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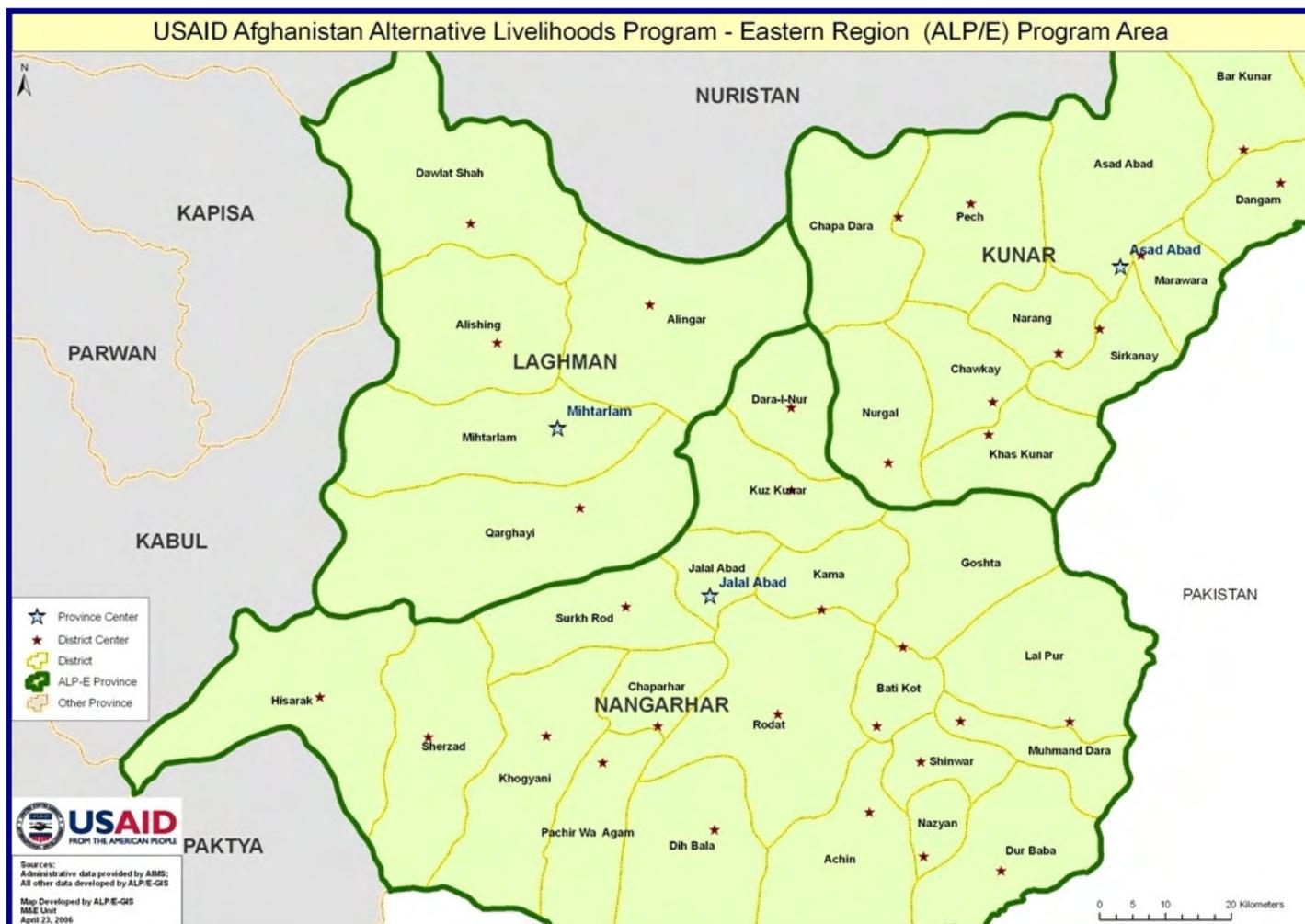
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## COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

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AFC	Afghanistan Finance Company
AIB	Afghanistan International Bank
AICC	Afghanistan International Chamber of Commerce
AINP	Afghanistan Immediate Needs Program
AL	Alternative Livelihoods
ALP	Alternative Livelihoods Program
ALP/E	Alternative Livelihoods Program-Eastern Region
AMPS	Agricultural Marketing and Production Support
ANSO	Afghanistan NGO Safety Office
AVRDC	Asian Vegetable Research and Development Center
BCI	Business Capacity Index
BRAC	Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee
CDCs	Community Development Councils
CFW	Cash for Work
CIPE	Center for International Private Enterprise
CN	Counter-narcotics
CNFA	Citizen's Network for Foreign Affairs
COP	Chief of Party
DAI	Development Alternatives Incorporated
DCOP	Deputy Chief of Party
DWC	Development Works Canada
ER-BDC	Eastern Region – Business Development Center
FAO	UN Food and Agriculture Organization
GOA	Government of Afghanistan
GMED	Gender Micro-Enterprise Development Coordinator
HMM	Hatch Mott MacDonald
HDTC	Handcraft Design and Training Center
IAN	Industrial Association of Nangarhar
ICARDA	International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas
IF	Implementation Fund
IFDC	International Fertilizer Development Corporation
IPs	Implementing Partners
IQC	Indefinite Quantities Contract
IT	Information Technology
IQC	Indefinite Quantity Contract
IWM	Integrated Watershed Management
MADERA	Mission d'Aide au Développement des Economies Rurales en Afghanistan
MAF	Ministry of Agriculture and Food
MFIs	Micro Finance Institutions
MISFA	Microfinance Investment Support Facility for Afghanistan
MRRD	Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development
MPW	Ministry of Public Works
MWIRE	Ministry of Water and Irrigation Resources
NGO	Non-government Organization
NRM	Natural Resources Management
NSP	National Solidarity Program
NVDA	Nangarhar Valley Development Authority
OTF	On the Frontiers
PCB	Provincial Coordinating Body

PDC	Provincial Development Council
PMP	Performance Management Plan
PRA	Participatory Rapid Appraisal
PRT	Provincial Reconstruction Team
PSD	Private Sector Development
RAMP	Rebuilding Agricultural Markets Program
RI	Relief International
RFP	Request for Proposal
RSSA	Reconstruction and Social Services for Afghanistan
SME	Small and Medium Enterprise
STTA	Short-term Technical Assistance
TWG	Technical Working Group
TOT	Training of Trainer
UNDSS	United Nations Department of Safety and Security
USG	United States Government
VFU	Veterinary Field Unit

# 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This quarterly report summarizes progress made by ALP/E from January 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006. This period exhibited significant advancement of many diverse ALP/E activities, with program implementation surging due to the groundwork achieved in the preceding quarters. The integration of many of the activities between technical units also contributed to exceptional progress on many fronts.

There were significant changes in personnel during the quarter. Mr. Al Merkel completed his assignment as USAID Cognizant Technical Officer for ALP/E on March 31, 2006 and is replaced by Mr. Brian Bacon in that role. Mr. Bacon is posted to the PRT in Jalalabad.

After guiding ALP/Es startup and ably directing its programmatic structure and initial implementation activities, Mr. Chris Seeley resigned his position as Chief of Party on March 12, 2006, for personal reasons. Mr. Gerald Becker is the Acting COP until the replacement is installed. DAI will soon propose a strong candidate, Mr. Jonathan Greenham, as the new COP, with possible deployment at the end of April.

Mr. Juan Estrada, who had performed a Perennial Horticulture sub-sector assessment for ALP/E, was approved as the DCOP/Agribusiness Manager in March 2006.

Mr. Stuart Paton, the Financial Services Manager (a Key Personnel position), left the project in late January, 2006. Due to changes in the technical approach to credit and financial services, this position was no longer required. Subsequent technical assistance and management oversight in the financial sector will be handled by ALP/E's core technical team. They will work closely with the imminent USAID LWA initiative to provide the needed financial assistance to the region.

