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



Photo (left): Women are busy harvesting cotton in Behsud District, Nangarhar Province as part of the women-owned tree nurseries supported by IDEA-NEW



Photo (right): IDEA-NEW conducting a sample survey in Dihdadi District, Balkh Province as part of a program to raise standards of sorting, packaging and marketing of vegetables to conform with internationally accepted Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs). Forty-five questionnaires were completed during the reporting period and included questions such as what percentage of farmers grow vegetables and what percentage of their lands they dedicate for growing vegetables

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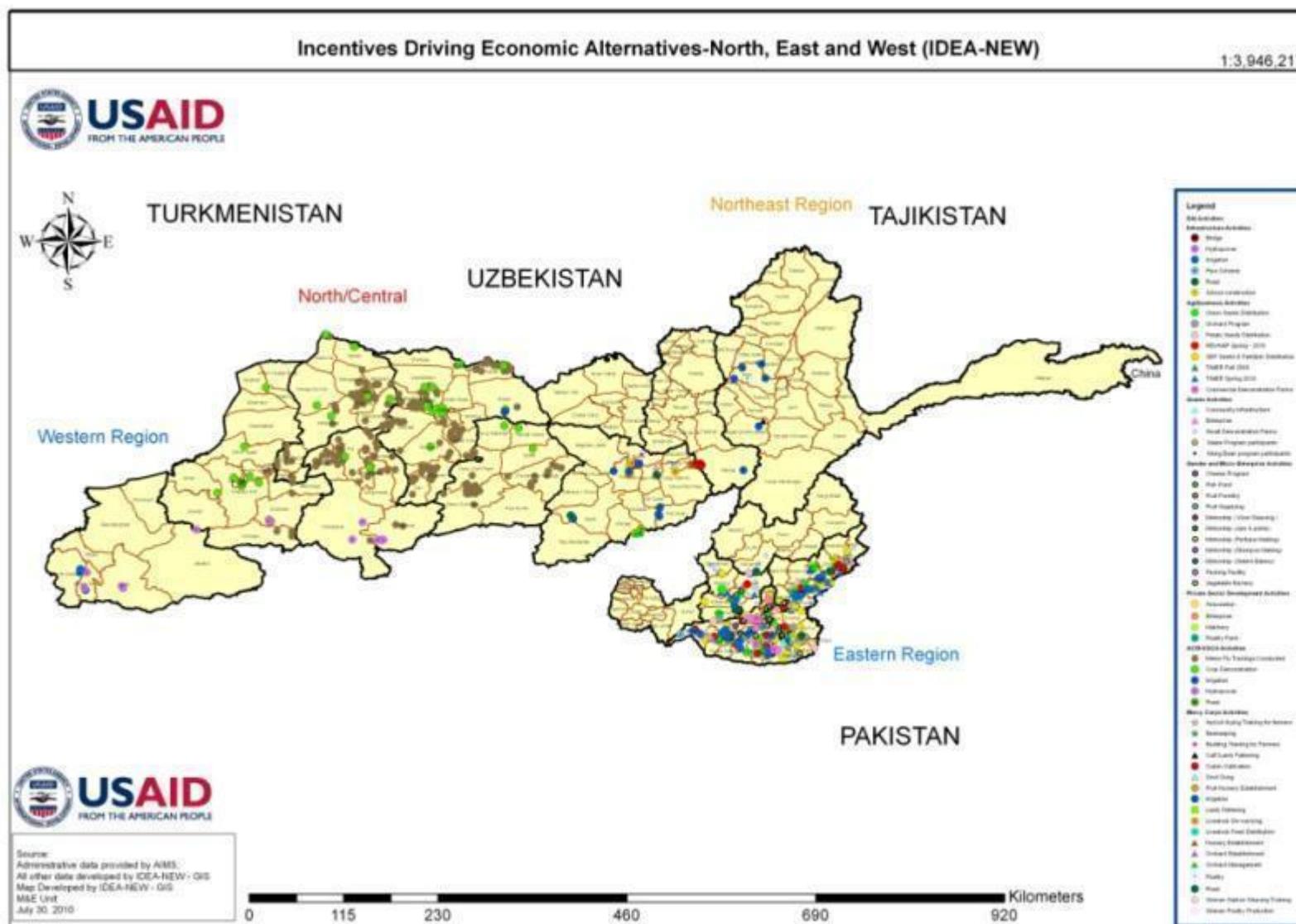
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Acronyms

AAP	Annual Activity Plan	IPM	Integrated Pest Management
ADP	Alternative Development Program	ISAF	International Security Assistance Force
AGE	Anti-Government Elements	IVR	Interactive Voice Response
ACCI	Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries	JDA	Joint Development Associates
AISA	Afghanistan Investment Support Agency	LOP	Life of Project
ANDS	Afghanistan National Development Strategy	MAIL	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock
ASAP	Accelerating Sustainable Agriculture Program	m	Meter
ASMED	Afghanistan Small and Medium Enterprise Development	M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
CCI	Community Constructed Infrastructure	MCN	Ministry of Counter Narcotics
CDC	Community Development Council	MHP	Micro-Hydro Power
CDF	Commercial Demonstration Farm	MRRD	Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development
CNAT	Counter Narcotics Advisory Team	MPW	Ministry of Public Works
CNTF	Counter Narcotics Trust Fund	MoWA	Ministry of Women's Affairs
COIN	Counter Insurgency	NRM	Natural Resource Management
DAI	Development Alternatives, Inc.	NSP	National Solidarity Program
DCA	Dutch Committee for Afghanistan	NTA	Nangarhar Talc Association
DDA	District Development Authority	NVDA	Nangarhar Valley Development Authority
DoPW	Department of Public Works	PDC	Provincial Development Council
DOWA	Department of Women's Affairs	PRT	Provincial Reconstruction Team
EMS	Environmental Management System	RCC	Reinforced Cement Concrete
FTE	Full-time Equivalent	RMHC	Rabia Mariam Handicraft Co.
GDA	Global Development Alliance	SDF	Small Demonstration Farm
GIRoA	Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan	TCN	Third-Country National
ha	Hectare	TIMER	Technology Innovations for Market-Led Economic Rehabilitation
ICARDA	International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas	USAID	United States Agency for International Development
IDEA-NEW	Incentives Driving Economic Alternatives—North, East and West	USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
IP	Implementing Partner	USG	United States' Government

Map of IDEA-NEW Activities



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 that foster trust and infuses communities with cash and income, IDEA-NEW 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, Northeastern and Western 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 local government to respond to the needs of its constituencies in these sectors.

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

Photos at right from top: Field technician and farmer, Goshta District, Nangarhar; Home-based poultry business owner, Argo District, Badakhshan Province; CCI laborer, Abkamary District, Badghis Province



Major Accomplishments to Date

IDEA-NEW interventions have benefited 130,337 families in 14 provinces throughout the North, East and West of Afghanistan.

Job Creation

- Since July 2009, IDEA-NEW has created a total of 11,561 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) jobs, in the sectors of agriculture, community-constructed infrastructure (CCI) and rural business development.

Job Creation/CCI

- IDEA-NEW has paid more than USD 1.8 million in wages to over 20,000 people on CCI projects to date.

Job Creation/Agriculture Productivity and Agribusiness:

- The program has established more than 250 commercial and small-sized production farms that are used as training grounds, where farmers are trained in collaboration with MAIL on modern crop techniques like raised beds and staggered planting. A total of 157,633 people have been trained on these farms and through other agriculture- and livestock training programs.
- A total of 2,763 hectares of cropland have been planted to high-yielding annual and perennial horticulture varieties.
- A total of 3,079 hectares of cropland have been brought under irrigation in IDEA-NEW targeted area.
- IDEA-NEW has successfully multiplied two MAIL-certified varieties of mung-bean for distribution to more than 15,000 farmers.
- More than 25,000 farmers in Eastern Region have participated in voucher distribution programs for improved vegetable varieties.
- More than 4 million kgs of onions have been exported to Pakistan by Afghan traders for export revenues of USD 1.6 million.
- A total of 410,431 livestock are under increased management/care as a result of IDEA-NEW interventions; this has included deworming and other activities in close concert with local paravets.

Job Creation/Rural Job Creation

- IDEA-NEW has helped entrepreneurs to start more than 466 rural enterprises for men and women throughout its areas of operation.

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 be effective, increasing participant farmers' yields by 113% and sales by 46%.
- A total of 1,621 women and 679 men have received business skills training.
- A total of 298 government line staff members have received training and capacity building related to their jobs.

- IDEA-NEW has established six Ag Retail Associations across the Northern Provinces, who are working with 117 Ag Retailers to increase sales.
- In total, IDEA-NEW has provided technical assistance and training to 12 associations in its areas of operation, including for fruit growers, talc miners, beekeepers, women's handicrafts and others.

USG and GIROA Coordination:

- A Livestock De-worming 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 de-wormed in 14 of Faryab's Districts. A similar program in Badghis has already de-wormed 350,000 livestock in 2010.
- IDEA-NEW is collaborating with MAIL and the Nangarhar PRT to cultivate eight varieties of wheat breeder seeds through MAIL's Nangarhar Valley Development Authority (NVDA) on 100 hectares of government-owned land in Farm-E-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. 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.
- IDEA-NEW is collaborating with USAID's ASMED project to strengthen the poultry value chain by establishing a feed mill in Surobi District of Kabul Province.
- IDEA-NEW facilitated a plenary workshop for MAIL in 2010 in which all 34 Provincial Directorates participated. The program kicked off a national Agriculture Extension Program for the country, and has been followed up by regional level Agriculture Extension and the Planning, Budgeting, Implementation and Organization of Agriculture Projects that have been held across the country.

Afghanization and Afghan First:

- In partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL), IDEA-NEW is very committed to the US Government policy "Afghan First". A total of 97% of IDEA-NEW project staff members are Afghans. IDEA-NEW also prioritizes local procurement, and has procured over USD 5.3 million from Afghan vendors since June 2009.

Biweekly Highlights

September 1-15, 2010

In the biweekly period, IDEA-NEW focused on creating jobs throughout the North, East and West of Afghanistan, increasing farmers' agricultural sales and rural resident incomes, and strengthening the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan's (IRoA) capacity to respond to the needs of its citizens.

Job Creation/ Community-Constructed Infrastructure (CCI):

During the reporting period, IDEA-NEW worked on 68 community-constructed infrastructure (CCI) projects throughout its areas of operation. In the reporting period, it paid USD 173,693 in wages and generated 27,015 person days.

To date, the project has paid USD 3.66 million in wages and created 646,658 person-days for more than 25,803 persons, representing 2,400 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs.

A total of 68 projects were active: 16 CCI projects were active in the eastern region, 18 in the northeast, 18 in north/central and 18 in the west.

The following CCI projects finished in the reporting period:

- The Abzangyani Pipe Project in Hesarak District, Nangarhar Province was completed. The new system was designed to provide potable drinking water to over 350 families in Tangai, Sharifkhill and Lahor khill villages.
- The Now Abad-e-Flood Road Rehabilitation Project in Burka District, Faryab Province was completed, totaling three kilometers in length. Cash for work laborers rehabilitated the road with gravel by cutting, filling and constructing four culverts. One-thousand two-hundred families will directly benefit from this project.
- The Dahla Aqueduct Construction Project in Nahrin District, Baghlan Province was completed, totaling 28 meters in length with a width (including walls) of one meter and a height of three meters. One-hundred and fifty hectares of agriculture land, home to 94 families, will be irrigated by the aqueduct.

New CCI projects started in the biweekly period:

- The Qulmali Canal Improvement Project located in Abkamary District of Badghis Province involves the construction of a gabion wall 200 meters in length. The project will irrigate about 400 jeribs of land benefiting 380 families in different villages of the district. Additional advantages include an increase in agriculture production and a reduction in disputes over irrigated water among farmers.

Job Creation/ Agriculture Productivity and Agribusiness

- Two-hundred ten farmers were trained during ten field days on different Lead Production Farms (LPFs) and Small Demonstration Farms (SDF), including 100 farmers in different districts of Nangarhar Province and 110 in Kunar Province, through the TIMER program.
- Seventy-one farmers were trained during four field days in various districts of Kunar Province on modern vegetable management techniques (staggered planting, improved water management, pest management, etc.) that increase the productivity of high-value vegetables
- Through REVAMP, a total of 1,661 farmers received input packages (seeds, urea and DAP), including 1,009 in Districts of Nangarhar, 155 in Districts of Laghman Province, and 497 in Districts of Kunar Province.

- A total of 120 farmers received technical assistance on mung bean irrigation management, harvesting and thinning including 85 farmers in various districts of Nangarhar, 17 in Kunar and eight in Laghman Provinces.
- Under the yellow maize program, 172 farmers received technical assistance on thinning, irrigation management and harvesting including 112 farmers in different districts of Nangarhar, 27 in Kunar and 33 in Laghman Provinces.
- A total of 855 fruit growers including 502 farmers in Nangarhar, 275 in Kunar and 78 in Laghman Provinces were provided inputs and monitors as it relates to implementation of water management, irrigation, light pruning, pest and disease management and fruit harvesting activities recommended for the different crops.
- During the reporting period, a total of 235 farmers received technical assistance on water management and preparing basins around planted trees for their forestry plots planted in spring 2010. One-hundred eighty-six farmers in Nangarhar, 26 in Kunar and 23 in Laghman Provinces participated.
- In Badakhshan Province, 915 farmers were trained in melon fly control in Baghlan-e-Markazi, Baghlan-e-Sanaty, Pul-e-Khumri, Nahrin, Burka, Dahna-e-Ghori and Dushi Districts.
- In Takhar Province, 134 farmers were trained on summer pruning and composting in Kalafgan and Chal Districts.

