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Cover photo: The Minister of Women's Affairs breaks ground on the future site of the Kandahar Department of Women's Affairs Demonstration Farm.

LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACCI	Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries
ADA	Afghan Development Association
AISA	Afghanistan Investment Support Agency
ANASTU	Afghanistan National Agricultural Science and Technology University
DAIL	Directorate of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock
DCA	Dutch Committee for Afghanistan
FEG	Farmer Extension Group
EA	Equal Access
EEU	Enabling Environment Unit
FEG	Farmer Extension Group
HEASC	Helmand Etihad Agricultural and Seedling Company
HVC	High Value Crop
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
KIP	Key Implementing Partner
MAIL	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MEL	Mostamand Etihad Pvt Ltd
PDC	Provincial Development Council
PPP	Public Private Partnership
PSA	Public Short Announcement
RADP-S	Regional Agricultural Development Program-South
RALS	Roots Agriculture and Livestock Services
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VFU	Veterinary Field Unit

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 Program Description

The purpose of the Regional Agricultural Development Program-South (RADP-S) is to improve food and economic security for rural Afghans in the provinces of Kandahar, Helmand, Zabul, and Uruzgan. To accomplish this goal, RADP-S focuses on improving the productivity and profitability of the wheat, high value crops, and livestock value chains, while addressing policy, legal and regulatory constraints affecting value chain development. This agricultural development program supports the consolidation of licit economies to fuel sustainable long term economic growth, including providing alternatives to poppy cultivation.

The implementation approach of RADP-S dovetails with Afghan and U.S. government strategies in its focus on advancing food security, regenerating agribusiness, and increasing agriculture sector jobs and incomes. RADP-S aims to strengthen the capacity of producers, associations, traders, and agribusinesses to respond to market demands; facilitate lasting market linkages between value chain actors; and support an enabling environment that allows the private sector to thrive. The program places the Afghan private sector at the forefront of implementation and addresses key crosscutting issues of women's empowerment, agribusiness value chain facilitation, and alternative development in all facets of the program. Embodying USAID's vision for sustainable Afghan-led development, RADP-S lays the foundation for greater and more socially inclusive growth in the agricultural economy.

1.2 Summary of Key Accomplishments during Reporting Period

- 5,319 farmers trained on wheat integrated pest management/weed control and post-harvest techniques
- Increased the capacity of 4,617 high value crop (HVC) farmers in orchard establishment, vegetable IPM and weed control, vineyard establishment, and HVC post-harvest techniques
- Connected four wheat input supply companies to 135 wheat farmers in RADP-S demonstration farms in Kandahar province to showcase wheat seed samples, provide information on improved wheat seeds, and promote their products and services.
- Linked the Da Waghaz Construction Company to 169 high value crop farmers in Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Helmand to promote the advantages of solar dehydrators.
- The Ahmad Baryali Improved Seeds Company taught 178 farmers in Kandahar, Zabul, and Uruzgan about the importance of T-trellises for grape productivity and showcased their T-trellising equipment installed on the RADP-S demonstration farms.
- 139 farmers learned about low tunnel technology and availability from the Shahab Sameer Construction Company in Kandahar and Uruzgan provinces.
- Seventeen small and medium enterprises attended the Kandahar Business Growth Conference to learn about RADP-S partnership opportunities and prepared the beginnings of a business growth plan.

- VFUs reported a total of 54,146 animals medicated, 56,470 animals vaccinated, and 671 animals provided other veterinary services
- 1,037 farmers trained in small scale poultry farming and poultry health
- The DOWA Groundbreaking Ceremony brought together the Minister of MOWA, Kandahar DOWA Director, and provincial representatives to celebrate the beginning of construction activities on the DOWA Demonstration Farm.

1.3 Summary of Major Challenges and Lessons Learned

Documenting Challenges in Uruzgan

In this reporting period USAID shared information with RADP-S from their monitoring efforts that described unsatisfactory evaluations of livestock activities in Uruzgan and a possible disconnect between provincial DAIL level opinion and district level officers. RADP-S is working with KIPs to create interaction logs to document the nature and substance of district level officer requests of KIPs going forward.

Addressing Quarterly Results

In January RADP-S analyzed and reported data from FY 2016 quarter one to create the FY 2016 quarterly report. In dealing with new data sets, RADP-S revisited indicator definition issues, and indicator calculation issues, having addressed many of these issues, indicator targets and sub indicator distinctions suggested themselves in collaboration with USAID. An M&E working group with other RADP-S has been proposed to speed and unify M&E calculation issues in the future and remaining indicator issues are expected to be resolved by the conclusion of quarter two.

2. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

2.1 Wheat Value Chain

Increase the Production and Productivity of Wheat Farmers

Increasing Farmer Capacity in Wheat Integrated Pest Management/Weed Control and Post-Harvest Techniques

In January, RADP-S master trainers conducted classroom sessions on wheat integrated pest management (IPM) and weed control for 3,131 wheat farmers new to the project, and 2,188 wheat farmers continuing their training with RADP-S. IPM and weed control classes taught farmers four methods for pest and disease control: mechanical, cultural, biological, and chemical. Mechanical methods of pest control include pest scouting and early disease identification. Consistent monitoring of the wheat crop allows farmers to utilize physical tools to remove any pests or disease they might find, reducing the need for pesticide and fungicide application.

Wheat post-harvest messages continued in January for all 5,319 participants in wheat trainings. Wheat loss occurs as a result of poor harvest and post-harvest practices. RADP-S prepared farmers for the harvesting season by providing important information on proper harvesting times, the use of harvesting and threshing machinery, and wheat storage methods. Master trainers taught farmers storage techniques, like the use of tri-poly storage bags and temperature control, to reduce the chance of pest infiltration and molding.



Wheat Trainings in New Helmand Districts

In January, RADP-S held wheat trainings for 248 farmers in Garmser and 240 farmers in Marjah districts of Helmand province. The trainings are RADP-S's initial programming in the new districts, and theoretical sessions were held in district centers. RADP-S will encourage farmers to attend on-farm trainings in February on demonstration farms in bordering districts to ensure that Garmser and Marjah farmers receive the full benefit of the wheat trainings curriculum.

Training of Trainers in Wheat Grain Moisture Testers

RADP-S concluded Training of Trainers (ToTs) on wheat grain moisture testers in January. Master trainers and key implementing partner wheat specialists in Uruzgan and Helmand received training on the proper use of the moisture testers. Grain moisture tests allow farmers to determine the moisture level in wheat grain. Wheat grain moisture higher than 12 percent leads molding when stored, however, moisture levels lower than 12 percent lead to a poor quality grain. Using wheat grain moisture testers has the potential to improve the relationship between wheat farmers and wheat traders. Farmers are paid by weight and are incentivized to sell grain with a higher moisture content, because the grain is heavier. Wheat traders using moisture testers, would be able to ensure they are not being sold a product that would lead to considerable loss for their business. Moisture testers also benefit farmers because, in reverse, moisture testers allow farmers to speak to the high quality of their seed to ensure they are not being underpaid.

In February, RADP-S will invite wheat traders to a business growth conference to encourage downstream and upstream linkages. RADP-S will promote the use of new technologies, including moisture testers in cost-shared agreements to encourage traders to invest in their business.

