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General Information

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Mission Statement

The overall objective of ADP/E is to accelerate broad-based, sustainable economic development in the eastern region of Afghanistan, providing the population with licit livelihood options and contributing to the elimination of poppy production as an economic element. This is accomplished by working with the public and private sectors to increase the competitiveness and diversity of regional agricultural and non-agricultural sub-sectors; improving access to markets, inputs and business services; consolidating the presence of supportive public and productive infrastructure; building public and private sector capacity to function in a competitive and transparent economy; and addressing the needs of populations that are heavily reliant on the poppy economy.



I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Highlights of ADP/E's activities during the reporting period

- ADP/E executed and hosted Jalalabad's Third Annual Agro-Industrial Trade Fair on October 25-26 at Sherzai Stadium in central Jalalabad. The Fair hosted 150 businesses, and attracted more than 10,000 visitors over the two-day period.
- In conjunction with the Governor's Office, ADP/E hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Kama Road, a 14km asphalt road that benefits thousands of people, and runs through a high population center in Nangarhar province.
- ADP/E continued working on 22 active CFW projects, employing a total of 1,369 people and generating 13,581 person days during the reporting period. ADP/E also completed four CFW project and handed them over to the community during the reporting period.
- As part of ADP/E's training activities, 1,250 farmers were trained in twelve districts on field nursery establishment during 46 field days for the annual TIMER program. Another 1,000 farmers were trained by ROP, and 983 under the commercial demonstration farms program during 38 regional field days, for a total of 3,233 farmers trained.
- Sales directly facilitated by ADP/E reached over \$ 42,115 during the reporting period. The cumulative value of produce sales has now reached \$ 4,097,470.
- Surkhrood Packing Facility packed and processed more than 12.7 metric tons of vegetables and fruits for Nangarhar Fruits & Vegetables Association. The packed products were sent to high value markets in Kabul.
- ADP/E facilitated participation of four businesses from the eastern region in the Mazar-E-Sharif Agro-Industrial Trade Fair. Three ADP/E-sponsored businesses signed contracts with interested buyers in Mazar-i-Sharif.

COVER PAGE PHOTOS:

ADP/E held the Third Annual Jalalabad Agro-Industrial Trade Fair in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) and the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCI) at Sherzai Stadium in central Jalalabad on October 25-26, 2008. Left to right: View of booths, a "dressed-up" ram, and the stage during the Fair's opening ceremony.

ADP/E's Programmatic Structure

ADP/E's activities can be divided into two areas: economic development and infrastructure development.

Economic development activities focus on a range of annual and perennial horticulture projects, a livestock program with emphasis in poultry production and marketing, a market development program, gender and micro-enterprise activities, and a private sector development program that assists small- and medium-sized entrepreneurs to improve existing companies and establish new businesses.

Infrastructure development is divided into two areas: productive infrastructure projects (PIP) and cash for work (CFW) projects.

In many cases, programs overlap, capitalizing upon one another's strengths to create successful economic linkages in more efficient ways.

II. Sector Activities

A. Economic Development

I. Horticulture Programs

Perennial Horticulture

The overarching vision of the perennial horticulture program is to enable rural households in eastern Afghanistan to become the suppliers of choice for local and regional fruit and nut traders and processors, derived from the consistent delivery of high-quality produce, while increasing farmer incomes based on cost-effective production and collective marketing.

Accomplishments in the reporting period:

COMMERCIAL ORCHARDS: Roots of Peace (RoP) is ADP/E's implementing partner for its commercial orchards program. In the reporting period, field staff assisted 1,000 farmers in 15 districts to care for saplings. Farmers' specific questions/problems have been addressed by the regular contact of field staff with farmer group leaders, members and elders.

RoP's marketing activities focus on reaching out to potential farmer and merchant participants, and to public officials. The following marketing activities took place:

- Five public large groups and individual meetings were conducted with governmental officers, merchants, farmers and community elders regarding orchard project implementation plans.
- Representatives attended the Laghman and Nangarhar (TWG) Technical Working Group meeting in order to coordinate project activities in the province with government, INGOs, Donors and UN agencies.
- Poster, sticker and brochure distribution continued in targeted districts.

FRUIT MARKETING PROGRAM (FMP): ADP/E field technicians assisted fruit growers in 14 districts to harvest and sell their fruit. In the reporting period, FMP technicians supported 75 fruit growers in harvest, post harvest and marketing activities for orange, persimmon, pomegranate, and sweet orange, lemon, pear, and quince fruits. These farmers sold 42,280 kg of fruit and generated revenue totaling \$12,017, which was 25 % higher than the average market price due to the added value garnered through improved grading and packaging.