Job Creation/Rural Job Creation

- The hatchery in Saroobi District of Kabul Province produced a total of 5,160 fertile eggs that will be used to produce pullets.
- IDEA-NEW provided an in-kind grant of USD 9,800 to the Watan Dost carpentry workshop in Koshtal village of Dih Bala District. This workshop will utilize electricity from the IDEA-NEW built Micro Hydro Power facility which will soon start generating about 60-75 kw electricity. This will create five local jobs and will directly support about 200 families of the Koshtal and nearby villages who previously received joinery services or products from Jalalabad.
- To date, over one million kgs of onions have been exported to Pakistan with IDEA-NEW support, totalling USD 260,416.
- Malomat disseminated weekly price reports containing prices for 25 commodities from all Malomat markets. Reports were sent every Wednesday via email to more than 120 individuals working in USAID, ADT, USDA, PRTs, BBC Pashto/Dari and other national/international programs in Afghanistan. BBC Pashto and Dari service will soon start broadcasting the Malomat prices in their Gold in Dust (GiD) program aired every Sunday and Tuesday at 11:12 AM and 12:12 PM.
- Twelve live Karkila Aw Maldari (agriculture and livestock) radio shows were aired from Sharq Radio (91.3 FM) in Nangarhar Province, Kunar Radio (105.2 FM) in Kunar Province, and Kawoon Ghag Radio in Laghman Province. Fifty-five listeners called the shows to ask questions about their orchards, vegetables and livestock.
- IDEA-NEW held a one day training in Faizabad District, Badakhshan Province for 105 families, covering the benefits of poultry vaccination, treatment of poultry diseases and linking women beneficiaries with paravets
- Ninety beneficiaries in Kalafgan District, Takhar Province purchased 80 kgs of feed from local vendors using the IDEA-NEW voucher system. Beneficiaries paid ten percent and the project covered the remainder. IDEA-NEW also worked with beneficiaries in Taloqan and Kalafgan Districts to improve ventilation in their coops
- In Badakhshan Province, 240 beneficiaries in Khash and Kishem Districts were trained for four days on feeding methods and composition, vaccination, and deworming of their animals. Farmers also had the opportunity to make connections with paravets working in the area.
- Five hundred animals belonging to 100 families in Baharak District, Takhar Province were vaccinated and treated for ecto-parasites. Another 500 calves were vaccinated in Bangi District
- IDEA-NEW supervised the concrete casting of more than 1,000 sqm of concrete for the Mazar Almond Market. In total, 1,950 out of 2,425 sqm of concrete has been cast and the remaining work is expected to be completed in the next reporting period.
- Evaluation of pomegranate pest control using pheromone traps began. A sample of 10 orchards was selected from the 60 hectares treated and the loss from Carob Moth damage will be compared with 10 untreated orchards. Data collection will continue through the period of harvest.

- IDEA-NEW conducted a sample survey in Dihdadi District, Balkh Province as part of a program to raise standards of sorting and packaging vegetables to conform with internationally accepted Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) which would open up access to higher value markets. Forty-five questionnaires were completed.
- Rabia Maryam Handicrafts Co (RMHC), a woman-owned handicrafts company, completed its work training 100 women, mainly returning refugees, in spinning local wool, using the drop-spindle, a traditional income-generating activity for women in the region.
- Balkh Livestock and Dairy Union (BLDU) continued a foot and mouth disease vaccination program in two villages, vaccinating 393 livestock benefitting 145 farmers.

Building Capacity

- The Spinghar Poultry Farmers Association (SPFA) Director, Deputy Director and association doctor visited poultry farms in Gahni Khil, Batikot Momandara, Kama and Surkrud Districts to learn about poultry farmers' problems. The association also distributed 100 bags of feed to the local members which generated USD 2,160.
- In eight districts of Takhar Province, MAIL staff previously trained by IDEA-NEW trained 3,704 farmers in mechanical and chemical control of melon fly and Colorado potato beetle.
- A three-week course to train trainers of pesticide retailers started in Mazar-i-Sharif. The participants included IDEA-NEW staff from all regions and MAIL staff from the Plant Protection and Quarantine Dept. and from the provincial DAILS. IDEA-NEW plans to equip Retailers with the basic knowledge required to transport, store, sell and provide advice on pesticide use. This will be achieved through training courses which have the objective of changing retailer attitudes and practices.
- IDEA-NEW conducted the third monthly coordination meeting with the board of directors of six agriculture retailing associations from Balkh, Samangan, Jawzjan, Sari Pul and Faryab provinces. The main objective was to determine how the associations should use funds received from the sale of items granted by IDEA-NEW. It has been agreed that the associations can buy new items from the cash collected from selling and renting the in-kind grant items.
- IDEA-NEW arranged a meeting between the Greenhouse Association and Helal Group to have a better introduction of vegetable and crops conforming with the environment of the eastern region.

USG & GIROA Coordination

- In the reporting period, IDEA-NEW met with Mr. Zareef, Extension Officer of Khewa District, to discuss problems related to greenhouses and a decision was made to change the location of the greenhouse as women were thought to benefit more from a change in location
- IDEA-NEW met with the Laghman Agriculture Director and together they observed input distribution procedure in Metherlam District of Laghman Province.
- A Joint meeting was held with the Nangarhar Irrigation Department, Districts Extension Officers and IDEA/NEW regarding the provision of materials for and implementation of gabion weaving following the survey in Chaparhar and Pacheer Districts. It was decided a ToT program should be conducted.
- During the reporting period, IDEA-NEW met with the Salar shuras leader to discuss the closing ceremony of the Salar Canal Improvement Project.
- IDEA-NEW held a meeting with Haji Mohammad "Muradi" representative and two CDC members of Burka District to discuss and find solutions for problems related to the starting of an infrastructure project in Islam Dara village.
- IDEA-NEW met with the Faryab FPO and the US Army Corps of Engineers in Pashtun Kot District of Faryab Province at the site of the proposed Khesht-i-Pol Bridge, which potentially gives year-round access to Bilchiragh, Gurziwan and Darzab Districts. An application for CERP funding of this important project will be made.
- A meeting was also held with the USDA representative. IDEA-NEW will make available its engineering design facilities to prepare irrigation repair projects for CERP funding.

Key Problems/Constraints:

- Activities were sharply limited in the days preceding and following the election to ensure security of program staff in the east, northeast and north/central regions.

- Due to floods in Pakistan two local factories that IDEA-NEW was not able to secure support from two Pakistani trainers. They are now due to arrive in Jalalabad, and the training will be initiated following Eid. The floods in Pakistan also delayed delivery of machinery to Aryan Marble Processing Company.
- The security situation in Hesarak District requires CCI project engineers to use a longer rout through Saroobi to reach the district center.
- In Badakhshan Province, Balooch and Khushtak gabion protection wall projects remain on hold due to flooding issues.
- In Takhar Province, IDEA-NEW continues to work with the CDC of Yangi Qala to ensure the community contributes to a new infrastructure project as arranged. Once their contribution is secured, the project can progress.
- Security concerns in Faryab Province has increased and reduced activities in some areas.
- Security limited monitoring activities of the de worming activites in parts of Qadis District and in the entirety of Bala Murghab and Jawad Districts.

Afghanization and Afghan First

Locally purchased materials for the Eastern and Western regions for the reporting period were USD 357,219. Locally purchased materials for IDEA-NEW Northeast were USD 136,186 in the reporting period and USD 318,600 in the North/Central regions.

Biweekly Update: Eastern Region

Eastern region activities are implemented in the Provinces of Nangarhar, Kunar, Laghman and Nooristan. The program works closely with provincial- and district-level governments and within local communities, capitalizing on the successes of previous USAID projects in the area, which built strong relations among local stakeholders, and have given IDEA-NEW the ability to scale-up rapidly. In its second year of operations in the east, IDEA-NEW is undertaking work in 39 of the region's 50 districts.

Job Creation

Community-Constructed Infrastructure (CCI):

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 to 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 the eastern region, generating 10,678 person days worth USD 60,751 in wages. Please also see Annex I for more detail on all CCI projects.

September 1-15, 2010: CCI Summary Chart—Eastern Region

Province	Total Approved Projects	Completed Projects	Active Projects	Stopped Projects	Male Person Days	Female Person days	Male Wages	Female Wages	Total Person Days	Total Wages	Males Worked	Females Worked
Kunar	7	4	3	0	2,633	0	15,066	0	2,633	15,066	324	0
Laghman	3	1	1	1	1,899	0	10,752	0	1,899	10,752	174	0
Nangarhar	34	17	12	5	6,146	0	34,933	0	6,146	34,933	558	0
Nooristan	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	45	22	16	6	10,678	0	60,751	0	10,678	60,751	1,056	0

Projects completed in the reporting period:

CCI-080308 Abzangyani Pipe Project, Hesarak District, Nangarhar Province

The Abzangyani Pipe Project started on December 12, 2009 and finished on September 05, 2010. The project was delayed due to poor security, which stopped work on two occasions. The village elders and shura leaders highly appreciate the work done by IDEA-NEW and showed full support throughout the project. The water supply for this area feeds from one spring located at Tangai Mountain in the Abizamgyani Wash Tangai area. The new system was designed to provide potable drinking water to over 350 families in Tangai, Sharifkhill and Lahor khill villages in the District of Hesarak.

Previously, villagers in this area of Hesarak District, Nangarhar Province had to collect their drinking water from a source located a great distance from the villages. Villagers had to travel between one and two hours to collect this water. The water source is also used by animals, polluting the water and causing water borne diseases. The project was, therefore, designed to overcome these problems.

Voices from the Field:

Malak Arsala Khan, a 45-year-old resident of Hesarak District, thanked IDEA-NEW for implementing this much needed project and expressed how much he appreciated the quality of the work. He said, "In winter season, we were unable to bring potable water for our family due to heavy snow, which frequently blocked the road. We will no longer have this problem. In addition, a lot of poor people worked on this project and benefited financially during its implementation." He also added, "With improved access to this clean water, we are able to plant trees and grow vegetables, which provides an added benefit."

Before and After:

Abzangyani Pipe Project Hesarak District, Nangarhar Province



Ongoing CCI Photos, East: September 1-15, 2010



*Koshtal MHP project,
Achin District, Nangarhar Province
Project Progress = 45%*



*Garigal canal intake improvement
Chowki District, Kunar Province
Project Progress = 70%*



*Nahri Karim Canal improvement project
Qarghayiee District, Laghman Province
Project Progress: 45%*



*Marko School Boundary Wall
Shinwar District, Nangarhar Province
Project Progress = 84*



*Ragha Canal improvement,
Hesarak District, Nangarhar Province
Project Progress = 39%*



*Salar Canal Improvement
Chowki District, Kunar Province
Project Progress = 99%*

Agricultural Productivity Job Creation

IDEA-NEW seeks to increase agricultural incomes by increasing productivity and crop quality at the farm level, and by linking farmers with buyers and value-added opportunities. Its various technical programs, described by crop, are outlined below, with biweekly updates.

Mung Bean Seed Multiplication and Distribution:

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 the 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 mung bean varieties. The first phase of the project involved 150 farmers who each planted half-jerib plots for seed multiplication on a total of 15 hectares of land. In phase two, the mung bean seed is being distributed to farmers to plant and harvest.

No updates in the reporting period.

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 production according to the needs of the local orchard farmers and the forestry establishment. Nurseries are given support to improve their production and marketing systems.

During the reporting period, a field day was conducted in Khugiani District of Nangarhar Province for 20 nursery growers who received information on budding in apricot, apple, plum and peach trees. In addition, two nurseries in Kama District were supervised and the quality and quantity of their lemon, sour orange and sweet orange saplings were examined.

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

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. A similar impact study was conducted in the January-March 2010 quarter under IDEA-NEW with similar results; see Impact Studies on page 56 below.



Photo: IDEA-NEW field technician prunes a citrus seedling in Batikot District of Nangarhar Province.



Photo: IDEA-NEW field technician trains farmers on seed sowing in Alingar District of Laghman Province.

Crops planted in spring 2010:

During the biweekly period, 71 farmers were trained during four field days in various districts of Kunar Province. To date, 5,649 out of 8,280 farmers have been trained on modern vegetable management techniques (staggered planting, improved water management, pest management, etc.) that increase the productivity of high-value vegetables.

Crops to be planted in fall 2010:

The distribution of improved seed varieties by teams comprised of local community leaders, MAIL and IDEA-NEW staff started on August 28th, 2010 and will continue longer than originally anticipated due to the mid-September election. To date 7,335 out of 15,000 farmers received inputs, including 2,889 in Chaparhar, Khogyani, Behsud, Ghanikhil, and Kama Districts of Nangarhar Province; 2,231 in Khas Kunar, Nurgal, Chawki and Narang Districts of Kunar Province; and 2,215 in Alishang and Qarghaee Districts of Laghman Province.

During the reporting period, 210 farmers were trained during ten field days, including 100 farmers in different districts of Nangarhar Province and 110 in Kunar Province. To date, 772 out of 5,625 farmers have been trained on different Lead Production Farms (LPFs) and Small Demonstration Farms (SDFs).

In addition, 20 Small Production Farms (SPFs) were selected for different crops in Qarghaee, Sirkani, Narang, Behsud, Kot, Momandara Districts throughout the eastern region. To date, 120 out 125 plots have been selected.

Nursery establishment has also continued for the fall season. During the reporting period, 11 field nurseries were established including eight in Nangarhar, one in Kunar and two in Laghman Provinces. To date, 28 field nurseries are established in the Alingar, Dih bala, Chaparhar, and Norgal Districts throughout the eastern region.

Onion Production Program:

Under the onion production program, new varieties and improvement in the production system plus training on harvesting and curing methods are implemented in the main production areas of the region. Lead farmer plots are being used for training purposes. Farmers in the following districts are participating: Dih Bala, Rodat, Batikot, Shinwar, Kuz Kunar, Kot and Kama Districts of Nangarhar; Asad Abad, Chawkai, Narang, Shigal, Sirkani and Watapur Districts of Kunar; and Alishang, Qarghai and Mehterlahm Districts of Laghman.

No updates in the reporting period.



Photo: IDEA-NEW field technician trains farmers on field nursery establishment in Alingar District of Laghman Province.



Photo: Farmers wait to receive inputs during the TIMER distribution program in Batikot District of Nangarhar Province.

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 reduce pressure on wheat consumption. In the eastern region, potatoes can be produced in lower areas during the fall and the higher areas during the spring, so it is possible to have year-round production. Currently, the eastern region accounts for approximately 10% of the total national production.

During the reporting period, nine farmers received fertilizer under the potato production program.

Regional Vegetable Marketing Program (REVAMP) Voucher Program:

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

Crops planted in summer and fall 2010:

During the reporting period, a total of 1,661 farmers received input packages (seeds, urea and DAP), including 1,009 in Behsood, Batikot, Ghanikhil, Surkhrud, Shirzad, Hissarak, Chaparhar, Pacheer wa Agam, Kama, Gushta, Kot, Khugiani, Kuz Kunar and Dari Noor Districts of Nangarhar; 155 in Qarghaee, Alingar and Mehtarlam Districts of Laghman Province; and 497 in Asmar, Khas Kunar, Shigal and Sawky Districts of Kunar Province.

A total of 120 farmers received technical assistance on mung bean irrigation management, harvesting and thinning including 85 farmers in various districts of Nangarhar, 17 in Kunar and eight in Laghman Provinces.