The security situation in the Eastern Region remained relatively tense with a number of incidents reported. Security remained a constraining factor for ALP/E.

For an overall view of the location of the ALP/E activities, please refer to Annex I—ALP/E Program Activities Map.

Highlights of achievements during the quarter are:

- Having successfully distributed inputs (seeds and fertilizers) to 92,956 farmers for planting on 10,000 hectares, the Agricultural Marketing and Production Support (AMPS) program, implemented by ALP/E in collaboration with the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Nangarhar conducted a Training of Trainers (TOTs) program for 583 progressive farmers and extension agents, who are in turn training the 92,956 farmers from 12 districts of Nangarhar, 2 districts of Laghman, and 6 districts of Kunar provinces.
- The Eastern Region Orchards Development Project, with IFHope as the implementing partner, supplied quality saplings for the planting of 1,526 hectares of fruit orchards, benefiting 2,156 farmers in 11 districts.
- In Coordination with FAO and the Provincial Department of Agriculture, ALP/E facilitated a two day avian influenza detection and outbreak management workshop, in which 70 veterinary care workers were trained on surveillance, biosafety and depopulation procedures.
- The perennial horticulture sub-sector assessment was completed during the quarter; separate sector assessments on poultry and livestock were also completed, and are near final draft.

- The preliminary work for establishing the Eastern Region—Business Development Center was completed, including creating a business plan, leasing the building in Jalalabad, selecting an Advisory Committee, electing a Board of Directors, and recruiting staff for the BDC. It is scheduled for inauguration by the Governor of Nangarhar on April 4, 2006.
- ALP/E successfully organized an investment promotion event that will be conducted on April 5, 2006, with 50 interested potential investors scheduled to attend.
- Finalized sub-sector assessment reports for carpets, handcrafts, and edible oils
- The Environmental Management System created by ALP/E was accepted by USAID and established, through a Technical Directive, as the system to be used by all the ALPs as the standard for environmental compliance.
- A comprehensive design of the Kama main road, starting from the Kama Bridge to the district center, including a double bitumen surface treatment (DBST) was completed. Tendering will soon begin for this major infrastructure project.
- Inventory reports have been prepared for 21 road/bridge projects and nine irrigation/flood protection projects, which will be implemented via contractors. Inventory documents were submitted to USAID for approval.
- Seven Cash for Work projects were completed during this quarter, and work continued on thirty projects in Laghman, Nangarhar, and Kunar provinces. The daily employment rate was 7,283 workers per day during the reporting period, and 10,728 individual laborers have been employed from June 2005 through March 31, 2006. Total employment days recorded this period were 231,640 and the cumulative total reached 401,481 employment days from June 2005 through March, 31, 2006.
- The innovative cobblestone road construction began on two roads, the Daronta Bypass District Road in Qargai District, Laghman Province, and the Shamshapore Village Road in Surkrod District, Nangarhar Province.
- Preparation of the Scoping Study Report for the Goshta/Lalpoor bridge sites by short-term consultants is in progress and will be completed during the next reporting period. Based on the results of the Scoping Study, USAID and ALP/E will determine whether to proceed with the feasibility study of a selected site.
- The Gender and Microenterprise Unit successfully held the first Nangarhar Women's Issues Working Group with representatives from the Afghan Government, USAID, NGOs, and UN agencies.
- The total number of women trained in business by ALP/E reached 1,342 in 82 Self Help Groups during the quarter.
- ALP/E completed the formation of 32 Self Help Groups (SHGs) in Laghman which included 500 women, who will begin their vocational training in April 2006.
- The Performance Monitoring Plan was revised and new additions were made with SO2 and SO5 indicators to cover the distribution of licit and illicit crops in the Eastern Region. The final draft version was submitted in March to USAID for consideration.
- ALP/E continued to improve its spatial planning capabilities through training of staff, and generated several useful maps, including district level security risk map, NRM Priority forestry nurseries map, CFW, and other infrastructure maps.

# 2. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## 2.1. ALP/E BACKGROUND

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) awarded the Alternative Livelihoods Program–East (ALP/E) contract to Development Alternatives Inc. (DAI) on February 15, 2005, under MOBIS Task Order No: 306-M-00-00515-00, Contract Number: GS-10F-0359M. The contract has an initial value of \$108.386 million, and is scheduled to run until February 15, 2009. Current obligated funding stands at \$ 35.3 million. The core DAI team comprises DAI, Bearing Point (BP), Hatch Mott MacDonald (HMM), Relief International (RI), and Social Impact (SI).

### **ALP/E's Mission Statement**

The overall objective of ALP-E is to accelerate broad-based, sustainable regional economic development in the Eastern Region, providing the population with licit livelihood options, and contributing to the elimination of poppy production as an economic element. This will be 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.

Contractually, the Alternative Livelihoods Program–Eastern Region has two overall strategic objectives. These are: licit crop production and business activity expanded in Eastern Region Provinces; and unemployment and poverty reduced in Eastern Region Provinces. ALP/E activities will fully support the USAID/Afghanistan Strategic Plan 2005-2010, directly contributing to success in Strategic Objective No.5 (a thriving licit economy led by the private sector).

## 2.2. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY AND LIFE OF PROJECT WORK PLAN

A USAID Technical Directive of September 24, 2005 approved ALP/E's Implementation Strategy and Life of Project Work Plan, stipulating some areas of refinement to be addressed in the subsequent revision of the ALP/E Annual Work Plan. The ALP/E Annual Work Plan (AWP), covering the period of October 2005 through the end of June 2006 was then prepared and approved on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

To accomplish the strategic objectives as described in the previous section, ALP/E's Strategy and LOP Work Plan is based on a platform of core values and guiding principles. These can be summarized as:

1. **BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION**
2. **DRIVE THE ECONOMY WHILE ACHIEVING SOCIAL INCLUSION**
3. **STAY MARKET DRIVEN AND VALUE CHAIN FOCUSED**
4. **INTEGRATE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**
5. **EMPHASIZE SUSTAINABILITY AND LOCAL CAPACITY MAINTAIN CLEAR LINKAGES TO POPPY ELIMINATION**
6. **COLLABORATE AND COORDINATE WITH GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES, OTHER USAID CONTRACTORS AND GRANTEES AND OTHER DONORS**
7. **STRIVE FOR GENDER EQUITY**

To better target program strategies and activities, ALP/E has broken down the project area into zones. These zones are: Urban/Market centers; Core areas; Transition areas; and Fringe areas. ALP/E activities will be adapted to provide appropriate support based on the characteristics of each zone.

ALP/E has identified nine foundation activities, each of which is either linked to or reinforced by the others. These consist of: Markets, Inputs, Technology, Business Services, Natural Resources, Policy, Infrastructure, Institutional Capacity, and Opportunities for Women.

Additionally, ALP/E will target 6 key sub-sectors (4 agricultural and 2 non-agricultural) that have the greatest potential for building “clusters” of linked businesses, production expansion, increased incomes, employment generation and capturing the bulk of the value chain benefits within the region. These sub-sectors have been identified as: Perennial horticulture (fruits and nuts); annual horticulture (vegetables); livestock and poultry; processed wheat, rice and maize; carpets; and marble.

## **2.3. PROVINCIAL COVERAGE**

ALP/E is active in three provinces of the Eastern Region – Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunar. The project has established good working relationships with the primary stakeholders of all three areas and has a regular dialogue with government officials and private institutions. These efforts include good working relationships with the provincial Technical Working Groups (TWG), the Provincial Development Councils (PDC) and local Shuras. While ALP/E does not have a mandate to cover all the districts in a province, the program will strive to have a positive impact in as many as possible. Work will be concentrated in the districts whose development needs coincide with the established project work plan and which are considered strategically important from an economic viewpoint.