In addition to providing marketing support to farmers, FMP field technicians for orchards rehabilitation purpose made field site visits to 64 orchards in 41 villages of 15 districts and provided technical assistance to fruit growers. FMP also supported the Eastern Region Fruit Growers' Association to participate in the 2008 Jalalabad Agro-Industrial Trade Fair, and put ten species of fruit trees up for exhibition.

FORESTRY INNOVATIONS FOR LIVELIHOOD DIVERSIFICATION (FIELD): This program helps farmers reclaim marginal lands, protect their water resources, promote commercial woodlot production and establish windbreaker barriers for crop protection. ADP assists farmers in proper management of 150 hectares of planted woodland in five districts of Nangarhar and one in Kunar. In this reporting period, ADP/E field technicians provided technical assistance to 125 forestry plots in 17 villages.

NURISTAN ORCHARD PROGRAM (NUROP): ADP/E continued to support Nuristani farmers in establishing fruit and nut orchards on 650 hectares of land. Field technicians checked planted orchard trees in 115 new orchards in 14 villages of four districts of Nuristan and provided them information on proper irrigation and maintenance of the orchards areas. NUROP field technicians also distributed agricultural tools such to 684 program beneficiaries in Paroon and 723 program beneficiaries in Wama district.

An RoP Field horticulturist trains a farmer on proper techniques for creating a raised vegetable bed



Annual Horticulture

The annual horticulture program provides assistance to the region's vegetable industry. Recognizing the different levels of capacity, as well as the particular needs of subsistence, surplus and semi-commercial farmers, ADP/E has a series of programs that address the requirements of each of these groups as a way to bring them to the next level of the development continuum.

TIMER PROGRAM: The Technology Innovations for Market-Led Economic Rehabilitation (TIMER) Program addresses the needs of subsistence farmers in their efforts to increase productivity and produce marketable surpluses. ADP/E continued conducting field days for TIMER program participants in order to enable them establish their field nurseries properly. Forty-six field days were conducted in twelve districts where 1,250 farmers were trained on field nursery establishment and field layout. The field days were conducted in the districts of Achin, Darai Noor, Kuz Kunar, Kama and Goshta districts of Nangarhar Province; Narang, Serkani, Assadabad, Marawara and Watapur districts of Kunar Province; and Qarghaee, Mehterlam, Alishang and Alingar districts of Laghman Province. TIMER farmers also began planting their plug seedlings bought from the women-owned nurseries, and were shown how to plant them by ADP/E field technicians.

COMMERCIAL DEMONSTRATION FARMS: The Commercial Demonstration Farms (CDF) Program works with a small number of commercial farmers with emphasis



Farmers and field technicians plant plug seedlings in Alingar District of Laghman Province

in the introduction of intensive agriculture techniques, introduction of high-value crops and linking these entrepreneurs to regional and international markets. During the reporting period, 983 farmers were trained on modern production practices during 38 field days. Field Managers also continued implementation of fall planting cycles, demonstrating staggered plantings for farmers to replicate in their own fields.

Jalalabad's Third Annual Agro-Industrial Trade Fair



Overview

Jalalabad's Third Annual Agro-Industrial Trade Fair was held at Sherzai Stadium in central Jalalabad from October 25-26, 2008. The Fair attracted approximately 10,000 visitors over the two-day period.

The Fair hosted 150 vendors representing companies from eastern region and around Afghanistan in various sectors including livestock, fruit and vegetables, input supplies, agro-processing, handicrafts, textiles, manufacturers, traders, importers and exporters.

The Fair reflected the close collaboration between a number of public and private institutions in the region. The Nangarhar Directorate of Agriculture and the eastern region office of the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCI) co-hosted the fair. USAID's Alternative Development Program—Eastern Region (ADP/E) provided financial support and carried out Fair planning and execution in concert with the co-hosts. The Governor's office lent substantial security and logistical support to the event. The Municipality of Jalalabad also contributed staff support.

Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony's format included speeches by key government representatives as well as by the CEO of the Afghan Chamber of Commerce and Industries, followed by an official ribbon-cutting ceremony.