During the reporting period, a total of 172 farmers received technical assistance on thinning, irrigation management and harvesting including 112 farmers in different districts of Nangarhar, 27 in Kunar and 33 in Laghman Provinces under the yellow maize program.

Wheat Breeder Seed Cultivation:

MAIL is cultivating 11 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 seeds, labor, tractors, irrigation facilities, and more than 12 tons of breeder, while IDEA-NEW and the ADT team are providing fuel and nearly 27.5 (12.5 MT of DAP and 15 MT of area) tons of fertilizer, as well as oversight by internationally-trained agriculturalists.

During the reporting period, IDEA-NEW held a meeting with the Agriculture Directorate and FAO staff regarding the provision of supplies such as seed cleaner to clean 13.75 MT of wheat foundation seed.



Photo: A view of cauliflower plot supported by IDEA-NEW in Momandara District of Nangarhar Province.



Photo: Farmers register to receive TIMER voucher distribution in Mehtarlam District, Laghman Province.

Staple Crops Program—Yellow Maize

A total of 41 lead farmer plots of maize were established in spring 2010. The size of the lead farmer plots was one jerib and a total of 8.2 hectares were served as training grounds for farmers during the spring and summer seasons of 2010. The main purpose of this program is to produce yellow maize for the fresh market and feed mill.

Thirty demonstration plots were laid out in addition to another 30, which were established in Sorubi, Hisarak and Qarghae Districts.

Orchard Program:

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

A total of 855 fruit growers including 502 farmers in Nangarhar, 275 in Kunar and 78 in Laghman Provinces were provided inputs and monitors as it relates to implementation of water management, irrigation, light pruning, pest and disease management and fruit harvesting activities recommended for the different crops.

In addition, one orchard owner received subsidized pruning tools in Momandara District of Nangarhar Province. To date, 44 orchard owners have received subsidized pruning tools and the distribution process has been completed.

FIELD Program:

The Forestry Innovation for Livelihood Diversification (FIELD) Program is planting trees for watershed and windbreak protection as well as woodlot production. A total of 82 hectares of urban and artificial forests were established in 26 districts of Nangarhar, Kunar and Laghman Provinces in spring 2010.

During the reporting period, a total of 235 farmers received technical assistance on water management and preparing basins around planted trees for their forestry plots planted in spring 2010. One-hundred eighty-six farmers in Nangarhar, 26 in Kunar and 23 in Laghman Provinces participated.

Watershed Program

The National Watershed Management Program is being piloted in Noorgal District of Kunar Province and Pachir wa Agam District of Nangarhar Province. A draft implementation plan has been prepared, according to which community-based natural resources management associations are being established. A seven-member water steering committee has been formed, which will be responsible for making decisions on watershed program implementation procedures. Activities are currently being planned out with community members and include reforestation, gabions, rangeland management, irrigation channel rehabilitation, and others.

During the reporting period, specific areas for watershed management activities in Pacheeru Agam District of Nangarhar Province were selected and a survey for new orchard establishment in Noorgal District as well as demonstration were in the progress.



Photo: An orchard owner shows packages of almond nuts harvested from his orchard in Ghanikhail District, Nangarhar Province.



Photo: Yellow maize ready for harvesting in Momandara District of Nangarhar Province.

Rural Job Creation:

IDEA-NEW's private sector development activities are aimed at assisting 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 in order to reduce reliance on imports. Particular focus is also given to projects that integrate women into regional value-chain development in meaningful ways.

Poultry Value Chain/Breeder Farm Development:

Support continued for the broiler breeder farm in the Saracha village of Bihsud District, Nangarhar Province. The farm produced 9,720 fertile eggs during the reporting period.

Poultry Value Chain/Hatcheries' Development

The hatchery in Saroobi District of Kabul Province (which has been contracted by the owner of the broiler breeder farm) produced a total of 5,160 fertile eggs, which will be used to produce pullets.

Poultry Value Chain/Commercial Poultry Farms

During the reporting period, IDEA-NEW distributed 1,000 day-old broiler chicks and 55 bags of feed to each of the five new poultry farmers in Nangarhar Province. These farmers were selected through a process involving the Village Shuras and the Directorate of Agriculture. They were then trained by IDEA-NEW in poultry farming. Another broiler farmer, who received these same inputs six weeks ago, sold his broilers in the market and made USD 325 net profit.

Voices from the Field

A poultry farmer in Momand Dara District, Nangarhar Province, explains "I am very happy with the support from IDEA-NEW. I was able to generate income for four months when the opportunities for employment were limited. The way IDEA-NEW structured the program enabled me to have about \$2,200 income, and now I am able to run this business myself."

Poultry Value Chain/Women's Smallholder Poultry Farms

A survey was conducted in Kama and Battikot Districts to select beneficiaries based on specific selection criteria. In addition, a total of 18,903 eggs were produced in 49 layer farms worth USD 1,550.

Textile Value Chain/ Processing Facility:

The textile washing and pressing facility continued operations with IDEA-NEW support. During the reporting period, the facility continued serving textile weavers located in rural areas. The services provided by this facility greatly encourage textile weavers to expedite their production, and also encourage businessmen to invest in the textile sector. This results in the creation of new jobs for local Afghans in rural areas where job opportunities are limited.

During the biweekly period, the facility washed and pressed the following quantities of products, which were woven by individual textile companies and weavers from Rodat, Batikoot, Kama and Shirzad Districts of Nangarhar Province.

Product	Quantity	Processing Description
Woolen & Nylon Shawls	114	Pressed & Dyed
Cotton Cloth	82	Pressed & Dyed
Scarves	1,338	Pressed & Dyed

Textile Value Chain/Textile Weavers' Support:

Textile weavers in Rodat District of Nangarhar Province continue to produce different textiles for the local market. IDEA-NEW will support these weavers in mechanizing their business by providing power looms to replace manual looms which are very labor-intensive and limit the quantity and quality of textiles produced.

Textile Value Chain/Fiber Distribution Center:

The fiber distribution center supported by IDEA-NEW continued service delivery to textile weavers. During the reporting period, the center distributed 450 kg of fiber to local textile weaving factories. The center is offering fiber with credit for a roughly three-month period, giving the textile weaving companies enough time to process and sell their products in the market and then pay their dues.

Livestock Value Chain/Women-Owned Dairy Processing Centers:

IDEA-NEW technically and financially supports eight women-operated "Spinghar Cheese" processing centers. Technical support provided to these processing units aims to ensure clean procedures and promote the self-sustainability of operations.

Total cheese marketed in the reporting period was 202.5 kg worth USD 700.



Photo: A woman operator weighs cheese for local markets produced in Lachapor center, Nangarhar Province.



Photo: Women are busy harvesting cotton in Behsud District, Nangarhar Province.

Vegetable Value Chain/Women-Owned Greenhouses:

IDEA-NEW provides support to 22 women-owned greenhouses with technical and marketing oversight.

The IDEA-NEW gender team conducted a survey to establish new greenhouses for the expansion of plug seedling production in Surkhrud, Ghousechak and Battikot Districts. In addition, a greenhouse located in Samarkhal District was shifted to Naghlo Village of Batikot District of Nangarhar Province.

Vegetable Value Chain/Women-Owned Packing Facility:

Currently, 15 women are employed by the packing facility, providing packing services for vegetables of the eastern region.

During the reporting period, the facility packed 124.6 kg of vegetables worth USD 71 under the brand of "Pride of the Eastern Region." Vegetables were shipped to Kabul supermarkets.

Fruit and Nut Value Chain/Women-Owned Tree Nurseries

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

During the reporting period, IDEA-NEW observed and monitored nurseries in Khogiani District of Nangarhar Province and Narang District of Kunar Province. In addition, women operators in the Samarkhil nursery weeded and irrigated the nursery and also began harvesting cotton. The quantity will be highlighted in the next biweekly report.

Fisheries Value Chain/Women-Owned Fish Farms

In May 2010, IDEA-NEW selected 40 women to run 20 commercial fish farms for women in the eastern region - 10 in Nangarhar, five in Laghman and five in Kunar. Two neighboring women each share one farm.

The IDEA-NEW gender team monitored the program and found satisfactory results, including positive fish growth.

Micro-Enterprise Development/Women's Mentorship Program:

Fifty-two women-owned businesses were identified through the IDEA-NEW gender team's business survey in Laghman, Nangarhar and Kunar Provinces. The women-owned businesses encompass the following trades: tailoring, beauty parlors, food processing, embroidery and handicrafts, baby sheets manufacturing and cheese production.

Other Rural Job Creation:

- ZRM Carpet Company continued working with local employees in Chaparhar, Rodat, Kama, Surkhrud and Jalalabad Districts. A total of 54 square meters of carpet were woven and 48 employees are now working on producing new designs to meet an order of over USD 350,000 provided by a company in Canada.

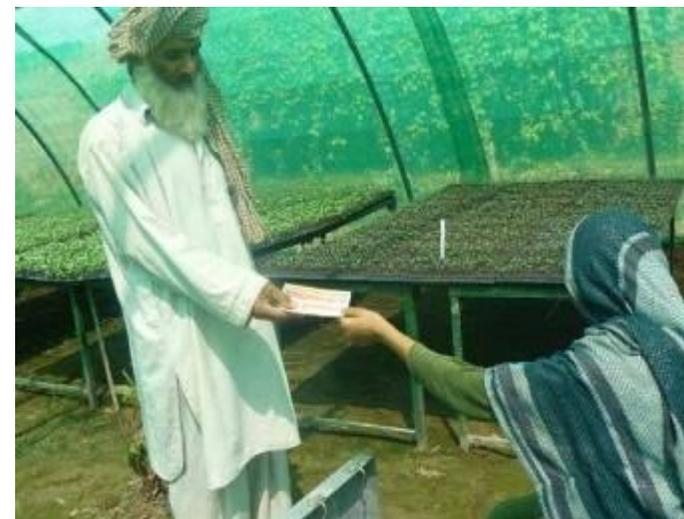


Photo: A woman sells seedling to a local farmer in a greenhouse in Batikot District, Nangarhar Province.



Photo: Women operators pack sweet pepper for Kabul super markets in Surkhrud packing facility, Nangarhar Province.

- An in-kind grant of USD 9,800 was provided to the Watan Dost carpentry workshop in Koshtal village of Dih Bala District. This workshop will utilize electricity from the IDEA-NEW built Micro Hydro Power facility which will soon start generating about 60-75 kw of electricity. This will create five local jobs and will directly support about 200 families of the Koshtal and nearby villages, who previously received joinery services or products from Jalalabad.
- Work continued on the application of the Kaayenat Henna Processing and Talcum Power Manufacturing Company. This activity will help the company add value to talc and henna both produced locally and will create 16 jobs in Qarghay District of Laghman Province.
- The IDEA-NEW gender team visited three infrastructure projects in Behsud and Spinghar Districts of Nanagrhar and Laghman Provinces to provide cooking services to the laborers who work on infrastructure projects. During the reporting period, a total of 17 women cooks were selected.

Agricultural Sales/ Trade Corridor Market Development

IDEA-NEW facilitates agriculture-related sales in its areas of operation for local markets, national markets (primarily high-end supermarkets in Kabul) and export markets. It also gives farmers extension advice aimed at generating higher crop prices via in-person consultations, radio shows, and a mobile-phone system that gives daily commodity prices in 11 markets throughout the country and in Peshawar in Pakistan. Please see Annex III for a sales table.

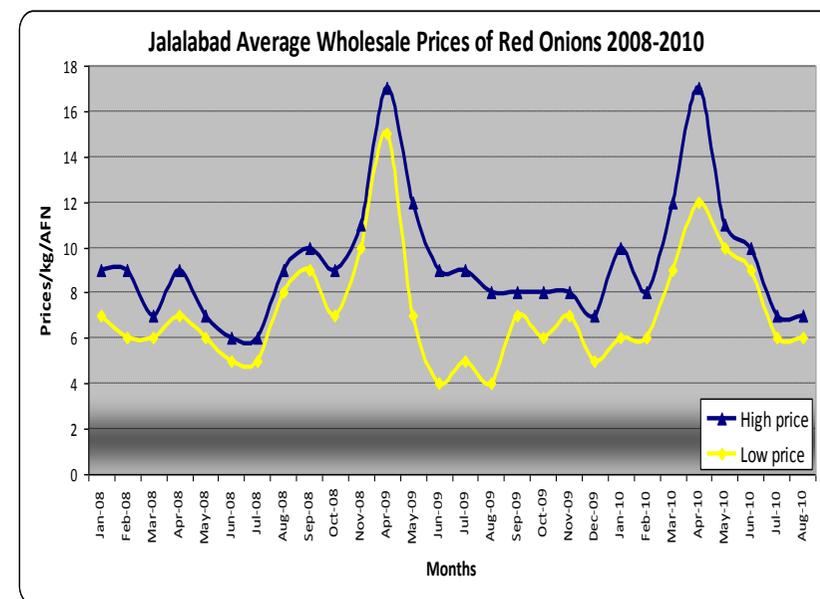
Local, National and Export Market Facilitation:

- Vegetable growers in the eastern region received technical assistance in harvest and post-harvest management, and were linked to local markets. Please see the sales table in Annex III for details.
- Local traders continued supplying fresh fruit and vegetables to high-value markets (supermarkets and institutional clients) in Kabul.
- Onions are now being exported to Pakistan with IDEA-NEW support, including a total of 1.05 million kgs of onions to date, totaling USD 260,416.

Market Information System (MIS):

The Malomat ("information" in Dari and Pashtu) Market Information System collects, analyzes and disseminates price data for 25 commodities in 11 markets. The commodities are fertilizers, fruit, vegetables, meat and grain. The program also airs three live radio programs in the eastern region in collaboration with MAIL; three times per week in Nangarhar and once per week in Laghman and Kunar each.

- Twelve live Karkila Aw Maldari (agriculture and livestock) radio shows were aired from Sharq Radio (91.3 FM) in Nangarhar Province, Kunar Radio (105.2 FM) in Kunar Province, and Kawoon Ghag Radio in Laghman Province. A total of 55 listeners called the shows asking different questions about their orchard, vegetable and livestock problems and received answers from the show's agriculture expert. Three radios were handed over to farmers as prizes for listening and calling to Karkila Aw Maldari shows.



Graph: Variations shown in the wholesale average monthly price of red onions from 2008 to 2010.

- Malomat disseminated weekly price reports containing prices for 25 commodities from all Malomat markets. Reports were sent every Wednesday via email to more than 120 individuals working in USAID, ADT, USDA, PRTs, BBC Pashto/Dari and other national/international programs in Afghanistan. BBC Pashto and Dari service will soon start broadcasting the Malomat prices in their Gold in Dust (GiD) program aired every Sunday and Tuesday at 11:12 AM and 12:12 PM.

