

Women's job creation:

In the reporting period, IDEA-NEW's Gender Unit continued activities in the following programs: Women's Small Dairy Processing Units; Women-Owned Packing Facility; Mentorship Program; Women-Owned Nursery; and Women-Owned Greenhouses. Biweekly updates are as follows:

Women-Owned Dairy Processing Centers:

IDEA-NEW technically and financially supports eight women-operated "Achin Cheese" processing centers. Technical support provided to these processing units aims to assure clean procedures and that these centers are self sustainable.

Total cheese marketed in the reporting period was 277.7 kg for revenue of 43,982 Afs. (\$879.64) In addition, GME technical staff provided animal feed of 74 kg to each program participant at 50% cost subsidy.

Women-Owned Greenhouses:

IDEA-NEW provides support to 20 greenhouses with technical and marketing oversight. During the reporting period, greenhouses produced various vegetable seedlings for IDEA-NEW's commercial

demonstration farm program. In addition, another greenhouse was established in Batikot District of Nangarhar. Three women operators were trained and started sewing various vegetables plug seedlings in the greenhouse.

Women-Owned Packing Facility:

Currently, fifteen women are engaged by the facility in providing packing services for vegetables of the eastern region. In the reporting period, facility provided its packing services to 532.5 kg of vegetables under the brand "*Pride of the Eastern Region*". The mentioned quantity was shipped to Kabul Super Markets for revenues of \$268.64.



Women operators pack and sort vegetables in Surkhrod district, Nangarhar.

Women-Owned Trees and Herbs Nurseries:

IDEA-NEW supports 68 women-run tree nurseries (38 in one location) that sell trees and fruits to private clients, NGOs and USAID projects in the region.

In the reporting period, a total of 33,534 fruit and forestry saplings from the nurseries were distributed to 5,589 families in Khogiani District, Nangarhar in conjunction with IDEA-NEW's perennial horticulture department.

Women-owned layer program:

The program is designed to generate and strengthen the sources of licit income generation for 250 households in various districts of Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunar.

In the reporting period, the program started as a pilot evaluation phase. A total of 50 women layer farms will be established all over the

eastern region. In the reporting period, 25 farms were selected in various districts of the region for which the renovation is in progress.

Mentorship Program:

Regular technical and financial support to the Mentorship Program's beneficiaries continued: The assisted enterprises are: i) Women owned Pastry bakery ii) Women owned Perfume making program iii) Women owned Shampoo Making program iv) Jam and Pickle Program v) Wool spinning program.

During the reporting period, field observation and inspection has been made. The following chart shows the biweekly profits of mentorship program businesses for the quarter.

Business		Sells (\$)	Spends (\$)	Profit (\$)
naJ 16-31		790	526	264
Feb 1-15		379	434	55-
Feb 16-28		582	379	203
1	Pastry bakery	153	114	39
2	Wool weaving	-	-	-
3	Shampoo making	182	131	51
4	Jam & pickle	-	-	-
March 1-15		335	245	90
Total		2,086	1,584	502

Agricultural Sales/ Trade Corridor Market Development

Local Market:

Vegetable growers in the Eastern Region received technical assistance in harvest, post harvest and linkages to local markets. In the reporting period, 57,577 kg of cheese, vegetable and fresh fruit were marketed by farmers with the support of IDEA-NEW; the value of these sales was \$ 11,360.

High-Value National Market:

Local traders continued supplying to high value markets (supermarkets and institutional clients) in Kabul. During this reporting period 750 kg of different types of fruits and vegetables were delivered with a value of \$954. Best quality, with our sorting, grading, packing and service allowed these traders to get average \$1.2 per kg.

Export market:

No updates in the reporting period.

Market Information System (MIS):

The Market Information System collects, analyzes and disseminates price data for 67 commodities of nine markets, which include Jalalabad, Asad Abad, Mehtarlam, Kabul, Kunduz, Mazare Sharif, Badghis, Herat and Peshawar in Pakistan.

It also airs three live radio programs in eastern region; three times per week in Nangarhar and once per week in Laghman, and starting this reporting period, once per week in Kunar.

Updates in the biweekly period:

- A total of 1,292 SMS were sent in automatic response by TAMAS to 680 requests.
- A total of 1,495 wholesale and 1,495 retail daily prices reports sent via email to TAMAS daily email subscribers.
- Seven live Karkila Aw Maldari radio shows were broadcasted via Sharq Radio 91.3 FM

with a total length of 225 minutes. A total of 42 audience members called to the show asking different questions about their orchards, vegetables and livestock.

- One live radio show was aired via RTA Laghman.
- One live radio show was aired via RTA Kunar radio station 105.2 FM. Eight farmers from different parts of the province called in the show and posed their questions to Kunar Ag. Directorate expert. The total length of show was 45 minutes.

As it was the first live show in Kunar, farmers calling to show were happy and asked for more than one show during the week. Kunar MAIL Director M. Mahsal Khan helped IDEA-NEW find a proper expert and promised for promotion of the show in field through their extension staff.

- MIS continued collecting on-demand prices for day-old broilers (chicks) and feeds for poultry production companies in Nangarhar.
- Three radios were distributed as prize to farmers listening to Karkila Aw Maldari show in Nangarhar.



A view of radio moderators and agriculture expert during a live radio show in Kunar airs through RTA Kunar 105.2 FM and 100 AM.

Sales Facilitated by IDEA-NEW

March 1-15

**Biweekly Sales
Table**

Products	Local Market		High Value Market		Export Market		Total weight & Value	
	Kg	\$	K	\$	Kg	\$	Kg	\$
Vegetables	57,300	10,500	750	954	-	-	58,050	11,454
Fruits	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Herbs	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Cheese	278	861	-	-	-	-	278	861
Masroor Foods		2,736	0	0	0	0		2,736
Textile		139	0	-	0	-		139
Snacks		1,071						1,071
Total	57,578	15,307	750	954	-	-	58,328	16,261

July 1, 2009 - March 15, 2010

Products	Local Market Products		High Value Market		Export Market		Total weight & Value	
	Kg	\$	Kg	\$	Kg	\$	Kg	\$
Vegetables	1,293,800	311,683	23,205	30,863	6,487,000	1,660,849	7,804,005	2,003,395
Fruits	73,266	27,445	6,530	16,462	0	0	79,796	43,907
Herbs	709	200	0	0	0	0	709	200
Cheese	4,032	12,262	0	0	0	0	4,032	12,262
Masroor Foods	19,800	18,801	0	0	0	0	19,800	18,801
Textile	0	14,156	0	0	0	0	0	14,156
Snacks	0	13,413	159	1,431	0	0	159	14,844
Total	1,391,607	397,960	29,894	48,756	6,487,000	1,660,849	7,908,501	2,107,565

Capacity Building

Agribusiness Development and Training:

Orchards Program: *IDEA-New is providing technical assistance to approximately 2,000 farmers with fruit trees and technical assistance on approximately 1,500 hectares of land.*

In the reporting period, 29 farmers were trained on orchard layout in Manogai and Sarkani districts and a total of 19.5 Jeribs were laid-out and pits were dug for planting of saplings in four districts. Additionally, 2,301 farmers received technical assistance for the establishment of their orchards in 27 districts. Further, fruit saplings distribution completed and around 87,922 trees distributed to 2,242 farmers in the region.



A view of orchard demo plot in Momandara District in Nangarhar province

Demonstration Farms: *IDEA-NEW maintains demonstration farms for training days on modern crop techniques. IDEA-NEW started 17 commercial-size demonstration farms in early July under the commercial demonstration program. The project also runs smaller demonstration farms on a regional basis throughout rural and remote districts in Eastern Region, which give farmers in remote and rural areas access to modern crop techniques.*

In the current reporting period, a total of 742 farmers were trained in 23 districts and 27 field nurseries were established in 16 districts of the eastern region. In addition, a total of 16 fields were laid-out for okra, cucumber and water

melon planting in eight districts of the region. The farmer training summary on page 16 has more information with regards to training for the demonstration farms.

Community Institution Capacity Building

- NIA (Nangarhar Industrial Association) is conducting a need assessment survey of its members. To date the association has surveyed 61 factories. Once the needs assessment is completed, NIA in collaboration with IDEA-NEW will design interventions. IDEA-NEW is supporting this assessment both technically and financially.
- Eastern Region Fruit Growers' Association (ERFGA) continued its services to its members. During the reporting period, the association sold 300 bags of fertilizer to its members. Two members of the association will be traveling soon to Pakistan to explore ways of importing fertilizer directly, which will give them more power to compete in the market. IDEA-NEW is also working with the association to establish a small fruit dehydration factory. This may be expanded once this pilot dehydration proves to be successful.

“We can add value to the fruits which don't have good market if sold fresh and will also generate some income for the association to make it self-sustainable,” -

**-- Mohammad Sidiq,
Director, ERFGA**

- Support continued with NTA (Nangarhar Talc Association). IDEA-NEW is putting together a plan in collaboration with NTA to improve the equipment and working tools of the talc miners. We are also exploring opportunities to increase sales and increase the sales channels for Afghan talc.
- Handicraft Association: A program that started in September 2009 to train 200 women in Hasarshahi camp, Nangarhar ended on February 28, 2010. The project was jointly supported by IDEA-NEW, WFP and Handicraft Association. Total finished products are on display and awaiting sale.

USG & IROA Coordination

- IDEA-NEW assisted the Directorates of Women's affairs of Laghman, Nangarhar and Kunar provinces in organizing International Women's Day, on March 8th. In the event, local NGOs, Provincial Governors, international agencies representatives and more than 1,950 Afghan women participated.
- One TWG (Technical Working Group) meeting was conducted in Nangarhar province.
- Community tree distribution project was coordinated with the DDA elders, school principals, Provincial directors and the relevant municipalities.

Afghan First

Locally purchased materials for DAI (East and West) from March 1-15, 2010 was \$ 576,710.



Shila Babori (Director of DoWA Nangarhar) and other authorities participated in International Women's day ceremony celebration in Nangarhar province facilitated by IDEA-NEW and others.

Voices from Field

Mr. Mawladaad is one of the farmers among the community in Khogyani district of Nangarhar province; in the past he has planted local vegetable seeds and common grain seed in his land using traditional local practices. He was selected to establish a Small Demonstration Farm (1/2 Jerib) in Fall 2009 through IDEA-NEW. He planted cauliflower and harvested the crop during the reporting period. An IDEA-NEW field technician interviewed him on his farm: .

FT: What did you plant in Fall / Winter season of 2009 on your land?

Farmer: I planted staple and vegetable crops such as Wheat, Radish, Cauliflower and Onions but under IDEA-NEW program I planted cauliflower in 0.5 jerib.

FT: How did you lay-out your field for the cauliflower planting?

Farmer: I followed IDEA-NEW recommendations and established the nursery on a raised bed. The crop was also transplanted on beds. It was my first time I prepared the field in this way, incorporating animal manure and fertilizer in the bed, and using a field lay-out that increases the number of plants per Jerib.

FT: Are you happy from seed, methods and production?

Farmer: Of course! Seed germination was very good, the crop grew well and the production was excellent.

FT: What about the market and an income?

Farmer: I'm very happy for the income I obtained from my plot. I sold each unit at average price of 11 Afs/head, the total income produced by the plot was around 45,000 Afs (\$900). This is almost twice as productive as cultivating the traditional ways.



**Non-CCI Projects IDEA-NEW Eastern Region
March 1-15, 2010**

Project Name	Province	District	% complete	Estimated # Beneficiaries	Implementer	Start Date	End Date
Agribusiness Job Creation							
Staple crops – Yellow maize project	Nangarhar	Kama, Kuz Kunar, Bedsood, Dari Noor, Chaparhar, Surkrod, Pacheer Wa Agan, Rodat, Kot, Ghanikhil, Batikot, Khogyani	100%	1,120	DAI	1-Jul-09	31-Oct-09
Staple crops – Yellow maize project	Laghman	Qarghaee, Mehtarlam	100%	175	DAI	1-Jul-09	31-Oct-09
Staple crops – Yellow maize project	Kunar	Assadabad, Khas Kunar, Narang, Sawkai	100%	198	DAI	1-Jul-09	31-Oct-09
Staple Crops- Mung bean multiplication	Nangarhar	Behsud, Batikot, Kot, Shinwar, Rodat, Kuz kunar, Kama, Surkhrod	100%	60	DAI	1-Jul-09	30-Nov-09
Staple Crops- Mung bean multiplication	Kunar	Khas Kunar, Nurgal, Chawki, Serkani, Marawara, Asadabad, Shigal, Narang	100%	50	DAI	1-Jul-09	30-Nov-09
Staple Crops- Mung bean multiplication	Laghman	Mehterlam, Qarghaee, Daulatshah, Alingar, Alishang	100%	40	DAI	1-Jul-09	30-Nov-09
Staple Crop – Potato for processing – Training on potato production	Nangarhar	Batikot , Behsud ,Kama ,Kuz Kunar	47%	960	DAI	20-Nov-09	31-Jan-10
Staple Crop – Potato for processing – Training on potato production	Nangarhar	Batikot , Behsud ,Kama ,Kuz Kunar	100%	24	DAI	15-Dec-09	15-Jan-10
Staple Crop – Potato for processing – Training on potato production	Laghman	Metherlam , Qarghaee	100%	6	DAI	15-Dec-09	15-Jan-10
Staple crop – Training on Potato production for fresh market	Nangahar	Behsud ,Batikot , Kot , Kuz Kunar,Momandara, Kama	100%	2000	DAI	Oct 20,2009	Feb15,2010