The event featured a number of high-level speakers and attendees including:

HE Gul Agha Sherzai, Governor of Nangarhar
 Engineer Hakimuddin, Deputy Mayor of Jalalabad
 Nangarhar, Kunar and Laghman Directors of Agriculture
 CEO of Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and
 Industries (ACCI)

More than 50 district governors and representatives
 from provincial councils from Laghman, Kunar and
 Nangarhar

Parliamentarians (including Safia Sadiqi, a woman
 parliamentarian from Nangarhar)

Regional Director of Foreign Affairs

Jalalabad PRT Commander Lt. Colonel Paul Donovan



Business Development

ADP/E facilitated a number of business roundtables that were attended by businesspeople and government representatives. The roundtables focused on:

- Dried Fruits and Nuts
- Carpets
- Agro-Industrial Machinery
- Marketing of fruits and vegetables

The roundtables gave players in each industry a rare opportunity to meet together, discuss common problems, business strategies, and the way forward as an

industry. For example, players in the Dried Fruits and Nuts sector discussed common issues they faced individually, e.g. unavailability of machinery and packaging facilities in the eastern region, customs difficulties, and inability to compete in the international marketplace, and then began discussing ways to collectively solve their problems. While only a starting point, the roundtables were an important step in bringing sectoral stakeholders together. ADP/E will continue to facilitate the development of these identified subsectors through regular meetings and targeted assistance.

ADP/E also gave a presentation “Business Opportunities in Eastern Region”, which was attended by approximately 90 businesspeople and government representatives from around Afghanistan. The presentation focused on untapped and emerging sectors in the region, and the ways in which entrepreneurs can simultaneously develop businesses and contribute to overall economic and social development in the region.



Cultural Activities

Many cultural activities took place throughout the two-day event. These included playing traditional music and live singing, as well as competitions including tug-of-war, arm-wrestling, a singing/jokes competition, and agriculture- and livestock-related trivia contests. There were also prizes awarded for best booths in various categories. The overall “Best in show” booth winner was the Eastern Region Carpet Association, whose booth won high marks for its aesthetic appearance, product quality, and marketing materials and information.

Media coverage

The following media outlets attended the event:
National TVs: Tolo, Lemar, Ariana, Shamshad,. Noorin
Regional TV: Nangarhar RTA, Sharq
International TV: AVT Khyber
National Radios: BBC Pashto and Dari, Killid, Voice of America Dari and Pashto, Salam Watandar, Good Morning Afghanistan, Azadi Radio Pashto and Dari,

Soldiers from the Jalalabad PRT visit the opening ceremony of the Jalalabad 2008 Agro-Industrial Trade Fair, and chat with members of the city's municipality after the ribbon-cutting event



2. Market Development Program

The market development program works with entrepreneurs, trade associations and government institutions to identify local businesses and help them find new markets. The program provides technical assistance, information, training and advertising assistance to link eastern region industries with new markets in Afghanistan and internationally.

MARKET DEVELOPMENT: ADP/E assisted wholesalers from the eastern region to ship their produce to international logistic companies supplying embassies and Kabul-based premium supermarkets through the brand *Pride of the Eastern Region*. During the reporting period, wholesalers shipped 8,027 kg of mixed produce with a total income of \$ 10,988. ADP/E also continued providing market assistance to farmers and traders targeting different market segments. Sales report indicate that program participants sold 130,352 kg of fresh vegetable, fruits and herbs worth \$ 31,126 in Jalalabad local markets in the reporting period. Meanwhile ADP/E in collaboration with ASMED launched efforts to establish a small scale potato chips production factory in Jalalabad City with 200 MT potato processing capacity in a year. ASMED is providing grant for the project to cover some of the costs, while ADP/E is establishing a potato production network with approximately 25 farmers (50 jeribs) to ensure that the participating farmers have potato varieties suitable for the production of potato chips. MDP facilitated the primary discussion with the processor to verify potato variety, the purchasing capacity, and to find out possibilities to sign forward contracts. MDP also facilitated participation of 20 exhibitors from Kabul and Herat provinces, and organized local exhibitors for the 2008 Jalalabad Agro-Industrial Trade Fair.

MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BIWEEKLY SALES REPORT								
Period: Oct-16 to 31-2008								
Products	Local Market		High Value Market		Export Market		Total weight & Value	
	Kg	\$	Kg	\$	Kg	\$	Kg	\$
Vegetables	60,839	18403,4	7463	10165,14			68302	28568,54
Fruits	42,280	12017,2	564	823,8			42844	12841
Herbs	2	6,25					2	6,25
Cheese	231,5	699,54					231,5	699,54
Total	103352,5	31126,39	8027	10988,94			111379,5	42,115.33

Sales directly facilitated by the project since 2006 to Oct 31

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MARKET INFORMATION SYSTEMS (MIS): MIS collects, analyzes and disseminates price data for 65 commodities in 5 markets, including Kabul, Asadabad, Jalalabad, Mehtralam and Peshawar. These commodities include agricultural inputs specifically seeds, fertilizers and pesticides as well as outputs, e.g. fruits, vegetables and meats. During this period, the program responded 3,750 text messages and sent 7,150 daily price reports reports (both wholesale and retail) to TAMAS subscribers.