Building Capacity

Lead Farmer Plots

IDEA-NEW supports lead farmer plots for training on modern crop techniques. In spring and summer 2010, IDEA-NEW maintained over 250 lead farmer plots and production farms for its various programs.

During the reporting period, training activities for farmers receiving inputs in spring-summer 2010 continued, with a total of 810 farmers trained in 20 districts of the eastern region. Please refer to the farmer training summary in Annex II for district breakdowns and types of training.

In addition, distribution of seed and fertilizer has been finished for the lead farmers' plots for the fall and winter 2010. During the reporting period, 75 farmers received seed and fertilizer in the districts of Khogianey, Shirzad, Hisarak, Surkhrad, Behsood, Batikot and Mohmandar of Nangarhar Province; Shegal, Asmar Districts of Kunar Province; and finally Alingar and Alishang Districts of Laghman Province.

In addition, 22 field nurseries for cauliflower and cabbage were established in three eastern provinces.

Community Institution Capacity Building

- Nangarhar Talc Producers Association (NTPA) continued to support talc producers. A total of 3,300 MT of talc was exported to Pakistan.
- The Spinghar Poultry Farmers Association (SPFA) director, deputy director and association doctor visited poultry farms in Gahni Khil, Batikot Momandara, Kama and Surkrud Districts to learn about poultry farmers' problems. The association also distributed 100 bags of feed to the local members which generated USD 2,160 net profit. The association sells the poultry feed at a 5% discount to its members.

USG & GIRoA Coordination

- During the reporting period, IDEA-NEW met with Mr. Zareef, Extension Officer of Khewa District, to discuss problems related to greenhouses. A decision was made to change the location of the greenhouse, as women were thought to benefit more from a change in location
- IDEA-NEW met with the Laghman Agriculture Director, and together observed input distribution procedure in Metherlam District of Laghman Province.



Photo: IDEA-NEW field technician trains farmers on nursery establishment in Kama District of Nangarhar Province.

- A joint meeting was held with the Nangarhar Irrigation Department, Districts Extension Officers and IDEA/NEW regarding the provision of materials for, and implementation of, gabion weaving, following the survey in Chaparhar and Pacheer Districts. It was decided a Training of Trainers program should be conducted.
- The TIMER fall 2010 distribution was conducted in close coordination with local authorities, community elders and line departments.
- During the reporting period, IDEA-NEW met with the Salar shuras leader to discuss the closing ceremony of the Salar Canal Improvement Project.
- IDEA-NEW arranged a meeting between the Greenhouse Association and Helal Group to plan an introduction of vegetables and crops better conforming with the environment of the eastern region.

Key Problems/Constraints

- Due to floods in Pakistan, IDEA-NEW was not able to secure support from two Pakistani trainers. They are now due to arrive in Jalalabad, and the training will be initiated following Eid.
- The floods in Pakistan delayed delivery of machinery to Aryan Marble Processing Company.
- The parliamentary election process delayed work progress for all CCI projects in eastern region.
- The security situation in Hesarak District requires CCI project engineers to use a longer route through Saroobi to reach the district center.

Afghan First

Locally-purchased materials for DAI (East and West) from September 1-15, 2010 were USD 357,219.

Biweekly Update: Northeastern Region

September 1-15, 2010: CCI Summary
Chart—Northeastern Region

Job Creation

Community-Constructed Infrastructure (CCI): Irrigation, Farm to Market Roads and Micro-Hydro Power

IDEA-NEW implements community-constructed infrastructure (CCI) projects that serve a two-fold purpose: to restore and build productive infrastructure, and to 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 19 active CCI projects in the northeastern region, employing 2,654 workers, generating 13,153 person days and disbursing USD 91,999 in wages. Please see Annex I for more detail on all CCI projects.

Province	Total Approved Projects	Completed Projects	Active Projects	Stopped Projects	Male Person Days this period	Female Person days this period	Male Wages this period	Female Wages this period	Total Person Days	Total Wages
Badakhshan	19	11	6	2	6,111	-	41,239	-	6,111	41,239
Baghlan	31	26	4	1	4,509	-	33,489	-	4,509	33,489
Takhar	9	3	6	-	2,258	275	15,760	1,511	2,533	17,271
Kunduz	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	61	40	18	3	12,878	275	90,488	1,511	13,153	91,999

Projects completed in the biweekly period:**Dahla Aqueduct Construction Project
Nahrin District, Baghlan Province**

The Dahla Aqueduct Construction Project was completed, totaling 28 meters in length, with a width (including walls) of one meter and a height of three meters. One-hundred fifty hectares of agriculture land, home to 94 families, will be irrigated by the aqueduct.

**Now Abad-e-Flool Road Rehabilitation Project
Burka District, Baghlan Province**

The Now Abad-e-Flool Road Rehabilitation Project was completed, totaling three kilometers in length. Cash-for-work laborers rehabilitated the road with gravel by cutting, filling and constructing four culverts along the road. One-thousand two-hundred families will benefit directly from this project.

No new infrastructure projects were started during this reporting period.



Photos: Dahla aqueduct construction project



Photo: Now Abad-e-Flool road rehabilitation project

Ongoing CCI Photos

Northeast: September 1-15, 2010



Photo: Arbab Noor Mohammad Intake Construction, Burka, Baghlan



Photo: Zardew Canal Project in Shuhada Badakhshan



Photo: Andoshah Aqueduct and Wash-Culvert in Jurm, Badakhshan



Photo: Nuqra Chasma Canal Intake, Kalafgan, Takhar

Agriculture Productivity/ Job Creation

Women's Poultry Project:

Badakhshan: IDEA-NEW held a one-day training in Faizabad District, Badakhshan Province for 105 families, covering the benefits of poultry vaccination, treatment of poultry diseases and linking women beneficiaries with paravets.

Baghlan: IDEA-NEW conducted follow-up training with women poultry project participants in Khost, Dushi, Burka and Nahrin Districts, providing technical assistance with maintaining their poultry farms.

Takhar: Ninety beneficiaries in Kalafgan District purchased 80 kgs of feed each from local vendors using the IDEA-NEW voucher system. Beneficiaries paid ten percent and the project covered the remainder. (The beneficiary contribution will rise with time.) Livestock staff also worked with beneficiaries in Taloqan and Kalafgan Districts to improve ventilation in their coops.

Beekeeping Project:

Takhar: IDEA-NEW visited the beekeepers in Namak Ab District to check on the honey extraction process.

Orchard Establishment:

Badakhshan: During the reporting period, 20 indirect beneficiary farmers were trained in lead farmer plots in various skills relating to orchard establishment.

Takhar: In Farkhar District, 15 farmers were trained in summer pruning and staking the young trees for stability.

Orchard Management Project:

Takhar: During the reporting period, 134 farmers were trained on summer pruning and composting in Kalafgan and Chal Districts.

Commercial Timber Cultivation:

Badakhshan: Twenty farmers received training in skills relating to commercial timber nurseries, including irrigation and pest control.

Commercial Vegetable Cultivation

Badakhshan: During the reporting period, 30 farmers were trained at lead farmer plots in various skills relating to vegetable cultivation, irrigation and pest control.

Takhar: The commercial vegetable potato project is ongoing, with ten farmers trained in harvesting, sorting and grading. The harvest has totalled approximately 5,600 kg/jerib. The cauliflower project is also ongoing for 30 farmers who were trained in land preparation and planting trial plots.



Photo: Poultry training for women in Faizabad District, Badakhshan Province



Photo: Composting training in Farkhar Province, Takhar District.

Melon Fly Control:

Baghlan: During the reporting period, 915 farmers were trained in melon fly control in Baghlan-e-Markazi, Baghlan-e-Sanaty, Pul-e-Khumri, Nahrin, Burka, Dahna-e-Ghori and Dushi Districts.

Strawberry Runners Project:

Baghlan: The strawberry patches continue to be monitored and beneficiaries received technical instruction in cutting runners and weed control.

Lamb and Calf Fattening Project:

Badakhshan: During the reporting period, 240 beneficiaries in Khash and Kishem Districts were trained for four days on feeding methods and composition, vaccination, and de-worming of their animals. Farmers also had the opportunity to make connections with paravets working in the area.

Takhar: Five hundred animals belonging to 100 families in Baharak District were vaccinated and treated for ecto-parasites. Another 500 calves were vaccinated in Bangi District.

Baghlan: In four CDCs in Nahrin District, lambs in the lamb fattening program were ear-tagged for identification and de-wormed by paravets this week.

Building Capacity

In Takhar Province, MAIL staff previously trained by IDEA-NEW trained 3,704 farmers in mechanical and chemical control of melon fly and Colorado potato beetle in eight districts.

A meeting was held with Haji Mohammad "Muradi" representative and two CDC members of Burka District to discuss and find solutions for problems due to the starting of an infrastructure project in Islam Dara village.

Key Problems/Constraints

Activities were sharply limited in the days preceding and following the election to ensure security of program staff.

Badakhshan: The Balooch and Khushtak gabion protection wall projects remain on hold due to flooding issues.

Takhar: IDEA-NEW continues to work with the CDC of Yangi Qala to ensure the community contributes to a new infrastructure project as arranged. Once its contribution is secured, the project can progress.

Afghan First

Locally-purchased materials for IDEA-NEW Northeast were USD 136,186 in the reporting period.



Photo: Spraying a mixture of hot pepper and devil's dung for organic potato beetle control in Takhar Province.



Photo: Calf vaccination in Baharak district, Takhar

Voices from the Field

Beneficiary Name: Abdul Hadi from Taloqan District, Takhar Province

Project Name: Joy-e-Daraz Wash Culvert

Could you give us a brief summary of your life?

My name is Abdul Hadi and I am one of the poorest of the poor in Khetayan village. There are six members in my family and I am the sole breadwinner. I have three children, a wife and an older mother to look after. I do not own any land, and I earn my living as a laborer on villagers' lands. I live in an ordinary two-room house.

How did you get connected to the project?

I was at the point of going back to Pakistan, totally disappointed with my living conditions in the village. I had no hope of having any source of income. The turning point came when the IDEA-NEW project began and I started working, which really benefited me and prevented me from migrating to Pakistan or Iran.

Could you tell us about your economic state before and after the project?

I was in a very bad economic situation before the project started. During the six-month duration of this project, I earned about USD 430, which is really a huge amount of money compared to wages earned by a poor person. This money covered most of my family's basic needs.

Are you satisfied with IDEA-NEW and its work?

Of course, not only me but all poor people and the villagers in the area are happy with this work. The implementation of this project created a job opportunity where we earned money, which had a positive impact on our economic life.



Photo: Potato beetle training in Baghlan Province



Photo: Orchard Management in Baghland Province

Biweekly Update: North/Central Region

Job Creation

Community-Constructed Infrastructure (CCI):

Irrigation, Farm to Market Roads and Micro-Hydro Power

IDEA-NEW implements community-constructed infrastructure (CCI) projects that serve a two-fold purpose: to restore and build productive infrastructure, and to 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 the northern region. Please see Annex I for more detail on all CCI projects.

September 1-15, 2010: CCI Summary Chart—North/Central Region

Province	Total Approved Projects	Completed Projects	Active Projects	Stopped Projects	Male Person Days this period	Female Person Days this period	Male Wages this period	Female Wages this period
Balkh	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
Samangan	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jawzjan	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sari Pul	6	1	5	0	0	0	0	0
Faryab	18	10	8	0	0	0	0	0
Total	32	16	16	0	0	0	0	0

Construction of 12 Micro Hydro Power Plants

IDEA-NEW constructs MHP projects to provide electrical power to remote communities, which significantly improves families' lives by supporting production of handicrafts and enabling children to study at night.

In Sari Pul Province, construction work on five micro-hydro power plants in Balkhab District has been delayed by bad weather, floods, Ramadan, the elections and poor security. Specifically, in Khamshorak, Chaila and Dahna Wa Takhshar, work did progress but, due to the parliamentary elections campaigns, fewer laborers were available to work. IDEA-NEW expects work to progress more quickly following the elections. The overall progress report shows the following percentages of completion: Hoosh 88%; Parawshan 95%; Chaila 73%; Khamshorak 55%; and Dahna Wa Takhshar 55%. The only plant in Hoosh was stopped due to security problems in the area.

IDEA-NEW previously signed a sub-grant with the International Assistance Mission (IAM) to provide electrical equipment for the construction of eight MHP projects in Qaysar and Kohistan Districts of Faryab Province. However, the deteriorating security situation in those districts required that IAM withdraw from these sites. IDEA-NEW has therefore signed a modification to the agreement to allow the same number of installations to be developed in Pashtun Kot District, Faryab Province. These MHPs will serve 1,250 households by producing 75.4 KW for the following eight communities: Ibrahimabad, Qalai Niasbeq-Payin, Qalai Niasbeq-Bala, Hazara Qala, Nawabad Beqlarsai, Kata Qala Shora-e-Bazar, Kata Qala Shora-e-Madrassa, and Kata Qala Haji Basir.

During the reporting period, all eight communities started to work with the channels and build the power houses for the turbines. All the materials are ready for transport and will be sent shortly after the election. The overall progress for all eight MHPs is at 5%.

Mazar Almond Market Concrete Platform

The Mazar-e-Sharif Balkh Dry Fruits Processing Association (MBDFA) is developing a market area granted by the Mazar City municipality. IDEA-NEW is providing a concrete surface for the market upon which produce can be stacked and dried in clean conditions. The MBDFA members (shop owners) process their fruits by laying them in the open air and exposing them to sunlight. At present they cannot do so because the bare earth is unhygienic.

The Infrastructure Department team has started to work together with MBDFA to prepare the surface of a market expected to house 158 shops. In accordance with the signed MoU with MBDFA, IDEA-NEW will construct a concrete platform of 2,425 sqm area for the Mazar Almond Market. MBDFA recruited all the manpower for this project. During the reporting period, IDEA-NEW supervised the concrete casting of more than 1,000 sqm of concrete. In total, 1,950 out of 2,425 sqm of concrete have been cast and the remaining work is expected to be completed in the next reporting period. The project is currently 78% completed.



Photo: Laborers are cutting and filing the second part to level the ground before concrete casting takes place.

Construction of Mardian Water Reservoir

The irrigation canals that many villages in the north rely on have dried up and since groundwater is saline, they cannot use wells. At present, they rely on storing water in ponds, which is both inefficient, as there is seepage into the sandy soil, and unhygienic, as the ponds are open to animals. Mardian District Centre in Jawzjan has been selected for the first pilot project to evaluate the use of High Density Polyethylene liners and covers as an alternative during the summer months, holding three million liters of clean potable water for 300 families, who will draw it off through a hand-pump.