Monthly Wheat Producer Targets and Results

In the month of January, RADP-S trained 3,131 wheat farmers, meeting 88 percent of RADP-S's monthly wheat training target. All trainees have also received lessons in improved post-harvest techniques. The 5,319 participants who attended wheat trainings in January represent farmers who have previously attended RADP-S training events.

January 2016 Wheat Producer Training Targets and Results ¹								
Performance Indicator		Helmand	Kandahar	Uruzgan	Zabul	Total Results	Target	Achievement
5	Number of farmers trained in improved post-harvesting techniques (Custom)	1,766	636	525	204	3,131	3,575	88%
9	Number of individuals who have received US-government supported short-term agricultural sector productivity or food security training (4.5.2-7)	1,766	636	525	204	3,131	3,575	88%
10	Number of participants trained through project assisted training events ²	1,814	1,921	1,045	539	5,319	-	-

Increase the Commercial Viability of Wheat Agribusinesses

Wheat Partners Connect with Farmers During Business-to-Farmer Promotional Events

RADP-S wheat partners from year two continued their partnership with RADP-S by connecting with 135 RADP-S trained wheat farmers on demonstration farms in Kandahar province. Business-to-Farmer promotional events connect businesses to farmers on RADP-S demonstration farms. Businesses based in Kandahar city centers connected directly with rural farmers, who were unaware of their services. Farmers were able to connect with businesses vetted by RADP-S, selling high quality products, and who are invested in increasing their customer base.



Sahrai Loy provides information on their improved wheat seeds on Kandahar demo farm.

Four wheat input supply companies brought samples of their products, business cards, promotional and training materials to demonstration farms. The businesses provided product overviews and explained the range of services available to farmers. Wheat companies stressed the importance of improved wheat seeds to increasing wheat productivity and the proper use of inputs to increase wheat yields throughout the year. The Sardarzai Improved Seeds Company connected with 54 wheat farmers on Panjwei and Zheri district demonstration farms. The Sahrai Loy Kandahar Improved Seed Company connected with 22 wheat farmers on a Dand district

demonstration farm. The Ahmad Baryali Improved Seed Company connected with 33 wheat farmers on a Dand district demonstration farm. Finally, the Sadaqat Sahil Improved Seed Company (SSISCO) connected with 26 wheat farmers on a Dand district demonstration farm. RADP-S will continue to promote business to farmer linkages for wheat companies and will look towards similar opportunities in Helmand, Zabul, and Uruzgan provinces.

¹ As per the RADP-S Data Collection Plan, figures are subject to change upon quarterly review.

² Indicator 10 measures all participants attending RADP-S training programs, for which there is no set target.

Kandahar Business Growth Conference and Wheat Businesses

From January 26-28, RADP-S hosted the Kandahar Business Growth Conference. Seventeen small and medium enterprises participated, including four wheat companies from RADP-S year two: ABISC, Sahrai Loy, SISSCO, and Sardara Zai. The RADP-S Value Chain Unit (VCU) presented overall value chain concepts and strategies, RADP-S objectives, the benefits of a business growth plan, and RADP-S's ability to facilitate downstream and upstream linkages.

In one-on-one meetings with Value Chain Specialists, each business described their products, production capacity, customer profile, competitors, organizational capacity, estimated sales, and profitability target for the next three years. Business growth plan discussions focused on initial strategies to improve production, marketing strategies, financial planning, and key constraints to growth. Wheat companies committed to completing business growth plans in February and RADP-S cost share support or technical guidance will be solidified once business growth plans are finalized for wheat companies.

Monthly Wheat Agribusiness Activities Overview

RADP-S activities with wheat agribusinesses in January are summarized below. RADP-S supported wheat companies connected with farmers on demonstration farms and attended the Kandahar Business Growth Conference to learn more about RADP-S's facilitation approach to business growth.

January 2016 Wheat Agribusiness Activities						
Wheat Agribusiness	Province	Business Growth Area	Activity	Estimated Value of Sales	RADP-S Support	Next Steps
Sadaqat Sahil Improved Seed Company (SISSCO)	Kandahar	TBD	Connected with farmers on demonstration farm. Creating business growth plan.	N/A	Technical Assistance	Business growth plan to be submitted in February and reviewed by RADP-S.
Ahmad Baryali Improved Seeds Company	Kandahar	TBD	Connected with farmers on demonstration farm. Creating business growth plan.	N/A	Technical Assistance	Business growth plan to be submitted in February and reviewed by RADP-S.
Sardar Zai Improved Seeds Company	Kandahar	TBD	Connected with farmers on demonstration farm. Creating business growth plan.	N/A	Technical Assistance	Business growth plan to be submitted in February and reviewed by RADP-S.
Sahrai Loy Kandahar Improved Seeds Company	Kandahar	Promotions	Connected with farmers on demonstration farm. Creating business growth plan.	N/A	Technical Assistance	Business growth plan to be submitted in February and reviewed by RADP-S.

Major Planned Activities for the Next Month

- Wheat Integrated Pest Management and Weed Control Demonstration Training
- Wheat Post-Harvest Messages on all Demonstration Farms
- Wheat Input Supplier Business to Farmer Promotional Events
- Business Growth Conference for Kandahar Wheat Traders
- Follow up on wheat business growth plans

2.2 High Value Crops Value Chain

Increase the Production and Productivity of High Value Crop Farmers

Increasing Farmer Capacity in Orchard, Vegetable, and Vineyard Cultivation and Post-Harvest Messaging



During the reporting period, 2,128 high value crop farmers new to the project received on-farm demonstration trainings, along with 2,489 HVC farmers continuing their trainings with RADP-S, in orchard establishment, vegetable IPM and weed control, and vineyard establishment. Orchard establishment trainings stressed the importance of site selection, soil characteristics, and sapling selection. Farmers dug pits for saplings, applied fertilizer, and watered saplings on the demonstration farms. Vegetable IPM and weed control lessons provided information on identifying pests and disease and physical methods for removing

diseased plants. Farmers examined cauliflower, radishes, carrots, and garlic currently grown on the demonstration farms for any signs of pests or disease. Master trainers showed farmers proper sites for vineyard establishment, stressing water availability, topography, pH levels, and land layout.

In addition, all 4,617 farmers participating in RADP-S trainings learned post-harvest techniques for orchard crops, vegetables, and grapes to prevent lost during harvesting, extend the shelf life of fruits and vegetables, cooling methodologies, and packaging and transportation considerations for the market place.

Monthly High Value Crop Producer Targets and Results

In the month of January, RADP-S trained 2,128 new HVC farmers in orchard establishment, vegetable IPM and weed control, vineyard establishment, and improved post-harvest techniques. In addition 4,617 farmers continued their training with the project.

