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ACRONYMS

AAP	Annual Activity Plan	IVR	Interactive Voice Response
ADP	Alternative Development Program	JDA	Joint Development Associates
AGE	Anti-Government Elements	KTD	Key Terrain District
ACCI	Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries	LOP	Life of Project
AISA	Afghanistan Investment Support Agency	MAIL	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock
ANDS	Afghanistan National Development Strategy	m	Meter
ASAP	Accelerating Sustainable Agriculture Program	M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
ASMED	Afghanistan Small and Medium Enterprise Development	MCN	Ministry of Counter Narcotics
AOI	Area of Interest	MHP	Micro-Hydro Power
CCI	Community Constructed Infrastructure	MRRD	Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development
CDC	Community Development Council	MPW	Ministry of Public Works
CoMo	Community Mobilization	MoWA	Ministry of Women's Affairs
CDF	Commercial Demonstration Farm	MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
CfW	Cash-for-Work	NRM	Natural Resource Management
CNTF	Counter Narcotics Trust Fund	NSP	National Solidarity Program
COIN	Counter Insurgency	NTA	Nangarhar Talc Association
DAI	Development Alternatives, Inc.	NVDA	Nangarhar Valley Development Authority
DCA	Dutch Committee for Afghanistan	PDC	Provincial Development Council
DDA	District Development Authority	PO	Purchase Order
DoPW	Department of Public Works	PRT	Provincial Reconstruction Team
DOWA	Department of Women's Affairs	RCC	Reinforced Cement Concrete
EMS	Environmental Management System	RFA	Request for Application
FTE	Full-time Equivalent	RMHC	Rabia Mariam Handicraft Co.
GDA	Global Development Alliance	SDF	Small Demonstration Farm
GIRoA	Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan	SPF	Small Production Farm
GME	Gender & Micro Enterprise	TIMER	Technology Innovations for Market-Led Economic Rehabilitation
ha	Hectare/s	USAID	United States Agency for International Development
IP	Implementing Partner	USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
IPM	Integrated Pest Management	USG	United States' Government
ISAF	International Security Assistance Force	VFU	Veterinary Field Unit
		2WT	Two-wheeled tractors

BACKGROUND

DAI, in alliance with Mercy Corps and ACDI/VOCA, has been working to achieve the broad objective of the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) agricultural development and alternative livelihood strategy since 2009. USAID's country strategy objective for agricultural programming is "a sustainable, thriving agricultural economy," and under this objective USAID's agricultural programs contribute to both stabilization and counternarcotics policy goals through promotion of a thriving and licit agricultural sector in Afghanistan.

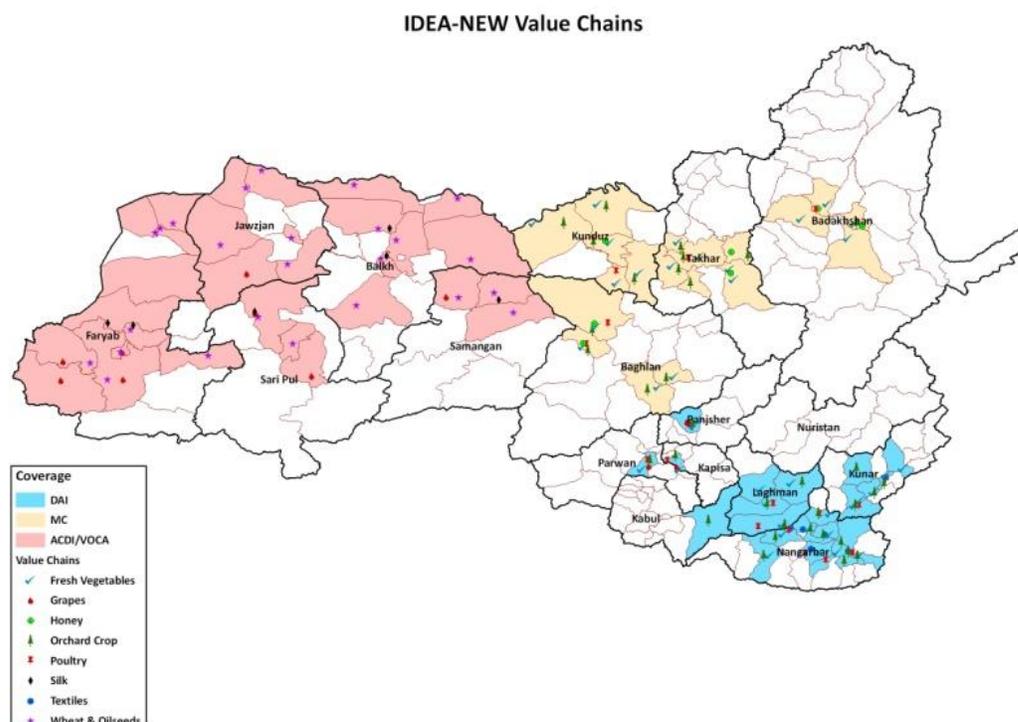
As part of this strategy, the Incentives Driving Economic Alternatives for the North, East, and West (IDEA-NEW) program has focused on activities that promote income generation and job creation through increased commercial agricultural opportunity for Afghan farmers in poppy production-prone areas. The program further contributes to supporting growth in the Afghan agricultural economy by strengthening farm to market linkages in economic development corridors in the northern, eastern, and western regions of the country. Working to grow viable agribusinesses, IDEA-NEW facilitates connections between producers, traders, and buyers through market information activities and sales promotion.

Three partners implement IDEA-NEW: DAI, ACDI/VOCA, and Mercy Corps:

- DAI works in the East and West (Nangarhar, Kunar, Laghman, Nuristan, Kapisa, Parwan, Panjshir, the Sarobi District of Kabul, Badghis, and Herat);
- ACDI/VOCA in the North (Faryab, Sari Pul, Jawzjan, Balkh, Samangan) and
- Mercy Corps in the Northeast (Badakhshan, Takhar, Kunduz, Baghlan).

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.

GEOGRAPHIC REACH OF IDEA-NEW



MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MAY 2012

EASTERN REGION

LAGHMAN, NANGARHAR, NURISTAN, KUNAR, KAPISA, PARWAN, AND PANJSHIR PROVINCES AS WELL AS THE SAROBI DISTRICT OF KABUL

In Progress: Training for 914 farmers in the Commercial and Small Production Farms Programs

In Progress: 41,069 fertile eggs were produced in the Nangarhar breeder farm and 40,780 were transferred to Serobi hatchery for the production of day old broiler chicks for the local poultry market. A total of 36,379 table eggs were produced in 30 women layer farms in Kunar and all were sold in the local market generating 181,895 AFN for women farmers.

In Progress: IDEA-NEW representatives participated in a freshmen workshop arranged by the Agriculture Faculty of Nangarhar University where they explained IDEA-NEW activities, answered participants' questions, and distributed technical manuals to the Agriculture Faculty to use in their library.

In Progress: The Nangarhar Talc Association exported 15,030 metric tons of talc to Pakistan generating 125, 250 AFN.

Completed: Mula Alam irrigation system, located in Shegal district of Kunar, will irrigate 89 ha of land serving the farms of 1,211 families.

Completed: Five community constructed projects will irrigate 1,211 ha of land benefitting 3,268 families.

NORTHERN REGION

BALKH, FARYAB, JAWZJAN, SAMANGAN AND SARI PUL PROVINCES

Started: First harvest of annual crop demonstration plot

In Progress: Converted 13 additional vineyards into the new trellising system in Sari Pul and Faryab

In Progress: Conducted training on basic silkworm processing for DAIL, IP and IDEA-NEW staff

Completed: Weed control field days in all 30 demonstration plots and trained 2,680 farmers

Completed: Training for 15 new BVWs including four women on the cashmere value chain

NORTHEASTERN REGION

BADAKHSHAN, KUNDUZ, TAKHAR AND BAGHLAN PROVINCES

In Progress: 1,362 beneficiaries were selected and 1,150 vouchers distributed for summer crops, including watermelon and cauliflower

In Progress: 322 beekeepers received inputs, including beehives, empty bee boxes and rearing tools and 268 beekeepers received training in proper care of their hives and bees

In Progress: 600 women are participating in community-based savings groups (CBSGs)

Completed: Two infrastructure projects were completed in Kunduz on May 8, 2012. The Jaji irrigation project and the Shna tapa retaining wall provide water and control flooding for 374 farming families in Aliabad district.

WESTERN REGION

HIRAT AND BADGHIS PROVINCES

No major updates.

VALUE CHAIN INTERVENTIONS

GRAPE VALUE CHAIN

Grape trellising, along with appropriate crop management, can double or triple production in a traditional Afghan vineyard in three years. Most traditional grape growing areas in Afghanistan now have established and productive trellised vineyards and a private agribusiness sector just beginning to develop as a provider of key inputs and services crucial to continued expansion of trellised vineyards. There are opportunities for IDEA-NEW interventions in the value chain because Afghan grape productivity remains relatively low, prices for grapes are high, feasible technical solutions exist to further increase productivity, and large numbers of rural Afghan households depend on grapes as a cash crop.

DAI Eastern Region

No updates this reporting period.

ACDI/VOCA Northern Region

Vineyard Trellising Program

The major activity at this time of year is preventing outbreaks of powdery mildew by spraying with wettable sulphur. This treatment was performed in 13 vineyard demonstration plots: three in Dawlatabad, Khwaja Sabz Posh and Pashtun Kot districts of Faryab, six in Feroz Nakhchir district of Samangan, two in Jawzjan and two in Sari Pul. A total of 44 vineyard owners attended field days at which the application methods were demonstrated. Wettable sulphur and other inputs and tools are available to vineyard owners from agricultural retailers associated with the project.