Staple crop – Training on Potato production for fresh market	Kunar	Assadabad,Chawki ,Narang, Khas Kunar	100%	1200	DAI	Oct 20,2009	Feb15,2010
Staple crop – Training on Potato production for fresh market	Laghman	Mehterlam, Qarghaee	100%	800	DAI	Oct 20,2009	Feb15,210
Staple Crop – Wheat seed for multiplication in 100 Ha of NVDA	Nangarhar	Batikot	65%	1	DAI	Dec12,2009	31-May-10
TIMER, Fall 2009 , Inputs distribution	Nangarhar	Achin,Goshta,Lal pur , Hisarak,Shirzad, Pachir Wa Agam,Kot , Momandara	99%	7,000	DAI	Oct 3,2009	Oct 21,2009
TIMER, Fall 2009 , Inputs distribution	Kunar	Khas Kunar , Marawara,Watapur,Chawki,Narang,Serkani,Bar Kunar , Noorgal , Shigal	102%	5,000	DAI	Oct 3,2009	Oct 20,2009
TIMER, Fall 2009 ,Inputs distribution	Laghman	Alingar , Alishang,Daulat Shah,Mehterlam,Qarghaee	98%	3,000	DAI	Oct 3,2009	Oct 20,2009
TIMER, Spring 2010	Nangarhar	Batikot,Kot,Chaparhar,Khogyani ,Kuz Kuanr,Kama, Lal pur , Dihbala, Momandara,Ghanikhil	65%	7000	DAI	Feb 16,210	April 1, 2010
TIMER, Spring 2010	Kunar	Assadabad ,Khas Kunar , Marawara,Watapur,Chawki,Narang,Manogai,Noor gal,Serkani, Bar Kunar, Shigal	94%	5000	DAI	Feb 16,210	April 1, 2010
TIMER, Spring 2010	Laghman	Alingar , Alishang,Daulat Shah,Mehterlam,Qarghaee	81%	4000	DAI	Feb 16,210	April 1, 2010
TIMER, Spring 2010	Nangarhar	Batikot,Kot,Chaparhar,Khogyani ,Kuz Kuanr,Kama, Lal pur , Dihbala, Momandara, Rodat	3%	3240	DAI	Mar 10,210	July31,2010
TIMER, Spring 2010	Kunar	Assadabad ,Khas Kunar , Marawara,Watapur,Chawki,Narang,Manogai,Noor gal,Serkani, Bar Kunar, Shigal	3%	2760	DAI	Mar 10,210	July31,2010
TIMER, Spring 2010	Laghman	Alingar , Alishang,Daulat Shah,Mehterlam,Qarghaee	2%	1800	DAI	Mar 10,210	July31,2010

REVAMP Program, Fall 2009	Nangarhar	Kuzkunar, Daray Noor, Kama, Behsood, Surkhrud, Khugiani, Chaprihar, Pacheeru Agam, Rodat, Kot, Batikot, Ghanikhil, Momandara	97%	1,630	DAI	Feb 16, 2010	28-Feb-10
REVAMP Program, Fall 2009 inputs distribution	Laghman	Mehtarlam, Qarghaee,	100%	104	DAI	Feb 16, 2010	28-Feb-10
REVAMP Program, Fall 2009	Kunar	Sawkai, Naranag, Khas Kunar, Asad Abad	100%	508	DAI	Feb 16, 2010	28-Feb-10
REVAMP Program, Spring 2010 Inputs distribution	Nangarhar	Kuz Kunar, Pacheeru Agam, Behsood, Kama, Surkhrud, Batikot, Ghanikhil, Kot, Momandara, Shirzad, Hisarak, Goshta	87%	1440	DAI	Feb 16, 2010	March 20, 2010
REVAMP Program, Spring 2010 Inputs distribution	Laghman	Alingar, Mehtarlam, Qarghaee	91%	95	DAI	Feb 16, 2010	March 20, 2010
REVAMP Program, Spring 2010 Inputs distribution	Kunar	Sawkai, Narang, Khas Kunar, Asmar, Dangam, Shigal, Asad Abad	75%	805	DAI	Feb 16, 2010	March 20, 2010
FIELD program—Spring 2010	Nangarhar	Kama, Kuz Kunar, Bedsood, Chaparhar, Surkrod, Pachir Wa Agam, Rodat, Ghanikhil, Batikot, Khogyani, Daray Noor, Kot, Hisarak, Shirzad, Momandara, Gushta, Dih bala	100%	189	DAI	Oct. 1, 2009	9-Mar-10
FIELD program—Spring 2010	Laghman	Qarghaee, Mehtarlam, Alingar	100%	59	DAI	Feb. 21, 2010	March. 9, 2010
FIELD program—Spring 2010	Kunar	Narang, Assad bad, Sarkani, Monugi, Shigal	100%	41	DAI	Feb. 21, 2010	March. 9, 2010
Staple crop – Onion Nurseries Establishment, Fall 2009	Nangarhar	Dihbala, Rodat, Batikot, Shinwar, Kuz Kunar, Kot, Kama, Shirzad, Khogyani	100%	90	DAI	Feb. 21, 2010	March. 9, 2010
Staple crop – Onion Nurseries Establishment, Fall 2009	Kunar	Assadabad, Chawki, Narang, Shigal, Serkani, Watapur	100%	45	DAI	13-Oct-09	15-Nov-09
Staple crop – Onion Nurseries Establishment Fall, 2009	Laghman	Alishang, Qarghaee, Mehtarlam	100%	40	DAI	13-Oct-09	15-Nov-09
Staple crop – Training on Onion Production	Nangarhar	Dihbala, Rodat, Batikot, Shinwar, Kuz kunar, Kot, Kama	52%	5400	DAI	15-Nov-09	Jun 30, 2010

Staple crop – Training on Onion Production	Kunar	Assadabad,Chaoki,Narang ,Shigal,Serkani ,Waturpur	43%	2700	DAI	15-Nov-09	Jun 30,09
Staple crop – Training on Onion Production	Laghman	Alishang,Qarghaee, Mehterlam	43%	2400	DAI	15-Nov-09	Jun 30,09
Rural Job Creation							
Shamsulhaq Layer Breeder Farm Support	Nangarhar	Batikoot	100%	30	DAI	1-Jul-09	14-Jan-10
Zmarak Broiler Breeder Farm Support	Nangarhar	Bihsud	80%	30	DAI	1-Oct-09	14-Mar-10
Textile Dying and Pressing Facility	Nangarhar	Jalalabad	60%	200	DAI	1-Jul-09	30-Jun-11
Rodat Textile Factory	Nangarhar	Dih Bala	100%	14	DAI	1-Sep-09	31-Dec-09
Khalil Rehan tomato paste and Jam production factory	Nangarhar	Surkhrud	40%	20	DAI	Jan 10,2010	Apr 09,2010
Zaman Snacks Factory	Nangarhar	Behsud	60%	15	DAI	20-Jan-10	19-Mar-10
Fiber Distribution Center	Nangarhar	Jalalabad	25%		DAI	1-Jan-10	1-Dec-10
Dara I Noor Textile Factory	Nangarhar	Dara-i-Noor	15%	9	DAI	15-Feb-10	15-Jul-10
Women's Job Creation							
Hen layer program for women	Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar	Chaukai, Nurgal, Chaprihar, Batiokot, Rodat, Qarghaee, Mihterlam	70%	250	DAI	1-Jul-09	30-Sep-10
Mentor 5 women-owned businesses	Nangarhar	Sorkhrood, Behsud, Daronta, Jalalbad city		27	DAI	1-Jul-09	Ongoing
Literacy and Business Skills Training for Women	Kunar, Laghma and Nangarhar	Asadabad, Mihterlam, Jalalabad	50%	200	DAI	1-Jul-09	Sep,30, 2010
Book Keeping Training	Kunar, Laghma and Nangarhar	Chaukai, Nurgal, Chaperhar, Battikot, Rodat, Qarghai, Mihterlam, Sorkhrood, Behsud, Daronta, Jalalbad city, Rodat Battikot, Asadabad, Kama	100%	500	DAI	1-Jul-09	30-Dec-09
Literacy and embroidery training for Women	Nangarhar	Rodaat	100%	200	DAI	1-Sep-09	28-Feb-10
Achin Cheese support and establishment of new center	Nangarhar	Battikot	100%	25	DAI	1-Jul-09	30-Dec-09

38 Nursery TA	Nangarhar and Laghman	Sorkhrod, Behsud, Qarghai	100%	38	DAI	1-Jul-09	30-Dec-09
Establishment of two greenhouses	Nangarhar	Asadabad, Battikot	100%	6	DAI	1-Jul-09	30-Dec-09
Surkhrod Packing Facility Support and Marketing	Laghman, Kunar and Nangarhar	Surkhrod		15	DAI	1-Jul-09	ongoing
Establishment of 5 new fish farms	Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar	Saukai, Battikot, Asadabad,	10%	10	DAI	1-Jan-10	30-Sep-10
Marketing							
Market Information System	Nine markets	Kabul, Mehterlahm, Asad Abad, Jalalabad, Peshawar, Kunduz, Herat, Mazar-e-Sharif, Badghis	Na		DAI		ongoing
Exports Facilitation	Nangarhar	Rodat	100%		DAI	1-Jul-09	30-Sep-09
Jute bags distribution to farmers	Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunar	Batikoot, Behsud, Ghanikhil, Sakai, Narang, Asadabad, Alingar, Mihterlam.	100%	1800	DAI	24-Aug-09	8-Sep-09
Jute bags distribution for onion exports to the exporting companies	Nangarhar	Jalalabad	100%	7	DAI	Aug 15,2009	20-Sep-09
National Markets Facilitation—grading, sorting, packing	Nangarhar, Kunar, Laghman		10%		DAI	1-Jul-09	30-Jul-11
Radio Program	Nangarhar	Jalalabad				1-Mar-09	ongoing
Radio Program	Laghman	Mehterlahm				1-Sep-09	ongoing
Radio Program	Kunar	Asad Abad				1-Mar-10	ongoing
Capacity Building							
Commercial Demo Farm Establishment	Nangarhar	Chaparhar, Pachir Wa Agam, Rodat, Dihbala, Khogiyani, Sherzad, Hisarak, Dara-i-Noor, Goshta	100%	10	DAI	1-Jul-09	31-Jul-09
Commercial Demo Farm Establishment	Laghman	Alingar, Alishan, Dawlatshaw	100%	3	DAI	1-Jul-09	31-Jul-09

Commercial Demo Farm Establishment	Kunar	Marawara, Nurgal, Watapur	100%	3	DAI	1-Jul-09	31-Jul-09
Commercial Demo Farm Establishment	Nooristan	Noorgram	100%	1	DAI	1-Jul-09	31-Jul-09
Commercial Demo Farm Training on Vegetable Production Sp,09	Nangarhar	Chaparhar, Pachir Wa Agam, Rodat Dihbala, Khogiyani, Sherzad, Hisarak, Dara-i-Noor, Goshta	100%	5,520	DAI	1-Jul-09	31-Oct-09
Commercial Demo Farm Training on Vegetable Production Sp,09	Kunar	Marawara, Nurgal, Watapur	100%	2,340	DAI	1-Jul-09	31-Oct-09
Commercial Demo Farm Training on Vegetable Production , Sp,09	Laghman	Alingar, Alishang, Dawlatshaw	100%	1,880	DAI	1-Jul-09	31-Oct-09
Commercial Demo Farm Training on Vegetable Production Sp,09	Nooristan	Nurgram	100%	480	DAI	16-Jul-09	31-Oct-09
Commercial Demo Farm Training on Vegetable Production, Fall 2009	Nangarhar	Chaparhar, Pachir Wa Agam, Rodat, Dihbala, Khogiyani, Sherzad, Hisarak, Dara-i-Noor, Goshta	100%	4,500	DAI	17-Oct-09	Mar15,2010
Commercial Demo Farm Training on Vegetable Production, Fall 2009	Kunar	Khas Kunar, Marawara, Asmar, Nurgal, Serkani, Watapur	100%	1,800	DAI	17-Oct-09	Mar15,2010
Commercial Demo Farm Training on Vegetable Production, Fall 2009	Laghman	Alingar, Alishang, Daultshah Mehterlam,.Qarghaee	100%	1,500	DAI	17-Oct-09	Mar 15,2010
Commercial Demo Farm Training on Vegetable Production, Fall 2009	Nooristan	Nurgram	100%	300	DAI	17-Oct-09	Mar 30,2010
Commercial Demo Farm Program – Nursery Establishment, SDF. Fall 09	Nangahar	Chaparhar, Pachir Wa Agam, Rodat, Dihbala, Khogiyani, Sherzad, Hisarak, Dara-i-Noor, Goshta	100%	75	DAI	10-Oct-09	15-Nov-09
Commercial Demo Farm Program – Nursery Establishment, SDF. Fall 09	Kunar	Khas Kunar, Marawara, Asmar, Nurgal, Serkanin, Watapur	100%	30	DAI	10-Oct-09	15-Nov-09
Commercial Demo Farm Program – Nursery Establishment, SDF. Fall 09	Laghman	Alingar, Alishang, Daultshah Mehterlam. Qarghaee	100%	25	DAI	10-Oct-09	15-Nov-09