The "Agriculture and Livestock" radio program is running successfully. During the reporting, period, the program aired via Killid Radio and 60 calls were received. ADP/E experts answered the questions of audiences regarding MIS, perennial horticulture, annual horticulture, livestock, and poultry.

3. Gender and Micro-Enterprise Activities (GME)

The GME Unit is charged with ensuring that Afghan women participate in and benefit from economic development. ADP/E provides direct support to women-owned businesses to improve their profitability and prospects for sustainability. It also works with business associations to include women in policy dialogue and with provincial delegations of the Ministry of Women's Affairs to enable them to effectively advocate on behalf of their constituencies.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM: The Mentorship Program is technically and administratively supported by ADP/E. Main activities of the program are "Khan BiBi Flour Selling Shop", "Sheikh Misri Gas Shop", "Sisters' Bakery Enterprise at Darunta", Pakiza Shampo Making Enterprise at Surkhrud", "Women Medical Center at Behsud", "Sadaf Tailoring and Embroidery", "Shama Gul Shop at Farm-e-Hada", "Crystal Beauty Parlor", Perfume Making Center at Surkhrud" and "Chirmadozi Making at Behsud". All of these businesses are owned by women. They installed booths at the 2008 Jalalabad Agro-Industrial Trade Fair, and expanded marketing for their products. The Sheikh Mesri shop separated into two companies in the reporting period. One is selling fuel and the other group is selling women apparel and cosmetic materials. A perfume center also started its work in Mirano Village of Surkhrud District. ADP/E continued providing record-keeping training to these groups. The table below shows profit recorded in last two weeks.

No	Program	Profit Recorded	Comments
1	Khan Bibi Flour Shop	4,500 Af	This beneficiary has 50,000 Afs on hand
2	Sisters' Bakery	10,800 Af	Going on very satisfactory
3	Pakiza Shampoo Making	3,500 Af	It was their first production and sales
4	Sadaf Tailoring & Embroidery Shop	3,750 Af	Recently received 25 orders
5	Seema Pastry Making	7,000 Af	Going on very satisfactory
6	Shama Gul Shop	7,000 Af	Going on very Satisfactory
7	Crystal Beauty Parlor	20,000 Af	Going on very Satisfactory

DIRECTORATE OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS (DoWA): ADP/E facilitated a TWG meeting for DOWA in Kunar Province.

SPINGHAR CHEESE PROCESSING CENTERS: Technical staff visited all seven cheese-processing centers in the reporting period. Five of the centers' work was proceeding smoothly, while two centers were facing obstacles in meeting the requirement for members' milk contributions. ADP/E is working with these centers as well as community elders to resolve this issue in the two communities. Overall, cheese quantity decreased because of low milk production associated with the arrival of winter. Feed for these animals is planned to be distributed to increase milk production to meet market demand.

WOMEN-OWNED NURSERIES: Samarkhil nursery planted saffron on .4 ha of land. As part of the plug-seedling promotion strategy, 59 TIMER farmers and seven from CDF Program paid for plug seedlings, representing an income of \$2,104 for the nurseries. Herb nurseries planted herbs to meet demand for the winter season. **Surkhrud Packing Facility:** During this period, 12,709 kg of vegetables and fruits were packed and processed by Surkhrud Packing facility for Nangarhar Fruits & Vegetables Association. The packed products were shifted to high value markets including Kabul supermarkets, and RA International, a logistics company.



A woman at Sisters' Bakery in Jalalabad City works to bake goods sold on a daily basis in Jalalabad. In the past two weeks, the bakery has recorded profits of \$216

4. Private Sector Development

The Private Sector Development (PSD) unit constitutes one of the major components of ADP/E's efforts to assist entrepreneurs to start up new businesses and expand existing operations. PSD supports entrepreneurs to create bankable business plans, delivers technical and financial management training, builds the capacity of entrepreneurs, facilitates linkages with financial resources, helps establish market linkages for program participants and provides support to business associations in the region. Activities are designed and new projects selected based on considerations of long-term employment opportunities and domestic market product development to reduce reliance on imports.

SUPPORT TO BUSINESSES:

- ADP/E extended its technical assistance with Spinghar Textile Factory located in Markikhil village of Shirzad District by hiring two trainers for them. This is a follow up of the previous five months training where the workers learned installation of the electrical machines, small repairs techniques and weaving designs. The new training will enable the current workers hired as employees by the factory to learn washing, ironing and additional production techniques.
- Basic Management Training for the members of Input Dealers Association that started in the last reporting period continued during this reporting period. It is building the capacity of the association members to better manage their business. The training will end in the next reporting period.
- ADP/E kept on its support to the on-going projects of Dari-Noor carpet weaving, Rodat Textile Project, Markikhil Textile Factory and Seena Dehydration Factory. These projects are moving forward well.