Photo: Trellised vineyards –Sari Pul, Sari Pul

Five new vineyards measuring 0.37 ha in total have been trellised in Maymana, Shirin Tagab and Qaysar districts of Faryab and 340 concrete posts were installed. All surveyed vineyards have been trellised in Samangan where 221 concrete posts are in the stock and will be installed next month. In Sari Pul, eight new vineyards measuring 1.43 ha have been trellised in Sangcharakand Sozma Qala districts, using 1,026 concrete posts. So far, 19.88 ha of land have been trellised in Faryab, Samangan and Sari Pul.

The manufacturing of concrete posts for trellising has been suspended in all four manufacturing plants in the region because the season for trellising has ended. The manufacturing of posts will resume later in the year.

ORCHARD CROP VALUE CHAIN

IDEA-NEW interventions in the orchard crop value chain (citrus and stone fruit in the eastern region, stone fruit, almonds, and pomegranate in the central region, and apples and stone fruit in the northeastern region) are important because Afghan fruit and nut productivity is low, farm gate prices for fruits and nuts are high, feasible technical solutions exist to increase productivity, and large numbers of rural Afghan households depend on fruits and nuts as a cash crop.

DAI Eastern Region

Orchard Development Program

IDEA-NEW surveyed 492 orchards, which were organized into orchard growers groups in different districts of the eastern region. In total, 2,652 orchards have been surveyed and organized into 127 orchard growers groups.

The orchard development program encourages orchard growers in areas with irrigation issues to collaborate with agricultural depots including DAIL to purchase and install flexi flume pipe. Irrigation through flexi flume prevents water evaporation and leaching and saves time and money. During the month of May, the flexi flume irrigation system was installed in 15 orchards in Momandara, Ghani Khail, Surkhrud, Rodat, Chaprihar and Khogiani districts of Nangarhar.

IDEA-NEW trained 44 orchard owners during three field days in Surkhrud, Khoginai and Rodat districts of Nangarhar on the importance of flexi flume and its installation and usage, pruning, mulch use, and fertilizer application.

Technical assistance was provided to 600 fruit orchards in Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunar and addressed post-harvest activities, proper irrigation systems, pruning of dried and damaged trees, and mulch use for moisture conservation. IDEA-NEW representatives also encouraged orchard growers to purchase cartons for fruit packing.



Photo: IDEA-NEW field technician trains farmers on flexi flume usage, Surkhrud district,

To improve post-harvest activities, IDEA-NEW distributed 2,200 cartons, 252 plastic baskets, 46 bundles of cover plastic, and 46 bundles of plastic netting to 46 fruit grower groups in Bihsud, Kuz kunar, Kama, Ghani khil, Bati Kot, and Narang districts.

Sustainability: 155 orchard beneficiaries sprayed their orchards using winter oil, for which each beneficiary paid 200 AFN per orchard to the agriculture depot operator. The promotion and installation of flexi flume irrigation systems was supported by IDEA-NEW in close collaboration with agriculture depots and DAIL extension officers.

Nursery Development Program

Technical training on pollination, seed treatment for germination, model nursery and certified nursery establishment was provided to 50 out of 226 nursery growers in Nangarhar, Kunar and Laghman. In total, 160 out of 226 nursery grower members have received this training. An additional 140 out of 226 nursery growers were trained on common pests and diseases in nurseries and chemical hazards for human beings and the environment.

ACDI/VOCA Northern Region

Perennial Crops

The agriculture team continued providing technical support to the owners of 200 fruit orchards with emphasis on irrigation and weed control. The newly planted orchards have been undersown with alfalfa, which provides a profitable crop until the trees come into production and also improves the soil and promotes biological control of pests. The team visited 159 orchards in Pashtun Kot, Bilchiragh, Shirin Tagab, Khwaja Sabz Posh and Qaysar districts of Faryab and found the trees to be in good condition.

Mercy Corps Northeastern Region

Orchard Management

In Kunduz the Orchard Management project is ongoing with intercropping and the installation of irrigation systems in 206 orchards in four districts: Imam Sahib, Qala-e-Zal, Khan Abad and Kunduz center. Farmers were trained to cultivate watermelon and cauliflower in addition to other major intercrops including alfalfa and clover, which are grown while their orchards develop.

This project has been completed in Takhar, but during the reporting period, IDEA-NEW pruners pruned 240 trees for DAIL.



Photo: *Intercropping in orchard management – Kunduz city center*

Sustainability: In addition to training IDEA-NEW beneficiaries to prune their own trees, the project also linked orchard growers to master pruners already working in their areas. Growers received a voucher for discounted pruning services. In the future, farmers will still be trained in pruning and linked to master pruners, but IDEA-NEW will provide little to no subsidies on pruning services. This will encourage master pruners to work to generate demand for the services by reaching out to area farmers directly. This year, IDEA-NEW will provide accreditation and ongoing skills training to master pruners and provide them with certificates and vests to show that they are certified pruners and increase their visibility among orchard owners.

Orchard Establishment

In Badakhshan, IDEA-NEW staff monitored 50 orchards in Baharak, Argo, and Faizabad districts and provided recommendations and training to beneficiaries on irrigation system installation, disease control, fertilizers, and pruning.

In Baghlan the agriculture team monitored 111 IDEA-NEW established orchards in Puli Khumri, Baghlan Jaded, Bano and Dehsallah districts in order to improve weed control and irrigation systems. They shared technical advice with farmers regarding basin irrigation, fertilizer application, and weeding.

In Takhar, 108 farmers received training regarding irrigation systems, fertilizer application and weed control. In five targeted districts (Kalafghan, Bangi, Farkhar Baharak and Taloqan) saplings have shown reasonable growth.

Sustainability: IDEA-NEW is working to link potential orchard establishment beneficiaries directly to fruit tree nurseries and nursery associations for ongoing provision of inputs and services. Currently, most nursery growers sell primarily to the NGO market and then sell anything leftover wholesale. This year, IDEA-NEW will assist nurseries in providing not only inputs such as high quality saplings but also to combine inputs with layout and planting services in an embedded package for the farmers. IDEA-NEW may continue to subsidize marginally the cost of inputs to encourage the consumption of the package deal.

This kind of service delivery during the pre-planting and planting time is critical in establishing strong orchards. Previously, pre-planting training was provided by IDEA-NEW, but this process needs to be handed over to capable private sector actors. The NISPA program is also providing nursery associations with technical and marketing support in order to ensure good quality inputs are available and nurseries are in a position to advise on their use.

VEGETABLE VALUE CHAIN

Since the beginning of the program, IDEA-NEW has trained more than 90,000 farmers in improved vegetable techniques, which has resulted in dramatic increases to productivity and household income. This broad promotion of improved practices also stimulated agricultural input suppliers to stock and sell a much wider selection of seed and chemicals than they did five years ago. Yet, traditional, low-input, low-yield vegetable production still prevails throughout the country. There are opportunities for IDEA-NEW to intervene in the vegetable value chain as feasible technical solutions exist to increase productivity and large numbers of rural Afghan households depend on fresh vegetable production as a cash crop.

DAI Eastern Region

Commercial and Small Production Farms Program

One year agreements will be signed with 16 newly selected CPFs owners. The field lay out, transplanting and field nursery establishment of 231 CPFs was completed in different districts of Nangarhar, Kunar and Laghman and IDEA-NEW will continue to provide technical support.

Field lay-out, fertilization, soil preparation, direct seeding and transplanting was completed for spring and summer season crops on small production farms (SPFs). In total, 230 SPFs have been established in 28 districts. Tools such as plug trays, plastic baskets, and nylon net bags were distributed to 230 SPFs farmers in Laghman, Nangarhar, and Kunar.



Photo: Squash harvesting field day, Qarghayee district, Laghman

IDEA-NEW conducted 51 field days during which 914 farmers in 13 districts were trained on modern. Farmers were linked to input suppliers who updated local growers on new products.

Under the REVAMP/intercrop program, 150 farmers were trained during nine field days on field layout, irrigation, weed control, base fertilization and pest control. To date 1,948 out of 4,500 farmers have been trained.

More than 65 CPFs which were established by ADP and IDEA-NEW are still functional. The farmers procured inputs such as seed, fertilizer, and chemicals from dealers, including 13 grant related greenhouses. Seeds to women-owned greenhouses were provided by 50% contribution. It is worth noting that 16 CPF land owners provided free land for CPFs in the east, which indicates sustainability.

Mercy Corps Northeastern Region **Spring Vegetable Cultivation Project**

In Baghlan 80 onion cultivation plots out of 120 were weeded and the process is underway in Puli Khumri and Baghlan Jaded districts.

Farmers in Takhar have transplanted tomato seedlings from beds to fields, and the production of cucumbers in Bangi district has begun. This reporting period farmers collected 900 kg of produce per jerib with the average price of 13 AFN per kg.

In Kunduz, weather conditions have been poor during the spring season and fungal diseases such as powder mildew and downy mildew have increased in the vegetable growing areas. IDEA-NEW staff trained beneficiaries in weed control and is working with farmers to eradicate fungal diseases in cucumber and onion plots. Farmers were linked with private sector partners (PSPs) to purchase quality fungicide.

Vegetable Demo Plots

This project is implemented in close coordination with PSPs and IDEA-NEW technical staff. IDEA-NEW provides fencing and wooden poles to protect plots, two days labor for each plot, and technical advice via agriculture officers. PSPs are responsible for providing the land, different varieties of seeds, fertilizer, land preparation, irrigation, weed control, and other technical work.