Staff security also plays a role in district coverage, and this has limited ALP/E’s activities in certain areas. Specifically, the deteriorating security situation due to an upsurge in insurgent activity has limited work in the border districts of Nangarhar (Sherzad, Khogyani, Pachir Wa Agam, Dih Bala, Achin, Dur Baba) and the northernmost district of Laghman (Dawlat Shah). Work has been slowed occasionally in the Alingar and Alishing districts of Laghman due to episodic violence, and movement in Kunar is restricted to national staff operating in the lowest profile manner possible.

# 3. QUARTERLY RESULTS

This section presents the progress of ALP/E technical units as presented in the ALP/E Implementation Strategy and Life of Project Work Plan. The principal activities for the quarter for each technical unit are described, followed by upcoming activities for the next reporting period.

## 3.1. AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

The role of the Agribusiness Development Section is to foster the expansion of licit crop production, marketing and agro-processing activities in the Eastern Region. This is achieved through a market driven, value chain approach based on: a) identification of crops with market potential, b) enhancement of coordination among the different actors in the value chain, ensuring that crop production technologies (including crop and varietal selection), post harvest management and grading respond to specific market demand, and c) introduction of support systems to address specific constraints in the supply chains.

### AGRICULTURE MARKETING AND PRODUCTION SUPPORT (AMPS) PROGRAM

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Following the same approach, the Agribusiness Unit is identifying production clusters for fruit crops, including the establishment of village-level marketing committees and collection centers. ALP/E will then design training modules in crop production, post-harvest handling, and marketing and will provide technical assistance linking farmer groups to markets. *For a complete list of inputs and farmers, please refer to the Annex-iv.*



The Provincial Director of Agriculture addresses the audience at the AMPS training opening ceremony

## **EASTERN REGION ORCHARDS DEVELOPMENT (ERODP)**

On February 12, 2006, ALP/E in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture, USAID, and implementing partner IF Hope, launched the Eastern Region Orchard Development Project (ERODP) in Behsud. The ceremony initiated an aggressive attempt to revitalize the regional fruit and nut industry through the establishment of over 5,000 new fruit and nut orchards on more than 3,000 hectares of land totaling over 950,000 fruit and nut trees. Additional activities continued effectively on ERODP throughout the Eastern Region. Though the early onset of spring resulted in a slight downward adjustment of the initial target of 1,757 hectares for the current planting season ending in March 2006. All beneficiaries of the program have signed a no-poppy agreement as a prerequisite for participation. During the reporting period, IF Hope planted 1,526 hectares of fruit orchards, benefiting 2,156 farmers in 11 districts.

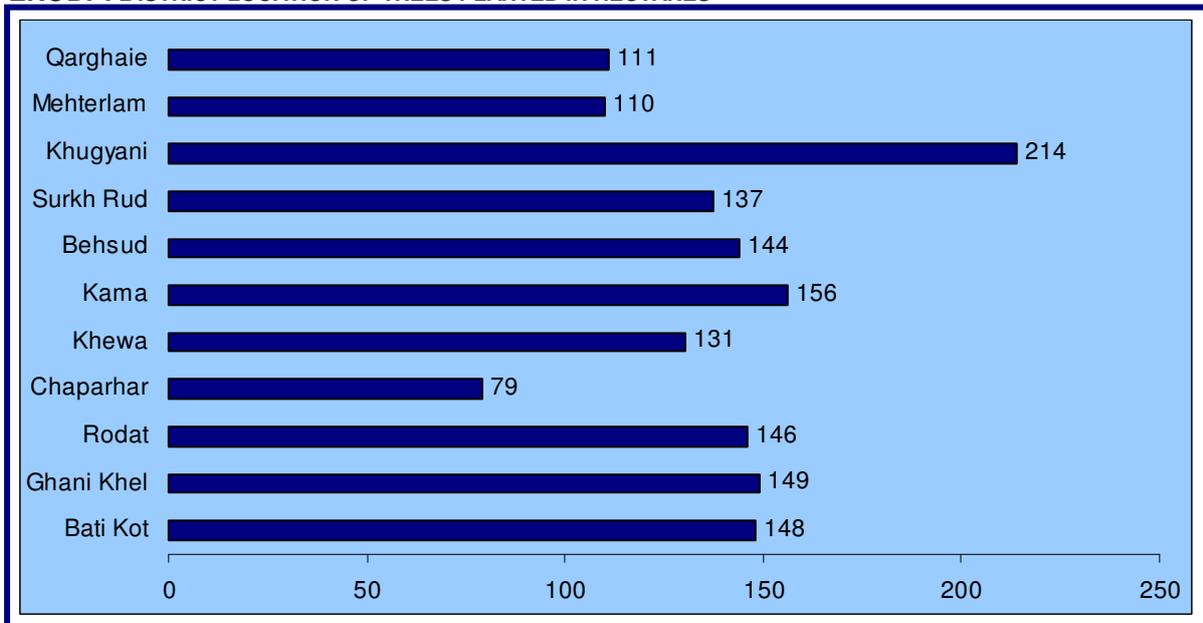
The Eastern Region Orchards Development Project aims to:

- 1) Provide 20,000 training days of extension services
- 2) Establish a producers association
- 3) Establish four demonstration farms, including two hectares of model irrigation per farm
- 4) Establish 3,000 hectares of fruit and nut orchards in eleven districts
- 5) Employ 5,000 farmers for 542,000 man days
- 6) Provide capacity building for the Ag-Department



**Betsy Marcotte, DAI's Group Vice-President, Agriculture and Natural Resources breaking ground at the ALP/E Orchards Development Ceremony in Nangarhar**

**ERODP: DISTRICT LOCATION OF TREES PLANTED IN HECTARES**



## OLIVE PRUNING PROJECT

During this quarter, ALP/E completed the Nangarhar Valley Development Authority (NVDA) Olive Pruning Project. As a result of this project, 526 hectares of olive groves will be brought back into production, resulting in over 1,200 MT of incremental olive output for the 2006-07 season. The project was completed in 20 days generating employment equivalent to 25,000 labor days for 1,250 local farmers. Concurrently with the orchard rehabilitation activities, ALP/E facilitated the laboratory testing of olive oil, and is currently assisting NVDA in the identification of potential buyers for 40MT of edible oil in stock.

**NVDA Pruning Project: Area Pruned and People Employed**

Farm	Areas Pruned in Ha	People Employed for Pruning
Farm No: 1	169	379
Farm No: 2	188	410
Farm No: 3	42	183
Farm No: 4	127	307
<b>Total</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>1,250</b>



**ALP/E Agribusiness Unit staff providing technical assistance in the preparation of olive cuttings— from pruning activities--for plant propagation**

## AVIAN INFLUENZA DETECTION AND OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

In Coordination with FAO and the Provincial Department of Agriculture, ALP/E facilitated a two day training of trainers (ToT) for 70 veterinary care workers on surveillance, biosafety and depopulation procedures. The training aimed to: 1) equip personnel in charge of veterinary field units (VFUs) with basic knowledge about the etiology of the disease, clinical diagnosis, as well as measures for prevention and control, 2) streamline surveillance, quarantine and notification procedures, and 3) involve VFU personnel in an awareness campaign in the rural areas. Participants included 70 veterinary care workers (including veterinarians, para-veterinarians, and livestock specialists) in charge of 35 VFUs, who are at the forefront of the surveillance system, as well as 10 participants from the NGO community. The training course concluded with a final examination in which all 70 participants passed with scores exceeding 75 percent. After the successful completion of the training, participants were provided with protective clothing and accessories, pressure sprayers, disinfectants and awareness materials, in addition to logistical support for the delivery of a minimum of two training courses in their districts. This activity constitutes part of a broader initiative in support of the development of the poultry industry, by enabling government extension workers to provide adequate technical backstopping and rapid biosafety responses. The event was extensively covered by written media, TV and radio.