ADP/E facilitated participation of four businesses to attend the Mazar Agricultural Fair from August 29-31 in Mazar-e-Sharif. Contracts were signed between interested buyers with the businessmen sponsored by ADP/E. Businesses that signed contracts with traders to supply their products to the Mazar market included Riaz Packaging and Sena Agriculture Processing Factory as well as carpet business and a fiber manufacturing business.

“I greatly appreciated ADP/E for all its assistance. It was an idea a year ago and now I have a real business on the ground. Fifteen employees work with me now and I am in a position to sustain my business because of the wide range of customers I have found in the result of participation in the exhibitions and as well as the marketing efforts facilitated by ADP/E. It would have been impossible to receive an order from Mazar if I wouldn't have participated in this show.”

- Eng. Ghulam Hussain
Owner, Riaz Packaging Factory

The owner of Riaz Packaging Factory negotiates a contract with a businessman in Mazar-E-Sharif



B. Infrastructure Programs

I. Productive Infrastructure Projects

Productive Infrastructure Projects (PIPs), October 15, 2008

PROJECT	PIP NUMBER	LOCATION	DESIGN % BY DAI	BUILT %	IMPELMENTER	COMMENT
Abizai Bridge (67 m)	PIP- 090101	Mehtarlam, Laghman	100	42%	ALP	AWAITING USAID APPROVAL
Lal Pur Road (12 km)	PIP- 081501	Lal Pur, Nangarhar	100	91.5%	ACC-LBCC JV	DBST completed on 1.4 Km. Asphalt completed on 5.4 Km of the road. Approval for the additional asphalt of 5.2 Km & other works has been requested Repair of Sada Canal Damaged parts has started

ABIZAI BRIDGE (67m): Progress 42% Continued work on Abizai Bridge project.

LALPUR TO GULDAG DBST ROAD (12 km): Progress 91.5% Additional work on this project is awaiting subcontract modification and USAID approval.

Saddah irrigation canal was damaged during construction of the road. The community has requested that ADP/E rehabilitate the canal as soon as possible as it irrigates 4,000 Ha of agricultural land. ADP/E will rehabilitate the Sada irrigation canal from the remaining budget available. The sub-contractor ACC/LBCC started the repair work in this reporting period.



Work progress on Kandi and Ali Akbar Intake Improvement

II. Cash for Work

ADP/E continued working on 22 active CFW projects, employing a total of 1,369 people and generating 13,581 person days during the reporting period*. To date, ADP/E has employed 171,563 people and generated a total of 5.91 million person days worth \$21.39 million in wages paid to villagers.

Projects completed in the reporting period:

KANDI & ALI AKBAR INTAKE AND KARIZ IMPROVEMENT (CFW-081306): The project is located in Shinwar District of Nangarhar Province. The irrigation system was fed from an intake locally constructed on Ghani Khil Wash. It was in poor condition and routinely damaged by floods. The system was designed to irrigate over 800 ha of land serving the farms of about 800 families and flowing through three villages in the district. The main crops grown in this system are wheat, corn, cotton and seasonal vegetables. Under the project, an 85 m long Stone Masonry and RCC intake (weir) structure has been built in addition to an underground water channel.

A total length of 390 meters canal retaining walls/weir wing walls and 350 meters long underground Kariz channel was built. Weir structure will divert sufficient water for irrigation of agricultural lands to the two canals, namely Kandi and Ali Akbar on both sides of the wash. The canals and agricultural lands in the same area will be protected by the canal retaining walls and weir wing walls. Main works for the underground water channel included excavation for structure foundations, construction of stone masonry retaining walls, RCC Weir and masonry.



Completed Kandi and Ali Akbar Intake, Shinwari, Nangarhar

*For accounting purposes, these numbers are from September 16-30, 2008

MORCHAL RAGHA INTAKE & CANAL IMPROVEMENT (ALP-CFW-081103): The project is located in Nazian District of Nangarhar. The irrigation system was fed from an existing intake on the Nazian Wash. For improvement and rehabilitation, the system was designed to irrigate over 600 ha of land serving the farms of about 600 families in five villages. The main crops grown in this system are wheat, corn, cotton and seasonal vegetables.