January 2016 High Value Crop Producer Training Targets and Results ³								
Performance Indicator		Helmand	Kandahar	Uruzgan	Zabul	Total Results	Target	Achievement
5	Number of farmers trained in improved post-harvesting techniques (Custom)	587	744	201	596	2,128	2,695	79%
9	Number of individuals who have received US-government supported short-term agricultural sector	587	744	201	596	2,128	2,695	79%

³ As per the RADP-S Data Collection Plan, all figures are subject to change upon quarterly review.

	productivity or food security training (4.5.2-7)							
10	Number of participants trained through project assisted training events ⁴	900	2,161	476	1,080	4,617	-	-

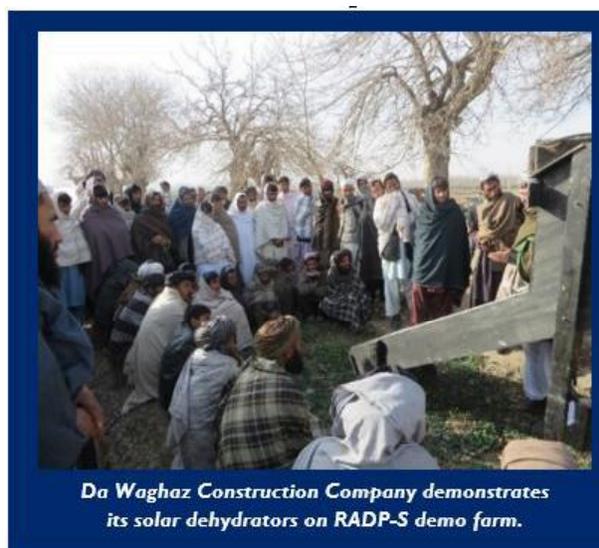
Increase the Commercial Viability of High Value Crop Agribusinesses

Roots Agriculture and Livestock Services Company Completes Curriculum and Promotional Materials

The Roots Agriculture and Livestock Services (RALS) Company continued mobilization efforts in Dand, Daman, Arghandab, and Panjwai districts of Kandahar province during the reporting period. RALS also completed its orchard training curriculum for farmers in January, with technical input from RADP-S's Production and Productivity Unit. RALS will focus on highlighting the advantages of its high density saplings, which are more disease resistant and have the potential to produce higher quality fruits. The training consultant for RALS was unable to obtain a visa in January, and another consultant was hired. The RADP-S VCU team provided recommendations and evaluated resumes with RALS to quickly select another trainer. An individual was identified and RALS trainings are expected to start as per the company's schedule in February.

Business-to-Farmer Promotional Events Introduce Solar Dehydrators

In December, the Da Waghaz Construction Company (DWCC), based in Kandahar City, demonstrated the use of its solar dehydrators on Zabol demonstration farms. In January, the company connected with 99 high value crop farmers in Dand and Panjwei districts of Kandahar; 25 HVC farmers in Tirin Kot, Uruzgan; and 45 HVC farmers in Lashkar Gah, Helmand. Solar dehydrators allow farmers to increase the market value of fruits and vegetables. Farmers traditionally dry fruits and vegetables on flat surfaces in the open area, exposing the fruit to dust, dirt, and insects. The solar dehydrator has the capacity to dry up to 10 kilograms of fruits and vegetables within a couple of days, behind a clear glass container that keeps the fruit dry and clean.



DWCC representatives explained the various components of the solar dehydrator, its cost, and delivery. The company provided farmers with their business cards and encouraged advanced orders to allow time for construction of the machine. RADP-S will follow up with the company to monitor whether any sales were made as a direct result of the business-to-farmer promotional events.

⁴ Indicator 10 measures all participants attending RADP-S training programs, for which there is no set target.

Business-to-Farmer Promotional Events Introduce T-trellises



Ahmad Baryali Company demonstrates its T-trellising equipment to farmers.

In January, RADP-S completed installation of T-trellises on Kandahar, Helmand, Uruzgan, and Zabul demonstration farms. T-trellises allow RADP-S master trainers to demonstrate the advantages of growing grapes on elevated wooden and wire frames. Growing grapes on T-trellises, rather than on dirt mounds or walls, reduces the chance of pest and disease and allows the farmer to apply multiple IPM strategies. The Ahmad Baryali Improved Seeds Company, based in Kandahar, provides T-trellising equipment throughout the southern provinces. During on-farm demonstration trainings in vineyard establishment, the Ahmad Baryali Improved Seeds Company presented to farmers on the advantages of T-trellising equipment and IPM supplies sold by

the company for vineyard maintenance. The company connected with 46 farmers on Dand and Arghandab district demonstration farms in Kandahar province; 73 farmers on Qalat district demonstration farms in Zabul province; and 59 farmer on Tirin Kot district demonstration farms in Uruzgan province. RADP-S will invite the company to present on demonstration farms in other districts, to promote the company's array of products which spans wheat and vegetable improved seeds, input supplies, drip irrigation technology, and greenhouses.

Business-to-Farmer Promotional Events Introduce Low Tunnels

The Shahab Sameer Construction Company (SSCC) provides low tunnel equipment for farmers.



Shahab Sameer Construction Company demonstrates how to assemble a low tunnel.

RADP-S promotes low tunnels to extend the winter and summer growing seasons for field vegetables. Low tunnels provide the advantages of a greenhouse, but are more affordable and flexible for farmers to use in comparison. The Shahab Sameer Construction Company is based in Kabul, but is looking to expand its customer base in the southern region. SSCC provided hands-on demonstrations on the various components of low tunnels and how to properly set up and maintain low tunnels for long-term use. SSCC connected with 99 farmers in Dand and Panjwei districts of Kandahar province, and 40 farmers in Tirin Kot, Uruzgan.

Kandahar Business Growth Conference and High Value Crop Businesses

RADP-S invited seven high value crop small and medium enterprises to participate in the Kandahar Business Growth Conference. The following companies operating in the HVC value chain participated in the three day conference: the Dehrawood Chemical Providing Company, a

HVC partner from year two; the Abozar Women Agribusiness Company; Afghan Women Agriculture; Farah Farhat Faizal Food Processing Company; Shahla Shokoria Food Processing; the Amin Karim Group; and Rational Food Masala. Most of the companies engage in fruit and vegetable processing, making, selling, and trading dried fruits and vegetables, jams, jellies, and pickles. The Dehrawood Company is an HVC input supply company. RADP-S presented its business facilitation approach for year three and emphasized a collaborative partnership that will involve investments from the company and technical resources from RADP-S. The VCU provided each company with a template to establish their business growth priorities. Businesses will return their business growth plans in February and consult with RADP-S Value Chain specialists on next steps forward.

Monthly High Value Crop Agribusiness Activities Overview

RADP-S activities with high value crop agribusiness and associations are summarized below along with next steps for the RADP-S Value Chain Facilitation Unit and each company.