A view of the regional training course organized by ALP/E on Avian Influenza, Detection and Outbreak Management

*“I did study Avian Flu in University, but had never heard that this would affect human beings as well. The ALP/E technical assistance on Avian Flu provided me with guidelines on how to cope with this epidemic disease”.*

Dr. Haykal, a participant in ALP/E Avian Flu training



A sample of posters distributed to trainers as part of the avian influenza training

## RESEARCH

Work significantly progressed on the ICARDA project proposal for adaptive research, demonstration plots, and village seed enterprises. The project aims to increase agricultural productivity, increase farmers' incomes, reduce poverty and sustain food security by setting up a sustainable community-based seed supply system. The proposed project will implement these technical initiatives into all three ALP/E provinces, increase yields of staple crops by a minimum of 35%, provide 1,890 on-farm demonstrations in 17 districts, provide access to new technologies for 100,000 farmers through 204 field days, establish 12 VBSEs, and begin the institutional consolidation of seed producers through associations. The project takes a participatory and community based approach, in line with USAID's priorities for rehabilitating agriculture in the eastern region.

## SUB-SECTOR ASSESSMENT

**1) Poultry:** The sub-sector assessment for poultry was finalized during the quarter, and identified key elements on which to build ALP/E's implementation strategy in support of poultry production in the Eastern Region.

**2) Livestock:** The livestock sub-sector assessment was near finalization during the reporting period. The assessment will provide crucial insight of the livestock regional industry, which will inform project interventions in support of commercial livestock production.

**3) Perennial Horticulture:** The overview and implementation strategy for the Perennial Horticulture sub-sector was completed and submitted to USAID. The document presented an overview of the fruit and nut sub-sector in the Eastern Region, with three fundamental objectives: a) Identifying the crops with the greatest potential in terms of market prospects, production possibilities- based on current production patterns- and farmers' preferences, b) identifying key factors currently limiting the growth of the sub-sector, and c) developing an implementation strategy for ALP/E that capitalizes on existing opportunities, while effectively addressing production and market constraints.

## Upcoming Activities

**ERODP:** ALP/E, in collaboration with IF Hope is conducting a survey of all beneficiaries to "map" all orchards established under the program, as well as to measure the performance of the subcontractor. The GIS database will be available by the end of April 2006. ALP/E will further support the growth of the perennial horticulture sub-sector through a two-pronged approach: a) by facilitating the rehabilitation of existing fruit orchards and building the capacity of farmers to increase productivity, market efficiency and profitability, and b) by establishing an additional 3,000 hectares of orchards of fruit and nuts with proven market potential, in collaboration with other implementing partners.

**AMPS:** During the spring of 2006, the AMPS Program is providing inputs, technical assistance and market access to 93,000 farmers, through the provision of agricultural inputs, training, technical assistance and facilitation of market linkages. The program, initially scheduled to conclude in June 2006 will be extended to cover the summer season. During the summer phase, ALP/E will target a smaller number of beneficiaries with greater possibilities of success, prioritizing current participants in the orchard program, to help participating households to secure additional income streams. The summer program will also incorporate pilot export initiatives.

**PROMOTION OF POULTRY PRODUCTION, INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT FOR MARKET DEVELOPMENT:** ALP/E is currently seeking USAID approval to subcontract the services of

Relief International to support the growth of the poultry sub-sector, by implementing three main activities: a) provision of technical and financial support for the establishment of 100 commercial-scale poultry operations, b) provision of institutional development support for the establishment of a regional poultry producers association; membership will include some 80 current poultry producers, in addition to the 100 to be supported by the program, and c) provision of institutional development support to five agricultural production and marketing centers located in Nangarhar province, which constitute an important asset for the development of rural marketing systems.

**SUPPORT TO STAPLE CROP PRODUCTION:** ALP/E is currently subcontracting the services of the International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA) to support the development of staple crop (wheat, rice, mungbean and potato) production, following the degeneration of the national seed stock and the demise of rural seed systems. ICARDA will support staple crop production through: a) adaptive research to identify varieties adaptable to the Afghan--agro-ecological and market—environment, b) transferring modern crop management technologies, and c) facilitating the establishment of village-based seed enterprises to fill the gap derived from the absence of private sector investments in seed production.

**MARKET INFORMATION SYSTEM- IN COLLABORATION WITH EASTERN REGION-BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER:** Recognizing the crucial role of market information for the development of the agricultural markets, ALP/E, in collaboration with the Eastern Region-Business Development Center will launch a comprehensive market information system (MIS) to: a) support the regional extension system and fill the current gap in the provision of technical services, through effective dissemination of technical and *practical* knowledge, b) facilitate the development of competitive agricultural markets by providing timely agricultural market information, thereby incorporating the concept of price discovery, c) contribute to agro-industrial development through the provision of reliable production forecasts, price trends and other relevant production and quality data, and d) provide central and provincial governments with a reliable basis for the enactment of sound agricultural and trade policies. The system will include collection, analysis and dissemination of commodity prices at different levels of the chain and crop estimates. Dissemination efforts will include several media (radio, newsletters, SMS and special reports) targeting a diverse audience, and will integrate an interactive agricultural extension system.

**AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SUPPORT SERVICES:** Building on the success of AMPS, ALP/E will continue to build the capacity of the network of progressive farmers in support of the regional extension system. Progressive farmers will be trained to provide technical assistance to their communities and assist in the collection of market information. This network of local leaders—elected by their communities—will be at the frontline of an aggressive technology dissemination campaign for crop and livestock production. As an exit strategy, progressive farmers will be provided with a basic kit containing pesticides and veterinary medicines to transform themselves into commercial providers of technical assistance.

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT IN MANAGING AVIAN INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC:** Laghman and Nangarhar were among the first provinces affected by Avian Influenza in Afghanistan. The arrival of the virus found local authorities and especially personnel of the veterinary field units (VFUs) unprepared to identify and manage outbreaks. Considering that the project's implementation strategy in support of the livestock and poultry sub-sectors incorporates the provision of technical support to staff of the Ministry of Agriculture, as well as the urgency to identify and isolate possible outbreaks, ALP/E conducted a two-day training for professional staff of the VFUs, providing them with basic protective and disinfection equipment. The project will continue to collaborate with governmental and international organizations to ensure the proper management of the epidemic, and hence the development of the poultry sub-sector. In addition to contingency support, ALP/E will commission the design of a post-epidemic sub-sector development strategy, which will constitute a step-by-step guide for repopulation, enhanced biosafety and surveillance mechanisms.

**AGRICULTURAL TRADE FAIR.** Recognizing the need to facilitate the interaction between groups of small farmers, commercial fruit, vegetable and livestock producers, and food wholesalers and retailers; ALP/E, will sponsor the JALALABAD 2006, Agricultural Trade Fair. This is an unprecedented effort to exhibit the region's agricultural products and attract potential buyers from major urban centers in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

## **3.2. PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

The ALP/E recognizes the importance of the private sector to act as the engine of economic growth in the Eastern Region. The Private Sector Development (PSD) component has taken the lead in creating an enabling environment for the investors and hence promoting business development in the region. The PSD Unit focused efforts on establishing the Eastern Region-Business Development Center (ER-BDC), initiated investment promotion, brought together business support organizations, and promoted business activities in the region.

### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

The Private Sector Development Unit focused its efforts on establishing the Eastern Region-Business Development Center (ER-BDC). Ongoing efforts included meetings with the proposed partners, stakeholders, local SMEs and the local private business development services providers to develop a strategy for the start up and ongoing operations of the ER-BDC. The limited supply of business service providers in the Eastern Region has created a substantial demand and potential market for the services and training courses the ER-BDC will offer. In addition, the ER-BDC council has been identified and will be responsible for supervising all operational and organizational activities of the ER-BDC, as well as undertaking some of the special projects for Business Development in the Eastern Region. The PSD Unit organized several meetings with partner organization including the Nangarhar Industrial Association (NIA), Afghanistan International Chamber of Commerce (AICC), Afghanistan Investment Support Agency (AISA), Afghanistan Finance Company (AFC), and Afghanistan Women's Business Association (AWBA), to support ongoing efforts in promoting business in the region. The preliminary work for establishing the ER-BDC was completed, including creating a business plan, leasing the building in Jalalabad, selecting an Advisory Committee, electing a Board of Directors, recruiting staff for BDC that includes; BDC Director,

**There are approximately 5,400 registered businesses in Nangarhar, 300 in Kunar, and 200 small and large micro enterprises in Laghman province. The Eastern-Region Business Development Center offers these services to stimulate the growth of businesses in the region:**

- **Information and communication services, including low-cost access to international phone services**
- **Market research and feasibility studies**
- **Business assessment and counseling services**
- **Marketing support and trade facilitation**
- **Training services**
- **Financial advisory services**
- **Assistance with business registration and licensing**
- **Networking opportunities**

Information and Research Specialist, Admin/Finance Officer, ongoing training and management, as well as defining the scopes of work for staff, the Board of Directors, and the Advisory Committee. The Governor of Nangarhar will inaugurate the ER-BDC on April 4, 2006.



**Business Development Center Advisory Committee Selection Meeting in Nangarhar**

## **SUB-SECTOR ASSESSMENT**

The dairy sub-sector assessment/market assessment was completed by Land o' Lakes during the quarter. The assessment focused on exploring market opportunities for dairy products, a comprehensive view of the entire value chain, and identification of needed support to the sub-sector, utilization of business service provision in developing SMEs, and particular attention to developing dairy processing businesses in the Eastern Region. As a result of this assessment, ALP/E- PSD explored support areas for profitable and sustainable milk processing facilities in the Eastern Region that can provide employment, markets for raw milk to farmers, and nutritious dairy products to the people of the Eastern Region.



**Government and Communities participation in ALP/E Dairy sub sector assessment**

## INVESTMENT PROMOTION INITIATIVES

The ALP/E PSD Unit successfully organized an investment promotion event that will be conducted on April 5, 2006, with 50 interested potential investors scheduled to attend. Parallel to this event, an investment promotion program was also organized as part of the ER-BDC start-up activities in the region. Representatives of organizations seeking and supplying financing will brief the business community about their activities and services in the region.

The PSD Unit also performed the following significant activities during the quarter:

- Met with investors as part of potential investment in vegetable and fruit drying, nuts products, textile business, flour milling, edible oil, cotton and cotton seed refining, tomato paste and ketchup, dairy, carpet cutting and washing center, and popcorn and pop rice factories.
- Met with SAFI Garments manufacturers in Kabul to discuss the possibility of establishing a uniform factory in Nangarhar. As an OPIC funded organization, SAFI Garments are interested in establishing two uniform factories in Afghanistan. Their management requested ALP/E to collaborate in the proposed factory in Nangarhar Province. The PSD Unit has acquired a detailed proposal listing their requirements and is considering possible areas for collaboration and support.
- To attract more investors, the PSD Unit organized a joint meeting with Land o' Lakes (LoL) and CNFA in Kabul to discuss the establishment of dairy processing plants in the Eastern Region. Under ALP/E guidance, LoL will work on the business plan submitted by a potential investor for the dairy plant in Nangarhar and will also field consultants to undertake farm and market studies in Nangarhar.
- The ALP/E facilitated the participation of five potential investors in flour milling and bakeries in a Wheat Flour Seminar held in New Delhi, India to learn about innovative techniques and the latest equipment, as well as finding partners in the international business community. The participants visited several flours mills, bakeries, and a testing center in New Delhi's commercial zone. The findings and experiences will be available to the business community via the ER-BDC.
- Processed 12 application forms for potential investors. Completing the forms is

the first step for the PSD unit to assist an investor. The PSD team proposed next steps for ALP/E assistance to the investors for those proposed businesses whose objectives match ALP/E requirements.

- Finalized sub-sector reports in: carpets, handcrafts, and edible oils
- To enable partner organizations working closely with the business community, the PSD Unit assisted the AWBA (Afghanistan Women Business Association) in expanding their services by opening a branch office in Nangarhar and providing business services to women in the Eastern Region. The AWBA branch office is now located in the ER-BDC. Similarly, space in the Center was provided to AISA (Afghan Investment Support Agency) and AFC (Afghan Finance Company). AISA is helping investors to get business licenses and registering with the Afghanistan Finance Ministry, and working to develop the Industrial Park in Nangarhar, while AFC is providing equipment lease and loans services ranging from \$10,000-\$500,000.
- To provide the much need financial assistance, the PSD Unit coordinated with the Citizen Network for Foreign Affairs (CNFA) to speed up the submission and approval of applications



**Participants and potential investors attending the wheat workshop in India**

for their grants. Upon approval, the ALP/E will supervise the grantees and provide technical assistance as needed. So far, 20 applications have been submitted to the CNFA Kabul office. After final negotiations with CNFA, five projects were approved out of these 20 submitted applications. The ALP/E met with the owners of the five factories selected to provide additional technical assistance. The five potential recipients were interviewed by CNFA in Kabul followed by a visit from the proposed sites of these businesses by a CNFA delegation. The proposed businesses of the potential recipients are:

- 1) Mansoor Helmand Soap, Pulp and Edible Oil
  - 2) Afghan Henna Processing Factory
  - 3) Yousafi Qazizada tomato paste factory
  - 4) Zar Mohammad popcorn and rice pop factory
  - 5) Ab.Basir Tomato and onion drying factory.
- Following the Dried Fruits and Nuts study completed in collaboration with Roots of Peace, the ALP/E will decide the best options for promoting production of dried fruits and nuts- either creating a facility in the Eastern Region or utilizing existing infrastructure already created by Roots of Peace.
  - Nangarhar University was provided with a concept paper describing how ALP/E can collaborate and support the educational efforts provided by the University. The ALP/E, PSD Unit will work with the Economic Faculty of Nangarhar University in capacity building of the students.
  - The PSD Unit met with entrepreneurs to inform them about the five cold storage sites that will be provided by RAMP as a cost sharing scheme in collaboration with ALP/E. The entrepreneurs will commit to continue cooperation and provide \$5,000 each to receive the technical assistance and financial support from RAMP and ALP/E.
  - Planning work continued on establishing the Handcraft Design and Training Center (HDTTC) in Jalalabad City to promote the handcraft industry in the Eastern Region by providing trainings for local handcraft producers and by finding markets for local products in Nangarhar, Kabul, and in overseas markets. ALP/E's international consultant made her first visit to Jalalabad to perform initial analysis, and hold meetings with governmental and nongovernmental organizations, handcraft producers, handcraft marketers, and carpet companies. A business plan for the HDTTC was completed. The HDTTC is expected to improve the quality of the finished goods according to international standards and also provide effective marketing in national and international markets, thus increasing production and profit.
  - The PSD Unit surveyed old textile factories in Hisarshahi Village of Nangarhar Province. Approximately 20 factories were destroyed during the wars and the people are now jobless. It was reported that these factories can potentially provide job opportunities for 5,000 people if the factories are refurbished for the people of that area.