The contract for construction was signed with MWCC, a local construction company, on Sep 14, 2010. IDEA-NEW is planning a pre-construction meeting with the contractor and a visit to the site to start the work during the next reporting period.

Khulm River Gabion Protection Wall Extension

IDEA-NEW completed construction of a 975 meter-long gabion protection wall in the Khulm River basin, which saved hectares of land in recent floods this summer and proved to be very useful for farmers and orchard owners in Khulm District. At the request of community representatives and the local government, IDEA-NEW decided to extend the project and strengthen 550 meters more of the riverbank. The gabion walls will protect 500 hectares of endangered agricultural lands against flooding. It will also help the irrigation system in the Khulm River basin by providing stable river banks and improving water management.

During this reporting period, gabion weavers continued working on the project, but heavy labor has been postponed until the end of Ramadan. The project is 7% complete.

Agriculture Productivity and Agribusiness Job Creation

Trellising of 100 Hectares of Vineyards

Trellising vineyards will double the yield of grapes, both in quality and in quantity. In order for farmers to see the benefits of trellising, IDEA-NEW is supporting the establishment of lead farmer plots in grape-producing areas in Faryab, Samangan and Faryab Provinces.

Farmers in the area busily harvested grapes during the reporting period, so no further activity related to the vineyard demonstration plots took place.

Perennial Crops: Pomegranate Pest Control Using Pheromone Traps

Pomegranate, a major crop in Afghanistan, often suffers heavy losses from the larva of the Carob Moth. An analogue of the female pheromone has been synthesised by a Californian company (ISCATech) and formulated as a mating disruptant. IDEA-NEW treated 60 ha of orchards in Khulm District in May.

During the reporting period, IDEA-NEW began evaluating the trial. A sample of ten orchards was selected from the 60 hectares treated and the loss from Carob Moth damage will be compared with ten untreated orchards. Data collection will continue through the period of harvest.

Annual Crops: Vegetable Marketing Survey

The region and, in particular, Balkh province produces large quantities of vegetable. However, they are only sold on the local market, as poor sorting, packaging and marketing prevent their being exported to the Gulf and other high-value markets, or even sold to suppliers of the international forces in Afghanistan. Consequently, there are seasonal gluts on the market and prices are low. IDEA-NEW is developing a program to raise standards to conform with internationally-accepted Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs), which would open up access to these higher-value markets.

IDEANEW conducted a sample survey in Dihdadi District of Balkh Province and completed 45 questionnaires aimed at determining what percentage of farmers grow vegetables, what percentage of land is dedicated to growing vegetables, and farmers' interest in following hygienic instruction if encouraged to do so.

Voices from the Field

Dawood, an attendee of a Training of Trainers (ToT) related to GAPs, explains, "The ToT is useful for us. It will help us learn the methodology and provide us with the necessary knowledge and skills to put these courses into immediate practice by monitoring and coaching others."

Wool Spinning Wheel Project

According to figures supplied by the Afghanistan Carpet Exporters Guild, around 570 MT of spun wool are required to cover the needs of carpet weavers in Balkh Province every year. Much of this wool is imported, but spinning local wool, using the drop-spindle, is a traditional income-generating activity for women in the region. Using a spinning wheel results in a more uniform quality of yarn and a faster work rate, but it requires training. IDEA-NEW has awarded a subcontract to Rabia Maryam Handicrafts Co (RMHC), a woman-owned handicrafts company, to train 100 women, mainly returning refugees, in the process. This includes providing each trainee with a spinning wheel and the materials needed for the six months of training.

During the reporting period, the project was completed. IDEA-NEW is preparing the completion ceremony and RMHC is preparing a final report.

Village Milk Processing Centers/Balkh Livestock and Dairy Union (BLDU)

BLDU has, over the last seven years, developed a network of household dairy producers who sell surplus milk for processing by the Balkh Dairy in Dihdadi. A program of extension training in animal breeding, feeding and health care, together with improved access to veterinary services, has increased the marketable surplus and provided a boost to household incomes. In order to extend these benefits to other districts in the region, BLDU, under a sub-agreement, will set up ten additional village milk processing centers where fresh milk can be processed by hand-operated equipment into cheese, butter and yogurt.



Photo: IDEA-NEW staff interviewing farmer in Dihdadi District, Balkh Province

During the reporting period, the master trainer of BLDU held a meeting with more than 50 women of Yangi Ariq village of Aqcha District in Jawzjan

Province to organize women farmers for training courses in livestock management and milking hygiene. The BLDU master trainer delivered cattle management manuals and provided training to the women trainers of this village on the contents of these manuals. The master trainer will visit other villages and continue the formation of training classes in the remaining seven villages during the next reporting period.

Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) is widespread in northern Afghanistan, affecting mostly cattle but also sheep and goats. FMD is highly communicable, characterized by fever, formation of vesicles and blisters in the mouth, udder, teeth, and on the skin between the toes and above the hooves. Prevention requires three regular vaccinations in a year. BLDU started a FMD vaccination campaign in ten targeted villages out of which two villages were covered during the reporting period. The table below shows the details of covered villages.

No.	Province	District	Village	# farmers benefitted	# animals vaccinated
1	Samangan	Hazrati Sultan	Ghaznigak	90	251
2	Jawzjan	Aqcha	Yangi Ariq	55	142
	Total	-	-	145	393

Building Capacity

Agriculture Retailing Development:

IDEA-NEW continues to support the six non-profit provincial agricultural retailers' associations, which have been established in Northern Afghanistan and have been officially registered in the Afghan Ministry of Justice. These associations will serve the farmers through 117 agriculture-retailers currently operating in the five Northern Provinces: Balkh, Jawzjan, Samangan, Sari Pul and Faryab.

The following activities have been accomplished during the biweekly period:

Agriculture Retailing Shop Upgrading Survey:

IDEA-NEW plans to survey 109 agriculture retailing shops in the five provinces of Balkh, Samangan, Jawzjan, Sari Pul and Faryab to determine their needs, and whether they will comply with best practices for the storage and sale of pesticides. The survey began on August 22nd in Balkh and Samangan Provinces.



Photo: BLDU master trainer explains a cattle management manual to Yangi Ariq village beneficiaries.



Photo: BLDU staff vaccinating a cow against FMD.

Following surveys in Samangan, Balkh, Jawzjan and Sari Pul Provinces last reporting period,

IDEA-NEW visited 12 shops in Sari Pul, Sozma Qala, Sangcharak and Gosfandi Districts of Sari Pul Province and seven shops in Shibirghan, Fayzabad, Khwaja Du Koh, Khaniqa and Aqcha Districts of Jawzjan Province. The team could not visit four shops in Jawzjan and one shop in Sari Pul province for security reasons.

The table below shows the breakdown of agriculture retailing shops surveyed by IDEA-NEW:

Ag-Association	Province	Districts	# of Shops Visited
Bawar & Balkh Bastan	Balkh	Balkh, Dihdadi, Khulm, Mazar Center, Nahri Shahi, Kaldar, Dawlatabad and Shortepa	21
Motmaeen	Samangan	Aybak, Hazrati Sultan, Feroz Nakhchir and Roy Do Ab	15
Khurasan	Jawzjan	Shibirghan center, Fayzabad, Khwaja Du Koh, Khaniqa and Aqcha	7
Bahar	Sari Pul	Sari Pul center, Sozma Qala, Sangcharak and Gosfandi	12
Total			55

Pesticide Dealer Training

A three-week course to train trainers of pesticide retailers started in Mazar-i-Sharif. The participants included IDEA-NEW staff from all regions and MAIL staff from the Plant Protection and Quarantine Department and the provincial DAILS. IDEA-NEW plans to equip retailers with the basic knowledge required by anyone transporting, storing, selling and providing advice on pesticide use. This will be achieved through training courses that will also have the objective of changing retailer attitudes and practices.

Agriculture Retailing Association Meeting

IDEA-NEW conducted the third monthly coordination meeting with the board of directors of six agriculture retailing associations from Balkh, Samangan, Jawzjan, Sari Pul and Faryab provinces on September 5, 2010. The main objective of the meeting was to determine how the associations should use funds received from the sale and hire of items granted by IDEA-NEW. It has been agreed that the associations can buy new items from the cash collected from selling and renting the in-kind grant items they received from IDEA-NEW.

Trellis Post Production:

A PO was signed with Maymana post maker, Ghulam Sakhi, for manufacturing 750 concrete

posts in Faryab Province. IDEA-NEW also reviewed the construction materials that the vendor provided, deeming the quality satisfactory. In addition, Mohammad Shah, the post maker in Feroz Nakhchir District, completed casting of all 950 trellis posts under the third PO. The 950 produced posts have been evaluated by IDEA-NEW and the quality was also reported satisfactory.

Animal Health and Production

The following activities were accomplished during the reporting period under the Strengthening Animal Health and Production project, implemented for IDEA-NEW by the Dutch Committee for Afghanistan (DCA):

- Publication and distribution of extension materials on large ruminants herd health packages (LHHP) continues.
- Twenty-four Veterinary Field Unit (VFU) staff prepared for attending a business skills course to be held in VTSC Mazar on October 3rd.
- IDEA-NEW visited the following VFUs and farmers in order to improve services:
 - Balkh Province:* Kaldar, Kohna Kaldar, Shortepa, Toqai, Chahar Kent, Shadian, Dawlatabad, Boriabaf and Balkh
 - Faryab Province:* Andkhoy, Dawlatabad, Khwaja Sabz Posh and Shirin Tagab
 - Sari Pul Province:* Sozma Qala and Sangcharak
 - Jawzjan Province:* Khaniqa and Fayzabad
- Veterinary services continue in 94 VFUs within five provinces of the northern region.
- Paravet's six-month training course with 15 trainees is ongoing.

Contracts and Grants

- Milk-processing equipment for the Village Milk Collection/Processing Project was shipped from New Delhi. IDEA-NEW awaits a letter from USAID for customs duty exemption.
- The civil works subcontract for installation of two pond-liners providing storage of water for irrigation in Mardian Village in Mardian District, Jawzjan Province was signed. Construction work will start shortly.
- The Khulm River Gabion Protection Wall project (Phase II) commenced following Eid.
- Forty-five out of the 50 seed drills with fertilizer boxes that were ordered from Osiyo Hamkorlik Ltd. were received by IDEA-NEW.
- Bid analysis was completed for the following: (I) 10,000 kgs wettable sulfur (II) 16,800 kgs Thiram seed dressing (III) 2,500 tree pruning shears (IV) 2,200 pruning saws.
- The subcontract for pesticides was signed and training will start on September 20th.

USG and GIRoA Coordination:

IDEA-NEW met with the Faryab FPO and the US Army Corps of Engineers in Pashtun Kot District of Faryab Province at the site of the proposed Khesht-i-Pol Bridge, which potentially gives year-round access to Bilchiragh, Gurziwan and Darzab Districts. An application for CERP funding of this important project will be submitted.

A meeting was also held with the USDA representative. IDEA-NEW will make available its engineering design facilities to prepare irrigation repair projects for CERP funding.

Key Problems/Constraints

- Due to parliamentary elections, the security of many target districts could not be ensured, particularly Sholgara and Chahar Bolak Districts of Balkh Province.
- Security concerns in Faryab Province have increased and reduced activities in some areas

Afghan First

ACDI/VOCA spent a sum of USD 318,600 in local procurement and a total of USD 374,700 in Afghanistan during the reporting period.



Photo: Site of the proposed Khesht-i-Pol Bridge

Biweekly Update: Western Region

Job Creation

IDEA-NEW implements community-constructed infrastructure (CCI) projects throughout the western region, which serve a two-fold purpose: to restore and build productive infrastructure, and to 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 18 CCI projects in the western region these generated 3,184 person days worth USD 20,943 in wages and employing of 301 males. Please see Annex I for more detail on all CCI projects.

Summary Table: CCI Projects Western Region: September 1-15, 2010

Province	Total Approved Projects	Completed Projects	Active Projects	Stopped Projects	Male Person Days	Male Wages	Males Worked
Badghis	23	3	18	2	3,184	20,943	301

Project Started in the Reporting Period:

CCI-190224, Qulmali Canal Improvement, Abkamary District, Badghis Province

The Qulmali Canal Improvement Project, located in Abkamary District of Badghis Province, includes the construction of a gabion wall 200 meters in length. The project will provide job opportunities to the villagers and will irrigate about 400 jeribs of land, benefiting 380 families in different villages of the district. Other advantages include an increase in agriculture production and a reduction in disputes over irrigated water among farmers.



Photo: Skilled laborers tie steel bars on column reinforcement of a wholesale market in Qalai Now District of Badghis Province.



Photo: A view of Kame Abasi Canal gabion dike in Maqur District of Badghis Province.

Badghis Wholesale Market

Badghis Fruit and Vegetable Wholesale Market in Qala-e-Naw City of Badghis Province was opened in a groundbreaking ceremony on July 5, 2001, attended by Minister of MAIL, Muhammad Asif Rahimi, Governor of Badghis, Deputy Ambassador of the United States to Afghanistan, members of Badghis Provincial Council and elders. With 76 stalls for wholesalers and all the necessary facilities, including bathrooms and a water reservoir, the market will be built on roughly 5,300 sqm area over a year-long period.

Foundation excavation for 80 columns was completed. Ten tons of reinforcement for the columns was moved to the site, and the 50 concrete columns of the foundation were prepared. Testing of materials was undertaken, including steel bars, water and crushed gravel.

Building Capacity:

Building Capacity of Community Institutions

- Wholesale and retail sale commodity prices of fresh vegetables and fruits, cereal, live chickens and eggs, cashmere and chemical fertilizers were collected and reported from the markets in Badghis on a daily basis.
- IDEA-NEW prepared a presentation on Pomegranate Fruit Borer (*Deudorix Isocrates* and *Deudorix epijarbas*) biology and control with IPM principles.

USG & GIRoA Coordination

There are no updates for the reporting period.

Key Problems/Constraints

Security limited monitoring of the de-worming activities in parts of Qadis District and in the entirety of Bala Murghab and Jawad Districts.

Afghan First

Locally-purchased materials for DAI (East and West) from September 1-15, 2010 totaled USD 357,219.