Photo: *Vegetable demo plot in Argo district, Badakhshan province*

The IDEA-NEW technical team distributed three bundles of barbed wire and 44 wooden poles to each beneficiary in Badakhshan. IDEA-NEW staff assisted with construction of the demo plots' fencing and the installation of wooden poles. The IDEA-NEW technical team transferred tomato saplings from nurseries to eight demo plots in Baharak, Argo, Jurm and Faizabad districts.

In Baghlan 11 farmers were selected for summer vegetable (cauliflower and watermelon) demo plots in Puli Khumri, Baghlan Jaded, Bano and Dehsallah districts and received training in design and planting.

This project is ongoing in four districts of Takhar: Bangi, Farkhar Baharak, and Taloqan. Farmers received instruction in transplanting seedlings, and one farmer received wooden poles and barbed wire from the PSP this month. Vegetable cultivation includes cucumber, squash, okra, tomato, cabbage and pepper. IDEA-NEW agriculture officers have visited the plots every day and have provided appropriate advice to farmers.

Weeding and pest and disease control were completed for 3 demo plots in Kunduz. Due to humidity and high temperatures, the cucumber plots developed a fungal disease. PSPs and IDEA-NEW staff provided assistance with reducing the fungal disease and now the situation is under control. The market price of cucumbers has decreased because a large number of cucumbers were imported from neighboring provinces.

Strawberry Demo Plots

This project is ongoing in Takhar and Badakhshan provinces, with farmers contributing 50% of input costs. In Badakhshan, 9 strawberry demo plots with 500 runners each were established in Baharak, Jurm, Faizabad and Argo districts.

Women's Home-based Greenhouse Project

In the Takhar greenhouses, the vegetable seedlings are ready for transplantation in the fields. Cucumbers have matured and the women are starting to collect them. In Kunduz, IDEA-NEW staff introduced new technical practices to the women to produce higher quality tomatoes. Each of the five beneficiaries harvested cucumbers 15 times and sold these products in the market. The selling price was initially 8 AFN per cucumber but has since dropped to 5 AFN.

Agriculture Radio Programming

Discussions are currently underway to enhance and expand Internews' agriculture radio programming. IDEA-NEW is working together with USAID-funded CNFA as well as Aga Khan and Concern to develop a series of radio programs for farmers. The programs would cover a range of topics including technical skills, field visit interviews with farmers and shopkeepers, marketing, and other value chain issues. The shows would include a mix pre-recorded and live features as well as call-in components to allow farmers to ask questions. This program supports the sustainability of the project by indirectly reaching out to a large group of farmers whom the project may never reach in person and providing advice that can be replayed.

Summer Fruit & Vegetable Cultivation Project

The project introduces improved varieties of seeds on a cost-sharing basis on a voucher system to each participating farmer and helps PSP input suppliers to establish demonstration plots to provide learning opportunities for farmers.

In Baharak, Argo and Jurm districts of Badakhshan province, 292 farmers were selected for watermelon seed vouchers and 20 farmers for cauliflower seeds and 100 vouchers were distributed. IDEA-NEW agriculture staff conducted a two-day training on watermelon and cauliflower production for PSPs and DAIL representatives.



Photo: Cucumbers from spring vegetable project in Takhar

An agreement was signed with two seed suppliers, Haji Salem and Sayad Rahman in Puli Khumri district of Baghlan. The IDEA-NEW agriculture team worked with shuras to select and train 150 beneficiaries for cauliflower cultivation and 200 beneficiaries for watermelon cultivation in Puli Khumri, Baghlan Jaded, Bano, and Dehsallah districts. Seed vouchers were distributed to all the selected beneficiaries and additional beneficiary selection will continue.

IDEA-NEW identified 500 farmers for cauliflower and watermelon cultivation in Bangi, Farkhar, Chal, Kalafghan and Baharak districts of Takhar. Voucher distribution is completed and seed distribution has begun. In the reporting period, 200 farmers received cauliflower and watermelon seeds from the PSPs.

In Kunduz in the reporting period, 200 farmers were selected to receive cauliflower and watermelon seeds. The five PSPs in the province distributed inputs through the voucher system. Each of the 200

farmers will cultivate one jerib of irrigated land this summer. IDEA-NEW worked with farmers and PSPs to demonstrate new techniques in demo plots. In this period 6 additional demo plots were created to introduce new skills such as: hybrid seeds, fertilizer application and raised bed systems. These activities are taking place in five districts of Kunduz (Imam sahib, Khan bad, Quetzal, Aliabad and Kunduz center).

Sustainability: IDEA-NEW is working with one primary supplier in each province through which the project beneficiaries will purchase vegetable seeds, pesticide and fertilizer. These private sector partners (PSPs) received training in business development as well as agricultural technical training. In two of the provinces, these PSPs are also being supported by the NGO CNFA, another USAID grantee. In addition to the provincial-level partners, we are also working with district-level partners. The provincial-level partners work with the district partners to not only supply inputs, but also provide training to raise the technical and business capacity of the retailers in the districts.

POULTRY VALUE CHAIN

IDEA-NEW intervention in the poultry value chain is important because Afghan poultry production is small in comparison to Pakistani imports but it is competitive in price and quality; many farmers are interested in raising broilers. Hence, there exists rapidly growing demand for birds and production assistance as imports are replaced with domestic production.

IDEA-NEW has established 79 broiler farms in the eastern region and other broiler farmers have learned from the farmers who have received training from IDEA-NEW and now are adopting the production efficiencies promoted by the program. However, challenges still exist in providing cost-effective inputs to broiler producers. Broiler farmers are vulnerable to the cross-border transport problems that affect the supply of day-old chicks and also to production problems stemming from inconsistent quality and pricing of Pakistan-sourced broiler feed. While these challenges cannot be removed entirely, they can be mitigated by supporting alternatives to these problematic components of the value chain.

DAI Eastern Region

During the reporting period the required vaccine of ND+IB+EDS+EDS+SHS killed were applied in Hedayat Barakat breeder farm which has now the mortality rate of 5%. These chicks will produce the fertile eggs for the production of broiler day old chicks and will distribute on local poultry farms in the eastern region.

During this reporting period a total of 41,069 fertile eggs were produced in Nangarhar breeder farm and 40,780 were transferred to Serobi hatchery for the production of broiler day old chicks for the local poultry market. Serobi Hatchery put five more setting of eggs in the hatchery. They had eight hatches in last month and sold 50,231 day old chicks in local market per chick by 21 AFN. During a visit by IDEA-NEW poultry specialist from Nangarhar broiler breeder farm, lighting system was arranged for the breeders to provide light it in night time.

Six broiler farmers added 15,300 broiler day old chicks in their farms which are located in Shinwari, Bihsud, Dara-i-Noor, Achin and Chaparhar districts of Nangarhar province. These farms were directly facilitated with IDEA-NEW assistance and are sustainable.

Five broiler farmers in Ghanaikhil, Chaprahar and Bihsud districts of Nangarhar and, Qarghayee district of Laghman provinces sold 11,500 broiler chicks in local market and each farmer received an average of 55,938.4 AFN net profit.

IDEA-NEW poultry specialist visited two poultry breeder farms located in Nangarhar province and helped the farmers technically regarding feed system, lighting system and vaccination method. This is the normal visits of IDEA-NEW poultry doctors that they help the local poultry farmers technically in eastern region.

Five broiler farmers added 12,200 broiler day old chicks to their farms, which are located in Ghanikhel and Chaperhar districts of Nangarhar and Asadabad district of Kunar. These farms were directly facilitated with IDEA-NEW assistance and are sustainable.

Eight broiler farmers in Chaprahar, Dara-i-Noor, Ghanikhel and Kuz Kunar districts of Nangarhar and Qarghayee district of Laghman and Asadabad district of Kunar sold 18,000 broiler chicks in the local market and each farmer received an average of 36,999.50 AFN net profits.

IDEA-NEW poultry specialist visited two poultry breeder farms which are located in Nangarhar province and helped the farmers technically regarding feed system, lighting system and vaccination method.

Mercy Corps Northeastern Region

In Badakhshan IDEA-NEW's poultry team designed 80 coops in Hisary village of Faizabad district. Construction is 80% complete for 80 beneficiaries, and the technical team is visiting beneficiaries daily to provide technical guidance.

In Takhar during this reporting period the poultry team conducted regular monitoring of this project in 5 villages in 3 districts. The construction of 80 coops, which were designed by IDEA-NEW, is complete. All beneficiaries have purchased balanced poultry feed and are ready to start their businesses.



Photo: IDEA-NEW staff visit a pullet farm to check quality – Kunduz center.

In the reporting period in Baghlan, coop construction was completed for 80 women. IDEA-NEW linked women with feed suppliers and they each purchased 50 kg of feed. Staff distributed 657 pullets to 24 families. The economic department, a DAIL representative and IDEA-NEW staff jointly monitored the pullet distribution process in Baghlan Jaded and Puli Khumri districts.

In Kunduz IDEA-NEW visited pullet farms to monitor quality (sex, age, health, breed) before distribution took place. In the reporting period, 2550 pullets were distributed to 85 beneficiaries. Poultry training is ongoing for 85 beneficiaries in Ali Abad district of Kunduz province.

Sustainability: Previously, IDEA-NEW directly handled the procurement of layer birds and high quality feed because the right inputs were not readily available in the provinces. To date it has been difficult to

find strong private sector partners to serve as local suppliers for quality pullets. Currently, IDEA-NEW works with two private sector partners (PSPs) who supply improved breed pullets to beneficiaries across all four provinces. In this way, IDEA-NEW serves as the intermediary that links potential poultry rearers to inputs and services available in their area, and ensures that they are of good quality.