## Upcoming Activities

- Follow up activities related to the investment promotion program will be held with potential investors to support new economic development activities in the Eastern Region as the ongoing operations and expansion of services occurs with the ER-BDC. In particular, the establishment of flour mills before the June 2006 harvesting will be an area of concentration.
- SOWs for STTA positions, particularly handcraft design and a food processing hygiene expert, will be created and consultants mobilized.
- The PSD Unit will continue efforts in establishing dairy processing, planning the industrial park development, completing planning with SAFI Garments leading to the startup of a garment factory in the Eastern Region, and continuing development support packages with investors for various businesses.

**The businesses operating in the Eastern Region face tremendous challenges, including poor transport, nascent communication services, security problems, dearth of cheap electricity and lack of infrastructure. With the emerging exports and traditional access to buyer markets in the neighboring countries, the Eastern Region is offering immediate opportunities for investment and local production.**

### **3.3. NRM/ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE**

NRM/EC is a fundamental cross cutting component of ALP/E. The project pays special attention to the potential environmental impacts of its several activities, seeking to achieve environmentally sustainable natural resource management, which is vital for long-term economic growth, sustainable agriculture, and rigorous trade. Within this context, NRM/EC is collaborating primarily with Cash for Work/Infrastructure, Agribusiness and the Gender components, ensuring compliance with USAID 22 CFR 216 regulations. In addition, NRM/EC is partnering with the different project sections in the implementation of other development activities, including support to commercial tree nurseries and women-owned nursery enterprises. Similarly, ALP/E is supporting the establishment woodlots for fuelwood, timber and polewood. For a detailed account of these activities see the respective program sections in this report.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

The NRM/EC component prepared Environmental Management System (EMS) workbooks for 26 Cash for Work/Infrastructure projects for road improvement, and flood protection (*refer to Annex VII*). Each were approved by USAID. The EMS created by ALP/E was approved by USAID and established, through a Technical Directive, as the system to be used by all the ALPs as the standard for environmental compliance.

With the system up and running, ALP/E is now focusing on including landscaping designs within the Environmental Mitigation Plans in each of the EMS workbooks, with emphasis on soil stabilization and erosion control ensuring that the projects are more sustainable and ALP/E is leaving durable structures in place. Estimates for necessary planting materials are being calculated. ALP/E will contract commercial and women-owned nurseries for tree and plant production to be used in these plans. NRM/EC is working with CFW and Infrastructure to develop a plan to produce the desired quantity and species. We are scheduling the installation of planting material in the coming December and January to ensure higher survival rates.

EMS was introduced to the AMPS Program and Private Sector Unit and appropriate mitigation measures and Best Management Practices were identified for the current project pipeline. Also a water filtration system using locally available materials was designed for a carpet dyeing and washing operation that will be receiving assistance from the Private Sector Development section. The filtration system will recycle water to reduce water use and promote clean production. The EMS will ensure that all activities mitigate any significant negative impact on the environment.

## ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

The NRM/EC Unit conducted Environmental Monitoring and Evaluation training for the Infrastructure Unit to ensure that engineering projects are in line with the environmental standards. The final evaluation report to measure impact for IF Hope (a sub-contractor) on Village Woodlot and Village Forestry projects, was completed and is under review. In addition, the NRM/EC component is emphasizing use of GIS applications for the ALP/E program. To support these activities, the DAI GIS Development Specialist, conducted several hands on trainings in spatial planning, GPS, Arc Explorer, and GIS Arc View.

Spatial planning will be used directly in the NRM/EC program to monitor on-going activities with CFW and Infrastructure. ALP/E will work to expand on and create new linkages for tree nursery producers that ALP/E is training and contracting additional buyers. With help from the Private Sector Development component, ALP/E will develop a modern market information system that will allow buyers of tree seedlings to source products and assemble orders from the commercial and women-owned nurseries participating in the program. ALP/E will target established Regional Traders for assistance and work collaboratively with them to tailor the system to suit their needs. Using GIS, the system will include a spatially anchored database with up-to-date information on species, variety, quantities, pricing, quality. This will allow buyers to identify the appropriate species in the desired quantities at the right time. Information on elevation, rainfall and other climate information will be tracked for each participating nursery so buyers can be assured that the seedlings are well suited to similar environmental conditions as where they would like to plant. Also by locating nurseries spatially, transportation costs can be reduced by identifying producers close to where they are needed.



**ALP/E's NRM Specialist providing hands on technical assistance**

## Upcoming Activities

- For environmental compliance, environmental mitigation plans will be prepared as initiatives come into the pipeline, primarily CFW and infrastructure projects.
- In May the NRM Section will also complete the environmental assessment for the rehabilitation of the wholesale vegetable market in Jalalabad.
- Also in May the NRM program will launch the first training in a five part series for commercial nurseries to acquire skills for contract production of fruit and forestry trees. The training will include (i) Nursery Establishment & Contract Production, (ii) Nursery Maintenance & Record Keeping (iii) Disease Control and Integrated Pest Management (iv) Grafting, Seed Collection and Storage and (v) Marketing, Sales and Preparation for Outplanting. Ten commercial nurseries have been identified in a rapid appraisal. Training will be done in partnership with a forestry professor of Nangarhar University.
- The NRM team will also follow up on the nursery training provided the 40 women from four SHGs in Nagrak, Bonda –Nangarhar, Qalatak, Savati- Laghman in collaboration with Relief International. Staff will provide additional technical assistance for the installation of tree nurseries to ensure that proper methods are implemented (see Gender Section of quarterly report for more details).
- Lastly, the NRM team is finalizing a forestry concept note for production of forest species for woodlots. The goal will be to help create an additional income stream for farmers while providing much needed firewood, timber and polewood. The program will target farmers that have been working with the ALP/E Agribusiness component.

## 3.4. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

The ALP/E Infrastructure activities are focused on specific categories, including: farm to market roads, irrigation systems, bridges, flood protection works and alternative energy. These activities include feasibility and pre-design work on major and medium-scale projects in Nangarhar, Laghman, and Kunar provinces as well as continuation of the Cash for Work (CFW) program in three provinces. All assistance ALP/E provides to participating districts is directly tied to deterring poppy growth and all shuras provide an assurance letter that poppy will not be grown in the location receiving direct technical support. In addition the shuras play a critical role in partnering with ALP/E to identify and design projects, and provide daily laborers for implementation. The partnership has proved extremely helpful in combating poppy growth and providing ongoing guidance on issues like security.

The Infrastructure Unit is preparing, designing and issuing contracts for future work. ALP/E has completed inventories of priority projects in the core areas and the identification reports are being finalized. The projects include rehabilitation of existing infrastructure and reconstruction due to damage caused by recent floods in some areas. Relief International (RI) remains responsible for the preparation and implementation of CFW efforts in Laghman under the supervision of the Infrastructure team.

General activities:

- During the quarter, the rehabilitation of Nahr-e-Shahi canal in Jalalabad was explored in consultation with RRD of Nangarhar province. Nahr-e-Shahi canal irrigates approximately 1,400 Jeribs of agricultural land in Qasaba, Ali Khil, Arbapan, Khushgonbad and Baborian villages in addition to the land surrounding the Provincial Governor's house and other government and public gardens in the city. Upon project approval, a detailed survey of the canal will be conducted to calculate the correct quantities of the work.

- Coordinated with the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Nangarhar to provide undergraduate practical training for 10 students for a period of two months in the Infrastructure Unit.
- Inventory reports have been prepared for 21 road/bridge projects and nine irrigation/flood protection projects, which will be implemented via contractors. Inventory documents were submitted to USAID for approval.
- The Project Identification Forms (PIF) for eight CFW projects in Kunar province have been prepared for USAID approval. During the reporting period, eight ongoing CFW projects were carried over from the Afghanistan's Immediate Needs Project (AINP).
- Following the AINP-ALP/E merger, the AINP CFW team, including Senior Engineers, Site Engineers and Junior Engineers, were integrated into ALP/E. The transition was seamless as all staff were immediately deployed to seven ongoing projects in Nangarhar, including two newly established cobblestone road projects.