Commercial Demo Farm Program – Nursery Establishment, SDF. Fall 09	Nuristan	Nurgram	100%	5	DAI	10-Oct-09	15-Nov-09
Commercial Demo Farm Program – SDF – Plot Establishment	Nangarhar	Chaparhar, Pachir Wa Agam, Rodat, Dihbala, Khogiyani, Sherzad, Hisarak, Dara-i-Noor, Goshta	100%	75	DAI	Oct 10,2009	Dec31,09
Commercial Demo Farm Program – SDF – Plot	Kunar	Khas Kunar, Marawara, Asmar, Nurgal, Serkani, Watapur	100%	30	DAI	Oct 10,2009	Dec31,09
Commercial Demo Farm Program – SDF – Plot	Laghman	Alingar, Alishang, Daultshah Mehterlam,.Qarghaee	100%	25	DAI	Oct 10,2009	Dec31,09
Commercial Demo Farm Program – SDF – Plot	Nooristan	Nurgram	100%	5	DAI	Oct 10,2009	Dec31,09
CDF – SDFs selection, Spring 2010	Nangarhar	Achin, Behsud ,Batikot, Chaparhar, Darai Noor, Dihbala ,Goshta, Hisarak, Kama,Kot,Kuz Kunar, Khogyani, Lalpur , Momandara,Nazian ,Pachir Wa Agam, Rodat, Khogiyani, Sherzad , Surkhrod	100%	125	DAI	Jan02,2010	Feb 10,210
CDF – SDFs selection, Spring 2010	Kunar	Asadabad, Bar kunar , Chawki Khas Kunar, Marawara, Nurgal, Narang ,Serkani, Shigal ,Watapur	100%	55	DAI	Jan02,2010	Feb10 ,210
CDF – SDFs selection, Spring 2010	Laghman	Alingar, Alishang, Daultshah Mehterlam,.Qarghaee	100%	40	DAI	Jan02,2010	Feb 4,210
CDF – SDFs selection, Spring 2010	Nooristan	Nurgram	100%	5	DAI	Jan02,2010	Jan31,210
Commercial Demo Farm Training on Vegetable Production Sp,2010	Nangarhar	Achin, Behsud ,Batikot, Chaparhar, Darai Noor, Dihbala ,Goshta, Hisarak, Kama,Kot,Kuz Kunar, Khogyani, Lalpur , Momandara,Nazian ,Pachir Wa Agam, Rodat, Khogiyani, Sherzad ,Achin,Surkhrod	4%	7500	DAI	Mar 1,2010	July 31,2010

Commercial Demo Farm Training on Vegetable Production Sp,2010	Kunar	Asadabad, Bar kunar , Chawki Khas Kunar, Marawara, Nurgal, Narang ,Serkani, Shigal, Watapur	2%	3300	DAI	Mar 1,2010	July 31,2010
Commercial Demo Farm Training on Vegetable Production Sp,2010	Laghman	Alingar, Alishang, Daultshah Mehterlam,Qarghaee	2%	2400	DAI	Mar 1,2010	July 31,2010
Commercial Demo Farm Training on Vegetable Production Sp,2010	Nooristan	Nurgram	0%	300	DAI	Mar 1,2010	July 31,2010
Orchard Development Program,2010- Sapling Distribution for orchard Rehabilitation	Laghman	Qarghaee, Mehtarlam,Alinag	100%	106	DAI	Feb.21.2010	March.9.2010
Orchard Development Program,2010- Sapling Distribution for orchard Rehabilitation	Kunar	Khas Kunar, Narang, Assad Abad, Dangam, Asmar, Shigal	100%	465	DAI	Feb.21.2010	March.9.2010
Orchard Development Program	Nangarhar	Kama, Kuz Kunar, Bedsood, Chaparhar, Surkrod, Pachir Wa Agam, Rodat, Ghanikhill, Batikot, Khogyany, Daray Noor, Kot, Hissarak, Shirzad Momandara, Gushta, Dih bala	100%	926	DAI	Feb.21.2010	March.9.2010
Orchard Development Program,2010- Sapling Distribution for New Orchard establishment	Laghman	Qarghaee, Mehtarlam,Alinag	100%	97	DAI	Feb.21.2010	March.9.2010
Orchard Development Program,2010- Orchard Development Program,2010- Sapling Distribution for New Orchard establishment	Kunar	Khas Kunar, Narang, Assad Abad, Dangam, Asmar, Shigal	100%	249	DAI	Feb.21.2010	March.9.2010
Orchard Development Program,2010- Orchard Development Program,2010- Sapling Distribution for New Orchard establishment	Nangarhar	Kama, Kuz Kunar, Bedsood, Chaparhar, Surkrod, Pachir Wa Agam, Rodat, Batikot, Khogyany, Daray Noor, Kot, Hissarak, Shirzad Momandara, Gushta, Dih bala	100%	415	DAI	Feb.21.2010	March.9.2010

Nursery Development Program	Nangarhar	Bedsood, Kama, Kuz Kunar, Khogyany, Chaparhar, Rodat, Batikot, Ghanikhil, Nazian, Surkrod	50%	69	DAI	1-Jul-09	30-Jun-10
Nursery Development Program	Laghman	Qarghaee, Mehtarlam	50%	82	DAI	1-Jul-09	30-Jun-10
Nursery Development Program	Kunar	Assadabad, Narang, Sawkai, Khas Kunar	50%	12	DAI	1-Jul-09	30-Jun-10
Association Development							
Eastern Region Fruit Growers Association Support	Nangarhar	Jalalabad	50%	1980	DAI	1-Jul-09	30-Jun-10
Achin Poultry Farmers Association Support	Nangarhar, Kunar and Laghman	Various districts of the 3 provinces	100%	315	DAI	15-Aug-09	14-Oct-09
NIA (Nangarhar Industrial Association)	Nangarhar	Focused on Jalalabad but some factories located in other districts	30%	300	DAI	1-Jan-10	31-Dec-10
Talc Producers and Traders Association	Nangarhar	Khogyani, Shirzad, Haska Mina	30%	200	DAI	1-Jan-10	31-Dec-10
Handicraft Association	Nangarhar	Jalalabad	25%	50	DAI	1-Mar-09	1-Dec-10

Grants Program Update—Eastern Region March 1-15, 2010

During the reporting period, grant section received three concepts notes: Boiler Breeder Farm, Raza Khalid & Co Bags and Sport Tools Manufacturing, and one for six wells in Shinwar District. All the Concept were presented to Evaluation Committee and approved. The committee also evaluated the cost and technical scoring of Baryalai Bicycle Factory and approved the application for grants stage. In addition, Baryalia Bicycle Grants for the total amount of \$23,000 was approved by Project Director.

On March 6, 2010 Marble and Granite Processing RFA was closed. Three applicants participated in Bidding Process. Application was presented to Evaluation Committee and they recommended that before a cost and technical evaluation, a visit should be arranged with factories to see their existing machinery and current production line.

Name of Grantee/ Concept	District/ Province	Comm. Approval	Proj. Dir Approval	Number of Award/ s	Grant Status	Start Date	Type of Grant	Est. Grant Amount (USD)	Duration	Deliverables
Riaz Packaging Factory	Surkhord/ Nangarhar	N/A	N/A	1	Approved	TBD	In-Kind	\$15,000	2.5 months	Increased number of printed labels for boxes
Amiri & Brother's Carpentry Workshop	Kabul Taimani Watt	N/A	N/A	1	Approved	14 Dec, 2009	In-Kind	\$11,200	2 Months	Registration with AISA and renovation of workshop
(AWARD)	Mehterlam/ Laghman	N/A	N/A	1	Not approved	TBD	Fixed Obl.	\$97,035	10 months	Increase the income generation capacity of Afghan women.
Layer Poultry Farms	Dih Bala, Batikoot ,Kama, Asadabad Mihterlam	Approved	Not Approved	25	TBD	TBD	In-Kind	\$68,550	6 Months	TBD
Textile Weaving Businesses	Nangrarhar, Shirzad District	Approved	Approved	25	On Hold	TBD	In-Kind	\$87,500	3 months	TBD
Rohafza Jam and Pickle company	10 Jalalabad City/Nangarhar province	Approved	Approved	1	TBD	TBD	In-Kind	\$10,000	2 months	TBD
Vermicelli& Noodles Factory	District and village TBD	Approved	Approved	1	TBD	20 Mar, 2010	In-Kind	\$24,800	4 months	

Marble and Granite Processing	Surkhrud, Asadabad	Approved	Approved.	3	TBD	TBD	In-Kind	\$180,000	6 months	TBD
Nangrarhar Juice Production Factory	Surkhrud district, KBL-JAL main road.	Approved	Approved	1	TBD	TBD	Combination of In-kind/FOG	\$60,000	5 months	TBD
Fruits Pulp Centers for Fruit Growers Association	Nangrarhar & Kunar, Exact location TBD	Approved	Approved	2	On Hold By PSD	TBD	In-Kind	\$45,000	5 months	TBD
Wasim Chair Manufacture Factory	Jalalabad	Approved	Approved	1	Approved	20 Fe, 2010	In-Kind	\$5,000	3 months	Registration with AISA. Hiring of 7 Employee and Increase the production and sale of Plastic Chair and Tables
Fresh & Packages Cakes Factory	Jalalabad	Approved	Approved	1	Pending	TBD	In-Kind	\$45,000	5 months	TBD
Support to the Local hatcheries	Darunta, Surkhrud Jalalabad, Saroobi,	Approved	Approved	3	Approved	6-Mar-10	In-Kind	\$30,000	5 months	TBD
Sisters' bakery	Daronta, Surkhroad	Approved	TBD	1	TBD	TBD	In-Kind	\$10,000	5 months	TBD
Baryalaic bicycle Factory	Surkhroad District, Nangarhar Province	Approved	Approved	1	Approved	1-Jul-10	In-Kind	\$23,000	4months	1)Hiring of 20 employees 2) Increase production and sales
Boiler Breeder Farm	Eastern Region and Kabul	Approved	Approved	1	TBD	TBD	In-Kind	\$52,300	6months	TBD
Raza Khalid& Co Bags and Sport Tools	Nangarhar	Approved	Approved	1	TBD	TBD	In-Kind	\$7,000	4months	TBD
Drinking Water Supply	Shinwar District, Nangarhar Province	Approved	TBD	6	TBD	TBD	In-Kind	\$11,550	2months	TBD

Activities: Northeastern Region

Irrigation, Farm to Market Roads and Micro-Hydro Power

Badakhshan: Within the reporting period 380 skilled and unskilled laborers were hired for 12 days work in six infrastructure projects in Argo, Kishim, Darayem Baharak and Faizabad districts of Badakhshan province.

Chashmah e Qalandar Gabion Project: 600sq m of gabion sheets were weaved by laborers in the project site and used to construct a 150m gabion wall. The workers also completed filling and compacting another 300m to prepare it for the gabion boxes.

Hafiz Mogul Gabion Protection Wall: Laborers collected stones for a 150m wall, completed 1700sq m of gabion sheets and excavated 200m of foundation to complete 150m of new gabion wall.

Koochah Hisar Feeder Road: Work continued on the feeder road with another 500 m cut and filled, and 3000m of road leveled. Laborers also excavated 3000m of side ditches for the road.

Sakha - Waginj Road: Another 400m of the road were cut and filled, and 2500m were leveled. 400m of dry stone wall were also built alongside the roadway.

Balooch Gabion Protection Project: The project continued with 250m of stone collection and 400m of gabion sheet weaving.

Dasht e Quragh Retaining Wall Project: Progress on the retaining wall continued with 120m of stone masonry and 100m of excavation for the wall foundation.

Takhar: During the reporting period three on-going infrastructure projects in Taloqan center generated 957 labor days, employing 340 laborers. One project was finished.

Taloqan River Gabion Dike Project: The dike project was completed in the reporting period, with 195m of gabion wall protection dike constructed. The project employed 325 laborers with 2,816 person days generated and Afs 770,800 (\$15,416) paid in wages. This dike serves to prevent flooding and protect further erosion of 200 hectares of community agriculture land, orchards and houses.



Photo above: Dast e Quragh Project in Faizabad, Badakhshan Province. Photo below: Gabion sheets weaved by laborers in Hafiz Mughul, Argo District of Badakhshan.



Progress underway at the Yaktal Wash Culvert in Taloqan District of Takhar Province.



Completed stone masonry dike in Taloqan district of Takhar Province. This dike serves to prevent flooding and protect further erosion of 200 hectares of community agriculture land, orchards and houses.

Baghlan: During the reporting period nine on-going infrastructure projects in Khost, Puli-Khumri, Burka, Nahrin and Dehsala districts generated 5,210 labor days, employing 673 laborers. Four new infrastructure projects began in Baghlan during this reporting period:

Karta-e-Itifaq Road Rehabilitation Project: This project began during this reporting period. Project targets include: rehabilitation of 10km of road, construction of an 800m of protection wall, construction of two wash culverts, 17 culverts, and Road width lining, cutting and filling.

Now Abad Flood Gabion Protection Wall Project: The project will construct a 1400m protection wall to protect 130 hectares of agri-land from floods.

Dahala Gabions Protection Wall Project: This project will construct a 750m protection wall that will protect almost 50 Hectares of agri-land.

Gabion Weaving: The 425 who received training through IDEA-NEW are now weaving gabions for the 5 ongoing gabion protection wall projects in Puli-khumri district. A total of 2500 gabion boxes were weaved in 10 days during this reporting period.



Photo above, right: Bughawi Gabion Protection Wall Construction, Puli-Khumri District, Baghlan. Photo below: Gabion Weaving training project, Dehsala District, Baghlan.