WHEAT VALUE CHAIN

Most wheat is grown for household consumption, and for that reason, it will always be a major crop. Oilseeds (flax, sesame, safflower, and canola) produce oilcake and vegetable oil, which are also in high demand. As access to markets improves, there will be an opportunity to encourage diversification into these more drought-resistant crops. IDEA-NEW intervention in the staple crop wheat and oilseed value chain is important because Afghan crop productivity is low, there are substantial imports of wheat and oil to make up for low productivity in Afghanistan, feasible technical solutions exist to increase productivity, and nearly all rural Afghan households depend on their own wheat production—and to a lesser extent oilseed—for a part of their household diet.

DAI Eastern Region

Training activities continued in wheat CPFs in which 206 farmers were trained. To date a total 747 out of 750 farmers have been trained on modern techniques.

71.2 hectares land of wheat was harvested by a two-wheel tractor and linked wheat farmers with Ag-depots.

ACDI/VOCA Northern Region

Training of Farmers on Improved Agronomy of Annual Crops (2011-2012)



Photo: Farmers attending the first harvesting field day—
Dihdadi, Balkh

The most important activity at this time of year is weed control. During May, 2,680 farmers attended 30 field days held at the training locations. Participants were taught about the impact of weeds on yield, identification of different species, and the correct use of herbicide and other non-chemical methods of weed management. The field days were conducted in different districts of five Northern provinces: three in Samangan, eight in Balkh, six in Jawzjan, four in Sari Pul, and nine in Faryab.

The first field day for harvesting was held in Dihdadi district of Balkh and was attended by 73 farmers. Farmers observed demonstrations on mechanical reaping with 2WTs and a small thresher powered by the 2WT. The 2WTs, reapers, and small threshers are sold to farmers participating in the project at a subsidized price. USAID media staff members were also present to film the harvesting.

The sowing of crops planted later in the season continued on the training plots and sesame was sown on the plots in Pashtun Kot, Andkhoy, Almar, and Khan Char Bagh districts of Faryab.

Lay flat pipe was installed on some of the demonstration plots with irrigation issues in Maymana, Andkhoy, Qurghan, and Khan Char Bagh districts of Faryab.

JDA, an IDEA-NEW IP, prepared business cards for 18 repairing and maintenance workshops located near the demonstration plots. The business cards include the name, address, and contact number of a local technician for farmers to contact when their 2WTs need repair.

Conservation Tillage Training

A zero-tillage seed drill was used to sow seven one-ha training plots: three in Balkh, one in Faryab, two in Jawzjan, and one in Samangan. A zero-tillage seed drill with a mulch management machine will be assessed at JDA's hub locations.

Harvesting started at the end of May for areas at lower altitudes and will continue in areas at a higher altitude. Forty farmers attended the first harvesting field day, held on the zero-tillage demonstration plot in Khulm district of Balkh, where the use of reapers and small threshers powered by 2WT was demonstrated. Participants were impressed by the results of zero-tillage planting and mechanical harvesting using the 2WT.

The following table shows details of this program:

Demo Plot Location	District	Province	Type of Land	Ha in Zero-tillage Seed Drill (Plowed and unplowed)	Ha in Bed Planter (Plowed)
DamullaLashkari	Khulm	Balkh	Semi-irrigated	0.4	0.2
Oljattoo	Khulm	Balkh	Rainfed	0.6	0
Shirabad	Dihdadi	Balkh	Rainfed	0.6	0
Khwaja Paitakht	Maymana	Faryab	Rainfed	0	0
Arab Qorloq	Khwaja Do Koh	Jawzjan	Semi-irrigated	0.6	0
Sansiz	Fayzabad	Jawzjan	Semi-irrigated	0.4	0.2
Larghan	Aybak	Samangan	Rainfed	0.6	0

SILK VALUE CHAIN

Household silk production is a traditional activity in the northern region, where the silk is processed and used to manufacture carpets and textiles. Silk production is an ideal activity for increasing the incomes of poor households because production costs are low and a family may, for six weeks' work, earn enough to ensure their food security for the whole year. It is also a great multiplier of employment, creating work for spinners, dyers, weavers, carpet makers, and garment makers. All of these jobs are suitable for women and others who, for any reason such as disability, are unable to do heavy manual work. IDEA-NEW intervention in the silk value chain is important because Afghan silk productivity is low, there is a strong demand in the regional carpet and textile industry, feasible technical solutions exist to increase productivity, and silk production provides rural Afghan women with employment that is both profitable and culturally appropriate.

ACDI/VOCA Northern Region Silkworm Rearing Training for Women

The second, third, and fourth instars of the silkworm lifecycle were completed and cocoon production has started in most of the locations. The trainees in the project have demonstrated a ninety percent improvement in skills related to silkworm rearing and the production of raw silk cocoons. The IDEA-NEW women's development program team has regularly visited participating households and was satisfied with the improvement of the trainees' skills.

A basic silkworm processing training was conducted by an IDEA-NEW sericulture consultant. A total of 25 DAIL, IP, and IDEA-NEW staff members from all project provinces attended the training to learn about village level silk production.

In previous years, the program has only had one cycle of silkworm production. This year, fifty of the more successful trainees were given extra boxes of eggs to try to produce a second cycle



Photo: Basic silkworm processing training– Mazar-e-Sharif, Balkh

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All current beneficiaries participated in the project last year, and will receive ongoing technical assistance in 2012. The silkworm rearing project is a quick income generation project with the goal of increasing cocoon production for the rearers. Each beneficiary will provide their own rearing tools and IDEA-NEW will provide support through training.

In Baghlan IDEA-NEW staff have visited silkworm rearing beneficiaries, and currently the silkworm cycle is in its last stage (cocoon production).

In Kunduz IDEA-NEW is supporting 550 silkworm keepers in Hazrat Sultan village of Kunduz center. According to monitoring, 80% of silkworms have formed cocoons, and should be 100% complete within the next week.

HONEY VALUE CHAIN

IDEA-NEW intervention in the honey value chain is important because Afghan honey productivity is low, domestic demand is high, and farm gate prices for honey are high. Feasible technical solutions exist to increase productivity, and honey production can provide supplemental income to thousands of households situated in the many tree-fruit growing areas of the country where bees can play a key role in the pollination of fruit trees—sometimes doubling yields. Although the Northeast has a suitable climate and terrain for beekeeping, few beekeepers exist in the region and those fail to meet the local demand, mainly due to a lack of improved honey production techniques and processing knowledge.

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In Badakhshan IDEA-NEW staff, jointly with a PSP, conducted beekeeping training for 100 beekeeping beneficiaries in Baharak district. The main topics of the training included: economic benefits of beekeeping, role of pollination and wild plants, population of the colony, packaging and transportation of beehives, and beekeeping equipment. The IDEA-NEW team distributed 100 beehives, 100 empty bee boxes, and 100 tool kits to 100 beekeeping beneficiaries in Baharak district. Each beneficiary contributed 4850 AFN with IDEA-NEW contributing 2,500 AFN.

In Baghlan 54 beekeeping beneficiaries received 66 beehives, 66 empty bee boxes, and 54 bee rearing tool kits in Baghlan Jaded and Puli Khumri districts. The economic department, a DAIL representative and IDEA-NEW staff jointly monitored PSPs and beekeeping beneficiaries in Baghlan Jaded district.



Photo: Monitoring the beekeeping project in Qala-e-Zal, Kunduz

In Takhar the beekeeping project has 40 beneficiaries in four villages of Kalafgan district. During this period, IDEA-NEW's technical team, in coordination with the PSPs, conducted trainings for beneficiaries in two locations in this district. The purpose of this training was to increase beekeepers' capacity in areas such as: feeding, transportation, disease, and honey extraction. IDEA-NEW distributed 40 vouchers to 40 select beneficiaries. In Farkhar district the beekeeping project has 60 beneficiaries in four villages. IDEA-NEW staff, in coordination with 3 PSPs, conducted technical training for all 60 beneficiaries in 2 locations. During this month IDEA-NEW staff distributed vouchers to all beneficiaries in this district. The distribution of beehives and tools for beekeeping has been completed.

In Kunduz 68 beehives and related inputs were distributed to 68 beekeepers, and training is ongoing for these beekeepers in Imam Sahib, Qala-e-Zal and Kunduz center.

Sustainability: Traditionally there has been support for existing beekeeping associations through government and NGOs working in the beekeeping subsector. Most of these were efforts to pool producers to market honey produced by the members. IDEA-NEW works with several beekeeper businessmen/associations in each province who are already established and selling the necessary inputs including hives, bee boxes, and tools. The project will provide technical training as well as business training to help them market their products more successfully and expand the pool of qualified beekeepers.

KARAKUL VALUE CHAIN

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Karakul pelts (Astrakhan fur or Persian lamb) evolved as a byproduct of rangeland management in an arid and unstable environment where significant annual variation in rainfall led to an uncertain carrying capacity of the available pasture. In years of low rainfall, herders cull their lambs at birth to ensure sufficient forage for the flock. The pelts of culled lambs became a valuable product in their own right and selective breeding over centuries resulted in a specialized breed. The pelts are now valued in international markets and used to produce luxury items including fur coats, hats, and other garments. Because herders who raise Karakul view them as multipurpose animals providing meat, milk and wool as well as pelts, Karakul therefore needs to be approached as a rangeland system rather than a simple commodity.

The objective of the IDEA-NEW approach is to increase the income of herders by raising the fertility of their flocks and the quality of the pelts produced through improvements in animal husbandry including paravet services and extension. To increase the export value of pelts and ultimately the price to the producer, IDEA-NEW will introduce improved methods of handling and processing the pelts and provide training in sorting and grading.