## **Kama Main Road**

During the reporting period, a comprehensive design of the road, starting from the Kama Bridge to the district center, including a double bitumen surface treatment (DBST) was completed. Preparation of specification and tender documents were submitted to DAI's contracts office to begin the construction of the proposed double bitumen surface treatment (DBST) road in the next quarter.

## **Kama Irrigation System**

Project inventory for Kama Irrigation System was completed during this reporting period. Proposed work on intakes will be coordinated with the World Bank – FAO project in April 2006. A SOW for the rehabilitation design of the irrigation system is under preparation for tender. The proposed irrigation system will irrigate 8,000 hectares of land in Kama district.

## **Goshta and Lalpoor Bridge - Nangarhar**

Preparation of the Scoping Study Report for the Goshta/Lalpoor bridge sites by short-term consultants is in progress and will be completed during the next reporting period. The study team has completed their initial assessment and estimated a cost of approximately \$7 million for construction at the Goshta site. USAID and ALP/E will determine whether to proceed with the feasibility study of a selected site after the Scoping Study Report is finalized.

## **Alternative Energy**

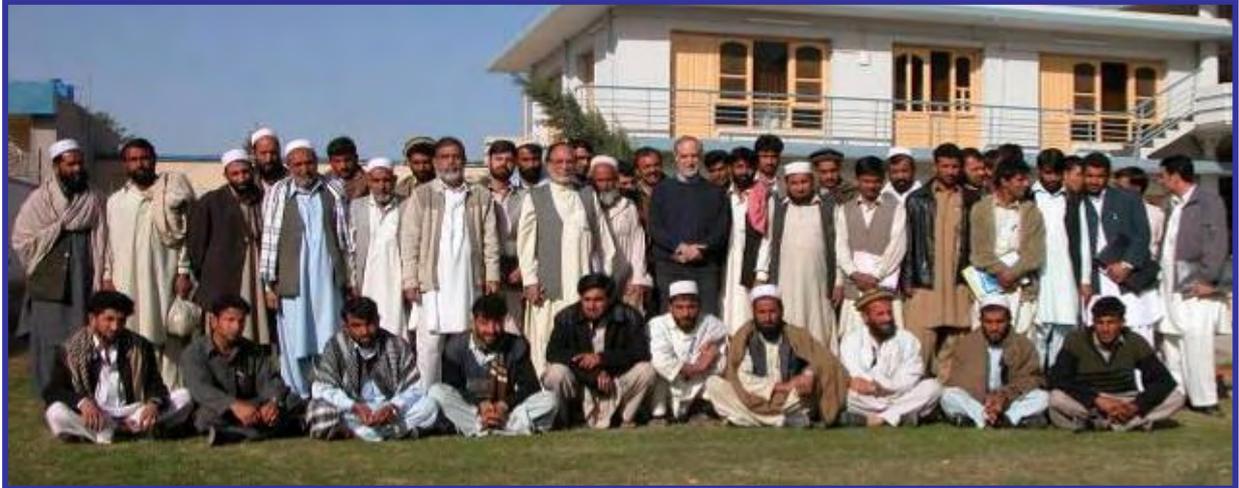
Search for a suitable international candidate is still in progress, and a national candidate was identified for the alternative energy project.

## **Qasam Abad Road Survey**

The design of the road is in progress – a portion of the road will be completed using DBST and the remainder will use cobblestone road construction.

## CTTC Training

The first group of 24 skilled laborers, trained in various trades such as carpentry, plumbing, masonry, and electrical work, graduated from the CTTC training center in Jalalabad. The second group of 45 tradesmen continued their two month practical training and coursework; graduation for the current students is scheduled for early next quarter.



Second round of 45 CTTC students with ALP/E staff

## Nangarhar Road Inventory Team (NRIT)

A proposal was finalized to establish the inventory team to create and maintain an inventory of the existing and proposed road network in Nangarhar Province using GIS-based provincial road maps in the core and transition zones. A Roads Coordination Team will be formed, with a central committee comprising representatives of MPW, RRD, and the Governor's office.

## Mashina Road

The Infrastructure Unit visited the road site from Mashina to Surkhakan-Mehtarlam road and prepared a draft project proposal to begin work under CFW. However, an alternative route for the people of Mashina village will be considered to link the road with the ongoing cobblestone road work along the Daronta bypass.

## Rodat Road

An engineering survey of the 12.3 km provincial road Rodat to Doubandy was completed during the reporting period. Detailed design will begin in April 2006.

## Cash-for-Work Program

The CFW program doubled in intensity this Quarter, with work starting in Nangarhar and Kunar Provinces, in addition to the work continuing in Laghman Province. Seven CFW projects were completed during this quarter, and work continued on thirty projects in Laghman, Nangarhar, and Kunar provinces. The daily employment rate was 7,283 workers per day during the reporting period, and 10,728 individual laborers have been employed from June 2005 through March 31, 2006. Total employment days recorded this period were 231,640 and the cumulative total reached 401,481 employment days from June 2005 through March, 31, 2006.

### CFW - Laghman Province

Under the supervision of ALP/E, Relief International (RI) continued to work on CFW projects during the quarter in Laghman Province - nine projects have been completed, leaving eight projects ongoing at the end of the reporting period. Meanwhile, the Darunta cobblestone road in Laghman commenced under direct implementation by ALP/E. For Laghman, the daily laborers employed reached 3,292 workers per day, with a cumulative total of 6,737 individual laborers employed from June 2005 through March 31, 2006. Employment days during the reporting period were 139,046 and the cumulative total reached 302,157 through March 31, 2006.

#### CFW PROJECT STATUS IN LAGHMAN PROVINCE

SN	Project	District	Progress	Implementer	Status
1	Nolo Protection Wall	Alishang	100%	RI	Complete
2	Jamshidabad Protection Wall	Alishang	100%	RI	Complete
3	Mustafa Kalai Protection Wall	Alishang	100%	RI	Complete
4	Akhund Sahib Protection Wall	Alishang	100%	RI	Complete
5	Khoja Khil Sofla Canal Rehabilitation	Alingar	100%	RI	Complete
6	Ghundi NazarKhil Protection wall	Alingar	73%	RI	Active
7	Qasaba Protection Wall	Alingar	87%	RI	Active
8	Deh Ziarat Protection Wall	Mehtarlam	100%	RI	Complete
9	Karaho Protection Wall	Mehtarlam	100%	RI	Complete
10	Terkery Protection Wall	Mehtarlam	100%	RI	Complete
11	Mulayan Kaley Protection wall	Mehtarlam	65%	RI	Active
12	Shamangal Canal Rehabilitation	Mehtarlam	40%	RI	Active
13	Hayadarkhani Canal Rehabilitation	Mehtarlam	57%	RI	Active
14	Dopai & Longalam Protection Wall	Qarghai	100%	RI	Complete
15	Char Bagh Canal Rehabilitation	Qarghai	30%	RI	Active
16	Kalakot & Longalam Canal Rehab.	Qarghai	30%	RI	Active
17	Shamshirabad Flood Protection Wall	Qarghai	20%	RI	Active
18	Darunta Bypass Road Rehabilitation	Qarghai	83%	DAI	Active

### CFW - Kunar Province

The CFW program of ALP/E commenced this Quarter in Kunar Province. Meetings were held with the Provincial Governor, RRD and District Administrations of the four Districts selected for commencing work (Narang, Chawkay, Nurgal and Khas Kunar). ALP/E started work on three CFW projects during this reporting period in Kunar province. To date, 390 people are employed with a cumulative total of 10,510 employment days through March 31, 2006. Currently, work is underway on preparing nine new CFW projects in Kunar, including several road improvement projects in Narang, Chawkay and Nurgal Districts.