January 2016 High Value Crop Agribusiness Activities						
HVC Agribusiness	Province	Business Growth Area	Activity	Estimated Value of Sales	RADP-S Support	Next Steps
Roots Agriculture Livestock Services	Kandahar	Promotions	RALS completed its curriculum development and are finalizing farmer selection.	N/A	Technical Assistances	RADP-S to monitor RALS training events in February.
Dehrawood Chemical Providing Company	Kandahar	TBD	Attended Business Growth Conference. Developing business growth plan.	N/A	Technical Assistances	RADP-S to follow up on business growth plan.
Abozar Women Agribusiness Company	Kandahar	TBD	Attended Business Growth Conference. Developing business growth plan.	N/A	Technical Assistances	RADP-S to follow up on business growth plan.
Afghan Women Agriculture	Kandahar	TBD	Attended Business Growth Conference. Developing business growth plan.	N/A	Technical Assistances	RADP-S to follow up on business growth plan.
Farah Farhat Faizal Food Processing Company	Kabul	TBD	Attended Business Growth Conference. Developing business growth plan.	N/A	Technical Assistances	RADP-S to follow up on business growth plan.
Shahla Shokoria Food Processing	Kandahar	TBD	Attended Business Growth Conference. Developing business growth plan.	N/A	Technical Assistances	RADP-S to follow up on business growth plan.
Amin Karim Group	Kandahar	TBD	Attended Business Growth Conference. Developing business growth plan.	N/A	Technical Assistances	RADP-S to follow up on business growth plan.
Rational Food Masala	Kandahar	TBD	Attended Business Growth Conference. Developing business growth plan.	N/A	Technical Assistances	RADP-S to follow up on business growth plan.

Major Planned Activities for the Next Month

- Drip Irrigation Business to Farmer Promotional Events in Kandahar, Helmand, Zabul, and Uruzgan
- Begin Roots Agriculture and Livestock Services promotional trainings for farmers

- Business Growth Conference for Kandahar Fruit and Vegetable Traders
- Follow up on HVC business growth plans
- On-Farm Demonstration Trainings in Orchard Maintenance and Post-Harvest Messaging
- On-Farm Demonstration Trainings in Vegetable Harvest and Post-Harvest Management
- On-Farm Demonstration Trainings in Vineyard Maintenance and Post-Harvest Messaging

2.3 Livestock Value Chain

Increase Incomes from Livestock

Farmer Extension Groups

During the reporting period, RADP-S key implementing partner Dutch Committee for Afghanistan (DCA) began its poultry extension training package. The two month training program will increase farmer capacity in small scale poultry farming. In January, 1,185 farmers, 529 men and 656 women, received training in small scale farming set ups and poultry health. The first session focused on backyard poultry, providing poultry owners with best practices in farm layouts, sanitation practices to discourage disease, different chicken breeds, and the poultry value chain. The second session provided basic poultry health guidelines to ensure that potential signs of disease are caught early on and information on New Castle disease, respiratory diseases, pullorum disease, and infectious bursal disease. Poultry raising has the potential to positively affect women's engagement in agriculture. Chicks and chicken feed are affordable inputs and broilers, pullets, and eggs have high demand in the market place. However, chicks are especially vulnerable to disease without regular medication and vaccinations. Increasing the capacity of women in poultry health will help to address one of the main challenges to sustainable poultry raising.

Livestock Health Services

In January, 58 RADP-S supported veterinary field units (VFUs) provided animal health services throughout the 15 targeted districts of Kandahar, Helmand, Zabul, and Uruzgan provinces. RADP-S supported VFUs vaccinated 56,470 animals, medicated 54,146 animals, and provided other animal health services to 671 animals.

Veterinary Field Unit Extension Groups

In January, 16 RADP-S supported VFUs in Kandahar province connected with 177 farmers from villages near their VFU. Most of the farmers are VFU clients and were interested in extension information from their local paravet. Paravets led sessions on winter feeding, feed storage, and the importance of quality feed to maintaining animal health. VFU extension trainings are a core component of the RADP-S livestock strategy. VFUs are private, sustainable entities that have an incentive to provide animal health care information to their communities. VFUs and paravets become community resources and serve as a knowledge center for farmers. Paravets promote their services and provide farmers with information on medications vaccinations to ensure animal health.



VFUs Connect with Farmers on Demonstration Farms

RADP-S supported VFUs connected with farmers on demonstration farms in Dand, Daman, and Arghandab districts of Kandahar province to provide information on their services. In total, 80

farmers learned about winter feed storing practices, enterotoxaemia disease, and available medications and vaccinations to treat common animal diseases. RADP-S will engage in multiple ways to promote VFU services and increase animal health awareness in the southern provinces. RADP-S will create VFU to demonstration farm linkages in the other provinces as well as invite VFU paravets to the “Better Cultivation, Better Livestock” radio program in February.

Refresher Training for Paravets

DCA conducted a five day training of trainers on poultry extension for 16 paravets. The poultry extension course focused on chicken raising, vaccinations and medications, feed schedules, and chicken farming systems. DCA trained paravets in common poultry diseases and provided recommendations for treatment. Aligning the paravet refresher courses with farmer extension group (FEG) trainings allows paravets to coordinate with local community members who are most likely to seek out their services as they receive information on VFU services.

Monthly Livestock Producer Targets and Results

In the month of November, RADP-S trained new farmers through the poultry farmer extension groups.

January 2016 Livestock Farmer Training Targets and Results ⁵								
Performance Indicator		Helmand	Kandahar	Uruzgan	Zabul	Total Results	Target	Achievement
9	Number of individuals who have received US-government supported short-term agricultural sector productivity or food security training (4.5.2-7)	366	469	165	185	1,185	1,037	114%
10	Number of participants trained through project assisted training events ⁶	366	469	165	185	1,185	-	-

Increasing the Commercial Viability of Livestock Agribusinesses

Kandahar Business Growth Conference and Livestock Businesses

RADP-S invited five livestock small and medium enterprises to participate in the Kandahar Business Growth Conference. The following companies operating in the livestock value chain participated in the three day conference: Afghan Sadaqat Chicken Slaughter House, Ahmad Shahi Chicken Farm, Yaran Ice Cream, Sayede Sadat Group, and Mosamand Etihand Ltd. All companies, except Yaran Ice Cream, partnered with RADP-S in year two. RADP-S will seek to continue those partnerships in year three through a business growth plan. The VCU presented a thorough overview of the RADP-S partnership scheme and areas of support, such as: marketing and promotion strategies, business-to-business linkage opportunities, investments in new technologies, and access to finance opportunities. Each business will prioritize their area for growth and present it to RADP-S Value Chain specialists in February for review.

⁵ As per the RADP-S Data Collection Plan, all figures are subject to change upon quarterly review.

⁶ Indicator 10 measures all participants attending RADP-S training programs, for which there is no set target.

Monthly Livestock Agribusiness Activities Overview

RADP-S activities with livestock agribusiness are summarized below along with next steps for the RADP-S Value Chain Facilitation Unit and each company.

January 2016 Livestock Agribusiness Activities						
Livestock Agribusiness	Province	Business Growth Area	Activity	Estimated Value of Sales	RADP-S Support	Next Steps
Mostamand Etihad Pvt Ltd	Kandahar	TBD	Attended Business Growth Conference. Developing business growth plan.	N/A	Technical Assistances	RADP-S to follow up on business growth plan.
Ahmad Shahi Agriculture Chicken Farm	Kandahar	TBD	Attended Business Growth Conference. Developing business growth plan.	N/A	Technical Assistances	RADP-S to follow up on business growth plan.
Sayede Sadat Group	Kandahar	TBD	Attended Business Growth Conference. Developing business growth plan.	N/A	Technical Assistances	RADP-S to follow up on business growth plan.
Yaran Ice Cream	Kandahar	TBD	Attended Business Growth Conference. Developing business growth plan.	N/A	Technical Assistances	RADP-S to follow up on business growth plan.
Afghan Sadaqat Chicken Slaughter House	Kandahar	TBD	Attended Business Growth Conference. Developing business growth plan.	N/A	Technical Assistances	RADP-S to follow up on business growth plan.