DAIL Pure-Bred Karakul Flocks

The IDEA-NEW livestock officer monitored the Karakul sheep farms in Dihdadi district of Balkh and Shibirghan district of Jawzjan and provided technical support. The sheep were in good condition and two paravets were assigned to visit the farms regularly.

Meanwhile, IDEA-NEW trained 15 new BVWs, including four women, who were provided with BVW kits to start their activities under the supervision of the VFUs. The selected BVWs are from Karakul production areas in Balkh, Jawzjan and Faryab. After finishing the training, the trainees will provide animal health services to Karakul sheep flocks in remote areas to produce quality Karakul pelts.

Establishment of Feed Banks

Three feed banks were monitored in Qaysar, Almar and Gurziwan districts of Faryab. The sales records of the feed banks were checked and the managers of the feed banks were instructed to record the sales and finance issues properly. Twenty-five livestock feed banks have been established in 23 districts of the region. Each feed bank has been provided with eight tons of cotton cake and flax cake.

Support to VFUs

A total of 24 VFUs, 14 in Faryab and five in each of Jawzjan and Sari Pul were monitored with respect to the regular extension training sessions conducted by the paravets in the field and their vaccination and medication registration books while extension support was provided. These deliver animal health services to livestock owners in the region, including insecure and very remote areas.

IDEA-NEW signed a MoU with a cashmere trader and purchased 5,500 quality cashmere combs for VFUs to distribute to goat owners. During the reporting period,



Photo: Checking the medicines of VFU, Sozma Oala, Sari Pul

IDEA-NEW provided 24 VFUs, 14 in Faryab and five in each Jawzjan and Sari Pul, with 50 cashmere combs.

Two female paravets from Balkh and Chimtal districts of Balkh continued the extension training for the female farmers in these districts. In two months, they have conducted 97 sessions in 41 villages, which were attended by a total of 1,806 female farmers. The farmers were trained on hygienic milking practices, the proper feeding of livestock, cashmere production, and the care of newborn animals.

Unfortunately, on May 14 a VFU owner was injured and all medications (a value of 130, 0000 AFN and his shop were destroyed by an explosion in Ghormach district of Faryab.

INPUTS AND SERVICES

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Access to a commercially sustainable supply of high quality equipment, tools, and chemicals is essential if farmers are to successfully adopt the improved methods of agronomy promoted by IDEA-NEW across all its selected value chains. The project supports a network of 125 agricultural retailers across the region through six legally registered associations. Through these associations, retailers have received business training, materials for subsidized sale to farmers, and technical training in vineyard trellising, basic pesticide safety and application, and pruning. The intention is that the associations should become self-sustaining and enable their members to procure materials on more favorable wholesale terms through bulk orders. IDEA-NEW has also granted, on a “use and return” basis, five laser land levelers to registered agricultural cooperatives in the region, to enable them to offer this service to local farmers on a commercial basis. IDEA-NEW has established 25 workshops, with trained mechanics to provide repair and maintenance services to owners of Two-wheel Tractors (2WTs).

Retailers and Input Suppliers

IDEA-NEW has informed all retail associations that it will withdraw support from any association that is not managing its affairs in a sustainable way. Separate meetings were conducted with three associations in Jawzjan, Sari Pul and Faryab whose performance is unsatisfactory. The financial status of these associations was examined to determine whether they can solve their financial problems or whether support should be withdrawn. The members promised to pay their outstanding dues in three installments starting next month. All the outstanding debts must be cleared within the specified period and the funds used to procure further materials for sale through their members’ shops.

IDEA-NEW’s agricultural officer visited two of the associations, Khurasan in Jawzjan and Bahar in Sari Pul and attended the members meeting to monitor progress especially in regard to collection of outstanding dues. In total, 172,200 AFN have been collected from eight members of Khurasan Association in Jawzjan and 297,000 AFN from Bahar Association in Sari Pul. The associations used this capital to procure 13 items of agricultural inputs.

IDEA-NEW’s Grants and Finance Assistant visited Balkh Bastan Association to monitor the financial status of the association and the storage of stocked cotton which was procured seven months ago and has

not been sold. Due to a decrease in the price of cotton in the local market, if they sell it now, they would lose around 150,000 AFN.

Kawsar Association from Balkh province procured Nabod pesticide powder costing 735,000 AFN from a trading company in Kabul to sell to its members.

Following in-kind grant distribution, IDEA-NEW distributed 13 pesticide flip charts to Balkh Bastan Agricultural Association members and 5 flip charts to Kawsar Agricultural Association members in Mazar-e-Sharif and Dihdadi districts of Balkh.

Land Laser Leveling Program

Sabze Baba Yadgar Agricultural Cooperative leveled 4.8 ha in Nahri Shahi district of Balkh, Asia Abad Cooperative in Sari Pul leveled 0.8 ha and Sanawi Almar Agricultural Cooperative in Almar district of Faryab leveled one hectare. So far, 67.7 ha have been leveled in three provinces using the four laser land leveling machines.

Small-scale Mechanization (Provision of Subsidized 2WTs)

IDEA-NEW sells 2WTs to farmers participating in the *Training of Farmers on Improved Agronomy of Annual Crops* project. Nine farmers, one from Balkh, two from Faryab and six from Jawzjan, bought 2WTs from IDEA-NEW. The machines were handed over to them after they had received the required five days of operation and maintenance training. Six farmers from Sari Pul and Jawzjan provinces have paid for subsidized reapers. Farmers who have bought the basic 2WT with tiller may also buy the reaper attachment at a reduced price. Since the start of the 2WT program, 177 farmers have bought 2WTs and been trained in operation and maintenance and 14 farmers have bought reapers.

Establishment of 25 Maintenance and Repair Workshops for 2WTs



Photo:Two Wheel Tractor Training –Mazar-e-Sharif, Balkh

IDEA-NEW has contracted to Osiyo Hamkorlik Company (OHC) to establish 25 privately owned and managed repair and maintenance workshops in the region to support farmers. The eighth series of supervisory visits to the 25 workshop in was completed by OHC. The submitted final report and sales report show that the 25 workshops had sales revenue of 94,095AFN over two months.

The IDEA-NEW's agriculture officer visited and supervised three repair workshops, one in Balkh and two in Sari Pul. The revenue data agreed with the OHC reports. Also, he visited two 2WTs which were stocked in the Association warehouse and were badly damaged during a recent flood.

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVED

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.

IDEA-NEW is actively working on twenty-three community-constructed infrastructure (CCI) projects throughout its areas of operation. It paid \$68,596 in wages and created more than 41 labor-intensive rural jobs. To date, the project has paid \$7.2 million in wages, creating 4,569 FTE jobs for local laborers on infrastructure projects.

CCI Summary Chart – May 2012

Province	Active Projects	Approved Projects	Completed Projects	Stopped Projects	Cancelled Projects	Total Person-days	Total FTEs	Total Wages
Kunar	-	12	12	-	-	218	0.84	1,430
Laghman	-	8	8	-	-	428	1.65	2,788
Nangarhar	5	44	33	-	6	4,137	15.91	21,148
Nuristan	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Badghis	7	35	23	1	4	1,789	6.9	15,007
Herat	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
Badakhshan	2	23	21	-	-	1,643	6	11,901
Baghlan	-	40	40	1	-	-	-	-
Takhar	3	18	13	-	-	2,493	10	16,141
Kunduz	-	11	9	-	-	109	0.4	708
Totals	17	196	164	2	10	10,817	41.7	\$69,123

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Kushkak Canal Intake Improvement Project

The system located in Surkhrod district of Nangarhar is designed to irrigate 388 ha of land benefitting 1,178 families.

The following activities were completed during the project implementation:

- 96m super passage structure
- 70m weir structure
- 17 dykes for protection of canal side walls
- Canal side walls with total length of 882m
- Three regulator gates for spillway



Photo: *Koshkak canal before construction*



Photo: *Koshkak canal after construction*

Sandoq Canal Intake Improvement Project

Located in Achin district of Nangarhar, this canal irrigates 15 ha of land benefitting 91 families. Specific activities completed during project implementation include:

- 35m RCC weir structure
- 850m of canal retaining walls
- 9 dykes for protection of retaining walls
- One spillway
- Eight culverts of different size
- Three regulators gate fixed in different locations
- 1000 cubic meter backfilling

Chalgazi and Lokhi Irrigation Channel Improvement Project

This project is also located in Achin district of Nangarhar province which irrigates 118 ha of land benefitting 1,270 households.

The following activities were completed during the project implementation:

- 830m long stone masonry wall for both side of closed channel covered with RCC slabs
- 1,260 numbers RCC pre-cast slabs for covering of closed channel
- Installation and fixing of 183 ring for access well
- 58m protection wall
- 55m cut off wall for protection of existing weir structures.
- Construction of reservoir (20m x 14m) at the end of closed channel.

Darabgi Irrigation Channel Improvement Project

This irrigation system, located in Rodat district of Nangarhar, gets water from an existing underground irrigation channel constructed locally many years ago. The system was designed to irrigate 609 ha of land serving the farms of 51 families in Rodat district.