Community-Constructed Infrastructure Projects
IDEA-NEW Northeast
March 1-15, 2010

#	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CODE	DISTRICT	Cum. Progress Feb 1-15	Cum. Progress Feb 16-28	REMARKS	Hectares irrigated (ha)	Canal Length (M)	Wall Length (M)	Road Length (Km)	Fam. Benefited	Reser voir Capacity (m3)
BADAKHSHAN PROVINCE												
1	Malangab Canal Intake Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-001-09	Baharak	100%	100%	Handed Over	250	400	N/A	N/A	730	N/A
2	Furmuragh Canal Rehabilitation	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-002-09	Baharak	100%	100%	Handed Over	140	100	N/A	N/A	310	N/A
3	Nawai Jurm Canal Rehabilitation	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-003-09	Jurm	100%	100%	Handed Over	110	300	N/A	N/A	1150	N/A
4	Pestakhor Canal Rehabilitation	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-005-09	Argo	100%	100%	Completed	210	200	N/A	N/A	1050	N/A
5	Brokan Canal Rehabilitation	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-004-09	Yaftal	100%	100%	Completed	150	250	180	N/A	330	N/A
6	Dashti Qurugh Protection wall	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-006-09	Faizabad	55%	60%	ACTIVE	N/A	N/A	200	N/A	1040	N/A
7	Chashmah e Qalandar Gabion Protection wall	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-008-09	Darayem	70%	80%	ACTIVE	N/A	N/A	100	N/A	1330	N/A
8	Hafiz Mughul Gabion Protection Wall	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-0012-010	Argo	25%	35%	ACTIVE	N/A	N/A	350	N/A	800	N/A
9	Wajinj Sakha Road	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-010-010	Baharak	25%	37%	ACTIVE	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.701	1050	N/A
10	Kooch e Hisar Road	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-0011-010	Baharak	26%	36%	ACTIVE	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.828	980	N/A

1	Balooch Gabion Protection Wall	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-0013-010	Kishem	8%	18%	ACTIVE	N/A	N/A	400	N/A	1340	N/A
BAGHLAN PROVINCE												
1	Flood Canal Rehabilitation	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-001-09	Burka	100%	N/A	Completed	1367	2000	1332	N/A	1000	N/A
2	Kajnow Aqueduct Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-003-09	Khost	N/A	N/A	Canceled	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	Larwan Reservoir and Piping	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-004-09	Khost	100%	N/A	Completed	6.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	120	207
4	Charbagh Aqueduct Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-002-09	Khost	100%	N/A	Completed	20	7	N/A	N/A	183	N/A
5	Dawabi Road Rehabilitation	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-005-09	Khost	96%	100%	ACTIVE	N/A	N/A	630	3	815	N/A
6	Furghanbul Road Rehabilitation	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-006-09	Khost	96%	100%	ACTIVE	N/A	N/A	500	1	303	N/A
7	Gawargan Spillway Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-007-09	Puli-Khumri	100%	N/A	ACTIVE	7000	24	24	N/A	12500	N/A
8	Women Gabion Weaving Training	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-018-09	Puli-Khumri	100%	N/A	1 st round completed	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	127	N/A
9	Women Gabion Weaving Training	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-023-010	Puli-Khumri	100%	N/A	2 nd round	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	90	N/A
10	Gabion Weaving Training (for Handicapped)	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-024-010	Puli-Khumri	50%	100%	Completed	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	208	N/A
11	Bughawi Gabion Protection wall Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-014-010	Puli-Khumri	8%	12%	ACTIVE	N/A	N/A	1300	N/A	1200	N/A
12	Shamarq Gabion Protection wall Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-016-09	Puli-Khumri	8%	11%	ACTIVE	N/A	N/A	900	N/A	1800	N/A
13	Baladori Gabion Protection wall Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-015-09	Puli-Khumri	8%	10%	ACTIVE	N/A	N/A	1400	N/A	722	N/A

14	Karte-etifaq Gabion Protection wall Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-017-09	Puli-Khumri	8%	10%	ACTIVE	N/A	N/A	800	N/A	1200	N/A
15	Sayadi Bala Gabion Protection wall Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-010-010	Puli-Khumri	10%	11%	ACTIVE	N/A	N/A	750	N/A	117	N/A
16	Kart-e-Itfaq Road Rehabilitation	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-020-010	Puli-Khumri	0%	8%	ACTIVE	N/A	N/A	800	10	1200	N/A
17	Nowabad-e-Flool Gabion Protection Wall Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-008-010	Burka	0%	12%	ACTIVE	N/A	N/A	1400	N/A	265	N/A
18	Dahla Gabion Protection Wall Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-09-010	Nahrin	0%	10%	ACTIVE	N/A	N/A	750	N/A	94	N/A
19	Germaba Gabion Protection Wall Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-013-010	Khost	0%	10%	ACTIVE	N/A	N/A	1300	N/A	170	N/A

TAKHAR PROVINCE

1	Khoja Aroq Joi Darat Canals Wash-culvert Rehabilatioan	MC-IDEA-NE-TK-E-001-09	Taloqan	70%	85%	ACTIVE	350	132	150	N/A	4200	N/A
2	Taloqan River Bank Gabion Dykes Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-TK-E-002-09	Taloqan	80%	100%	Completed	200	N/A	195	N/A	1400	N/A
3	Yakatal Canal Wash-culvert	MC-IDEA-NE-TK-E-003-09	Taloqan	80%	90%	ACTIVE	210	43	120	N/A	2700	N/A

Agriculture Productivity and Agribusiness

Badakhshan:

Winter Feeding and Deworming Project: Winter feeding and de-worming programs have been successfully completed in 8 districts: Yaftal, Khash, Teshkan, Tagab, Shuhada, Warduj, Argo and Faizabad. The project benefitted 46,236 animals and 8,000 farmer beneficiaies. Paravets de-wormed a total of 46,236 cattle, sheep and goats with high-quality medicine, and 960MT of feed was also distributed to the animals. During the reporting period, a final feed distribution was conducted in Faizabad, where 6,280 animals belonging to 1,000 beneficiaries received a total 120MT of food.

Poultry Training for Government Line Staff: Training on poultry disease diagnosis for 24 government livestock and agriculture officers is in progress in Faizabad. The staff will learn how to train beneficiaries how to increase profit from their chickens, including disease control, increasing egg production, and incubation and feeding methods.

Women's Poultry Project: The livestock department conducted a field visit to poultry project sites in five villages. The government staff checked on the chickens and spoke with 75 beneficiaries about how to control disease. The poultry project has been very successful in increasing income for its 120 beneficiaries in eight villages. Each family earns about 150Afs per day from their chickens.



Women's Poultry project in Faizabad.

Orchard Management Project: A total of 25 fruit orchards established by lead farmers were pruned in Baharak, Worduj, Shuhada, Kishem, Tagab, Teshkan

and Jurm districts as part of the orchard management project.

Orchard Establishment Project: Layout and pit digging has been completed in 49 jeribs of land, with 49 lead farmers undertaking the new orchard establishment project. The project establishes apple, pear, almond and apricot tree orchards in nine districts of Badakhshan. In Argo district layout and pit digging were completed for five orchards. Additionally, 15 farmers were trained in orchard layout and pruning.



Pit digging and layout for orchard establishment in Argo district.

Takhar:

Pistachio Orchard Establishment: A total of 16 farmers' families in Kalafghan and Farkhar districts are benefitting from pistachio planting and have been trained in pistachio planting methodology.



IDEA-NEW helps a farmer to establish a pistachio orchard in Kalafghan District of Badakhshan. A total of 16 farmers are participating in the project in the Province.

Baghlan:

Horticulture Training: A total 47 farmers underwent practical training on different horticulture skills in Puli-Khumri, Bano, Dehsala, Khost, Burka, Nahrin, and Baghlani Jadid districts. The target for this kind of training is 500 farmers in the six districts.

Input distribution: Agri-input distribution was conducted for 47 farmers owning a total of 128 jeribs of land under the orchard management project. These included 256 kgs sulfur, 128kg lime, 52 pruning saws, 52 pairs of scissors, 50 hand pump sprayers, and 50 ladders.

Orchard Establishment Project: Land preparations for 112 Jeribs of land for orchard establishment was carried out in the targeted areas of Puli-khumri, Khost, Burka, and Nahrin districts. Technical quality verification took place for the procured 7,300 apple, almond and apricot saplings for new orchards in Puli-Khumri, Bano, Dehsala, Khost, Burka, and Nahrin districts. Orchard establishment in 11 Jeribs of land for 10 farmer beneficiaries have been completed in Puli-Khumri district.

Winter Feeding and De-worming Project: Distribution of total 391 MT of livestock feed done for 10,019 animals for 1,128 farmers of Nahrin, Burka, Khost and Baghlani Jadid districts. Based on the proposals received from the Baghlan Governor and irrigation

department, 15 MT of the concentrate feed was procured and stored for to be distributed to 500 animals of 250 farmers in danger of starvation and threatened by flood in Baghlan province.

USG and IROA Cordination

Badakhshan:

The community mobilization team and agriculture experts visited Darayem and Argo districts to help facilitate the orchard management project and meet with the community elders to select beneficiaries.

The team also visited Shuhada and Wardouj districts and worked with the agriculture team to select 4 beneficiaries each for potato cultivation and poplar timber plantations.

Afghan First

Locally purchased materials for IDEA-NEW Northeast were \$26,370. Wages paid for this period were \$10,140.

Voices From The Field

Name: Marziya, Adviser for Agriculture Department, Faizabad, Badakhshan.

Project Name: Poultry Production Project

From (CDC/District): Faizabad City, Badakhshan.

Q1. What were the subjects covered in the workshop?

This workshop (poultry training) is very interesting and understandable. It included both theoretical and practical lessons. The subjects and materials included a baseline survey (first test), information on sources of infection, preventive measures for viruses, handling bird flu and New Castle disease, and discussions in working groups.

Q2. What have you learned and what are the benefits that you received from this training?

We have learned about modern methods of raising poultry as well as about diseases and their treatments and prevention. Also, we are able to train or advise those families newly interested in keeping poultry.

Q3. What are your views about the workshop?

I personally appreciate IDEA-NEW and its staff who conduct these workshops at a time when everyone in this region is in need of such training. Secondly, since most of the organizations and people work in this field (poultry) such training increases knowledge and the impact of the project.

Q4. Do you have any suggestions about this kind of training?

If all organizations support and assist projects in which women can participate easily, such as poultry and so on, this will be better because women can not work just anywhere or be far from their homes and children.

Also, all women need to build our capacity for a better future life, and that is possible only by participating in these kinds of training opportunities.



**Non-CCI Projects
IDEA-NEW Northeast Region
March 1-15, 2010**

Project Name	Province	District	% Complete	Estimated # Beneficiaries	Implementer	Start Date	End Date
Takhar Province							
Pistachio Orchard Establishment	Takhar	Kalafghan	18%	32 farmers	Mercy Corps	1-Jan-10	1-Jan-13
Orchard Management	Takhar	Kalafghan, Farkhar	7%	32 farmers	Mercy Corps	1-Mar-10	1-Mar-13
Establishment of Fruit Orchards	Takhar	Kalafghan, Farkhar	25%	32 farmers	Mercy Corps	1-Mar-10	1-Mar-13
Baghlan Province							
Fruit tree Nurseries	Baghlan	Bano, Dehsala, Khost, Burka	50%	40 families	Mercy Corps	15-Nov-09	1-Mar-12
Devil's Dung Cultivation	Baghlan	Burka	50%	32 farmers	Mercy Corps	15-Nov-09	30-Jun-10
Cumin Cultivation	Baghlan	Burka, Nahrin	35%	20 farmers	Mercy Corps	1-Nov-09	1-May-10
Pistachio Nursery Establishment	Baghlan	Burka, Nahrin	34%	50 farmers	Mercy Corps	22-Dec-09	30-Mar-11
Winter livestock feeding	Baghlan	Baghlanli Jadid, Burka, Nahrin, Khost, Pulikhumri, Dahani-Guri, Dushi	55%	3,200 farmers/ 24,000 livestock	Mercy Corps	10-Dec-09	31-Mar-10
Agriculture Training	Baghlan	Nahrin, Burka, Khost, Baghlani Jadid, Bano, Dehsala, Puli-Khumri	14%	500 teachers and farmers	Mercy Corps	21-Feb-10	30-Dec-10
Orchard Management	Baghlan	Puli-Khumri, Nahrin, Burka, Khost, Bano, Dehsala	50%	47 farmers	Mercy Corps	28-Feb-10	30-Sep-10
Orchard Management	Baghlan	Puli-Khumri, Nahrin, Burka, Khost, Bano, Dehsala	25%	115 farmers	Mercy Corps	2-Mar-10	30-Oct-10
Badakhshan Province							
Poultry production	Badakhshan	Faizabad Center	100%	120 families	Mercy Corps	12-Aug-09	1-Mar-10
Beekeeping	Badakhshan	Bahark, Jurm	66%	79 farmers (2 cooperatives)	Mercy Corps	21-Jul-09	30-Aug-10
Fruit Tree Nursery	Badakhshan	Baharak, Yaftal, Faizabad	65%	32 farmers	Mercy Corps	30-Oct-09	30-May-10
Winter livestock feeding	Badakhshan	Faizabad, Argo, Yaftal-e-Payan, Khash, Warduj, Shuhada, Tagab-e-Kishim,	100%	8,000 families/ 32,000 livestock	Mercy Corps	10-Dec-09	31-Mar-10
Winter livestock/de-worming	Badakhshan	Faizabad, Argo, Yaftal-e-Payan, Khash, Warduj, Shuhada, Tagab-e-Kishim	100%	8,000 families/ 46,244 livestock	Mercy Corps	14-Dec-09	28-Feb-10