Retaining wall of Morchal Ragha Intake, Nazain, Nangarhar

The old irrigation system included one intake on the wash which was locally constructed and subjected to routine flood damage. The project has built a 25 m stone masonry intake wall and 11 lengths of canal protection walls to rehabilitate the irrigation headwork. Other works include a wash culvert and other walls.



A flume built under Morchal project

HAFIZAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT (CFW-080609): The project is located in Chaparhar District of Nangarhar Province. The road starts from Chaparhar District main road at Hafizan Village and ends again on Chaparhar main road at Sra Kala village. The road serves a population of approximately 14,000 people and 400 hectares of agricultural land. The old 4 m-wide earth road was not suitable for transportation of local agricultural produce and passenger travel. The main works involved road widening, laying compacted fill and gravel surfacing. Built structures include 42 culverts, seven causeways and eight retaining walls. The total length of the improved road was 16km.



A view of completed Hafizan Road, Chaprehar, Nangarhar

A handover ceremony of the completed road was held on the invitation from the local community. On this occasion, elders of the benefiting community spoke about the high quality of work.



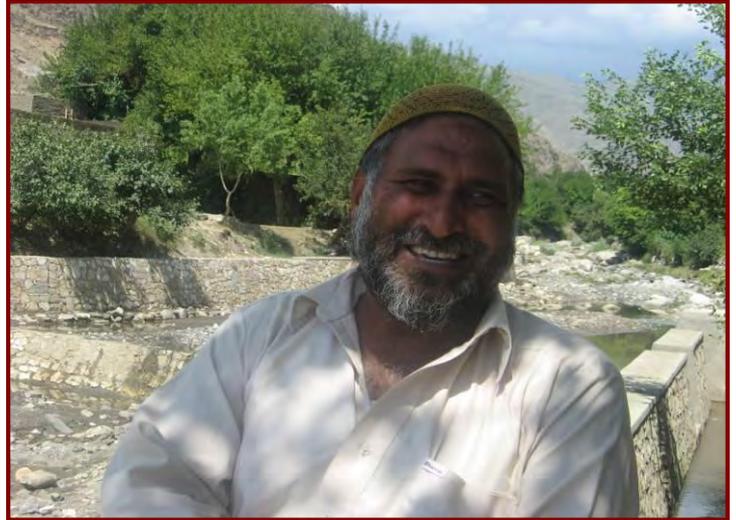
Local elders participate in opening of Hafizan Road

ZANGALIAN & KAMAR JRANDA INTAKE IMPROVEMENT (CFW-101407): The project is located in Noorgal District of Kunar Province. The irrigation system was fed from a traditionally built intake on Mazar Valley Wash. It was in poor condition and routinely damaged by floods. The new system under the project was designed to irrigate over 300 ha of land serving the farms of about 800 families.

The structures built under the project are: a stone masonry and RCC intake (weir) structure with a diversion gate and a total length of 184 meters canal retaining walls. Weir structure provides sufficient water to the cultivable lands and to the local flour mill. Houses are also protected by construction of retaining walls. The main works involved excavation for structure foundations, construction of stone masonry retaining walls and RCC weir and apron.

“The quality of the work is so good that whoever visits the site praises the workmanship. Once when the provincial governor was visiting a project here he said, ‘I have been in this business of construction for a very long time. I have seen hundreds of works but never seen such a refined work. Oh People! Kiss the hands of those who have built such a nice structure for you.’ From one side this project helped us to irrigate our 1500 jerib land, from other side the project provided hundreds of job opportunities for the local community and all workers got their wages on time.”

*--Ahmad Shah
Head, local Shura, Noorgal*



Ahmad Shah, Head of the local Shura of Norgal District, Kunar



A view of the completed Zangalian and Kamar Jranda Intake, Noorgal

SOON TO BE COMPLETED PROJECTS:

1. CFW-080904, Hisar Shahi to Mazina Road Improvement, Rodat District, Nangarhar
2. CFW-101308, Chawkay Gorboz Canal Intake Improvement

SECURITY:

The security situation, while deteriorating, remained conducive for work during this period. The field engineers continued visiting all of the ongoing projects while security section closely monitored available information. Mangwal project was stopped for two weeks due to security concerns and the work is resumed now. Other areas were calm and work progressed without any interruption.