The following activities were completed during the project implementation:

- 462m long stone masonry wall for both side of closed channel covered with RCC slabs
- 1,260 RCC pre-cast slabs for covering of closed channel
- Installation and fixing of 94 numbers ring for access well



Photo: Darabgi Irrigation Channel Improvement Project before construction



Photo: Darabgi Irrigation Channel Improvement Project after construction

Lining work of Branch Canal

The project which irrigates 81 ha of land and benefits 678 families is located in Kama district of Nangarhar. Following are the structures carried out in the project:

- 2,742m of canal lining
- PCC works for both sides of Canal with total length of 2,742 meters
- Installation of 188 turnouts for water distribution.
- Grouting of pre-cast segments opening
- Construction of two culverts
- One regulator gate

Koz Kharoty Village Sanitation

Koz Kharote village sanitation is located in Mihterlam city of Laghman province. It rehabilitated 1,310m long street pavement concrete and 210m long stone masonry of side ditches.

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COMPLETED: Jaji Irrigation Project

The Jaji irrigation project is located in Guldin village of Aliabad district, Kunduz province and began on January 23, 2012 and ended on May 8, 2012. This project rehabilitated the canal's irrigation structure to ensure regular flow and sufficient water for 320 hectares of agricultural land and orchards for 374 families. On May 8, 2012 IDEA-NEW staff handed over the project to the local community. IDEA-NEW's community mobilization team developed a sustainability plan with the community in conjunction with the local CDC.

COMPLETED: Shna Tapa Retaining Wall Project

The Shna Tapa retaining wall project in the Guldin village of Aliabad district, Kunduz protects the Aliabad canal from flooding. The project began on January 27, 2012 after it was identified by the local government as a priority and was completed on May 8, 2012. This soil erosion project protects 660 ha of agricultural land from flooding, benefiting 374 families. On May 8, 2012 IDEA-NEW staff handed over the project to the local community. IDEA-NEW's community mobilization team developed a sustainability plan with the community in conjunction with the local CDC.

CROSS CUTTING THEMES

GENDER

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Harvesting of cucumber started in green houses; the green house owners were linked with input supplier, IDEA-NEW facilitated and provide technical assistance in the reporting period.

Land preparation, lay-out, and fertilization of kitchen garden plots continued, during the reporting period 12 plots were cultivated. To date 92 out of 107 kitchen garden farms have been laid-out and transplanted in Assadabad, Chawki, Mihterlam, Surkhrod and Bihsud districts of Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar.

IDEA-NEW facilitated 30 women layer farms in Shinwari, Kuz Kunar, Bihsud, Momandara, Rodat of Nangarhar and Noorgal district of Kunar provinces. During this reporting period a total of 36,379 table eggs were produced in these farms and all were sold in local market that generated 181,895 AFN to women farmers.

IDEA-NEW poultry women specialists had a survey in Bihsud, Shinwari, Rodat, Kuz Kunar and Dara – e- Noor districts for the selection of 10 new women broiler farms. During the survey 10 women farms were selected and provided information on the design of farms. The new selected women started construction of farms.

During this reporting period IDEA-NEW facilitated the sale of 602 kg of fresh cheese that generated a total of 42,140 AFN net profit to seven local cheese centers that are located in Nangrahar, Kunar and Laghman.

Ten women retail shopkeepers sold their goods in the local market generating an average 2,908.6 AFN net profit.

Six newly established women-owned garment and finishing centers supported by in-kind grant of IDEA-NEW and five existed centers sewed the women cloths and sold their products in local market that generated 6,758 AFN net profit to each center.

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Women's Poultry Project

The women's poultry project implementation structure changed during the 2012 season, with women now receiving 30 pullets and technical support from IDEA-NEW staff. In the past, women also received feed and inputs for building coops. The new structure aims for greater beneficiary investment, and greater sustainability for the project.

Community-Based Savings Groups

A total of 600 women are participating in savings groups. There is a large range of contributions coming in at each savings session, from the minimum of 50 AFN to over 800. Women are beginning to save enough to make loans.

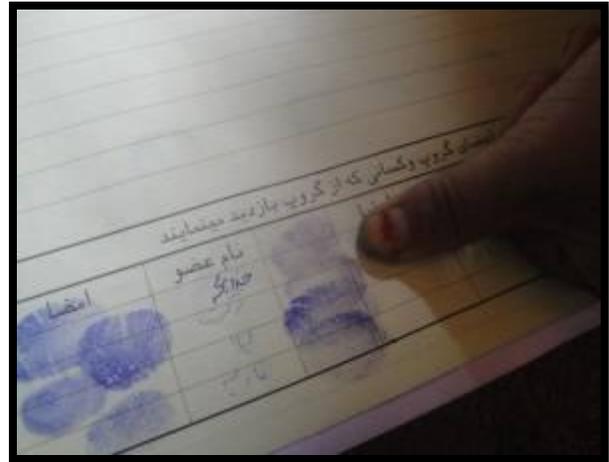


Photo: Documentation for Community-based savings groups in Takhar

Sustainability: These savings groups serve as an interim activity for IDEA-NEW as the project moves towards facilitating the formation of marketing groups where women can work together to sell their eggs and buy inputs in bulk to take advantage of economies of scale. The goal is to help the women increase production to take advantage of strong demand for local eggs (which sell at a premium compared to Pakistani/Indian eggs) and possibly lead to the formation of a poultry association.

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The continuing silk production project enables poor women to earn a significant income with low cost inputs. One thousand more women are participating in this project.

The Village Milk Processing Centres benefit 500 women owners of household dairy cows, generating income and promoting better nutrition.

USG AND GIROA COORDINATION

DAI Eastern Region

IDEA-NEW representative participated in a freshmen workshop which was arranged by the Agriculture Faculty of Nangarhar University. In the workshop IDEA-NEW activities were explained and employees answered participants' questions. At the conclusion of the workshop technical manuals (Ag. books) were distributed to Agriculture Faculty to use in their library.

IDEA-NEW liaison members joined the best practices in agriculture development workshop held in the MAIL, which was supported by ACTED organization. The topics were presented under the title of Women in Agriculture.

Conducted a joint visit with Laghman USAID local staff of six projects located in Metherlam and Qarghayee districts of Laghman.

A joint meeting between MEDERA, PHDP, NDP, IDEA-NEW, Nangarhar NVDA and CHAMP was held in Badam Bagh Kabul. During the meeting different topics such as Citrus Tristeza Virus (CTV),

monitoring reports, results, and tree contamination were discussed. A total of 1,000 samples were collected from the eastern region and 61 were contaminated with CTV.

A meeting was held on the 22nd of May in Kabul with TAK DANA, the Kapisa Farm Service Center (KFSC), and IDEA NEW. The purpose of the meeting was to create coordination between TAK DANA and KFSC for the export of mulberries to Dubai. TAK DANA showed a lot of interest in this business but was hesitant because mulberries are the most perishable fruit and they do not have any experience in exporting such products. Both parties will conduct a meeting with Custom Clearance Officer at Kabul and TAK DANA will visit Kapisa to see the production of mulberries.

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On May 1, 2012 IDEA-NEW's Deputy Project Director met with members of the Almond Association in Kunduz to discuss almond value chains.

On May 2-3, 2012 IDEA-NEW's Deputy Project Director met with potential Private Sector Partners (PSPs) in Kunduz and Takhar provinces.

On May 8, 2012 IDEA-NEW's Deputy Project Director met with USDA in Badakhshan province to provide an update on IDEA-NEW activities.

On May 17, 2012 Badakhshan's IDEA-NEW Community Mobilization Unit Manager participated in a PDC meeting with UNAMA, the Provincial Governor, Mayor, PRT, Concern, GIZ, RCDF, MAIL, Water Management Department, Economic Department, DRRD, AKD, Women affairs, Health department, BMZ, UNOPS, RIDF, CARD F, USAID and Natural Resources Department to discuss RIDF, RCDF and Card F ongoing and new plans for implementation.

On May 29, 2012 Badakhshan's IDEA-NEW DM&E Officer, Community Mobilization Officer and Livestock Business Development Officer met with the Baharak district Governor to inform him of the beekeeping distribution process.



Photo: IDEA-NEW Kunduz staff with Ali Abad DDA

A meeting was conducted together with Baghlan's Livestock Business Development Unit Manager and the Agriculture Business Development Unit Manager met with Haji Sahib Salem, a supplier for watermelon and cauliflower seeds, to discuss seed distribution.

On May 7, 2012 the Baghlan Program Manager and the IDEA-NEW Project Director met with the regional MDP (Market Development Program) Coordinator from AKF Baghlan in their office to discuss value chains.

On May 7, 2012 the Baghlan Program Manager and the IDEA-NEW Project Director met with the USAID Baghlan field program officer regarding IDEA-NEW's new approaches and plans.

Takhar's DM&E officer participated in a joint NGO forum meeting at Agha Khan in Takhar province to discuss improving coordination and possible integration among NGOs.

Takhar's Community Mobilization Unit Manager met with the Namak-Ab District governor regarding the 2010 beekeeping project.

Takhar's Community Mobilization Unit Manager met with Mojebblla and Habiba community mobilization officers to more effectively coordinate in the community.

IDEA-NEW staff in Takhar met with the Bangi District chief of police to discuss Bangi's security situation.

Takhar's Livestock Business Development unit manager met with Kalafgan and Baharak district government agriculture department heads, the district Governors and CDCs to select 8 women as beneficiaries for semi-commercial poultry farms.

A meeting was conducted with livestock and animal health representatives from the government to share and discuss the status of projects in Kunduz province in 2012.

Kunduz's Livestock Business Development Unit Manager and the Community Mobilization unit manager met with the CDC in Shora Khak village of Ali Abad district regarding establishing small poultry farms and beneficiary selection in Kunduz center.

On May 28, 2012 a meeting was conducted with Aliabad's DDA regarding IDEA-New program updates and a discussion on the progress of the ongoing projects.