Orchard Establishment	Badakhshan	Baharak, Jurm, Shuhada, Worduj, Argo, Daryim ,Kishem, Teshken, Tagop	30%	60 farmers	Mercy Corps	31-Dec-09	27-Dec-10
Orchard Management	Badakhshan	Daryim, Baharak, Jurm, Shuhada, Faizabad, Kishem and Tagop	35%	30 farmers	Mercy Corps	31-Dec-09	30-Sep-10
Timber Production	Badakhshan	Baharak, Jurm, Shuhada, Worduj, Argo, Daryim ,Kishem ,Teshken, and Tagop	1%	40 farmers	Mercy Corps	1-Mar-10	31-Aug-11
Government Agriculture Officers Training	Badakhshan	Faizabad, Argo ,Kishem and Yaftal	90%	24 government officers	Mercy Corps	14-Mar-10	16-Mar-10
Commercial Vegetable Cultivation	Badakhshan	Baharak, Jurm, Shohada, Worduj, Kishem, Argo and Darayem	1%	40 lead farmers	Mercy Corps	1-Mar-10	1-Sept-10
Trellising Grape Cultivation	Badakhshan	Kishem, Baharak, Jurm	1%	10 lead farmers	Mercy Corps	15-Mar-10	31-July-10
Completed Projects							
Government Agriculture Officers Training	Badakhshan	Argo, Faizabad, Yaftal Payan, Tagab, Khash, Warduj, Tishkan Shuhada, Kishim, Darayem, Jurm, Baharak, Ishkasham, Shahri Bozrog, Arghanj Khah, Shakay, Kohistan, Karn Mojan	100%	39 government officers	Mercy Corps	7-Feb-10	11-Feb-10
Poultry production	Baghlan	Khost, Nahrin, Burka	100%	90 families	Mercy Corps	27-Jul-09	27-Jan-10
Lamb Fattening	Baghlan	Khost, Nahrin, & Burka	100%	88 farmers	Mercy Corps	24-Aug-09	31-Dec-09
Beekeeping	Baghlan	Khost	100%	16 farmers (one cooperative)	Mercy Corps	1-Oct-09	31-Dec-09
High school teachers training	Badakhshan	Faizabad, Argo, Yaftal-e-Payan, Khash, Warduj, Tishkan, Jrum, Darayim Kishim and Baharak	100%	114 teachers	Mercy Corps	3-Jan-10	7-Jan-10
Calf/Lamb Fattening	Badakhshan	Jurm/ Darayim	100%	80 farmers	Mercy Corps	13-Aug-09	10-Nov-09
Apricot drying / sulfur training project	Baghlan	Khost	100%	205 farmers	Mercy Corps	14-Jul-09	26-Jul-09
Budding Training	Baghlan	Ishkamish	100%	31 farmers	Mercy Corps	22-Jun-09	Jul 25,2009
Grafting 25,000 Seedlings	Baghlan	Ishkamish	100%	2 owners and 11 farmers	Mercy Corps	22-Jun-09	25-Jul-09
Melon Fly Control	Baghlan	All districts	100%	2,599 farmers	Mercy Corps	22-Jun-09	22-Aug-09
Melon Fly Control	Badakhshan	Argo, Jurm, Faizabad	100%	637 farmers	Mercy Corps	12-Jul-09	12-Sep-09
Melon Fly Control	Kunduz/ Takhar	All districts	100%	15,824 farmers	Mercy Corps	15-Jun-09	16-Aug-09

Activities: North/Central Region

Irrigation, Farm to Market Roads and Micro-Hydro Power:

Khulm River Gabion Protection Wall: The Khulm River Gabion Protection project proposed by the community and selected in coordination and collaboration with local government, CDC, continued. A total of 169 person days of skilled and 1,748 person days of unskilled workers placed 110 gabion boxes on the riverbank of Khulm as per drawings and site plan. The project cumulative progress is 98%. So far, the project has created a total of 14,805 person days of employment for local laborers. The project will officially be handed over to the local authorities of Khulm in the next reporting period.



“This winter, I have worked in the gabion protection project and made 15,000Afs—a sum I hardly made in the summers in previous years.”

**--Rahmatullah, age 36
Laborer, Khulm River Gabion Protection Project**

Maymana-Bilchiragh Road Structures: The Maymana-Bilchiragh Road Structures project covers construction of 39 culverts and 76 meters of gabion protection wall. The structures are located along the 52km length of the road in Pashtun Kot and Bilchiragh districts of Faryab province. The 52 km of road services an area growing many different crops and its improvement will give cheaper, quicker and more reliable access to the markets in Maymana. The project has also been intended to provide employment during the winter when there is limited opportunities within the local area. A total of 10,625 person days of labor have been created to date.

The construction work continued simultaneously on 2 culverts; however, due to bad weather condition there was limited activity at the project site in the reporting period. The construction of 24 culverts has been completed. The work progress shows 44% achievement to date. The total number of employment days created during this biweekly period is 633.

Road Improvement in Mazar City Industrial Area: IDEA-NEW North Central has started a road gravelling project in the first district of Mazar-e-Sharif. According to the design, the project activities include leveling the surface of the road, gravelling 700m and digging side drains. This 20 day-long project started on March 06, 2010.

Construction of Micro Hydro Power projects: Providing electricity to 1,970 households in remote areas of Faryab and Sari Pul means reaching the most vulnerable and underserved communities, who may have never had the luxury of reading in the light or watching TV getting the latest news about their country and the world. Micro-Hydro Power (MHP) uses small-scale and simple technology to generate electricity for villages in remote regions. It is the cheapest form of energy for such communities and many countries have adopted this technology.

IDEA-NEW has started construction of 12 MHP projects in Sari Pul and Faryab provinces. Seven MHP projects that were already completed in Qaysar, Kohistan and Bilchiragh districts of Faryab have been utilized and the people in the communities are taking advantage of the light and energy produced by them.

Currently, five MHPs are being constructed in Balkhab district of Sari Pul province. The project activities in Balkhab MHPs that were stopped because of cold weather and heavy snow have been resumed for two MHPs in Hoosh and Parawshan communities. The progress in these two MHPs shows 64%. The technician from Remote Hydro Light (RHL), the IP, is now working on extension of the transmission line to the communities and further to the households. RHL has not been able to resume the construction works on three other MHPs in Balkhab district because of snow and cold weather in the area.

The IDEA-NEW North Central engineers have also completed the design of six new MHP projects in Dara-e Suf of Samangan, Bilchiragh and Pashtun Kot districts of Faryab.



IDEA-NEW completed most of the work on the 957-meter Khulm River Gabion Protection Wall project in the reporting period. The project will be handed over to the community in the next reporting period. Overall, the project has created nearly 15,000 person days of labor through the winter season for local communities.

IDEA-NEW engineers are currently designing five more MHPs for sites that have been surveyed in Faryab and Samangan, a water storage pond using polyethylene liner in Mardian district of Jawzjan province that will provide clean drinking water for the local people in an area with saline groundwater and who have to rely on stored water during the summer months, rehabilitation of one irrigation canal that will benefit about 100 hectares of irrigated land and 550 households in Abkhor village of Gosfandi District of Sari Pul province.

**Infrastructure Projects
IDEA-NEW North/Central
March 1-15, 2010**

	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CODE	DISTRICT	Feb 16-28, 2010	March 1-15, 2010	REMARKS	Hectares irrigated (ha)	Protection wall length (m)	Road length (km)	Families benefited
	SARI PUL									
1	Micro-hydropower (MHP),Chaila village	MHP8200.5/1	Balkhab	35%	35%	13KW				150
2	Micro-hydropower (MHP),Hoosh village	MHP8200.5/2	Balkhab	57%	64%	40KW				180
3	Micro-hydropower (MHP),Kham Shorack village	MHP8200.5/3	Balkhab	30%	30%	10.4KW				70
4	Micro-hydropower (MHP),Parawshan village	MHP8200.5/4	Balkhab	57%	64%	24KW				130
5	Micro-hydropower (MHP), Dahna Kashkak village	MHP8200.5/5	Balkhab	20%	20%	21KW				380
	FARYAB									
6	Micro-hydropower (MHP),Badi village	MHP8200.5/11	Qaysar	100%	100%	3.5KW				60
7	Micro-hydropower (MHP),Gerd-e-Qala	MHP8200.5/12	Kohistan	100%	100%	5KW				80
8	Micro-hydropower (MHP),Keen Qul	MHP8200.5/6	Bilchiragh	100%	100%	11KW				200
9	Micro-hydropower (MHP), Anjeerak	MHP8200.5/7	Bilchiragh	100%	100%	12.5KW				180
10	Micro-hydropower (MHP), Khush Gozar	MHP8200.5/8	Bilchiragh	100%	100%	14.1KW				180
11	Micro-hydropower (MHP), Mirzayee #1 village, Bilchiragh	MHP8200.5/9	Bilchiragh	100%	100%	10.2KW				180
12	Micro-hydropower (MHP), Mirzayee #2	MHP8200.5/10	Bilchiragh	100%	100%	11.6KW				180
13	CCI Road Rehab, Maymana/Bilchiragh	CCI-18-06-FA04	Pashtun Kot/ Bilchiragh	41%	44%			76m	52 km	50000
	BALKH									
14	CFW Khulm/Tela Gabion Protection Wall	CFW16 14 BL01	Khulm	95%	98%		9600	975m		12000
15	CFW Khulm/Do Darak Retaining Wall	CFW 200102	Khulm	100%	100%	COMPLETED	9600	100m		12000
16	Warehouse Road Improvement		Mazar-e-Sharif	0	50%				0.7km	450

Agriculture Productivity and Agribusiness

Laser Land Leveling: Irrigation water is a critical constraint on the expansion of agriculture in the project region. Land leveling, by allowing more precise control of irrigation over the field, both improves yields and allows a greater area to be cultivated for the same amount of water.

In the biweekly period, IDEA-NEW held a farmer field school day in Sari Pul DAIL research farm in Jangle Bagh area to demonstrate laser land leveling, two-wheeled tractors, techniques of fruit tree pruning, and the use of lay-flat irrigation piping, provided by the USAID-funded ASAP project. The event attracted more than 30 farmers from various districts of Sari Pul, DAIL staff and Ag-retailers of Bahar Ag-retailing association of Sari Pul.

Trellising of 100 ha of vineyards: To introduce the trellis system of grape production to farmers, IDEA-NEW started to establish demonstration plots, for which five farmers of Feroz Nakhchir and six grape producers of Maymana were selected to implement the trellis demo-plots on their vineyards.

Post installation in five vineyard demonstration plots of Feroz Nakhchir district was completed in this reporting period. The total number of trellised vines is 1,152 covering 0.55 hectares of land. In this biweekly, IDEA-NEW established two vineyard demonstration plots in Shirin Tagab district, where 120 concrete posts were installed. Wiring of these selected demo-plots will be done in next bi-weekly period.

Annual Crop Demonstration: With farmers showing



Photo at left: farmers show interest in two-wheeled tractor technology at a field day in Sari-Pul Province on a DAIL farm. Photo at right: More than 30 farmers participated in the field day.

more interest and attention in the demonstration plots,

IDEA NEW decided to increase the number of demonstration plots in Faryab, adding two rain-fed demonstration locations of 0.2 hectare of land each for planting safflower in Hazara Qala and Yangi Qala villages of Pashtun Kot district.

IDEA-NEW held two Farmer Field School days in these locations where 100 farmers participated and learned about the use of two-wheeled tractors in seeding crops.

Silk production project: Household silk production is a traditional activity in the northern region, where the silk is processed and used for the manufacture of carpets and textiles. It depends on a supply of silkworm eggs, which have been produced and distributed by MAIL.

Eggs are distributed in boxes of 12g, which should produce 7kg of raw silk. A typical household might use one or two boxes. Current prices are 160Afs/box (\$3.20) and \$8/kg raw silk. Before the war the annual use of silkworm eggs in Balkh was 3,000 boxes. At present day prices, this would yield a return to household labor of \$158,400.

Each provincial DAIL in the northern region has its own silkworm facility. The one in Balkh was rehabilitated by the Japanese. In Shibirghan, DAIL has a couple of rooms and some mulberry trees, but receives eggs from Kabul.

There are people who remember how to rear silkworms, but most need training in improved methods. Most sales of raw silk are to Herati



merchants. There are silk spinners in Kaldar and Shortepa districts of Balkh.

IDEA-NEW North Central awarded a sub-grant to a woman owned company, Rabia Maryam Handicrafts Co (RMHC), for the Commercial Breeding of Silkworm project. The three month-long project will train 400 women in Balkh, Jawzjan, Samangan and Sari Pul provinces to do the job. The company will buy the output of the project from the women trainees.

In addition to successfully completing the recruitment of trainers, supervisors and surveyors; the IP conducted the TOT (Training of Trainers), and the trainees established four provincial offices in Samangan, Balkh, Sari Pul and Jawzjan. Distribution of silkworm eggs to beneficiaries in all four provinces of Balkh, Jawzjan, Samangan and Sari Pul was started in the reporting period.