Biweekly Monitoring & Evaluation Data



Photos: Excavation of the Badghis Wholesale Market

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 Biweekly Performance Indicator Table: September 1-15, 2010

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	Added this period		Actual to Date	IDEA-NEW LOP Target	IDEA-NEW LOP Target-additions	Actual (FY 09)	FY'10 Target	FY'10 Actual	Cumulative Actual (FY09 + 10)	By Gender	
										Male	Female
# of families benefiting directly from USG interventions in Afghanistan	Previous	9,536	337,695	275,000	275,000	110,719	72,022	226,976	337,695	-	-
	Current	9,472								-	-
	Total	19,008								-	-
# of KM of roads rehabilitated or built	Previous	0.0	61	500	400	-	220	61	61.0	-	-
	Current	0.0								-	-
	Total	0.0								-	-
# of KM of irrigation system rehabilitated or built	Previous	2.3	152	350	350	-	186	152	152.1	-	-
	Current	1.6								-	-
	Total	3.9								-	-
Wages (\$) paid through community constructed infrastructure projects to local community member	Previous	113,587	3,662,716	10,000,000	10,000,000	-	4,661,111	3,662,716	3,662,716	3,391,171	97,852
	Current	173,693								172,183	1,510
	Total	287,280								3,563,354	99,362
# of person days of labor on CCI projects by local community members	Previous	21,983	646,658	2,600,000	2,500,000	-	310,740	646,658	646,658	599,794	19,849
	Current	27,015								26,740	275
	Total	48,998								626,534	20,124
# of local community members employed on CCI projects	Previous	222	25,803	30,000	35,090	-	20,716	25,803	25,803	24,480	1,133
	Current	190								190	-
	Total	412								24,670	1,133
# of individuals who have received USG-supported agriculture productivity training	Previous	8,307	210,307	375,000	375,000	106,552	65,670	103,755	210,307	203,330	426
	Current	6,551								6,548	3
	Total	14,858								209,878	429
# of persondays of USG-supported agriculture	Previous	4,683	79,569	125,000	131,250	-	34,252	79,569	79,569	75,378	866

productivity training	Current	3,325								3,279	47
	Total	8,008								78,657	913
# of hectares of alternative crops targeted by USG cultivation	Previous	4	4,445	40,000	40,000	573	16,032	3,872	4,445	-	-
	Current	125								-	-
	Total	130								-	-
# of livestock under increased technology and management	Previous	16,682	548,718	500,000	500,000	-	62,500	548,718	548,718		
	Current	395									
	Total	17,077									
# of individuals receiving agricultural and livestock inputs	Previous	1,229	63,835	115,000	140,000	1,937	63,650	61,898	63,835	61,815	999
	Current	1,021								1,015	6
	Total	2,250								62,830	1,005
# of hectares under improved irrigation in USG assisted areas	Previous	343	4,602	10,000	10,000	16	4,852	4,586	4,602	-	-
	Current	-								-	-
	Total	343								-	-
# of people receiving business and vocational skills training	Previous	-	2,910	1,000	1,200	493	494	2,417	2,910	924	1,866
	Current	120								-	120
	Total	120								924	1,986
# of person days of business and vocational skills training	Previous	-	20,872.3	240,000	37,000	-	62,510	20,872	20,872.3	2,907.1	8,049.3
	Current	9,915.0								-	9,915.0
	Total	9,915.0								2,907.1	17,964.3
# of government line staff trained	Previous	-	838	500	267	31	161	807	838	784	54
	Current	-								-	-
	Total	-								784	54
# of person days of government line staff trained	Previous	-	2,643	5,000	1,840	-	1,808	2,643	2,643	2,419	224
	Current	-								-	-
	Total	-								2,419	224

		1,681								546	307	829	-	-	1,681	
	Total	3,550								11,612	3,189	5,086	260	3,564	23,711	-
# of hectares of alternative crops targeted by USG cultivation	Previous	-	4,309	40,000	10,000	573	9,162	3,736	4,309	2,110	814	1,238	50	-		
	Current	98								65	4	29	-	-		
	Total	98								2,175	817	1,267	50	-		
# of livestock under increased technology and management	Previous	-	68,577	500,000	50,000	-	33,300	68,577	68,577	3,300	900	800	-	63,577		
	Current	-								-	-	-	-			
	Total	-								3,300	900	800	-	63,577		
# of individuals receiving agricultural and livestock inputs	Previous	-	37,426	115,000	90,000	1,937	49,000	35,489	37,426	17,390	7,464	11,318	501	418	37,041	50
	Current	335								218	19	98	-	-	335	-
	Total	335								17,608	7,483	11,416	501	418	37,376	50
# of hectares under improved irrigation in USG assisted areas	Previous	79.3	1,049	10,000	1,666	16	2,760	1,033	1,049	876.5	-	172.7	-	-		
	Current	-								-	-	-	-			
	Total	79.3								876.5	-	172.7	-	-		
# of people receiving business and vocational skills training	Previous	-	1,175	1,000	800	493	270	682	1,175	817	246	92	-	-	155	1,000
	Current	20								20	-	-	-	-	-	20
	Total	20								837	246	92	-	-	155	1,020
# of person days of business and vocational skills training	Previous	-	4,571	240,000	32,000	-	42,000	4,571	4,571	3,919	537	100	-	-	473	4,082
	Current	15								15	-	-	-	-	-	15
	Total	15								3,934	537	100	-	-	473	4,097
# of government line staff trained	Previous	-	475	500	83	-	115	475	475	413	-	-	-	62	438	37
	Current	-								-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Total	-								413	-	-	-	62	438	37
# of person days of government line staff trained	Previous	-	1,633	5,000	-	-	1,500	1,633	1,633	1,447	-	-	-	186	1,484	149
	Current	-								-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Total	-								1,447	-	-	-	186	1,484	149

Mercy Corps Biweekly Performance Indicator Table: September 1-15, 2010

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	Added this period		Actual to Date	IDEA-NEW LOP Target	MC (LOP Target)	FY'09 Actual	FY'10 target	FY'10 Actual	Cumulative Actual (FY09 + 10)	By Province				By Gender	
										Bdk-shn	Baghlan	Kunduz	Takhar	Male	Female
# of families benefiting directly from USG interventions in Afghanistan	Previous	5,065	86,309	275,000	75,000	9,725	23,000	76,584	86,309	26,946	28,593	3,854	25,796		
	Current	1,120								935	185	-	-		
	Total	6,185								27,881	28,778	3,854	25,796		
# of KM of roads rehabilitated or built	Previous	-	29.5	500	200	-	120	29.5	29.5	8.5	21				
	Current	-								-	-				
	Total	-								8.5	21	-	-		
# of KM of irrigation system rehabilitated or built	Previous	-	5.3	350	50	-	75	5.3	5.3	1.3	3		1		
	Current	-								-	-				
	Total	-								1.3	3	-	1		
Wages (\$) paid through community constructed infrastructure projects to local community member	Previous	52,758	1,389,850	10,000,000	4,000,000	-	1,300,000	1,389,850	1,389,850	456,008	669,158	8,222	164,463	1,230,469	67,382
	Current	91,999								41,239	33,489	-	17,271	90,489	1,510
	Total	144,757								497,247	702,647	8,222	181,734	1,320,958	68,892
# of person days of labor on CCI projects by local community members	Previous	11,013	200,957	2,600,000	1,000,000	-	288,889	200,957	200,957	72,248	88,823	1,393	25,340	175,410	12,394
	Current	13,153								6,111	4,509	-	2,533	12,878	275
	Total	24,166								78,359	93,332	1,393	27,873	188,288	12,669
# of local community members employed on CCI projects	Previous	-	15,423	30,000	15,385	-	5,778	15,423	15,423	7,370	4,736	221	3,096	14,447	976
	Current	-								-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-								7,370	4,736	221	3,096	14,447	976
# of individuals who have received USG-supported agricultural and livestock productivity training	Previous	4,411	31,479	375,000	50,000	9,694	10,250	21,785	31,479	7,619	4,913	3,800	14,063	29,981	414
	Current	1,084								935	149	-	-	1,084	-
	Total	5,495								8,554	5,062	3,800	14,063	31,065	414
# of persondays of USG-supported agriculture productivity training	Previous	2,755	25,189	125,000	25,000		20,500	25,189	25,189	4,616	2,925	1,425	15,689	23,793	862
	Current	534								459	75	-	-	534	-

	Total	3,289								5,075	3,000	1,425	15,689	24,327	862
# of hectares of alternative crops targeted by USG cultivation	Previous	4	55	40,000	5,000	-	1,590	55	55	3	-	-	24		
	Current	28								21	-	-	7		
	Total	32								24	-	-	31		
# of livestock under increased technology and management	Previous	300	80,011	500,000	50,000	-	10,200	80,011	80,011	47,374	32,337	-	300		
	Current	-								-	-	-			
	Total	300								47,374	32,337	-	300		
# of individuals receiving agricultural and livestock inputs	Previous	654	13,815	115,000	30,000	-	8,650	13,815	13,815	9,443	3,696	-	640	13,294	485
	Current	36								-	36	-	30	6	
	Total	690								9,443	3,732	-	640	13,324	491
# of hectares under improved irrigation in USG assisted areas	Previous	264	2,509	10,000	5,000	-	1,090	2,509	2,509	251	1,394	-	864		
	Current	-								-	-	-			
	Total	264								251	1,394	-	864		
# of people receiving business and vocational skills training	Previous	-	907	1,000	300	-	200	907	907	52	684	37	134	518	389
	Current	-								-	-	-	-	-	
	Total	-								52	684	37	134	518	389
# of person days of business and vocational skills training	Previous	-	4,431	240,000	3,000		2,000	4,431	4,431	137	3,882	111	301	2,039	2,392
	Current	-								-	-	-	-	-	
	Total	-								137	3,882	111	301	2,039	2,392
# of government line staff trained	Previous	-	308	500	100	31	30	277	308	242	21	17	28	291	17
	Current	-								-	-	-	-	-	
	Total	-								242	21	17	28	291	17
# of person days of government line staff trained	Previous	-	983	5,000	1,000	-	300	983	983	880	24	30	49	908	75
	Current	-								-	-	-	-	-	
	Total	-								880	24	30	49	908	75

ACDI/VOCA Biweekly Performance Indicator Table: September 1-15, 2010

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	Added this period		Actual to Date	IDEA-NEW LOP Target	ACDI/VOCA (LOP Target)	Actual (FY 09)	FY'10 Target	FY'10 Actual	Cumulative Actual (FY09 + 10)	By Province					By Gender	
										Balkh	Faryab	Jawzjan	Samangan	Sari Pul	Male	Female
# of families benefiting directly from USG intervention in Afghanistan	Previous	733	138,212	275,000	75,000	85,542	15,788	52,670	138,212	45,804	24,125	30,645	18,754	16,028		
	Current	2,856								777	963	443	547	126		
	Total	3,589								46,581	25,088	31,088	19,301	16,154		
# of KM of roads rehabilitated or built	Previous	-	-	500	125	-	60	-	-							
	Current	-								-	-	-	-	-		
	Total	-								-	-	-	-	-		
# of KM of irrigation system rehabilitated or built	Previous	-	1	350	25	-	22	1	1	1.2	-	-	-	-		
	Current	-								-	-	-	-			
	Total	-								1.2	-	-	-	-		
Wages (\$) paid through community constructed infrastructure projects to local community member	Previous	3,290	190,007	10,000,000	1,000,000	-	1,100,000	190,007	190,007	99,290	90,717	-	-	-	190,007	-
	Current	-								-	-	-	-	-		
	Total	3,290								99,290	90,717	-	-	-	190,007	-
# of person days of labor on CCI projects by local community members	Previous	658	29,458	2,600,000	250,000	-	244,444	29,458	29,458	16,317	13,141	-	-	-	29,458	-
	Current	-								-	-	-	-	-		
	Total	658								16,317	13,141	-	-	-	29,458	-
# of local community members employed on CCI projects	Previous	78	3,808	30,000	5,000	-	5,432	3,808	3,808	1,844	1,964	-	-	-	3,808	-
	Current	-								-	-	-	-	-		
	Total	78								1,844	1,964	-	-	-	3,808	-
# of individuals who have received USG-supported agricultural and livestock productivity training	Previous	158	110,022	375,000	225,000	85,542	5,000	24,480	110,022	29,866	15,319	29,847	17,612	15,272	107,904	12
	Current	2,106								613	693	229	445	126	2,103	3
	Total	2,264								30,479	16,012	30,076	18,057	15,398	110,007	15
# of persondays of USG-supported agriculture productivity training	Previous	59.0	30,670	125,000	56,250	-	1,252	30,670	30,670	8,417	3,862	8,315	4,908	4,057	29,555	4
	Current	1,111								461	281	121	194	55	1,064	47

	Total	1,170								8,878	4,142	8,436	5,102	4,111	30,619	51
# of hectares of alternative crops targeted by USG cultivation	Previous	0	81	40,000	25,000	-	5,280	81	81	62.0	7.89	6.0	3.4	2.0		
	Current	-								-	-	-				
	Total	0.3								62.0	7.89	6.0	3.4	2		
# of livestock under increased technology and management	Previous	16,382	400,130	500,000	400,000	-	19,000	400,130	400,130	1,504	339,396	99	58,736	-		
	Current	395								-	-	142	253	-		
	Total	16,777								1,504	339,396	241	58,989	-		
# of individuals receiving agricultural and livestock inputs	Previous	575	12,594	115,000	20,000	-	6,000	12,594	12,594	1,688	7,970	660	1,005	621	11,480	464
	Current	650								64	270	214	102	-	650	-
	Total	1,225								1,752	8,240	874	1,107	621	12,130	464
# of hectares under improved irrigation in USG assisted areas	Previous	-	1,044	10,000	3,334	-	1,002	1,044	1,044	1,038	1.3	2	2	1		
	Current	-								-	-	-	-			
	Total	-								1,038	1	2	2	1		
# of people receiving business and vocational skills training	Previous	-	828	1,000	100	-	24	828	828	257	74	131	135	131	251	477
	Current	100								100	-	-	-	-	-	100
	Total	100								357	74	131	135	131	251	577
# of person days of business and vocational skills training	Previous	-	11,870	240,000	2,000		10	11,870	11,870	564	116	428	439	423	395	1,575.3
	Current	9,900.0								9,900.0	-	-	-	-	9,900.0	
	Total	9,900.0								10,463.9	115.6	428.1	439.3	423.4	395	11,475.3
# of government line staff trained	Previous	-	55	500	84	-	16	55	55	10	32	7	2	4	55	
	Current	-								-	-	-	-	-		
	Total	-								10	32	7	2	4	55	
# of person days of government line staff trained	Previous	-	27	5,000	840		8	27	27	4	17.4	3	1	1.3	26.6	
	Current	-								-	-	-	-	-		
	Total	-								4	17.4	3	1	1.3	26.6	-

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

IDEA-NEW *Impact Study #2: TIMER Assessment for the Eastern Region* was carried out by the program in the second quarter of FY'10.