Other USAID Programs

On May 31, 2012 Badakhshan IDEA-NEW staff met with a US Embassy delegation to provide an update regarding IDEA-NEW activities and projects.

On June 31, 2012 Badakhshan's IDEA-NEW Program Manager met with USAID representative Nabi Jan to discuss the field visit plan and coordination with DAIL.

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The IDEA-NEW CDO accompanied the Samangan local authorities, DAIL, and DoE representatives on visits to three ongoing IDEA-NEW projects: silkworm rearing, vineyard trellising, and milk collection and processing centers. At the end of event, they expressed their gratitude for the implementation of effective programs for agricultural development.

IDEA-NEW conducted a basic training on silkworm rearing for 25 participants from DAIL, IP women trainers, and IDEA-NEW staff from all five project provinces.

Dr. Andrew Harvey, the IDEA-NEW Regional Manager, David Quarles, Deputy Regional Manager, and Engineer Khalid, Program Manager, along with staff from USDA met with Katib Shams and Mr. Malik from the Balkh DAIL to discuss the procurement of electricity equipment and installation.

The IDEA-NEW CDO attended in AGSEM meetings in Jawzjan, Balkh, and Sari Pul to talk about ongoing projects in the provinces.



Photo: Quarterly Partner's Meeting- Mazari-e- Sharif, Balkh

The IDEA-NEW CDO attended an emergency donor coordination meeting in the Economy Department of Jawzjan. The main purpose of the meeting was to update the status of casualties resulting from the last flood, which affected more than 830 families in eight villages of Khwaja Do Koh district of Jawzjan.

SUSTAINABILITY/CAPACITY BUILDING

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The accounting trainer for SMEs and poultry farms visited nine factories and eight poultry farms in Kama, Rodat and Bihsud districts of Nangarhar to review their financial record keeping. The owners of these SMEs and poultry farms were trained on accounting and bookkeeping. The prime objective of this program is to improve the financial management system of the SMEs and poultry farms in Eastern Region.

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N/A for the reporting period.

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Work with agricultural retailers continues to build their capacity to deliver high quality services to farmers.

The Animal Health and Production project continues to build the capacity of paravets working with VFUs to deliver veterinary services to livestock owners across the region. It also supports the government veterinary service in disease surveillance.

The approach of the project creates commercially viable private businesses, such as agricultural retailers, VFUs, agricultural contractors, 2WT repair shops, and handicrafts companies to deliver the improvements in technology that can increase productivity, employment, and incomes.

NON-VALUE CHAIN PROJECTS

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Textiles

The textile washing and pressing facility continued operation in Bihsud district of Nangarhar. During the reporting period the facility continued serving to the textile weavers located in Rodat, Kama, and Bihsud districts. This facility contributes to the textile value chain that IDEA-NEW has initiated. It enables the local textile weavers and the small textile factories to be more competitive with the imports of the same quality. This facility is now completely sustainable and serving local textile weavers. The owner of this factory has expanded his business with new machinery and the construction of a new building which enables the dyeing and pressing of the products of local factories.

The operation of five in-kind grant supported textile factories and seven direct implementation factories in Kama, Rodat, and Bihsud districts is going well. These factories are producing scarves and shawls for the summer season and are also generating profit for their families. These factories are working towards the

sustainability of the textile sub-sector, increasing the throughputs of textile washing and pressing and by increasing the production of textile products in the local markets.

The weavers sell their products 100 % in local markets and each factory generates approximately 25,000-30,000 AFN/month. The factories provide jobs opportunities, skill enhancement, and decrease dependency on imported products. These businesses are increasing day by day and have grown from four factories in the eastern region (which were started with IDEA-NEW assistance) to 16 factories currently, with 105 weavers employed. The IDEA-NEW Private Sector Development section will assist textile weavers to facilitate linkages with financial institutions such as ACE (Agriculture Credit Enhancement) so that they may gain loans to expand their businesses.

Agricultural Technology promotion

During this reporting period, the Ag Technology promotion coordinator threshed wheat using a 2WT in 11 districts of Nangarhar, Kunar and Laghman provinces. The result of 2WT thrasher impressed the farmers.

Arman Baby Bicycle Factory

IDEA-NEW assisted the Arman Baby bicycle factory of Jalalabad with a \$7,884 in-kind grant and also provided training materials to the employees. The operation of this factory is going well as it produced 1,600 bicycles for the local market during this reporting period. It created job opportunities for local Afghans and will increase its production to substitute the imports of bicycles from Pakistan and China.

Aryan Marble Processing Factory

Aryan Marble Processing Factory in Surkhrod district of Nangarhar is a private and registered factory with the Afghanistan Investment Support Agency. Aryan Marble Factory started the production of marbles using new machinery purchased through an in-kind grant from IDEA-NEW. The factory will create jobs opportunities for local Afghans, increase the production of marble, substitute the import of marble from abroad, and provide market opportunities for unprocessed marble. Currently the owner of this factory has hired seven employees to operate the new machinery and plans to hire more in the future.

Potato Chip Factory

IDEA-NEW assisted Dari-Noor and Kawoon potatoes chips factories through in-kind grants of \$17,250 to each factory. During this reporting period potatoes which were cultivated for chips were tested in which two varieties, Nor chip and Gamchio, and were certified for production.

Nangarhar Talc Association

Nangarhar Talc Association exported 15,030 metric tons of talc to Pakistan generating 125,250 AFN to the NTA.

Nangarhar Beekeepers Association

The Nangarhar beekeepers survey continued. During this reporting period the association surveyed 60 beekeepers in Kama, Behsud, Batikot, Ghanikhail, Achin, Nazian, Haskamena, and Momand dara districts of Nangarhar and the association also accumulated 40,000 AFN of membership and registration fees from new members.

Laghman Nursery Grower Association

During this reporting period the association trained 123 nursery growers in the field of pollination, seed treatment for germination/modal nursery, and certified nursery establishment, this training was provided by IDEA-NEW with coordination of MADERA and PHDP.

Eastern Fruit Grower Association

IDEA-NEW will assist the EFGA members with 1,000 baskets and 6,000 cartons ,for the members. To date, they have distributed 418 baskets and 3,800 cartons in the Behsud, Kama, Khogiani, Rodat, Ghanikhil, Batikoot, Surkhrod, Pachir Agam, Koot, Mohmand Dara, Khas Kunar, and Mehterlam districts of Nangarhar and Laghman provinces and also paid \$79,940 of their loan back to ACE.

Radio Programing

Nine live Karkila Aw Maldari (agriculture and livestock) radio shows were aired via Sharq Radio in Nangarhar. During the shows 33 farmers/listeners called IDEA-NEW experts and asked questions about orchards, vegetables, and livestock.

Five live agriculture and livestock shows were aired via Kawoon Ghag in Laghman and 40 farmers from different parts of the province posed their questions to IDEA-NEW experts.

Grants:

The second milestone payment of the Dutch Committee For Afghanistan is under process for the amount of \$20,000.

The machineries for Javid Afghan Agriculture Machinery Production Factory will be precured in near future.

REVAMP

Plastic baskets, trays, and bags for onion and garlic were distributed to the 100 REVAMP beneficiaries in various district of the region. Each package included two plastic baskets, 20 trays, and 10 bags for onion and garlic.



Photo: IDEA-NEW field technician distribute tools to farmers, Qarghayee district, Laghman.

Mercy Corps Northeastern Region

Commercial Timber and Timber Nursery

The project is ongoing with monitoring and site visits to potential and past beneficiaries. During the reporting period, Baghlan’s agriculture team monitored timber cultivation and weed control practices for 27 timber cultivation plots. Staff shared technical advice with farmers regarding irrigation systems and fertilizer application in Puli Khumri, Baghlan Jaded, Bano and Dehsallah districts.

Grape Cultivation/Trellising

In Badakhshan IDEA-NEW assisted with the construction of trellising systems for 9 vineyards in Baharak, Yaftal and Argo Districts. We distributed 5 bundles of 4 mm wire for each grape beneficiary; in total 45 bundles were distributed and 90 wooden poles were installed in each grape orchard. Monitoring showed that grapes have been pruned in each vineyard.

ACDI/VOCA Northern Region

Establishment of 10 Village Milk Collection and Processing Centers

The monitoring and supervision of the milk processing centers continued with visits to seven milk collection centers, Joyezendan and Ghazniqak in Samangan, Baba Evaz and Koshkak in Balkh, Yank Aariq, Yaka Bagh and Scinsusin in Jawzjan. The centers have been active and the amount of raw milk collected is increasing. A total of 40,270 liters of milk was collected from 463 members for 671,445 AFN, averaging 16.7 AFN per liter. During the IDEA-NEW quarterly meeting, staff from all regions visited the Koshkak milk collecting and processing centers in Balkh.

The following table shows the amounts of milk collected and processed at each centre as well as the dairy products produced:

Processing Center	District	Province	Milk Collected (liter)	Dairy Products Processed and Sold							
				Bulk Yogurt kg	Yogurt cup-400 gr	Yogurt Cup -200 gr	Chaka kg	Butter kg	Cheese kg	Butter milk (bottle)	Bulk Milk (liter)
JueeZandan	Aybak	Samangan	6200	-	6700	-	32	-	-	-	3260
Baba Evaz	Sholgara	Balkh	5580	-	-	-	300	27	470	-	-
Koushkak	Balkh	Balkh	6820	3500	-	-	-	-	392	-	-
Ghazniqak	Hazrati Sultan	Samangan	930	918	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yank Ariq	Aqcha	Jawzjan	3470	-	875	-	-	-	-	-	3120
Scinsus	Fayzabad	Jawzjan	2480	-	3450	-	330	-	-	-	-
DehNow	Khwaja Sabz Posh	Faryab	375	-	937	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamshidi	Pashtun Kot	Faryab	6510	-	15525	-	90	-	-	-	-
Emam Sahib	Sari Pul	Sari Pul	1860	-	4650	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yaka Bagh	Shibirghan	Jawzjan	6045	-	15112	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	10		40,270	4418	47249	0	752	27	832	0	6380

Cattle Management Training for 500 Women Dairy Farmers:

Five house-to-house follow-ups with women dairy farmers and upgrades to cowsheds were completed. So far, 424 cowsheds out of 500 have been upgraded, which include installation of a lighting window, a ventilator, and mud plastering of the walls to prevent ecto-parasites.