CASH FOR WORK PROJECTS BY PROVINCE

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CODE	IMPLEMENTED Oct. 1-15, 2008	IMPLEMENTED Oct. 16-31, 2008	REMARKS
Nangarhar (Roads)				
Surkhrod Village Roads Improvisent	CFW-80212	70%	75%	ACTIVE
Hafizan Road Improvement	CFW-80609	96%	100	ACTIVE
Torabad to Khogai Road Improvement	CFW-80704	60%	70%	ACTIVE
Panakzi Road Improvement	CFW-080705	11%	15%	ACTIVE
Hisarshahi to Mazina Road Improvement	CFW-080904	88%	96%	ACTIVE
Pekha Road Improvement	CFW-081005	90%	92%	ACTIVE
Sarband to Ragha Road Improvement	CFW-081607	66%	71%	ACTIVE
Mashwani Road Improvement	CFW-081706	80%	82%	ACTIVE
Nangarhar(Non Road)				
Remodelling of Shashapoor Causeway	CFW-080211	72%	75%	ACTIVE
Markikhil Micro-Hydro Power Plant	CFW-080409	92%	92%	ACTIVE
Morchal Ragha Intake and Canal Improvement	CFW-081103	99.5%	100%	ACTIVE
Yonus Tangi pipe Scheme	CFW-081104	6%		Suspended
Kandi and Aliakbar Intake	CFW-081306	97%	100%	ACTIVE
Lateral Canal 26 Repair	CFW-081307	75%	80%	ACTIVE
Janshigal Pipe Scheme	CFW-082001	15%	15%	Stopped
Lagharjo Pipe Scheme	CFW-082106	0	4%	
Laghman (Road)				
Abezai Road mprovement	CFW-090124	0	5%	
Laghman (Non Road)				
Laghman Whole Sale Market	CFW-090123	46%	54%	ACTIVE
Abezai Bridge Erosion Protection Works	CFW-090125	0	5%	
Abezai Bridge Completion works	CFW-090126	0	8%	
Kanda Pipe Scheme	CFW-090308	13%	13%	SUSPENDED
Kunar (Road)				
Kunar (Non Road)				
Chowkay Gorboz Canal Intake	CFW-101308	94%	98%	ACTIVE
Zangalian & Kamar Jranda Canal Intakes	CFW-101407	99%	100%	ACTIVE
Mangwal Pipe Scheme	CFW-101509	90%	92%	ACTIVE
Nuristan (Road)				
Paroon-Pronce gravel road	CFW-300101	35%	35%	Suspended
Malil Road Project	CFW-300802	99.9	99.9%	ACTIVE

III. Required Performance Data

ANNEX I. ADP/E ACTIVITY LEVEL INDICATORS¹

Indicator	Added (Biweekly)		Target (LOP)	Total LOP (To date)	Target (FY 08)	By province (To date)				By Gender (To date)	
						Nangarhar	Laghman	Kunar	Nuristan	Male	Female
Total Km irrigation and drainage canals and karezes ADP # km	Previous	0.3	2,631	2723	2,631	2,470.26	151.75	100.45	-		
	Current	0.2+				0.10	-	0.10	-		
	Total	0.5				2,470.36	151.75	100.55	-		
ADP Km. of rural roads repaired in poppy regions # km	Previous	6.8	548	637.8	548	524.73	37.39	56.20	13.80		
	Current	5.6+				5.65	-	-	-		
	Total	12.5				530.38	37.39	56.20	13.80		
ADP/E Hectares of improved irrigation as a result of ADP infrastructure works # hec	Previous	-	137,060	135332	137,060	122,893	7,070	5,369	-		
	Current	-				-	-	-	-		
	Total	-				122,893	7,070	5,369	-		
ADP/E Amount paid in CFW in ADP programs USD (\$)	Previous	77,998	20,592,363	21394143	20,592,363	16,765,146	3,014,159	1,135,810	419,538	19,436,614	1,898,040
	Current	59,488 *				53,619	840	5,029	-	59,488	0
	Total	137,486				16,818,766	3,014,999	1,140,839	419,538	19,496,102	1,898,040
ADP/E Afghans paid through CFW salaries #	Previous	-	174,000	171563 ²	174,000	155,590	11,463	3,281	791	149,540	21,585
	Current	438 *				326	88	24	-	432	6
	Total	438				155,916	11,551	3,305	791	149,972	21,591
ADP/E Total labor days for CFW #	Previous	107,095	5,767,708	5909822	5,767,708	4,656,638	857,340	273,765	108,498	5,345,899	550,342
	Current	13,581 *				12,324	155	1,102	-	13,581	-
	Total	120,676				4,668,962	857,495	274,867	108,498	5,359,480	550,342
Afghans trained in business skills #	Previous	16	7,000	8366	7,000	6,140	1,481	723	22	3,767	4,599
	Current	-				-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	16				6,140	1,481	723	22	3,767	4,599
Farmers trained in agricultural practices in targeted poppy provinces under ADP #	Previous	-	120,000	118719	120,000	68,646	30,370	19,477	11	114,669	3,835
	Current	215				75	-	140	-	215	-
	Total	215				68,721	30,370	19,617	11	114,884	3,835
Farmers receiving seed and fertilizer #	Previous	25,000	177,961	242930	177,961	141,723	53,393	43,814	4,000	242,930	-
	Current	-				-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	25,000				141,723	53,393	43,814	4,000	242,930	-