The program works with approximately 15,000 farmers per season to grow high-value vegetables on ½ jerib plots that are then sold on local and regional markets. IDEA-NEW also maintains 135 demonstration farms for TIMER where thousands of participating farmers go for field days to learn about proper plot layout, planting, weeding, harvesting and other modern production techniques.

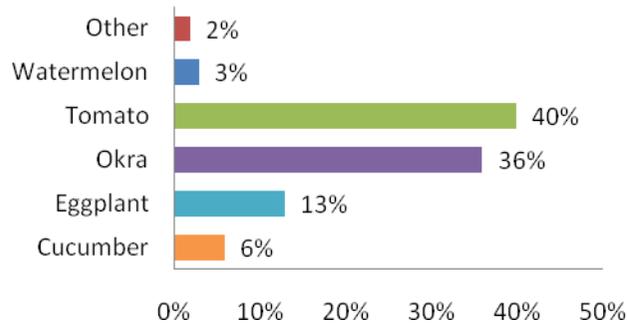
The findings of the impact study showed the program to be successful, with farmers on average producing and earning more than the previous season when they did not participate in the program.

Overall, total production increased. Average production per Jerib during the TIMER program was 1,148 Kgs. Prior to participating in TIMER, farmers noted that their average production was 499 kgs per Jerib.

Total sales of surplus vegetables also increased as a result of the TIMER program. Prior to TIMER, farmers reported selling around 188 Kgs of vegetables per Jerib. This number increased to 658 with TIMER. Incomes also increased, with average incomes of USD 33 per Jerib increased to USD 109 per Jerib.

Note: TIMER plots are ½ jerib in size. Per-Jerib averages at right are for comparison purposes only. For more information on the TIMER study, please see IDEA-NEW's *Impact Study #2: TIMER Assessment for the Eastern Region*.

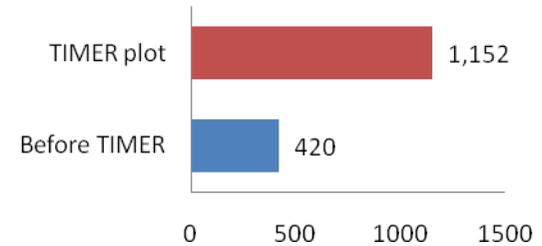
TIMER program vegetable



TIMER -- Average Per-Jerib Sales



TIMER-- Average production per Jerib (in kgs)



Annex I: CCI Project Data by Region

Eastern Region: September 1-15, 2010

	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CODE	DISTRICT	Aug 16-31, 2010	Sept. 1-15, 2010	REMARKS	Hectare irrigated (ha)	Canal length (m)	Protection wall length (m)	Road length (km)	Families benefited	Reservoir capacity (m3)
NANGARHAR PROVINCE												
1	Abezangani Pipe Scheme	CCI-080308	Hesarak	99%	100%	Completed in this BW		6500	50		430	70cum
2	Khanjar Karez	CCI-080307	Hesarak	100%		Completed	50	1800	900		104	
3	Ragha Canal Improvement	CCI-080310	Hesarak	37%	39%	Active	200	8500	1913		800	
4	Kodikhil Ziarat Kaly Road	CCI-080410	Shirzad	0%		Pending / Security						
5	Kodikhil 200 KW MHP	CCI-080412	Shirzad	0%		Pending / Security						
6	Baghicha Road	CCI-080511	Khogyani	20%		Cancelled		880		281	9300	850
7	Darwazagai Canal Improvement	CCI-080512	Khogiani	100 %		Completed Nov 09	33.56	2000	255		205	
8	Nemla Manz Road	CCI-080513	Khogiani	15%		Cancelled	400		300	3000	800	
9	Loghdera Canal Intake Improvement	CCI-080514	Khogiani	100%		Completed Nov 09	61.9	2000	193		100	
10	Derga village Karez	CCI-080515	Khogyani	100%		Completed Jan 2010	300	3820	100		200	210cum
11	Toowda Chena Karez	CCI-080516	Khogyani	100%		Completed Jan 2010		1600				210Cum
12	Baghicha Karez Intake	CCI-080517	Khogyani	100%		Completed March 2010	400	3030	50		300	450Cum
13	Seway Zangal Canal	CCI-080518	Khogyani	100%		Completed Jan 2010		5000	486			
14	Bibi Mahro Canal	CCI-080611	Chaparhar	100%		Completed	160	4000	258		600	

15	Kandi Bagh & Hafizan Canal Intake	CCI-o8o612	Chaparhar	73%	75%	Active	1200	14000	1020		1500	
16	Landi Pachir Canal Intake Improvement	CCI-080706	Pachir Wa Agam	100%		Completed Dec 2009	94.15		325+26 m Weir		700	
17	Landa Khil Canal Intake	CCI-080707	Pachir wa Agam	99.5%	99.8%	Active	120	12000	300		2000	
18	Landay Canal intake	CCI-080708	Pachir wa Agam	99.5%	99.8%	Active	200	6000	300		450	
19	Yaghiband MHP	CCI-080807	Dehballa	100%		Completed Jan 2010	8.16	3500	725		250	
20	Shpola canal Intake improvement	CCI-080808	Dehballa	75%	80%	Active	300	3500	515		1200	
21	Shalizar Canal Improvement	CCI-080905	Rodat	100%		Completed Aug 2010	360	100			300	
22	Terkhay Kariz Improvement	CCI-081106	Nazian	0%		Duplicate						
23	Qasi and Gograni Karez Intake	CCI-081309	Shinwar	100%		Completed Dec 2009	184.85	5000	410		820	
24	Landi Basswal girls school boundary wall & toilet	CCI-081405	Momandara	32%	44%	Active			300		800	
25	Lalpur Guldag Road Repair	CCI-081504	Lalpur	100%		Completed				12 Km		
26	Qala Shahi School boundary construction	CCI-082005	Dare Nur	85%	95%	Active	3.056			140	500	
27	Sarachie Ali Khan School boundary wall implementation	CCI-082105	Behsud	34%	45%	Active	5.643		140		1500	
28	Trili Girls & Boys School Boundary Wall	CCI-082307	Achin	100%		Completed			300 m			
29	Makrana Canal Intake	CCI-082308	Achin	100%		Completed April 2010	120	3000	295		200	
30	Mamand Olas Canal	CCI-082309	Achin	55%	60%	Active	360		369		1000	
31	Mamand Tangi Village Bridge	CCI-082310	Achin	70%	74%	Active		2400		120	600 RCC	
32	Marko School Boundary Wall	CCI-081310	Shinwari	78%	84%	Active		900			800	
33	Baghcha Karez	CCI-081312	Shinwari	100%		Completed	80	330				
34	Koshtal MHP	CCI-082311	Achin	40%	45%	Active					350	

KUNAR PROVINCE												
35	Salar canal improvemet	CCI-100101	Asadabad	98%	99%	Active	3500	24000	3400		8500	
36	Marawara Kariz improvement	CCI-100201	Marawara	30%	40%	Active	400	2000	400		3600	
37	KCC Coble Stone Road Improvement	CCI-100701	Shegal	100%		Completed	50		250	0.750	200	
38	Warsak Dag Canal Intake Improvement	CCI-101207	Narang	100%		Completed Dec 2009	14.3		140+48 m Weir		1660	
39	Qazi Banda Canal Improvement	CCI-101310	Chowkay	100%		Completed Oct 2009	16.07		75		427	
40	Chawki Loi Canal	CCI-101311	Chowkay	100%		Completed	3000	11000	824		700	
41	Garigal Canal Intake Improvement	CCI-101312	Chowkay	65%	70%	Active						
LAGHMAN PROVINCE												
42	Sawati Road imp	CCI-090225	Qarghai	100%		Completed	500		638	10,000	800	
43	Shamangal Nelawat canal improvement	CCI-090127	Mehterlam	48%		Stopped due to increased water	600	8000	414		1500	
44	Nahri Karim Canal Improvement	CCI-090226	Qarghai	40%	45%	Active	2400	14000	200		4250	
NOORISTAN PROVINCE												
45	Malil Mashfa Road	CCI-300805	Nurgram	100%		Completed	400		341	3350	1400	

Northeastern Region: September 1-15, 2010

#	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CODE	DISTRICT	Cum. Progress Aug 16-31	Cum. Progress Sept 1-15	REMARKS	Hectares irrigated (ha)	Canal Length (M)	Wall Length (M)	Road Length (Km)	Fam. Benefited	Reservoir Capacity (m3)
BADAKHSHAN PROVINCE												
1	Malangab Canal Intake Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-001-09	Baharak	N/A	N/A	Handed Over	250	400	N/A	N/A	730	N/A
2	Furmuragh Canal Rehabilitation	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-002-09	Baharak	N/A	N/A	Handed Over	140	100	N/A	N/A	310	N/A
3	Nawai Jurm Canal Rehabilitation	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-003-09	Jurm	N/A	N/A	Handed Over	110	300	N/A	N/A	1150	N/A
4	Pestakhor Canal Rehabilitation	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-005-09	Argo	N/A	N/A	Handed Over	210	200	N/A	N/A	1050	N/A
5	Brokan Canal Rehabilitation	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-004-09	Yaftal	N/A	N/A	Handed Over	150	250	180	N/A	330	N/A
6	Dashti Qurugh Protection Wall	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-006-09	Faizabad	N/A	N/A	Handed Over	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	N/A	N/A	Handed Over	N/A	N/A	100	N/A	1330	N/A
8	Hafiz Mughul Gabion Protection Wall	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-0012-010	Argo	N/A	N/A	Completed	N/A	N/A	350	N/A	800	N/A
9	Wajinj Sakha Road	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-010-010	Baharak	N/A	N/A	Handed Over	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.701	1050	N/A
10	Kooch e Hisar Road	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-0011-010	Baharak	N/A	N/A	Handed Over	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.828	980	N/A
11	Balooch Gabion Protection Wall	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-0013-010	Kishem	90%	90%	Stopped	N/A	N/A	400	N/A	1340	N/A
12	Khustak Gabion Protection Wall	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-014-010	Jurm	40%	40%	Stopped	N/A	N/A	360	N/A	530	N/A
13	Sarlola Feeder Road	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-09-010	Khash	100%	100%	Ongoing	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	570	N/A

14	Dahbazar Gabion Protection Wall	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-015-010	Daryim	90%	95%	Ongoing	N/A	N/A	400	N/A	700	N/A
15	Andosha Aqueduct and Wash-Culvert Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-017-010	Jurm	65%	75%	Ongoing	320	N/A	N/A	N/A	730	N/A
16	Farman Qului Canal Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-018-10	Tagab	15%	18%	Ongoing	200	2000	N/A	N/A	450	N/A
17	Yasech Road Rehabilitation	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-019-10	Suhahda	17%	27%	Ongoing	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.8	1560	N/A
18	Zardew Main Canal Rehabilitation	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-020-10	Shuhada	15%	20%	N/A	N/A	Active	2,200	13,000	N/A	N/A
19	Ghunew Road Rehabilitation	MC-IDEA-NE-BD-E-016-010	Warduj	15%	20%	N/A	N/A	Active	N/A	N/A	N/A	5000

BAGHLAN PROVINCE

1	Flood Canal Rehabilitation	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-001-09	Burka	N/A	N/A	Completed	1367	2000	1332	N/A	1669	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	330	N/A
3	Larwan Reservoir and Piping	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-004-09	Khost	N/A	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	N/A	N/A	Completed	20	7	N/A	N/A	183	N/A
5	Dawabi Road Rehabilitation	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-005-09	Khost	N/A	N/A	Completed	N/A	N/A	630	3	815	N/A
6	Furghanbul Road Rehabilitation	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-006-09	Khost	N/A	N/A	Completed	N/A	N/A	500	1	303	N/A
7	Gawargan Spillway Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-007-09	Puli-Khumri	N/A	N/A	Completed	7000	24	24	N/A	12500	N/A
8	Women Gabion Weaving Training	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-018-09	Puli-Khumri	N/A	N/A	Completed	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	124	N/A

9	Women Gabion Weaving Training	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-023-010	Puli-Khumri	N/A	N/A	Completed	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	90	N/A
10	Gabion Weaving Training (for Handicapped) & Business Management Training	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-024-010	Puli-Khumri	70%	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	N/A	N/A	Completed	N/A	N/A	1300	N/A	210	N/A
12	Shamarq Gabion Protection Wall Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-016-09	Puli-Khumri	N/A	N/A	Completed	N/A	N/A	900	N/A	120	N/A
13	Baladori Gabion Protection Wall Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-015-09	Puli-Khumri	N/A	N/A	Completed	N/A	N/A	1400	N/A	900	N/A
14	Karte-etifaq Gabion Protection Wall Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-017-09	Puli-Khumri	N/A	N/A	Completed	N/A	N/A	800	N/A	180	N/A
15	Sayadi Bala Gabion Protection wall Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-010-010	Puli-Khumri	N/A	N/A	Completed	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	85%	87%	Ongoing	N/A	N/A	800	10	1560	N/A
17	Nowabad-e-Flool Gabion Protection Wall Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-008-010	Burka	N/A	N/A	Completed	N/A	N/A	1400	N/A	1127	N/A
18	Dahla Gabion Protection Wall Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-09-010	Nahrin	N/A	N/A	Completed	N/A	N/A	750	N/A	94	N/A
19	Germaba Gabion Protection Wall Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-013-010	Khost	N/A	N/A	Completed	N/A	N/A	1300	N/A	170	N/A
20	Puzayishan Hydraulic Ram Pump Installation	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-019-10	Puli-Khumri	90%	93%	Ongoing	100	N/A	30	N/A	70	24
21	Bughawi Gabion Protection Wall (Extension)	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-026-10	Puli-Khumri	N/A	N/A	Completed	N/A	N/A	750	N/A	400	N/A
22	Dasht-e-flool secondary Road Rehabilitation	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-022-10	Burka	85%	90%	Ongoing	N/A	N/A	N/A	8	1050	N/A
23	Now Abad-e-Flool secondary Road Rehabilitation	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-021-10	Burka	95%	100%	Completed	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	1200	N/A