Major Planned Activities for the Next Month

- Conduct FEG trainings on poultry extension
- Begin Trainings for Basic Veterinarian Workers
- Conduct refresher trainings for paravets in poultry health
- Follow up with livestock businesses on business growth plans

2.4 Enabling Environment

National Livestock Policy Conference Preparation

In year two, RADP-S was instrumental in the development of the National Livestock Policy. The National Livestock policy was approved in by MAIL Directorates in year three and moved to the MAIL Minister for review. The MAIL Minister indicated a need for additional inputs and a five year strategic review. As a result, MAIL, in coordination with RADP-S and DCA, will be hosting a Livestock Production and Kuchi Grazing Conference in February to gain additional information on livestock production needs from stakeholders throughout Afghanistan. The Kuchi people are nomadic herders who move with their animals as grazing land depletes. Their input is especially important for finalizing a fair and holistic grazing policy.

Constraints Analysis Development

During the reporting period, the RADP-S Enabling Environment Unit consolidated constraints analyses from RADP-W and RADP-N related to seeds, extension, and irrigation. The constraints analyses are with USAID for review. In January, the EEU moved forward with constraints analysis development for cold storage and post-harvest handling. Cold storage and post-harvest handling have major implications for RADP-S as more than 50 percent of fresh agricultural produce in the

south are estimated to be lost as a result of ineffective storage and handling processes. Without cold storage capacity, local sellers are unable to take advantage of premium prices when fruits and vegetables are sold in the off season. RADP-S will coordinate literature review and recommendations with RADP-W and RADP-N before submission to USAID.

Major Planned Activities for the Next Month

- Coordinate constraints analysis review with RADP-North and RADP-West
- Consultation meetings on the National Rice Production Policy
- National Livestock Production and Kuchi Grazing Conference

2.5 Cross-cutting Themes

2.5.1 Gender

Kandahar DOWA Demonstration Farm Groundbreaking Ceremony



Minister of Women's Affairs, center, and women leaders break ground on the DOWA demonstration farm.

On January 28, RADP-S hosted the groundbreaking ceremony for the Kandahar DOWA Demonstration Farm in Kandahar City. The groundbreaking ceremony celebrates the beginning of construction activities on the DOWA demonstration farm and its potential to provide economic opportunities for women in Kandahar. Speakers included the Minister of Women's Affairs, the Director of the Kandahar DOWA, the Deputy Governor of Kandahar, Kandahar's Female Parliamentarian, and the Director of the Provincial Council. Government and community leaders

expressed their support of the women's demonstration farm and emphasized the importance of providing women with training and the ability to utilize that training in a practical manner. The Minister of Women's Affairs presence at the groundbreaking ceremony was especially important, as it marked the first time in fourteen years that a sitting Minister of Women's Affairs has visited Kandahar province.

The DOWA demonstration farm will consist of a five jerib pomegranate orchard, a five jerib nursery for saplings, a small dairy farm, a greenhouse, and packing house. The DOWA demonstration farm's sustainable model stresses the importance of involving women in all levels of the agricultural value chain. Vegetable and orchard production trainings will teach women agricultural best practices. Additional training in harvest and post-harvest techniques in the

Development is not possible without the involvement of women. Women are important in our lives and they should be involved in all aspects of life.

- Minister of Women's Affairs

planned packing house will teach sorting, grading, and packaging methods to prepare products for the market place. Nursery stock, seedlings, and fresh and processed fruits and vegetables will be sold on the demonstration farm, with all profit reinvested into the upkeep of the farm, and to build the capacity of farm staff. The demonstration farm will also serve as a collection site for women-owned businesses and cooperatives, creating a market place accessible and culturally appropriate for women.

Agribusiness Empowerment Program

In January, RADP-S began the Agribusiness Empowerment Program (AEP) for a second round of women and girls at four provincial DOWAs, two girls high schools in Helmand, two girls high schools in Kandahar, one girls high school in Uruzgan, and one girls high school in Zabul. The program began the second week of January at one high school in Kandahar due to repairs needed at the school (the school had sustained damage as a result of an attack close to the school in December). Helmand trainings began the fourth week of January as RADP-S on-boarded new women trainers. In total, the second cohort of AEP students consist of 598 women and girls. Lessons in January consisted of introduction to business concepts, business planning, marketing, finance, operations, and budgeting.

Greenhouse Establishment Kick-Off Meeting

On January 26, the Gender Unit held a kick-off meeting with the DOWA and girls high school greenhouse vendor. Procurement delays resulted from the vendor's remaining work under a previous subcontract with RADP-S. Greenhouse installation will begin in Kandahar in February and be completed in all four greenhouses by the end of March. The greenhouses will complement AEP lessons in vegetable cultivation and vegetable harvest and post-harvest techniques. Women and girls will have hands-on experience growing, maintaining, and harvesting their own produce. These lessons will also reinforce access to fresh vegetables for nutritional health.

Major Planned Activities for the Next Month

- Continue AEP programming in all four provinces
- Greenhouse installation at Kandahar high schools
- Informational meeting with business women on the formation of a cooperative

2.5.2 Communications and Outreach

“Better Cultivation, Better Livestock” Radio Program

During the reporting period, weekly broadcasts of the RADP-S “Better Cultivation, Better Livestock” radio program were aired in Helmand, Kandahar, Uruzgan, and Zabul provinces. A total of 557 calls were made into the radio program and 204 calls were answered on-air by agricultural experts, DAIL extension agents, and local business owners. In January, in accordance with the crop calendar, RADP-S aired programs on the following topics: wheat water management, Crimean Congo Hemorrhagic Fever, orchard establishment, and pomegranate post-harvest processing. Eight agribusinesses participated in the show along with technical experts, to provide information on their products and services. Radio listeners called in with questions on agricultural techniques, but also inquired as to the types of products businesses sold,

when the businesses recommended buying and applying various input supplies, and their contact information. Below are the companies which appeared on the “Better Cultivation, Better Livestock” radio program.