Wool Spinning wheel project: Carpet weaving is one of the most important activities at home industries in the Northern provinces of Afghanistan, especially in Balkh province. According to the Afghanistan Carpet Exporters Guild, 114,000 m² of carpets are produced in Balkh province every year. Five kilograms of spun wool are used for every square meter of carpet on average. This means that around 570 MT of spun wool are required to cover the needs of carpet weavers in Balkh province every year. Therefore, wool spinning has become a major focus of attention for carpet

weavers, exporters and the private sector as an important link in the regional wool value chain.

Additionally, almost everywhere, wool is spun by women. Most women spin the wool by hand, which is time consuming and difficult. However, with wheel spinning, women obtain a more uniform quality. Women need training in some aspects such as sorting the piles of wool based on color to make the process of dyeing easier and better; cleaning the wool properly before spinning; being careful about the size of the thread the wool is spun to, etc. These are all aspects that can add to the value of the wool spun and can improve wool dyeing and carpet weaving, ultimately increasing incomes for women who are working in this field.

Rabia Maryam Handicrafts Co. (RMHC), a women-owned handicrafts company, dedicated to providing technical assistance and training to women and the manufacturing of quality silk and wool products, approached IDEA-NEW in December of 2009 with a project idea involving training 100 women from districts 7, 10 and Sakhi Camp community in Balkh province (mostly returnee families from Pakistan and Iran) in the process of wool spinning utilizing spinning wheels.

IDEA-NEW's financial support involves the procurement of the wool spinning wheels and the materials required for six months of training. RMHC has established a center in Mazar-e-Sharif to train women in using spinning wheels in greater quantities and with better quality, teaching them additional



IDEA-NEW's subcontractor organizes women for a silkworm egg distribution in Mazar-e-Sharif City of Balkh Province. The project will train 400 women in Balkh, Jawzjan, Samangan and Sari-Pul, enabling them to raise silkworms and sell raw silk for substantial profits, and build the Afghan value chain for silk.

factors related to health safeguards, time management and increased income.

RMHC signed the contract in this reporting period and began training 50 women. The remaining 50 women are scheduled to start working in the next reporting period. In this project, the IP will teach 100 women the techniques of using spinning wheel and producing good quality yarn for carpet weavers in the north.

Rural Job Creation

Trellis Post manufacturing: To improve the quality of grapes, IDEA-NEW is promoting the system of growing grapes on trellises, for which quality concrete post is the crucial element. To produce quality trellis posts IDEA-NEW facilitated the construction of platforms in grape producing areas in Feroz Nakhchir district of Samangan, Sangcharak district of Sari Pul, Qaysar district and Maymana city of Faryab. The platform in Feroz Nakhchir is complete, while the work on the other three platforms is going on.

It took 50 persondays work to complete 60% of the shuttering and stone patching of 900sqm Sangcharak platform. 60cum of surface concreting of 90cum platform has also been completed during 130 unskilled and 45 skilled person days.

The raw materials for platform concrete and for the two water reservoirs in Qaysar and in Maymana city has been delivered in this reporting period. Excavations of two pools took 45 man days to be completed. The pools are ready for stone masonry.

In order to have sufficient water for concrete mixture and curing, IDEA-NEW planned to construct one water reservoir near each platform. IDEA-NEW has also given a toolkit consisting a concrete mixer, a generator, a water pump, two vibrators, three wheelbarrows, a steel bar cutter and three hammers, which was sent to each of the post production sites in Feroz Nakhchir, Sangcharak, Maymana city and Qaysar on a use and return basis.

Building Capacity

Ag-Retailing Development: IDEA-NEW continues to support the six non-profit provincial agricultural

retailers' associations, which have been established in Northern Afghanistan and which were officially registered in the Afghan Ministry of Justice. These associations will serve farmers through 117 Ag-Retailing shops currently operating in the five Northern provinces: Biweekly updates.

- In the fourth phase of input distribution, power sprayers and vegetable seeders, provided by the USAID funded ASAP project, were distributed to the Faryab, Sari Pul and Balkh Ag-retailing associations.
- To strengthen the management of the Ag-retailing associations, IDEA-NE provided training on book-keeping procedures for all six Associations through a sub contract to the Afghan Development Association (ADA).
- MoUs have been signed with five Ag-retailing associations to define the terms and conditions under which two-wheeled tractors and power sprayers and seeders, provided by the USAID-funded ASAP project will be leased to their members.

USG and IROA Coordination

Granting pine sapling to government: In response to a request from the provincial authorities of Faryab and Sari Pul, IDEA-NEW North Central provided 2,300 pine saplings to Faryab governor's office and 2,000 to Sari Pul municipality. The authorities plan to plant pine trees in urban areas to decrease pollution and provide a clean environment to residents. As part of its contribution to this program, IDEA-NEW provided a total of 4,300 three-year-old pine saplings to Faryab and Sari Pul government.

Afghan First

ACDI/VOCA North/Central team spent \$306,000 in local procurements during this reporting period.

**Non-CCI Projects
IDEA-NEW North/Central
March 1-15, 2010**

Project Name	Province	District	% complete	Estimated # Beneficiaries	Implementer	Start Date	End Date
Agricultural Sales							
Ag Retailer Establishment	Samangan	Aybak, Dara-I- Sufi Bala, Dara-I- Sufi Payin, Feroz Nakhchir, Hazrati Sultan, Khuram Wa Sarbagh, Ruyi Du Ab	100%	12 Ag Depot owners	ACDI/VOCA	15-Jul-09	Aug. 12, 2009
Ag Retailer Establishment	Balkh	Balkh, Chahar Bolak, Chimtal, Dawlatabad, Dihdadi, Kaldar, Kishindih, Khulm, Nahri Shahi, Sholgara, Shortepa, Zari	100%	19 Ag Depot owners	ACDI/VOCA	15-Jul-09	Aug.11, 2009
Ag Retailer Establishment	Sari Pul	Gosfandi, Sangcharak, Sari Pul, Sayyad, Sozma Qala	100%	5 Ag Depot owners	ACDI/VOCA	15-Jul-09	Aug. 6, 2009
Ag Retailer Establishment	Jawzjan	Aqcha, Darzab, Fayzabad, Kham Ab, Khaniqa, Khwaja Du Koh, Qarqin, Shibirghan.	100%	11 Ag Depot owners	ACDI/VOCA	15-Jul-09	Aug. 6, 2009
Ag Retailer Establishment	Faryab	Almar, Bilchiragh, Dawlatabad, Gurziwan, Khwaja Sabz Posh, Kohistan, Maymana, Pashtun Kot, Qaysar, Shirin Tagab, Ghormach	100%	23 Ag Depot owners	ACDI/VOCA	15-Jul-09	Aug. 9, 2009
Capacity Building							
Melon Fly Control Training	Balkh	Balkh, Chahar Bolak, Chimtal, Dawlatabad, Dihdadi, Kaldar, Kishindih, Khulm, Sholgara, Nahri Shahi, Shortepa, Zari, Chahar Kint	100%	80,000 in all four provinces, excluding Faryab	Joint Development Associates (JDA)	23-May-09	4-Jul-09
Melon Fly Control Training	Samangan	Hastate Sultan, Dara-I Sufi Bala, Dara-I Sufi Payin, Feroz Nakhchir, Khuram Wa Sarbagh, Aybak	100%	80,000 in all four provinces, excluding Faryab	Joint Development Associates (JDA)	4-Jun-09	1-Jul-09
Melon Fly Control Training	Sari Pul	Gosfandi, Sangcharak, Sayyad, Sari Pul, Sozma Qala	100%	80,000 in all four provinces,	Joint Development Associates	9-Jun-09	1-Jul-09

				excluding Faryab	(JDA)		
Melon Fly Control Training	Jawzjan	Aqcha, Darzab, Fayzabad, Khwaja Du Koh, Mangajek, Mardyan, Qush Tapa, Shibirghan	100%	80,000 in all four provinces, excluding Faryab	Joint Development Associates (JDA)	2-Jun-09	8-Jul-09
Melon Fly Control Training (Extended for one month)	Faryab	Maymana, Pashtun Kot, Shirin Tagab, Khwaja Sabz Posh, Qorghon, Qaramqul, Khan Charbagh, Andkhoy, Almar, Qaysar, Ghormach, Bilchiragh, Gurziwan, Kohistan, Dawlatabad	100%	5,454	IDEA NEW	Jul 1/09	Sep 30/09
Melon Fly Control Evaluation	Balkh	Balkh, Chahar Bolak, Chahar Kint, Chimtal, Dawlatabad, Dihdadi, Kaldar, Kishindih, Khulm, Nahri Shahi, Sholgara, Shortepa, Zari	100%	N/A	ACDI/VOCA	26-Jul-09	15-Aug-09
Melon fly training impact assessment	Balkh,	Balkh, Chahar Bolak, Chahar Kint, Chimtal, Dawlatabad, Dihdadi, Kaldar, Kishindih, Khulm, Nahri Shahi, Sholgara, Shortepa, Zari	100%	N/A	ACDI/VOCA	Sep/01/2009	In process
	Samangan,	Aybak, Dara-I- Sufi Bala, Dara-I- Sufi Payin, Feroz Nakhchir, Hazrati Sultan, Khuram Wa Sarbagh, Ruyi Du Ab					
	Sari Pul,	Balkhab, Gosfandi, Kohistanat, Sangcharak, Sari Pul, Sayyad, Sozma Qala					
	Jawzjan	Aqcha, Darzab, Fayzabad, Kham Ab, Khaniqa, Khwaja Du Koh, Mangajek, Mardyan, Qarqin, Qush Tapa, Shibirghan.					
Formation of Ag Associations	Balkh	Balkh, Chahar Bolak, Chimtal, Dawlatabad, Dihdadi, Kaldar, Kishindih, Khulm, Nahri Shahi, Sholgara, Shortepa, Zari	100%	TBD	IDEA NEW & ASAP	Jul 16/09	Aug 31/09
	Samangan	Aybak, Dara-I- Sufi Bala, Dara-I- Sufi Payin, Feroz Nakhchir, Hazrati Sultan, Khuram Wa Sarbagh, Ruyi Du Ab					

	Jawzjan	Aqcha, Darzab, Fayzabad, Kham Ab, Khaniqa, Khwaja Du Koh, , Qarqin,					
	Sari Pul	Gosfandi, Sangcharak, Sari Pul, Sayyad, Sozma Qala					
	Faryab	Almar, Bilchiragh, Dawlatabad, Gurziwan, Khwaja Sabz Posh, Kohistan, Maymana, Pashtun Kot, Qaysar, Shirin Tagab, Ghormach					
Oil Mill Demos	Balkh	Balkh	100%	5700	Joint Development Associates (JDA)	Sep 25/09	Nov 30/09
Crop Demos	Balkh	Balkh, Dawlatabad, Dihdadi, Kaldar, Khulm, Nahri Shahi, Sholgara, Shortepa	25%	816	Joint Development Associates (JDA)	Oct 18/09	Sep 17/10
Crop Demos	Jawzjan	Aqcha, Fayzabad, Kham Ab, Khwaja Do Koh, Shibirghan, Qarqin	25%	612	Joint Development Associates (JDA)	Oct 18/09	Sep 17/10
Crop Demos	Sari Pul	Sari Pul, Sozma Qala	25%	214	Joint Development Associates (JDA)	Oct 18/09	Sep 17/10
Crop Demos	Samangan	Feroz Nakhchir, Hazrati Sultan, Aybak	25%	306	Joint Development Associates (JDA)	Oct 18/09	Sep 17/10
Crop Demos	Faryab	Bilchiragh, Pashtun Kot, Khwaja Sabz Posh, Shirin Tagab, Almar	23%	611	ACDI/VOCA	Dec 01/09	31/Sep/10
Deworming Campaign	Faryab	Dawlatabad, Gurziwan, Khani Chahar Bagh, Khwaja Sabz Posh, Kohistan, Maymana, Pashtun Kot, Qaramqul, Qaysar, Qorghon, Shirin Tagab, Ghormach, Almar, Andkhoy, Bilchiragh	100%		DCA	Nov. 01/09	Nov.30.09

Onion Seed Production	Balkh	Sherabad	20%	1	ACDI/VOCA	Nov 01/09	Mid June/10
Strawberry seedling	Balkh	Mazar-e-Sharif	20%		ACDI/VOCA	Dec. 30/09	Oct.30/10
Laser Land Leveling	Balkh, Faryab, Jawzjan, Samangan, Sari Pul	Dihdadi, Chimtal, Dawlatabad, Kaldar, Khulm, Shortepa, Nahri Shahi, Pashtun Kot, Shirin Tagab, Maymana city, Sozma Qala, Sayyad, Sangcharak, Sari Pul, Fayzabad, Aqcha, Kham Ab, Qarqin, Mardyan, Shibirghan, Feroz Nakhchir, Hazrati Sultan, Aybak, Khuram Wa Sarbagh	25%	2000	ACDI/VOCA	Oct. 11/09	Sep. 31/10
Ag Retailing Development	Balkh, Faryab, Jawzjan, Samangan, Sari Pul	All districts	35%	117	ACDI/VOCA	Aug.10`09	Dec.31/10
Trellis post manufacturing	Samangan, Sari Pul, Faryab	Feroz Nakhchir, Sangcharak, Maymana city, Qaysar	10%		ACDI/VOCA		
Trellising 100ha of Vineyards	Samangan, Sari Pul, Faryab	Feroz Nakhchir, Sangcharak, Maymana city, Qaysar	8%		ACDI/VOCA		
Commercial Almond Establishment	Balkh	Chimtal District	35%		ACDI/VOCA	Dec. 01/09	Nov.01/10
Commercial Breeding Silkworm	Balkh, Faryab, Jawzjan, Samangan, Sari Pul	Mangajek, Gosfandi, Khwaja Sabz Posh, Pashtun Kot, Dawlatabad, Khulm, Sholgara, Aybak	40%	400	Rabia Maryam Handicraft Co.	Feb. 02/10	May 02/10
Wool Spinning Wheel Project for Women	Balkh	Mazar-e-Sharif	10%	100	Rabia Maryam Handicrafts Co.	March 07/10	Sept. 07/10

Activities: Western Region

Job Creation

IDEA-NEW West continued working on five active CCI projects in Badghis province. In the reporting period, CCI projects generated 3,374 person-days of employment, paying \$14,984 in wages to local villagers.