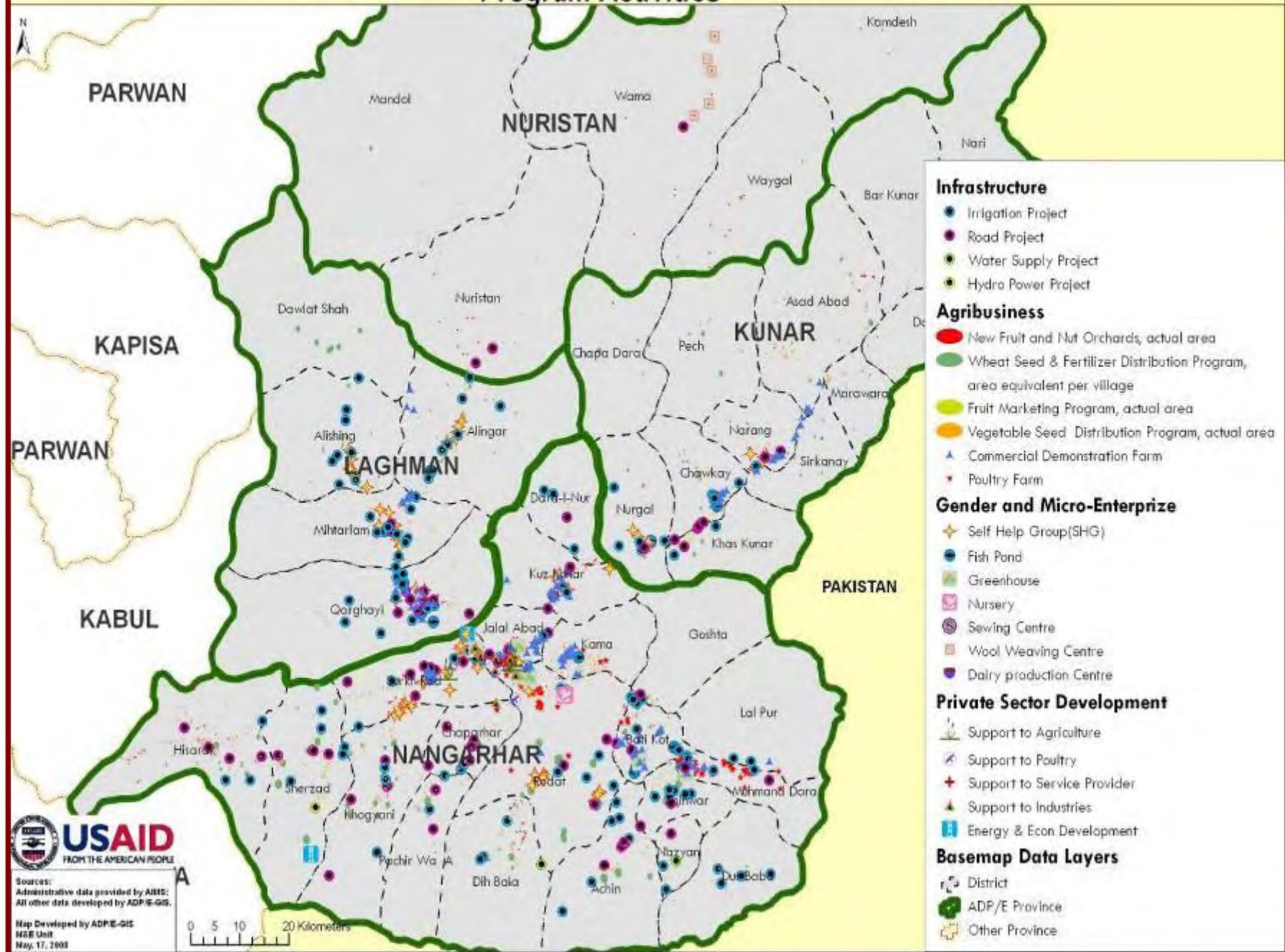
¹ The table shows aggregated figures of both ADP and AINP project

² This figure is a sum of "top number" of persons worked on all CFW projects

+ This is an estimate based on percentage completed.

* For accounting purposes, this period is September 16-30, 2008

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