January 2016 Agribusiness Guests			
	Date	Company	Business Type
Kandahar Province	19-Jan-16	AFCO International Group	Trading/Input Supply
	26-Jan-16	Sabit Fresh Fruit Company Ltd	Fruit Trader
Helmand Province	19-Jan-16	Bost Agricultural Complex Services	Input Supplier
	26-Jan-16	Bost Vegetable and Fruits Processing and Trading Association	Fruit and Vegetable Trader
Zabul Province	19-Jan-16	Abdul Zahir agriculture Equipment selling center	Input Supplier
	26-Jan-16	Tejarat Mili Fresh and Dried Fruit Company	Fruit Trader
Uruzgan Province	19-Jan-16	Tirin Kowt Sapling Seller	Input Supplier
	26-Jan-16	Fresh Fruit Trading	Fruit Traders

“Women and Agricultural Change” Radio Program

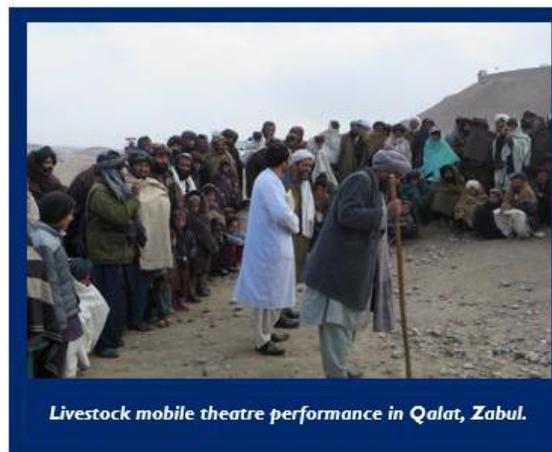
Eight episodes of the thirty minute “Women and Agricultural Change” radio program were aired in Helmand and Kandahar provinces during the reporting period. The radio program received 85 calls, of which 33 were answered on-air by RADP-S Gender Specialists, DOWA representatives, and local business women. January topics focused on the following: business savings, banking, small business networking, and healthy sources of proteins, carbohydrates, and fats. The nutrition episode was attended by a Provincial Nutrition Office with the Kandahar Public Health Department in Kandahar and by a female doctor in Helmand province. Local business women, working mostly in vegetable and fruit processing, attended all other shows and spoke about their personal experience budgeting for their businesses and attending networking sessions that led to small business-to-business deals.

Public Short Announcements

Publish short announcements (PSA) in the month of January were aired on the “Women and Agricultural Change” radio program, but not on the “Better Cultivation, Better Livestock” radio program. PSAs for the “Better Cultivation, Better Livestock” radio program will resume in February upon the award of a new production subcontract. PSA topics for the “Women and Agricultural Change” radio program included: wh saving is important, banks and cooperatives, types of banks, small business networking, building relationships, carbohydrates, and energy giving food.

Mobile Theatre Performances

During the reporting period, 12 mobile theatre performances were conducted on livestock hemorrhagic septicemia disease in all target provinces. An estimated 1,100 spectators learned about signs of the disease and treatment options. Mobile theatre shows in Zabul and Uruzgan drew spectators from the Kuchi population. The Kuchi are herders, who because of their nomadic nature, often do not seek out consistent animal health services. Informing the Kuchi are on common, treatable diseases is especially important for ensuring the livelihood of this community. During performances with large Kuchi spectators, the mobile theatre performers adapted to the situation, using the Kuchi dialect and common Kuchi terms to connect with the audience.



Livestock mobile theatre performance in Qalat, Zabul.

Major Planned Activities for the Next Month

- Work with agribusinesses to produce commercial radio spots
- Provide nutrition information on the “Better Cultivation, Better Livestock” radio program
- Coordinate agribusiness guests for the “Better Cultivation, Better Livestock” and “Women and Agricultural Change” radio programs
- Conduct mobile theatre performances in Kandahar, Helmand, Uruzgan, and Zabul provinces

2.5.3 Monitoring and Evaluation

Monitoring and Evaluation Site Visits

During the reporting period, a total of 119 site visits were planned, and 102 training sites were visited by M&E field monitors. In Kandahar, out of 36 planned site visits, 35 were conducted. In Helmand, out of 42 planned site visits, 30 were conducted. In Uruzgan, out of 19 planned site visits, 19 were conducted. In Zabul, out of 22 site visits, 18 were conducted. RADP-S M&E officers noted that trainings continued to run off schedule as trainees arrived late to trainings, and master trainers completed trainings in less than the three hours allocated. RADP-S will meet with KIP senior management to discuss this ongoing issue and discuss whether master trainers need guidance on timing the training topics or master trainers need ToT in adult learning methods to increase participation and engagement from farmers.

Major Planned Activities for the Next Month

- 115 site visits planned for February 2015
- Award and management of RADP-S Annual Household Survey

3. PARTNER & STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION

3.1 Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Kandahar

During the reporting period, ADA and RADP-S staff attended the Provincial Development Council meeting in Kandahar City. During the meeting, the Provincial Governor requested that RADP-S expand programming into other Kandahar districts. RADP-S provided the governor with its district expansion plan for year three. RADP-S provided an update in regards to a memorandum of understanding and initial designs for Tarnac Farms in collaboration with the Afghan National Agriculture and Technology University. The governor is eager to see the progress of this activity. RADP-S also met frequently with the DOWA Director to coordinate the DOWA groundbreaking ceremony. The DOWA Director connected RADP-S with local women activists and provincial council members who support the development of the farm. In January, RADP-S submitted to the Kandahar provincial governor, provincial and district level counterparts at DAIL, district governors, and DOWA the RADP-S Activity Booklet describing project activities in years one and two.

Helmand

In January, the RADP-S Provincial Field Agent met with the Helmand DAIL Director twice and provided information on initial training events to begin in Marja and Garmser districts. The Director was supportive of the expansion and will coordinated demonstration farm visits in the following month with RADP-S. RADP-S submitted to the Helmand provincial governor, provincial and district level counterparts at DAIL, district governors, and DOWA the RADP-S Activity Booklet describing project activities in years one and two.

Zabul

In January, ADA met with the DAIL Director on to review January activities and upcoming February training plans. The RADP-S Field Agent for Zabul invited DAIL representatives to attend a Business to Farmer Promotional Event, promoting T-trellises by the vendor on a Zabul demonstration farm. The DAIL representatives were impressed with the equipment and business representatives. RADP-S submitted to the Zabul provincial governor, provincial and district level counterparts at DAIL, district governors, and DOWA the RADP-S Activity Booklet describing project activities in years one and two.

Uruzgan

The RADP-S Provincial Field Agent held meetings with the DAIL Acting Director to update him on solar dehydrator demonstrations and trainings on the demonstration farms. The DAIL Director supported the involvement of private businesses and requested RADP-S work in the dairy value chain. RADP-S submitted to the Uruzgan provincial governor, provincial and district level counterparts at DAIL, district governors, and DOWA the RADP-S Activity Booklet describing project activities in years one and two.

4. OTHER PROGRAM RELATED EVENTS

Building the Capacity of Key Implementing Partners

RADP-S is committed to increasing the capacity of its KIPs in order to strengthen local institutions with the knowledge and ability to implement programs that benefit their communities. In late December, RADP-S awarded a subcontract to lead capacity building trainings for ADA and DCA that would be tailored to each organization's specific needs. December trainings focused on overall governance structures for NGOs and how to ensure checks and balances. In January, project performance management training was scheduled for KIPs, however, the training was moved to February due to scheduling conflicts. In January, the subcontractor and RADP-S KIPs held one-on-one meetings to ensure that trainings were specific to the needs of the organization and discussed any changes needed after the initial December training.