24	Dahla Aqueduct Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-011-10	Nahrin	98%	100%	Completed	150	20	N/A	N/A	94	N/A
25	Dar-e-Walian Piping & River Diversion	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-025-10	Burka	N/A	N/A	Completed	20	100	100	N/A	60	N/A
26	Aabqul Gabion Protection Wall	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-032-10	Baghlan-e-Markazi	100%	100%	Completed	15000	160	160	N/A	4666	N/A
27	Tangi Murch Aqueduct	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-027-10	Burka	80%	100%	Completed	300	18	18	N/A	1920	N/A
28	Markaz i Burka Protection Wall	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-028-10	Burka	80%	100%	Completed	24	10	N/A	40	240	N/A
29	Markaz i Burka Secondary Road Rehabilitation	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-029-10	Burka	38%	45%	Ongoing	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.5	400	N/A
30	Arbab Noor Mohammad Intake construction	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-012-10	Burka	28%	45%	Ongoing	180	18	N/A	N/A	366	N/A
31	Tangi Murch Protection Wall Construction Project	MC-IDEA-NE-BG-E-028-10	Burka	95%	100%	Completed	24	10	N/A	40	240	N/A
TAKHAR PROVINCE												
1	Khoja Aroq Canals Wash-Culvert Rehabilitation	MC-IDEA-NE-TK-E-001-09	Taloqan	N/A	N/A	Completed	350	132	150	N/A	4200	N/A
2	Taloqan River Bank Gabion Dykes Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-TK-E-	Taloqan	N/A	N/A	Completed	200	N/A	195	N/A	1400	N/A

		002-09										
3	Yakatal Canal Wash-Culvert	MC-IDEA-NE-TK-E-003-	Taloqan	N/A	N/A	Completed	210	43	120	N/A	2700	N/A
4	Khaja Hafiz Protection Dyke	MC-IDEA-NE-TK-E-005-10	Yangi Qala	95%	95%	Ongoing	1500	N/A	440	N/A	2500	N/A
5	Nuqra Chashma Canal Intake	MC-IDEA-NE-TK-E-004-10	Kalafgan	80%	85%	Ongoing	210	N/A	260	N/A	300	N/A
6	Khaja Mukhtar Canal Intake	MC-IDEA-NE-TK-E-006-10	Taloqan	80%	93%	Ongoing	2000	305	260	N/A	2000	N/A
7	Ganjlibagh Gabion Protection Wall	MC-IDEA-NE-TK-E-007/10	Taloqan	10%	12%	On going	300	N/A	300	N/A	150	N/A
8	Gazan Road and Bridge Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-TK-E-008/10	Chah Aab	8%	10%	On going	3000	N/A	9.2	N/A	2200	N/A
9	Qazaq and Baghak Road and Bridge Construction	MC-IDEA-NE-TK-E-009/10	Taloqan	5%	8%	On going	126	N/A	30	1.7	1250	N/A

North/Central Region: September 1-15, 2010

No	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CODE	DISTRICT	Aug 16-31, 2010	Sep 01-15, 2010	REMARKS	Hectares irrigated (ha)	Protection wall length (m)	Road length (km)	Families benefited
SARI PUL										
1	Micro-hydropower (MHP), Chaila village, Balkhab, Sari Pul	MHP8200.5/1	Balkhab	70%	73%	13KW				150
2	Micro-hydropower (MHP), Hoosh village, Balkhab, Sari Pul	MHP8200.5/2	Balkhab	88%	88%	40KW				180
3	Micro-hydropower (MHP), Khamshorak village, Balkhab, Sari Pul	MHP8200.5/3	Balkhab	50%	55%	10.4KW				70
4	Micro-hydropower (MHP), Parawshan village, Balkhab, Sari Pul	MHP8200.5/4	Balkhab	95%	95%	24KW				130
5	Micro-hydropower (MHP), Dahna Wa Takshar village, Balkhab, Sari Pul	MHP8200.5/5	Balkhab	50%	55%	21KW				380
FARYAB										
6	Micro-hydropower (MHP), Badi village, Qaysar, Faryab	MHP8200.5/11	Qaysar	100%	100%	3.5KW				60
7	Micro-hydropower (MHP), Gerd-e-Qala village, Kohistan	MHP8200.5/12	Kohistan	100%	100%	5KW				80
8	Micro-hydropower (MHP), Keen Qul village, Bilchiragh	MHP8200.5/6	Bilchiragh	100%	100%	11KW				200
9	Micro-hydropower (MHP), Anjeerak village, Bilchiragh	MHP8200.5/7	Bilchiragh	100%	100%	12.5KW				180
10	Micro-hydropower (MHP), Khush Gozar village, Bilchiragh	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 village, Bilchiragh	MHP8200.5/10	Bilchiragh	100%	100%	11.6KW				180
13	CCI Road Rehab, Maymana/Bilchiragh	CCI-18-06-FA04	Pashtun Kot and Bilchiragh	100%	100%			76m	52 km	50000
14	Ibrahimabad Micro Hydro Power	8200.5/20	Pashtun Kot	0%	5%	4.4KW				

15	Qalai Niasbeq-Payan MHP	8200.5/19	Pashtun Kot	0%	5%	4.6KW				
16	Qalai Niasbeq-Bala MHP	8200.5/18	Pashtun Kot	0%	5%	10.8KW				
17	Hazara Qala MHP	8200.5/17	Pashtun Kot	0%	5%	11.9KW				
18	Nawabad Beqlarsai MHP	8200.5/16	Pashtun Kot	0%	5%	6.2KW				
19	Kata Qala Shora-e-Bazar MHP	8200.5/15	Pashtun Kot	0%	5%	14KW				
20	Kata Qala Shora-e-Madrassa MHP	8200.5/14	Pashtun Kot	0%	5%	16KW				
21	Kata Qala Haji Basir Micro Hyrdro Power	8200.5/13	Pashtun Kot	0%	5%	7.5KW				
BALKH										
22	CFW Khulm/Tela Gabion Protection Wall	CFW16 14 BL01	Khulm	100%	100%		9600	975m		12000
23	CFW Khulm/Do Darak Retaining Wall	CFW 200102	Khulm	100%	100%		9600	100m		12000
24	Warehouse Road Improvement		Mazar-e-Sharif	100%	100%				0.7km	450
25	Mazar Almond Market PCC Platform	BL007	D1 Mazar	45%	78%	158 Shops				
26	CFW Khulm River Gabion protection Extension	BL003	Khulm	7%	7%		500	550m		500

Western Region: September 1-15, 2010

	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CODE	DISTRICT	Progress % cumulative August 16-31	Progress % cumulative September 1-15	REMARKS	Hectares irrigated (ha)	Canal length (m)	Wall length (m)	Road length (km)	Families benefited	Reservoir capacity (m3)
1	DehZangy Payan	CCI 190201	Abkamary	100	100	Complete	90	2500	235		300	
2	Dehzangy Bala	CCI 190202	Abkamarty	100	100	Complete	240	6000	160		600	
3	Dehzenger	CCI 190203	Abkamary	100	100	Complete	50	3500	155		200	
4	Zaemat Canal Improvement	CCI 190207	Abkamary	72	72	Ongoing	120	7000	380/65		200	
5	Gudol Canal Protection	CCI 190205	Abkamary	98	98	Ongoing	180	3700	250		700	
6	Pahlawan Canal Protection	CCI 190206	Abkamary	98	98	Ongoing	160	3500	300		500	
7	Kham e Abbasi Canal Improvement	CCI 190709	Muqur	82	82	Ongoing	100	3200	150		300	
8	Tagab e Ismail Canal improvement	CCI 190108	Qala e Now	85	85	Ongoing	120	4200	320		800	
9	Echka Canal improvement	CCi 190716	Muqur	33	33	Ongoing	40	5500	235		470	
10	Karkeyha MHP (7KW)	CCI 190311	Qades	45	45	Ongoing					80	
11	Sarasyab MHP (4KW)	CCI 190310	Qades	45	45	Ongoing					60	
12	Haje Abdulla MHP (3KW)	CCI 190312	Qades	45	45	Ongoing					80	
13	Deh Breenge MHP (10KW)	CCI 190321	Qades	43	43	Ongoing					180	
14	Agha MHP (3KW)	CCI 190120	Qala E ow	35	35	Ongoing					110	
15	Talabe Beland MHP (4KW)	CCI 190118	Qala E Now	40	40	Ongoing					130	
16	Kondalam MHP (4KW)	CCI 190114	Qala E Now	35	35	Ongoing					50	

17	Amala MHP (4KW)	CCI 190113		35	35	Ongoing					80	
18	Arbab Mohammed Canal	CCI 190119	Qala E Now	8	8	Stopped/Floods	250	3500	150		80	
19	Tangy canal Intake Improvement	CCI 190717	Muqur	10	10	Stopped/Floods	700	12000	400		2500	
20	Badghis W/S Market	CCI 190104	Qala E Now	10	10	Ongoing						
21	Construction Skill Training	CCI 190127	Qala E Now	30	30	Ongoing						
22	Qulmali Canal improvement	CCI 190224	Abkamary	0	5	Ongoing						
23	Zergunbad MHP	CCI 190122	Loman	0	12	Ongoing						

Annex II: Farmer Training Summary Eastern Region, September 1-15, 2010

Nº	Province	Districts	Staple Crops	CPF	TIMER	REVAMP	Orchard Dev Prog ^{9/}	FIELD Program ^{10/}	Nursery Dev Prog ^{11/}		Nº Farmers			
			Mung bean ^{1/}	Vegetables ^{6/}	Vegetables ^{7/}	Vegetables ^{8/}			Male	Females	Male	Female	Total	
1	Nangarhar	Achin												0
2	Nangarhar	Batikot		20			26		5					51
3	Nangarhar	Bedsood			37		38	14						89
4	Nangarhar	Chaparhar		21	20		15	10						66
5	Nangarhar	Dari noor		81			17	2						100
6	Nangarhar	Dihbala		21	20									41
8	Nangarhar	Ghanikhil			22		26	11	2					61
9	Nangarhar	Goshta			18		45	12						75
11	Nangarhar	Kama		61			34	41						136
12	Nangarhar	Khogyani		16			40	32	20					108
13	Nangarhar	Kot					61							61
14	Nangarhar	Kuz Kunar		60			34	22						116
16	Nangarhar	Momandara		40			33	6						79
18	Nangarhar	Pachir Wa Agam		41			14	12						67
19	Nangarhar	Rodat		21			30	24	2					77
20	Nangarhar	Sherzad					34							34
21	Nangarhar	Spinghar		40										40
22	Nangarhar	Surkhrod		37	0		55							92
		Sub-total	0	459	117	0	502	186	29	0	0	0	0	1,293
23	Kunar	Asad Abad		61			37	26						124
24	Kunar	Asmar			40		42							82
25	Kunar	Chawky		81	17		18							116
26	Kunar	Dangan					37							37
27	Kunar	Khas Kunar		18			68							86
28	Kunar	Manogai			50		9							59
29	Kunar	Marawara		19										19
30	Kunar	Narang					19							19
32	Kunar	Noorgal			22									22
33	Kunar	Serkaney			21		10							31
34	Kunar	Shegal					35							35
35	Kunar	Watapur			20									20
		Sub-total	0	179	170	0	275	26	0	0	0	0	0	650
36	Laghman	Alingar		22			16	6						44
37	Laghman	Alishang		88										88
38	Laghman	Dawlat shat												0
39	Laghman	Mehtarlam		21			30	10						61
40	Laghman	Qarghaee		41			32	7						80
		Sub-total	0	172	0	0	78	23	0	0	0	0	0	273
	Total		0	810	287	0	855	235	29	0	0	0	0	2,216

Annex III: Biweekly Sales Data-Eastern Region

September 1-15, 2010: Biweekly Sales Table

Products	Local Market		High Value Market		Export Market		Total weight & Value	
	Kg	\$	K	\$	Kg	\$	Kg	\$
Vegetables	58,500	16,360	287	440	1,050,000	260,416	1,108,787	277,216
Fruits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Herbs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cheese	228.8	686.4	0	0	0	0	228.8	686.4
Masroor Foods	0	2,025	0	0	0	0	0	2,025
Textile	0	650	0	0	0	0	0	650
Snacks/chips	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Chicks Hatched	0	4,166	0	0	0	0	0	4,166
Packaging Cartoons	0	140	0	0	0	0	0	140
Total	58,728.80	24,027.40	287	440	1,050,000	260,416	1,109,015.80	284,883.40

July 1, 2009 - September 15, 2010

Products	Local Market		High Value Market		Export Market		Total weight & Value	
	Kg	\$	K	\$	Kg	\$	Kg	\$
Vegetables	58,500	16,360	287	440	1,050,000	260,416	1,108,787	277,216
Fruits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Herbs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cheese	228.8	686.4	0	0	0	0	228.8	686.4
Masroor Foods	0	2,025	0	0	0	0	0	2,025
Textile	0	650	0	0	0	0	0	650
Snacks/chips	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chicks Hatched	0	4,166	0	0	0	0	0	4,166
Packaging Cartoons	0	140	0	0	0	0	0	140
Total	58,728.80	24,027.40	287	440	1,050,000	260,416	1,109,015.80	284,883.40
Sales directly facilitated by the project since 31 st Aug till 15 th Sep 2010							284,883.40	

Annex IV: Non-CCI Project List (separate attachment)

See separate attachment

Annex V: IDEA-NEW Biweekly Grants Update

September 1-15, 2010: Eastern Region Grants

During reporting period, the following concepts were approved and their applications are pending with grantees.

- 1) Ihsanullah Off-season Vegetable Production Greenhouse located in Saqava Village of Khogyani District, Nangarhar Province for a total amount of USD 7,284
- 2) Rahmatullah Off-season Vegetable Production Greenhouse situated in Jamai Mohammad Sideq Village of Kama District, Nangarhar Province worth USD 10,000
- 3) Kaayenat Henna Processing and Talcum Powder Factory based in Aziz Khan Kas of Qarghayie District of Laghman Province for the total amount of USD 22800
- 4) Mazina Girls High School Boundary Wall Project located in Mazina Village of Rodat District of Nangarhar Province worths USD 30,118

In addition, the following two concepts were approved by the Regional Director, their RFA announcement will be reported in the next biweekly.

- 1) Carpet Weaving Program in Jalalabad City of Nangarhar Province and Asadabad of Kunar Provinces
- 2) Textile Weaving in Hisarshahi Village of Rodat District, Nangarhar Province

Two grants including Ajmal Rahmani Dry Fruit Processing and Packing Company located in Jalalabad City of Nangarhar Province worth USD 48,350.00 and Pure Afghan Dry Fruit Processing Company situated in Asadabad District of Kunar Province for a total of USD 47,500 was approved for onward processing.

September 1-15, 2010 Grants Table

See separate table attached

Annex VI: Cooperative Agreement Information

Project: Incentives Driving Economic Alternatives for the North, East and West (IDEA-NEW)

Start Date: March 2, 2009

End Date: March 1, 2014

Cooperative Agreement Number: 306-A-00-09-00508

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