CCI Projects Status Table West
March 1-15, 2010

	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CODE	DISTRICT	Progress % cumulative February 28, 2010	Progress % cumulative March 1-15, 2010	REMARKS	Hectares irrigated (ha)	Canal length (m)	Protection wall length (m)	Road length (km)	Families benefited	Reservoir capacity (m3)
1	DehZangy Payan	CCI 190201	Abkamary	0	100	Complete	90	2500	235		300	
2	Dehzangy Bala	CCI 190202	Abkamarty	0	100	Complete	240	6000	160		600	
3	Dehzenger	CCI 190203	Abkamary	0	100	Complete	50	3500	155		200	
4	Zaemat Canal Improvement	CCI 190207	Abkamary	8	12	Ongoing	120	7000	380/65		200	
5	Gudol Canal Protection	CCI 190205	Abkamary	10	14	ongoing	180	3700	250		700	
6	Pahlawan Canal Protection	CCI 190206	Abkamary	10	16	Ongoing	160	3500	300		500	
7	Kham e Abbasi Canal Improvement	CCI 190709	Muqur	1	2	Ongoing	100	3200	150		300	
8	Tagab e Ismail Canal improvement	CCI 190108	Qala e Now	7	10	Ongoing	120	4200	320		800	

Building Capacity:

- Continued working with the D.G. of the Department of Policy and Planning and the Director of Agriculture Extension of the MAIL on identifying and prioritizing topics for training the newly hired agriculture extension agents on the basis of information provided in the provincial agriculture directors workshop.
- Continued discussions with the Plant Protection and Quarantine Department (PPQD) of the MAIL on their proposal on the possibility of conducting lessons learnt workshop on the melon fly control for 2010 in Mazar-i-Sharif.
- Continued discussion on the Livestock De-worming Program of IDEA-NEW with the Department of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (DAIL) of Badghis Province. The MAIL has earlier approved this program.

Coordination mechanisms:

- Continued work with the U.S Special Forces, they approved the funds required for the purchase of Albenol for the de-worming livestock project in Badghis. This is a good sign of leveraging funds from other programs, especially the U.S Special Forces, for the further programs that might need the

use of medicines, pesticides, chemical fertilizers, etc for successful implementation and completion. They have agreed to release funds in the second half of March, 2010.

- Based on the U.S Special Forces approval for the funds for purchasing Albenol and Drenchers for the livestock de-worming activity in Badghis a formal request has been put to the Dutch Committee for Afghanistan (DCA) for providing the medicine and medicine application drenchers. Funds will be provided to DCA as soon as it is released by the U.S Special Forces in Herat.
- IDEA-NEW senior agriculture advisor identified and select crop production, crop protection, animal production, veterinary science and agricultural technology books from UC Davis bookstore for the use throughout the project lifetime. A total of 30 books were selected, purchased and brought to Afghanistan. These books will usually be kept in Kabul office but can be checked out as needed by the project staff..

Non-CCI Projects March 1-15, 2010

Project Name	Province	District	% completed	Estimated # Beneficiaries	Implementer	Start Date	End Date
Mechanical Control/Sunn Pest	Badghis	Ab Kamari, Qala-i-Naw, Muqur, Qadis	100%	880	DAI	July 1, 2009	August 31, 2009
Melon Fly Control Training	Badghis	Ab Kamari, Qala-i-Naw, Muqur, Qadis	100%	29,246	DAI	June 16, 2009	November 15, 2009
Extension Workers Training	National	National; all 34 provinces	2%	600	DAI/MAIL	January 2010	TBD

IDEA-NEW Monitoring & Evaluation

IDEA-NEW seeks to measure its progress in different ways: through quantitative “outputs”, through project impact evaluation, overall program evaluation against a household baseline survey, and through qualitative “field missions” conducted throughout its areas of operation. The Approved Performance Management Plan (PMP) and related Change Reports give detailed information.

Performance Indicators

Outputs are tracked through 25 Performance Indicators. Regional implementing partners use the same forms to capture data, and it is reported into a central database. Depending on the indicator, results are reported on a biweekly, quarterly or annual frequency. There are 16 biweekly indicators, seven quarterly indicators and two annual indicators. The tables below give the results for the reporting period by partner as well as by the program as a whole, and are charted against “targets” by Fiscal Year.

Impact Evaluation

Output indicators by themselves are not a basis for rigorous performance measurement; IDEA-NEW also conducts impact evaluation for some of its largest projects. With the flexibility to conduct specific impact assessment at regular intervals, this plan serves to measure program effectiveness and give management the right information to make better-informed decisions about IDEA-NEW’s work, as well as give USAID Afghanistan a clear picture of IDEA-NEW’s outcomes and impacts over the life of its project.

The project also conducted a baseline household study in July 2009, and will follow up at intervals to assess household impacts in areas where IDEA-NEW is working. This will be done on a biennial basis, and will include those items measured in the household economic baseline. The baseline report, which gives a full economic picture of households in provinces where it was implemented, is available by request.

Field Missions

Finally, Field Missions are undertaken to provide contextual information, as well as quality assurance/quality control. On infrastructure projects, engineers assess construction quality and project progress, and laborers are asked if their wages are paid in a fair and transparent way. For non-infrastructure, overall quality, transparency and effectiveness are assessed. All field missions are conducted to inform program managers about areas of improvement. All missions also review environmental compliance with USAID, and ensure that GPS grid points for projects are captured. For irrigation and road projects, the areas irrigated and length of road are captured to ensure the highest accuracy for performance indicators. Approximately six to eight missions are conducted weekly.

Some explanations on indicators

All definitions and data collection methods for all indicators below are available at request. Some answers to common questions:

1. Full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs: These are calculated in two ways. For CCI projects, 260 labor days = 1 FTE. For agriculture projects, .25 ha under licit cultivation = 1 FTE. For enterprises, a new employee reported by an IDEA-NEW assisted business to be “full time” = 1 FTE. Existing employees at the start of IDEA-NEW intervention does not count. There is a one-month lag time for CCI wage reporting.
2. Increased sales of licit farm- and non-farm products are tracked in different ways. Farm product sales are tracked through surveys of key agricultural interventions programs involving 10,000 people or more. Non-farm products are tracked through bi-annual sales reports from assisted enterprises; only increases over the baseline are reported.
3. All data reported to USAID has “back-up” documentation, including training sign-in sheets, contracts, export documentation and enterprise forms that detail sales and employee information.

**IDEA-NEW Performance Data
March 1-15, 2010
CUMULATIVE**

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	Added this period		Actual to Date	IDEA-NEW LOP Target	Actual (FY 09)	FY'10 Target	FY'10 Actual
	Previous	Current					
Number of families benefiting directly from USG interventions in Afghanistan	Previous	2,446	206,448	275,000	110,719	72,022	95,729
	Current	31,479					
	Total	33,925					
# of KM of roads rehabilitated or built	Previous	2.5	25	500	-	220	25
	Current	0.8					
	Total	3.4					
# of KM of irrigation system rehabilitated or built	Previous	10.9	96	350	-	186	96
	Current	6.1					
	Total	17.0					
Wages (\$) paid through community constructed infrastructure projects to local community member	Previous	94,966	1,309,853	10,000,000	-	4,661,111	1,309,853
	Current	284,275					
	Total	379,241					
# of person days of labor on CCI projects by local community members	Previous	18,626	261,194	2,600,000	-	310,740	261,194
	Current	48,928					
	Total	67,554					
# of local community members employed on CCI projects	Previous	444	15,053	30,000	-	20,716	15,053
	Current	6,243					
	Total	6,687					
# of individuals who have received USG-supported agriculture productivity training	Previous	2,048	150,228	375,000	106,552	65,670	43,676
	Current	1,707					
	Total	3,755					
# of persondays of USG-supported agriculture productivity training	Previous	999	38,999	125,000	-	34,252	38,999
	Current	832					
	Total	1,831					
# of hectares of alternative crops targeted by USG cultivation	Previous	-	1,106	40,000	573	16,032	533
	Current	151					
	Total	151					
# of livestock under increased technology and management	Previous	-	336,097	500,000	-	62,500	336,097
	Current	-					
	Total	-					
Number of individuals receiving agricultural and livestock inputs	Previous	62	26,003	115,000	1,937	63,650	24,066
	Current	1,556					
	Total	1,618					
# of hectares under improved irrigation in USG assisted areas	Previous	-	2,771	10,000	16	4,852	2,755
	Current	-					
	Total	-					
# of people receiving business and vocational skills training	Previous	336	1,387	1,000	493	494	894
	Current	42					
	Total	378					
# of person days of business and vocational skills training	Previous	2,178	2,692.3	240,000	-	62,510	2,692
	Current	126					
	Total	2,304					
# of government line staff trained	Previous	23	229	500	31	161	198
	Current	-					
	Total	23					
# of person days of government line staff trained	Previous	25	2,181	5,000	-	1,808	2,181
	Current	-					
	Total	25					

DAI Performance Data

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PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	Added this period		Actual to Date	IDEA-NEW LOP Target	DAI LOP	Actual (FY 09)	By Province					By Gender	
							Nan	Lagh	Kun	Nur	Badg	Male	Female
Number of families benefiting directly from USG intervention in Afghanistan	Previous	1,919	61,105	275,000	125,000	15,452	16,356	4,424	7,838	-	28,514		
	Current	3,973					2,658	128	1,187	-	-		
	Total	5,892					19,014	4,552	9,025	-	28,514		
# of KM of roads rehabilitated or built	Previous	2.5	23.3	500	0	-	8.9	11.3	0.1	2.1	-		
	Current	0.8					0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	-		
	Total	3.4					9.3	11.6	0.2	2.2	-		
# of KM of irrigation system rehabilitated or built	Previous	10.9	94.6	350	0	-	63.0	-	14.7	-	10.8		
	Current	6.1					2.1	0.0	3.2	-	0.8		
	Total	17.0					65.1	0.0	17.9	-	11.6		
Wages (\$) paid through community constructed infrastructure projects to local community member	Previous	84,831	878,224	10,000,000	5,000,000	-	383,716	46,615	120,441	106,237	129,109	766,691	19,427
	Current	92,106					32,077	1,042	35,700	8,303	14,984	90,741	1,365
	Total	176,937					415,793	47,657	156,141	114,540	144,093	857,432	20,792
# of person days of labor on CCI projects by local community members	Previous	17,044	191,749	2,600,000	0	-	91,526	10,774	24,060	23,401	23,177	168,062	4,876
	Current	18,811					6,356	213	7,010	1,858	3,374	18,495	316
	Total	35,855					97,882	10,987	31,070	25,259	26,551	186,557	5,192
# of local community members employed on CCI projects	Previous	285	4,062	30,000	0	-	2,107	121	639	234	670	3,652	119
	Current	291					84	-	47	-	160	289	2
	Total	576					2,191	121	686	234	830	3,941	121
# of individuals who have received USG-supported agricultural and livestock productivity training	Previous	1,919	39,319	375,000	100,000	11,316	5,707	1,029	2,495	-	28,514	37,745	-
	Current	1,574					1,574	-	-	-	-	1,574	-
	Total	3,493					7,281	1,029	2,495	-	28,514	39,319	-
# of persondays of USG-supported agriculture productivity training	Previous	960	8,967	125,000			2,723	515	1,378	-	3,564	8,180	-
	Current	787					787	-	-	-	787	-	
	Total	1,747					3,510	515	1,378	-	3,564	8,967	-
# of hectares of alternative crops targeted by USG cultivation	Previous	-	1,081	40,000	10,000	573	587	39	304	-	-		
	Current	151					28	13	110	-	-		
	Total	151					616	52	413	-	-		
# of livestock under increased technology and management	Previous	-	-	500,000	-	-							
	Current	-											
	Total	-					-	-	-	-	-		
Number of individuals receiving	Previous	-	19,659	115,000	90,000	1,937	9,991	3,288	4,871	-	-	18,150	-

agricultural and livestock inputs	Current	1,509					284	128	1,097	-	-	1,509	-
	Total	1,509					10,275	3,416	5,968	-	-	19,659	-
# of hectares under improved irrigation in USG assisted areas	Previous	-	413	10,000	3,333	16	382.6	-	30.3	-	-		
	Current	-					-	-	-	-			
	Total	-					382.6	-	30.3	-	-		
# of people receiving business and vocational skills training	Previous	-	810	1,000	800	493	658	107	45	-	-	227	583
	Current	-					-	-	-	-	-		
	Total	-					658	107	45	-	-	227	583
# of person days of business and vocational skills training	Previous	-	154	240,000			117	18	19	-	-	96	59
	Current	-					-	-	-	-	-		
	Total	-					117	18	19	-	-	96	59
# of government line staff trained	Previous	-	-	500	83	-							
	Current	-											
	Total	-					-	-	-	-	-	-	-
# of person days of government line staff trained	Previous	-	-	5,000									
	Current	-											
	Total	-					-	-	-	-	-	-	-
# of families directly benefiting from infrastructure projects including roads, market centers, cold chain and storage facilities projects	Previous	427	1,317	75,000	25,000	427	-	-	427	-	-		
	Current	890					800	-	90	-	-		
	Total	1,317					800	-	517	-	-		
# of farmers under new, licit contracts	Previous	1,279	1,279	10,000	6,500	1,279	914	175	190	-	-	1,279	-
	Current	-					-	-	-	-	-		
	Total	1,279					914	175	190	-	-	1,279	-
Total \$US value of international exports of targeted agricultural commodities as a result of USG assistance	Previous	1,282,477	1,666,055	5,000,000	1,000,000	1,281,477	1,281,477	-	-	-	-		
	Current	384,578					384,578	-	-	-	-		
	Total	1,667,055					1,666,055	-	-	-	-		
# of off-farm new micro and SMEs receiving USG supported technical assistance	Previous	6	14	300	200	6	5	-	1	-	-		
	Current	8					7	-	1	-	-		
	Total	14					12	-	2	-	-		
# of associations assisted as a result of USG assistance	Previous	3	3	75	25	3	3	-	-	-	-		
	Current	-					-	-	-	-			
	Total	3					3	-	-	-	-		
# of full time equivalent jobs created by USG sponsored alternative development or alternative livelihood activities	Previous	2,434	8,481	5,000	30,000	2,434	1,021	163	1,229	21	-	2,396	38
	Current	6,047					2,705	1,356	1,874	41	71	6,009	38
	Total	8,481					3,726	1,519	3,103	62	71	8,405	76
\$ value of direct investment leveraged in local business	Previous		-	500,000	250,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Current	-					-	-	-	-	-		
	Total	-					-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Mercy Corps Performance Data