The training in cattle husbandry for women farms has been completed in nine milk collection and processing centers and the training for 50 female dairy farmers continues in the Yaka Bagh milk processing center in Jawzjan. The trainings will end on June 20, 2012.

Native Cattle Breed Improvement through Artificial Insemination:

A total of 59 cows were inseminated during this reporting period.

Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) Vaccination:

The third cycle of the vaccination campaign continued in eight milk processing centers and a total 1,202 animals were vaccinated against FMD, benefiting 105 households.

The following table includes details of achievements in each village milk processing center:

Center Name	Liters of Milk Collected	Price of Per Liter (AFN)	Total AFN Paid to the member	Members brought milk	Cattle Sheds Improved	Total Income (AFN)	Total Expenses (AFN)	Inseminated Cows
JueeZandan	6200	16	99,200	53	0	138320	126200	6
Baba Evaz	5580	14	78,120	42	0	103920	93350	13
Koushkak	6820	15	102,300	77	0	126140	119653	5
Ghaznigak	930	15	13,950	13	0	16524	14650	0
Yank Ariq	3470	14	48,580	49	0	61790	55180	0
Scinsus	2480	15	37,200	39	0	57900	53150	9
Deh Now	375	25	9,375	11	0	14055	12355	5
Jamshidi	6510	20	130,200	75	0	221850	206860	17
Emam Sahib	1860	17	31,620	35	5	60450	49770	4
Yaka Bagh	6045	20	120,900	69	0	181344	173100	0
Totals	40,270		671,445	463	5	982,293	904,268	59

Improved Potato Seed Demonstrations:

The agriculture team continued supervising the 20 potato demonstration plots in Bilchiragh and Pashtun Kot districts of Faryab. The demonstration plots are growing normally and the team is preparing for the next round of field days which will be conducted next month.

GRANTS & CONTRACTS

ACDI/VOCA Northern Region

In Invitation to Quote (ITQ) the supply of 25,000 mulberry saplings was advertised. Closing date is May 31, 2012. The saplings need to be 8-12 months-old. Delivery date is March 2013. The saplings should be the improved variety using Japanese mulberry variety grafted to local mulberry seedlings.

VOICES FROM THE FIELD

DAI Eastern Region

Beneficiary: Mrs. Maena

Project Name: Green house

From: Rodat district, Nangarhar

“I am the bread winner for nine family members, including my addicted husband. In September 2010 IDEA-NEW established a green house for plug seedling production in my land. The IDEA-NEW technical team trained me and provided tools for plug seedling production. Two other needy ladies are also working in this green house; we were in difficult economical condition, so we started plug seedling production practice. Now we are pretty happy from our current service providing to farmers. I leased land for producing vegetables; I have hired one farmer and one another person for marketing. During the fall and spring season (2011- 2012) I have provided 331,160 vegetable plug tray seedlings to farmers and I earned 165,300AFN. At the same time I obtained 318,000 AFN from vegetable production too.”



Mercy Corps Northeastern Region

Beneficiary: Mohammad Nabi

Project Name: Guzar e Afghani Canal

From: Faizabad district, Badakhshan

Mohammed Nabi is solely responsible for providing for his large family of 18. He said, “Living in cities is expensive and jobs are few, but I always try my best to find work for at least a few days. I was so happy when I heard that canal work was starting near my house and that labor would be hired from this area.” IDEA-NEW provided Mohammed Nabi with a short-term work opportunity near his house to earn some money to feed his family members.



ACDI/VOCA Northern Region

Beneficiary: Salahuddin

Project Name: Conservation Tillage Training

From: Khulm district, Balkh

Salahuddin, is 55 years old and has more than 35 years farming experience. He attended in harvesting field day and said: “I have reaped by hand for 35 years, but now it is belongs to the past. For the first time I saw the new technology which is 2WT and reaper and it provides more facility for farmers. In the last two field days I saw the planting by zero-tillage and weed control and today I saw the harvesting and it was demonstrated to the farmers that how the reaper works. The planting by zero-tillage is a better way of planting and it increases the yield. The small thresher which is powered by 2WT is another good piece of equipment for us. At the end, I and all the people who attended in the field day, have to thank IDEA-NEW for providing this all to us. You see the high yields of the demonstration plot in my hand and it doesn’t need more explanation.”

BIWEEKLY MONITORING & EVALUATION DATA

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

Field Missions are undertaken to provide contextual information, as well as QA/QC. 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. 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:

Full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs: These are calculated in two ways. For CCI projects, 260 labor days = 1 FTE. For agriculture projects 0.25 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.

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.

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.

ANNEX I: PERFORMANCE INDICATOR TABLE (SEE ATTACHED)

ANNEX II: CCI PROJECT DATA BY REGION (SEE ATTACHED)

ANNEX III: FARMER TRAINING SUMMARY

May 1-31, 2012

Province	Districts	CPF		TIMER	REVAMP	Orchard Dev Program	Nursery Dev Prog
		Wheat	Vegetables	Vegetables	Vegetables		Total
Nangarhar	Batikut	-	-	-	-	-	14
Nangarhar	Behsood	-	-	-	-	-	28
Nangarhar	Chaparhar	-	21	-	-	-	2
Nangarhar	Dari noor	-	20	-	16	-	-
Nangarhar	Dihbala	-	18	-	-	-	-
Nangarhar	Ghanikhil	-	39	-	-	-	10
Nangarhar	Goshta	-	16	-	-	-	-
Nangarhar	Kama	20	16	-	-	-	4
Nangarhar	Khogyani	-	185	-	35	14	6
Nangarhar	Kot	-	36	-	18	-	-
Nangarhar	Kuz Kunar	44	20	-	17	-	-
Nangarhar	Momandara	-	66	-	-	-	-
Nangarhar	Pachir Wa Agam	-	57	-	-	-	-

Nangarhar	Rodat	-	122	-	14	18	20
Nangarhar	Surkhrod	-	151	17	-	12	11
	Sub-total	64	767	17	100	44	95
Kunar	Asad Abad	-	-	-	-	-	15
Kunar	Chawky	-	-	-	-	-	4
Kunar	Khas Kunar	18	-	-	-	-	9
Kunar	Narang	17	-	-	17	-	5
Kunar	Serkaney	-	-	-	-	-	4
Kunar	Shegal	-	34	-	-	-	3
	Sub-total	35	34	-	17	-	40
Laghman	Alingar	-	-	-	14	-	-
Laghman	Mehtarlam	65	66	-	18	-	55
Laghman	Qarghaee	42	80	-	32	-	55
	Sub-total	107	146	-	64	-	110
Total		206	947	17	181	44	245

ANNEX IV: MONTHLY SALES DATA

May 1-31, 2012

Products	Local Market		High Value Market		Export Market		Total	Weight & Value
	Kg	\$	Kg	\$	Kg	\$	Kg	\$
Vegetable	115,000	29,000	35,020	49,642	-	-	150,020	78,642
Fruits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Herbs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cheese	602	2,288	-	-	-	-	602	2,288
Masroor Foods	-	9,200	-	-	-	-	-	9,200

Textile	-	10,221	-	-	-	-	-	10,221
Snacks	-	7,472	-	-	-	-	-	7,472
Chicks Hatched	-	21,097	-	-	-	-	-	21,097
Packing Cartons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Table Eggs	-	3,973	-	-	-	-	-	3,973
Vermicelli	18,000	10,065	-	-	-	-	18,000	10,065
Soap	25,000	19,725	-	-	-	-	25,000	19,725
Total	158,602	113,041	35,020	49,642	-	-	193,622	162,683

July 1, 2009- May 31, 2012

Products	Local Market		High Value Market		Export Market		Total Weight & Value	
	Kg	\$	Kg	\$	Kg	\$	Kg	\$
Vegetable	5,533,150	1,194,030	225,038	283,912	14,495,000	3,769,571	20,253,188	5,247,513
Fruits	187,386	55,108	6,530	16,461	22,500	22,583	216,416	94,152
Herbs	709	200	0	0	0	0	709	200
Cheese	16,125	54,457	0	0	0	0	16,125	54,457
Masroor Foods	0	164,986	0	56,352	0	0	0	221,338
Textile	0	194,636	0	0	0	0	0	194,636
Snacks	0	115,310	0	4,392	0	0	0	119,702
Chicks Hatched	0	281,222	0	0	0	0	0	281,222
Cartoons Riaz	0	95,240	0	0	0	0	0	95,240
Table Eggs	0	122,380	0	0	0	0	0	122,380
Vermicelli	247,500	145,282	0	0	0	0	247,500	145,282

Soap	163,000	112,999	0	0	0	0	163,000	112,999
Total	6,147,870	2,535,850	231,568	361,117	14,517,500	3,792,154	20,896,938	6,689,121

ANNEX V: NON-CCI PROJECT LIST

(SEE ATTACHED)

ANNEX VI: GRANTS UPDATE

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ANNEX VII: COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT INFORMATION

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