ANNEX I. GRANTS TRACKING SHEET/UPDATE

S/ N	Sector/ CLIN	Grantee	Grant Amount (USD)	Purpose and Main Activities	Start Date	End Date	Geographic Coverage		Grantee Contact Info and Address	Remarks
							Province	District/s		
1	HVC		\$11,731	Sales promotion and training for farmers in the use of high density sapling, mother stocks, and orchard grafting.	20-Aug-2015	28-Feb-2016	Kandahar	Panjwai, Arghandab, Dand, and Daman		Training will start in Feb. 2016

ANNEX II. PROJECT OVERSIGHT AND SUPPORT-MONITORING VISITS

Date of Site Visit	Province - District	Activity Visited	Major observations and/or findings visits
Kandahar			
3-Jan-2016	Dand01	Wheat IPM & Weed Control- Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training session started late
6-Jan-2016	Zheri02	Wheat IPM and Weed Control/ harvest and post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainees were active and asking questions related to training content and receiving responses accordingly
7-Jan-2016	Daman02	Orchard Establishment/ harvest and Post-harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training started 40 minutes late time allocated in agenda.
10-Jan-2016	FEG01Daman	Houshold Poultry or Small Skill Poultry farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings
11-Jan-2016	Panjwai03	Wheat IPM and Weed Control/ harvest and post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training started 40 minutes late time allocated in agenda.
11-Jan-2016	FEG02Daman	Houshold Poultry or Small Skill Poultry farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings
12-Jan-2016	Aino Meena	Taraqi Marketing Book Session 04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings
13-Jan-2016	Zheri03	Wheat IPM and Weed Control/ harvest and Post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings
13-Jan-2016	Zheri03	Greenhouse IPM and Weed Control Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings
13-Jan-2016	FEG02Daman	Houshold Poultry or Small Skill Poultry farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No group evaluation and pre-post was taken.
14-Jan-2016	Dand04	Wheat IPM and Weed Control/ harvest and post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The training started 45 minutes late • Trainees were actively involved in training session
14-Jan-2016	Dand04	Wheat IPM and Weed Control/ harvest and Post-Harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainees were fully involved in training, shared their thoughts on training content.
18-Jan-2016	Daman04	Vineyard Establishment Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings

18-Jan-2016	Daman04	Greenhouse IPM and Weed control/ Harvest and post-harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
18-Jan-2016	Zheri04	Vineyard Establishment/ harvest and post-harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The training started late
18-Jan-2016	Zhari04	Wheat IPM and Weed Control/ Harvest and post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
18-Jan-2016	FEG02Argh andab	How to keep our poultry Healthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The training started late
19-Jan-2016	Aino Meena	Taraqi Saba(Management)	The training started late
19-Jan-2016	Panjwayi 05	Wheat IPM & Weed Control/ harvest and post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
20-Jan-2016	Kandahar city	Taraqi Saba (Managemen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
20-Jan-2016	Arghandab 05	Orchard Establishment- Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The training started 45 minutes late
20-Jan-2016	Arghandab 05-Langar	DCA- Animal Health awareness training program from VFUs to ADA farmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
20-Jan-2016	FEG04Argh andab	How to keep our poultry healthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
24-Jan-2016	Arghandab 06	Wheat IPM & Weed Control/ harvest and post-harvest-Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
24-Jan-2016	FEG01Dam an	How to Keep our Poultry Healthy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The training started late
25-Jan-2016	Aino Meena	Taraqi Saba Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
25-Jan-2016	Dand 06	DCA- Animal Health awareness training program from VFUs to ADA farmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
26-Jan-2016	Dand 06- Arazi	Orchard Establishment- Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The training started 45 minutes late
26-Jan-2016	FEG02Dam an	How to Keep our Poultry healthy?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The training started 45 minutes late
26-Jan-2016	FEG03Panj wai	How to keep our poultry healthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FEG discussion on overall needs of the FEG and DCA training curriculum

27-Jan-2016	Zheri - Shahbudin Qalacha	How to keep our poultry healthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
27-Jan-2016	Aino Meena	Cash flow statement	No major findings
28-Jan-2016	Arghandab 06	Vineyard Establishment- Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
Uruzgan			
4-Jan-2016	Trinkot01	Orchard Establishment/ harvest and post-harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master trainer had good skills and knowledge on the topic.
4-Jan-2016	Trinkot01	Wheat IPM and weed control/ Harvest and post-Harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training conducted in accordance to the official training agenda, all learning points or training contents were taught within the allocated time in agenda.
5-Jan-2016	Trinkot01	Wheat IPM and Weed Control/ Harvest and post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training led and managed in accordance to the plan.
6-Jan-2016	Trinkot02	Vineyard establishment/ Harvest and post-harvest demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
7-Jan-2016	Trinkot02	Vineyard Establishment/ Harvest and post-harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
10-Jan-2016	FEG03Cho ra	Small Scale poultry Farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The training started an hour late
11-Jan-2016	Trinkot03	Greenhouse IPM and Weed Control/ Harvest and Post-Harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
12-Jan-2016	Chora03	Vineyard Establishment/ Harvest and post-harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings Participants were active during the training.
13-Jan-2016	Chora03	Wheat IPM and Weed Control/ harvest and Post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
14- Jan-2016	Trinkot03	Wheat IPM and Weed Control/ Harvest and Post-Harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master trainer was good and had good knowledge about topic, used simple words rather than technical words No major findings
18-Jan-2016	Dehrawoo d04	Wheat IPM and Weed Control/ harvest and post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
19-Jan-2016	Dehrawoo d04	Wheat IPM and Weed Control/ harvest and post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings

20-Jan-2016	Trinkot05	Greenhouse IPM and Weed Control/ harvest and post-harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
21-Jan-2016	FEG04Trinkot	Small scale poultry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
24-Jan-2016	Trinkot05	Greenhouse IPM and Weed Control/ harvest and post-harvest demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training started late
25-Jan-2016	Trinkot06	Vineyard establishment/ harvest and post-harvest Demonstration	No major findings
26-Jan-2016	Trinkot06	Vineyard establishment/ harvest and post-harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
27-Jan-2016	Trinkot06	Wheat IPM and weed control/ harvest and post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
28-Jan-2016	Trinkot06	Wheat IPM and weed control/ harvest and post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
Zabul			
3-Jan-2016	Qalat01	Wheat IPM and Weed Control/ harvest and post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The training started late
4-Jan-2016	Qalat01	Orchard Establishment/ Harvest and post-harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
5-Jan-2016	Qalat01	Greenhouse IPM and Weed Control/ Harvest and post-Harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
6-Jan-2016	Qalat01	Vineyard Establishment/ harvest and post-harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
7-Jan-2016	Qalat02	Wheat IPM and Weed control/ Harvest and post-harvest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training started 30 to 40 minutes
10-Jan-2016	Qalat02	Orchard Establishment/ Harvest and post-harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The training started late, as per training agenda it should have started at 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
11-Jan-2016	Qalat02	Greenhouse IPM and Weed control/ Harvest and post-Harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
12-Jan-2016	Jaldak02	Orchard Establishment/ Harvest and post-harvest demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
13-Jan-2016	Jaldak02	Greenhouse IPM and Weed Control/ Harvest and post-harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings

14-Jan-2016	FEG04Jaldak	Household poultry backyard or small skill poultry farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
17-Jan-2016	Qalat03	Greenhouse IPM and Weed Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
19-Jan-2016	Qalat04	Wheat IPM and Weed control/ harvest and post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
20-Jan-2016	Qalat04	Orchard establishment/ harvest and post-harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
21-Jan-2016	FEG02Qalat	How to keep our animals healthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
24-Jan-2016	Qalat04	Vineyard Establishment/ harvest and post-harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
25-Jan-2016	Qalat05	Wheat IPM and Weed control/ harvest and post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
26-Jan-2016	FEG04Jaldak	How to keep our Animals Healthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
27-Jan-2016	Qalat05	Greenhouse IPM and Weed control/ harvest and post-harvest demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
Helmand			
3-Jan-2016	Lashkargah 01	Wheat IPM & Weed Control & post-harvest Management(Classroom)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
4-Jan-2016	Lashkargah 01	Wheat IPM & Weed Control & post-harvest Management(Classroom)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two underage participants were in class as trainees.
5-Jan-2016	Lashkargah 01	Vineyard Establishment/ harvest and post-harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One underage participant
6-Jan-2016	Nawa02	Wheat IPM and Weed control/ harvest and post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings
6-Jan-2016	Lashkargah 02	Wheat IPM and Weed Control / harvest and post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings Master trainer was good and had knowledge about the subject of the training.
7-Jan-2016	Nawa02	Greenhouse IPM and Weed control/ harvest and post-harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major findings

7-Jan-2016	Nad Ali02	Greenhouse IPM and Weed control/ harvest and post-harvest classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One underage participant
10-Jan-2016	Lashkargah 02	Vineyard Establishment/ harvest and post-harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings
10-Jan-2016	Nawa02	Vineyard establishment/ harvest and post-harvest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings
11-Jan-2016	Nahri Saraj03	Wheat IPM and Weed control/ harvest and post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three underage participants were in class. •
11-Jan-2016	FEG04-Nawa	Household poultry backyard or small skill poultry forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings
12-Jan-2016	Nawa03	Greenhouse IPM and Weed control/ harvest and post-harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings
13-Jan-2016	Lashkargah 03	Wheat IPM and weed control/ harvest and post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings
12-Jan-2016	Lashkargah 03	Greenhouse IPM and Weed Control/ Harvest and post-harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings
14-Jan-2016	Nad Ali03	Vineyard IPM and Weed control/harvest and post-harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings
18-Jan-2016	FEG01Nawa	How to keep our poultry health/common poultry disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings
18-Jan-2016	Lashkargah 04	Wheat IPM and Weed control/ harvest and post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings
19-Jan-2016	FEG04Nawa	How to keep our Poultry Healthy and Common poultry disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings
20-Jan-2016	FEG02Nawa	How to keep our Poultry Healthy and Common poultry disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings
19-Jan-2016	Nawa04	Vineyard Establishment/ harvest and post-harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five of the trainees were underage.
20-Jan-2016	Lashkargah 05	Wheat IPM and Weed control/ harvest and post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings
21-Jan-2016	Nawa05	Wheat IPM and Weed control/ harvest and post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings
21-Jan-2016	Lashkargah 05	Orchard Establishment/ harvest and post-harvest Demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings

24-Jan-2016	Nawa05	Vineyard Establishment/ harvest and post-harvest demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training started late
25-Jan-2016	Nawa05	Wheat IPM and weed Control/ harvest and Post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The training started late.
25-Jan-2016	Lashkargah 05	Wheat IPM and weed Control/ harvest and Post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training started late.
26-Jan-2016	Lashkargah 06	Wheat IPM and weed control/ harvest and post-harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The training started late.
26-Jan-2016	Nawa06	Wheat IPM and Weed Control/ harvest and post-Harvest Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The training started 75 minutes late.
27-Jan-2016	Lashkargah 06	Orchard establishment / harvest and post-harvest demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings.
28-Jan-2016	Lashkargah 06	Greenhouse IPM and weed control/ harvest and post-harvest demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings.
28-Jan-2016	Nawa06	Greenhouse IPM and Weed Control/ harvest and post-harvest demonstration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major findings.

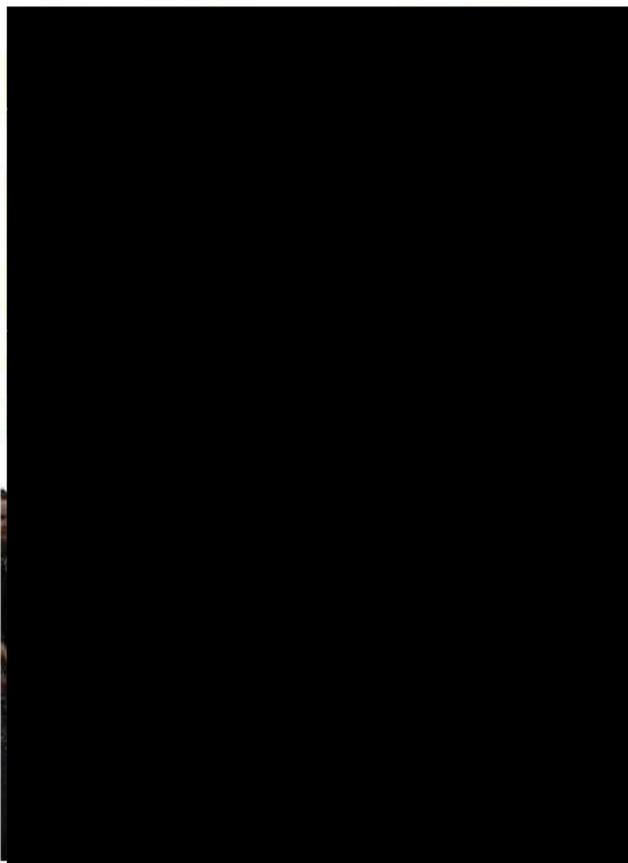
ANNEX III. SUCCESS STORY



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Women's Demonstration Farm Breaks Ground in Kandahar



On January 28, a sitting Minister of Women's Affairs visited Kandahar for the first time in fourteen years. One of her first stops was to the future site of the Kandahar Department of Women's Affairs (DOWA) Demonstration Farm. Together with the Deputy Governor, a female Member of Parliament, businesswomen, activists, and community leaders, the Minister applauded new opportunities that will be available for women. The Women's Demonstration Farm will provide a safe space for women to learn about fruit and vegetable cultivation, starting their own business, taking care of livestock, and leadership skills.

The USAID-funded Regional Agricultural Development Program-South (RADP-S) supports economic opportunities for women in Kandahar, Helmand, Zabul, and Uruzgan provinces in the wheat, high value crop, and livestock value chains. In close coordination with the Kandahar Department of Women's Affairs, RADP-S will help to establish a demonstration farm consisting of a five jerib pomegranate orchard, a five jerib sapling nursery, a small dairy farm, a greenhouse, and packing house. Women will learn best practices in vegetable cultivation, how to safely make fruit and vegetable jams, basic business skills, hygienic dairy production, and how to package and sell produce in the marketplace. The demonstration farm will be a sustainable entity through the sale of its saplings and fruit and vegetable products.

The demonstration farm will also serve as an economic focal point for women-owned businesses and cooperatives, who will use the demonstration farm as a collection site for goods and to sell their own products. The economic and learning opportunities for Kandahar women will be boundless. As the Minister of Women's Affairs stated, "We wish to pave the way for women to stand side-by-side with their brothers."

"Development is not possible without the involvement of women."

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