March 1-15, 2010

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	Added this period		Actual to Date	IDEA-NEW LOP Target	MC (LOP Target)	Actual (FY 09)	By Province				By Gender	
							Bdk-shn	Baghlan	Kunduz	Takhar	Male	Female
Number of families benefiting directly from USG interventions in Afghanistan	Previous	481	39,080	275,000	75,000	9,725	1,104	3,489	3,800	3,326		
	Current	27,361					9,601	17,760	-	-		
	Total	27,842					10,705	21,249	3,800	3,326		
# of KM of roads rehabilitated or built	Previous	-	1	500	800	-	1.3					
	Current						-					
	Total	-					1.3	-	-	-		
# of KM of irrigation system rehabilitated or built	Previous	-	1	350	800	-	1.3					
	Current	-					-					
	Total	-					1.3	-	-	-		
Wages (\$) paid through community constructed infrastructure projects to local community member	Previous		319,984	10,000,000	7,800,000	-	111,556	38,523			150,079	-
	Current	169,905					54,434	71,281	-	44,190	155,865	14,040
	Total	169,905					165,990	109,804	-	44,190	305,944	14,040
# of person days of labor on CCI projects by local community members	Previous		52,340	2,600,000	0	-	17,802	6,987	-	-	24,789	-
	Current	27,551					9,468	11,054		7,029	24,949	2,602
	Total	27,551					27,270	18,041	-	7,029	49,738	2,602
# of local community members employed on CCI projects	Previous		9,005	30,000	0	-	2,516	941	-	-	3,457	-
	Current	5,548					1,846	2,678		1,024	5,078	470
	Total	5,548					4,362	3,619	-	1,024	8,535	470
# of individuals who have received USG-supported agricultural and livestock productivity training	Previous	112	10,776	375,000	25,000	9,694	712	2,905	3,800	3,326	10,743	-
	Current	33					11	22	-	-	33	-
	Total	145					723	2,927	3,800	3,326	10,776	-
# of persondays of USG-supported agriculture productivity training	Previous	31	4,000	125,000	75,000		267	1,047	1,425	1,248	3,987	-
	Current	13					5	8	-	-	13	-
	Total	44					272	1,055	1,425	1,248	4,000	-
# of hectares of alternative crops targeted by USG cultivation	Previous	-	-	40,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-		
	Current	-					-	-	-	-		
	Total	-					-	-	-	-		
# of livestock under increased technology and management	Previous		5,319	500,000	50,000	-	1,120	4,199	-	-		
	Current	-					-	-	-	-		
	Total	-					1,120	4,199	-	-		
Number of individuals receiving agricultural and	Previous	57	534	115,000	30,000	-	239	251			400	90

livestock inputs	Current	44					-	44			44	-
	Total	101					239	295	-	-	444	90
# of hectares under improved irrigation in USG assisted areas	Previous	-	1,607	10,000	3,333	-	213	1,394				
	Current	-						-				
	Total	-					213	1,394	-	-		
# of people receiving business and vocational skills training	Previous	312	312	1,000	300	-	-	312	-	-	4	308
	Current	-					-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	312					-	312	-	-	4	308
# of person days of business and vocational skills training	Previous	2,106	2,106	240,000	3,000		-	2,106	-	-		
	Current	-					-	-	-	-	2	2,105
	Total	2,106					-	2,106	-	-	2	2,105
# of government line staff trained	Previous	21	174	500	100	31	153	21	-	-	141	12
	Current	-						-	-	-	21	-
	Total	21					153	21	-	-	162	12
# of person days of government line staff trained	Previous	24	2,154	5,000	1,000	-	2,130	24	-	-	2094	60
	Current	-						-	-	-	-	-
	Total	24					2,130	24	-	-	2,094	60
# of families directly benefiting from infrastructure projects including roads, market centers, cold chain and storage facilities projects	Previous	-	-	75,000	20,000	-	-	-	-	-		
	Current	27,284					9,590	17,694				
	Total	27,284					9,590	17,694	-	-		
# of farmers under new, licit contracts	Previous	-	-	10,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Current	-					-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-					-	-	-	-	-	-
Total \$US value of international exports of targeted agricultural commodities as a result of USG assistance	Previous	-	-	5,000,000	800,000	-	-	-	-	-		
	Current	-					-	-	-	-		
	Total	-					-	-	-	-		
# of off-farm new micro and SMEs receiving IDEA-NEW technical assistance	Previous	-	-	300	100	-	-	-	-	-		
	Current	-					-	-	-	-		
	Total	-					-	-	-	-		
# of associations assisted as a result of USG assistance	Previous	-	-	75	80	-	-	-	-	-		
	Current	-					-	-	-	-		
	Total	-					-	-	-	-		
# of full time equivalent jobs created by USG sponsored alternative development or alternative livelihood activities	Previous	-	-	5,000	7,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Current	-					-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-					-	-	-	-	-	-
\$ value of direct investment leveraged in local business	Previous	-	-	500,000	150,000	-	-	-	-	-		
	Current	-					-	-	-	-		
	Total	-					-	-	-	-		

ACDI/VOCA Performance Data

March 1-15, 2010

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	Added this period		Actual to Date	IDEA-NEW LOP Target	ACDI/VOCA (LOP Target)	Actual (FY 09)	By Province					By Gender	
							Balkh	Far-yab	Jawz-jan	Saman-gan	Sari Pul	Male	Female
Number of families benefiting directly from USG intervention in Afghanistan	Previous	46	106,263	275,000	75,000	85,542	27,024	19,597	28,212	16,571	14,714		
	Current	145					5	132	4	4	-		
	Total	191					27,029	19,729	28,216	16,575	14,714		
# of KM of roads rehabilitated or built	Previous	-	-	500	500	-							
	Current	-											
	Total	-					-	-	-	-	-	-	-
# of KM of irrigation system rehabilitated or built	Previous	-	-	350	100	-							
	Current	-											
	Total	-					-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wages (\$) paid through community constructed infrastructure projects to local community member	Previous	10,135	111,645	10,000,000	5,000,000	-	76,805	12,576	-	-	-	89,381	-
	Current	22,264					-	22,264	-	-	-	22,264	-
	Total	32,399					76,805	34,840	-	-	-	111,645	-
# of person days of labor on CCI projects by local community members	Previous	1,582	17,105	2,600,000	0	-	12,300	2,239	-	-	-	14,539	-
	Current	2,566						2,566			2,566	-	
	Total	4,148					12,300	4,805	-	-	-	17,105	-
# of local community members employed on CCI projects	Previous	159	1,986	30,000	0	-	1,237	345	-	-	-	1,582	-
	Current	404					-	404	-	-	-	404	-
	Total	563					1,237	749	-	-	-	1,986	-
# of individuals who have received USG-supported agricultural and livestock productivity training	Previous	17	100,133	375,000	25,000	85,542	26,914	13,742	28,170	16,532	14,675	100,033	-
	Current	100					-	100	-	-	-	88	12
	Total	117					26,914	13,842	28,170	16,532	14,675	100,121	12
# of persondays of USG-supported agriculture productivity training	Previous	8.5	26,032	125,000	6,250		7,001	3,323	7,449	4,462	3,767	26,001	-
	Current	32					-	31.5	-	-	-	28	3.8
	Total	40					7,001	3,354	7,449	4,462	3,767	26,028	4
# of hectares of alternative crops crops targeted by USG cultivation	Previous	-	25	40,000	25,000	-	8	6	6	3	2	-	-
	Current	0					0.05	-	-	-	-	-	
	Total	0					8.05	6	6	3	2	-	-
# of livestock under increased technology and management	Previous	-	330,778	500,000	75,000	-	-	330,778	-	-	-		
	Current	-					-	-	-	-			
	Total	-					-	330,778	-	-	-		

Number of individuals receiving agricultural and livestock inputs	Previous	5	5,810	115,000	20,000	-	8	5,779	8	8	4	5,807	-
	Current	3					1	2			3		
	Total	8					9	5,781	8	8	4	5,810	-
# of hectares under improved irrigation in USG assisted areas	Previous	-	751	10,000	3,334	-	745	1.3	2	2	1		
	Current	-					-	-	-	-			
	Total	-					744.9	1.3	1.8	2.0	1.0		
# of people receiving business and vocational skills training	Previous	24	265	1,000	100	-	92	44	27	29	31	221	2
	Current	42					4	30	4	4	-	30	12
	Total	66					96	74	31	33	31	251	14
# of person days of business and vocational skills training	Previous	72.0	432.3	240,000	50		146	26	41	45	48	305.0	1.3
	Current	126.0					12.0	90.0	12	12.0	-	90	36.0
	Total	198.0					158.4	115.6	53.1	56.8	48.4	395.0	37.3
# of government line staff trained	Previous	2	55	500	84	-	10	32	7	2	4	55	-
	Current	-					-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Total	2					10	32	7	2	4	55	-
# of person days of government line staff trained	Previous	1.0	26.6	5,000	42		4.0	17.4	3.0	1.0	1.3	26.6	-
	Current	-					-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Total	1.0					4.0	17.4	3.0	1.0	1.3	26.6	-
# of families directly benefiting from infrastructure projects including roads, market centers, cold chain and storage facilities projects	Previous	-	-	75,000	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Current	-					-	-	-	-			
	Total	-					-	-	-	-			
# of farmers under new, licit contracts	Previous	-	-	10,000	3,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Current	-					-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Total	-					-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total \$US value of international exports of targeted agricultural commodities as a result of USG assistance	Previous	-	-	5,000,000	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Current	-					-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Total	-					-	-	-	-	-	-	-
# of off-farm new micro and SMEs receiving IDEA-NEW technical assistance	Previous	-	-	300	50	-							
	Current	-											
	Total	-					-	-	-	-	-	-	
# of associations assisted as a result of USG assistance	Previous	-	6	75	25	-							
	Current	6					2	1	1	1	1		
	Total	6					2	1	1	1	1		
# of full time equivalent jobs created by USG sponsored alternative development or alternative livelihood activities	Previous	-	120	5,000	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
	Current	120					52	24	24	12	8	120	-
	Total	120					52	24	24	12	8	120	-
\$ value of direct investment leveraged in local business	Previous	-	7,500	500,000	250,000	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Current	7,500					-	7,500	-	-	-		
	Total	7,500					-	7,500	-	-	-	-	-

Impact Studies

IDEA-NEW Impact study No. 1, *MELON FLY CONTROL TRAINING IMPACT ASSESSMENT, BADGHIS PROVINCE*, was completed in Dec 2009 and is available. Overall, the training was shown to be effective, increasing both melon yields and overall sales.

The table below shows some key results of the assessment:

Melon Production and Sales
2009 vs. 2008

Category	2009	2008	Increase	% Increase
Average Production Per farmer	1,211.0	315.0	896.0	284.4
Average Land Cultivated Per farmer	3.4	1.9	1.5	80.0
Average Production Per Jerib	354.1	165.8	188.3	113.6
Sample Size	125.0	125.0	0.0	0.0
Total Production for Sample	44,261.7	20,723.7	23,538.0	113.6
Total Farmers trained by IDEA-NEW/DAI	22,680.0	22,680.0	0.0	0.0
No. of possible samples	181.4	181.4	0.0	0.0
Total production (Kg) for all possible samples	8,030,842.1	3,760,105.3	4,270,736.8	113.6
Price (Afs)/Kg	7.8	11.4	(3.6)	(31.6)
Total Sale (Afs)	62,640,568.4	42,865,200.0	19,775,368.4	46.1
Total Sale (\$)	1,252,811.4	857,304.0	395,507.4	46.1

Cooperative Agreement Information

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