**CFW PROJECT STATUS IN KUNAR PROVINCE**

SN	Project	District	Progress	Implementer	Status
1	Seend Wala Canal Rehabilitation	Nurgal	42%	DAI	Active
2	Daag Canal Rehabilitation	Khas Kunar	42%	DAI	Active
3	Tanar Road Repair	Khas Kunar	42%	DAI	Active

**CFW - Nangarhar Province**

The CFW program of ALP/E also commenced this Quarter in Nangarhar Province. Seven ongoing projects in Nangarhar Province which had been started under AINP were taken over by ALP/E when AINP closed down at the end of January 2006 (numbers 1 to 7 in the Status Table below). A further twelve new projects were prepared and work started on these, making a total of 19 CFW projects in progress in Nangarhar province. One project was completed during this reporting period. Daily laborers employed during the quarter include 3,601 workers per day with a cumulative total of 88,814 employment days. A number of new CFW projects have been prepared, including two more priority flood protection projects recently approved for implementation.

**CFW PROJECT STATUS IN NANGARHAR PROVINCE**

SN	Project	District	Progress	Implementer	Status
1	Jalalabad City Road Drain	Jalalabad	100%	DAI	Complete
2	Jalalabad City Road Side drains	Jalalabad	73%	DAI	Active
3	Maidanak Road Repair	Spin Ghar	50%	DAI	Active
4	Pekha Groynes	Achin	97%	DAI	Active
5	Bar Bila Protection Wall I	Goshta	66%	DAI	Active
6	Bar Bila Protection Wall II	Goshta	95%	DAI	Active
7	Bar Bila Protection Groynes III	Goshta	80%	DAI	Active
8	Khwaran Road Rehabilitation	Khoghyiani	11%	DAI	Active
9	Kalagho Road Rehabilitation	Khoghyiani	11%	DAI	Active
10	Gandomak Road Rehabilitation	Sherzad	1%	DAI	Active
11	Toto Road Rehabilitation	Sherzad	4%	DAI	Active
12	Mana Road Rehabilitation	Hesarak	13%	DAI	Active
13	Shana Zawara Road Rehabilitation	Hesarak	13%	DAI	Active
14	Abdyian Road Rehabilitation	Behsud	10%	DAI	Active
15	Shamshapor Road Rehabilitation	Surkhroad	70%	DAI	Active
16	Ashpan Protection Wall	Sherzad	8%	DAI	Active
17	Zara Sultan Khil protection wall	Momandara	5%	DAI	Active
18	Binigah protection wall	Behsud	15%	DAI	Active
19	Summerkhil protection wall	Behsud	12%	DAI	Active

**Jalalabad Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market**

The preliminary design for upgrading of the wholesale vegetable market, with resurfacing of the market floor used by large trucks, improved drainage, new roofing, and a new water supply and toilet facilities was completed and shared with the mayor of Jalalabad. The wholesalers will contribute their own funds to assist in construction.

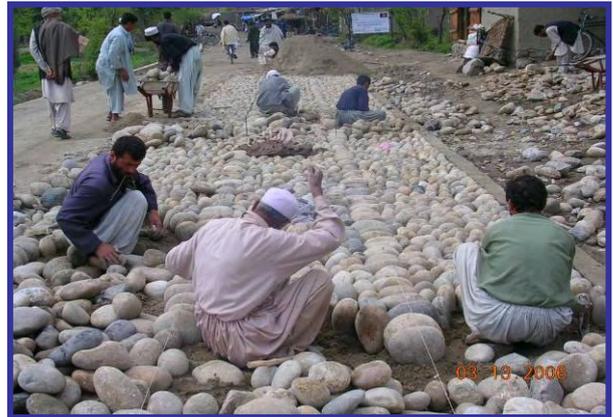
## Cobblestone Road Construction

The innovative cobblestone road construction began on two roads, the Darunta Bypass District Road in Qargai District, Laghman Province, and the Shamshapoor Village Road in Surkrod District, Nangarhar Province. Both projects employed over 300 laborers, including some skilled laborers trained on a trial length of cobblestone road in Jalalabad City. These projects have provided proof of concept for future cobblestone roads in the Eastern Region - the Jalalabad PRT has already submitted proposals- and will provide greater access to markets for farmers and other businesses.

### ALP/E Darunta Cobblestone Road in Laghman Province



Ground breaking at Darunta By-pass road

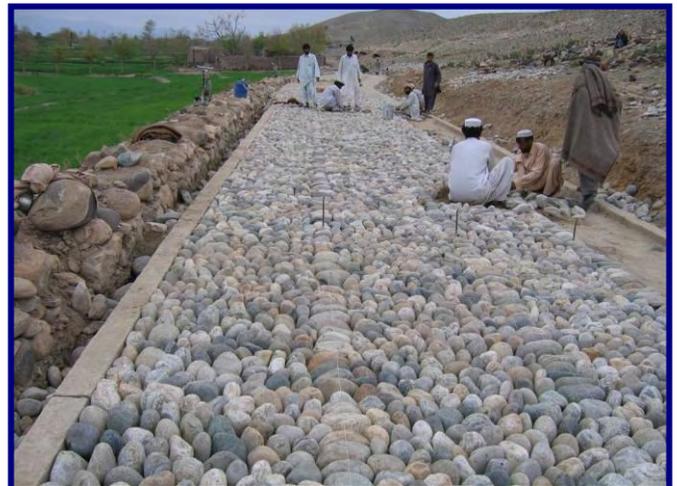


CFW laborers laying the cobblestone surface

### ALP/E Shamshapoor Cobblestone Road in Nangarhar Province

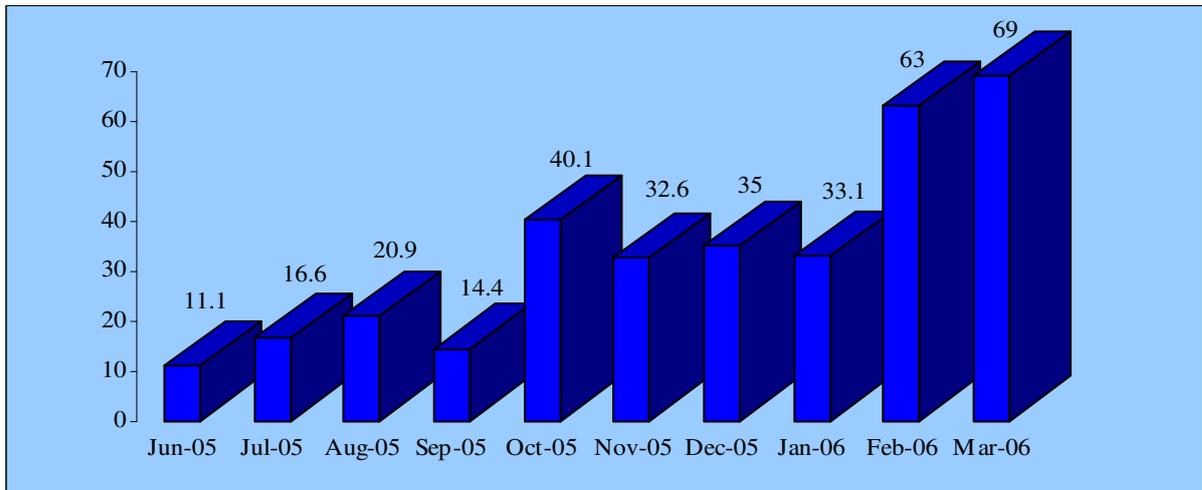


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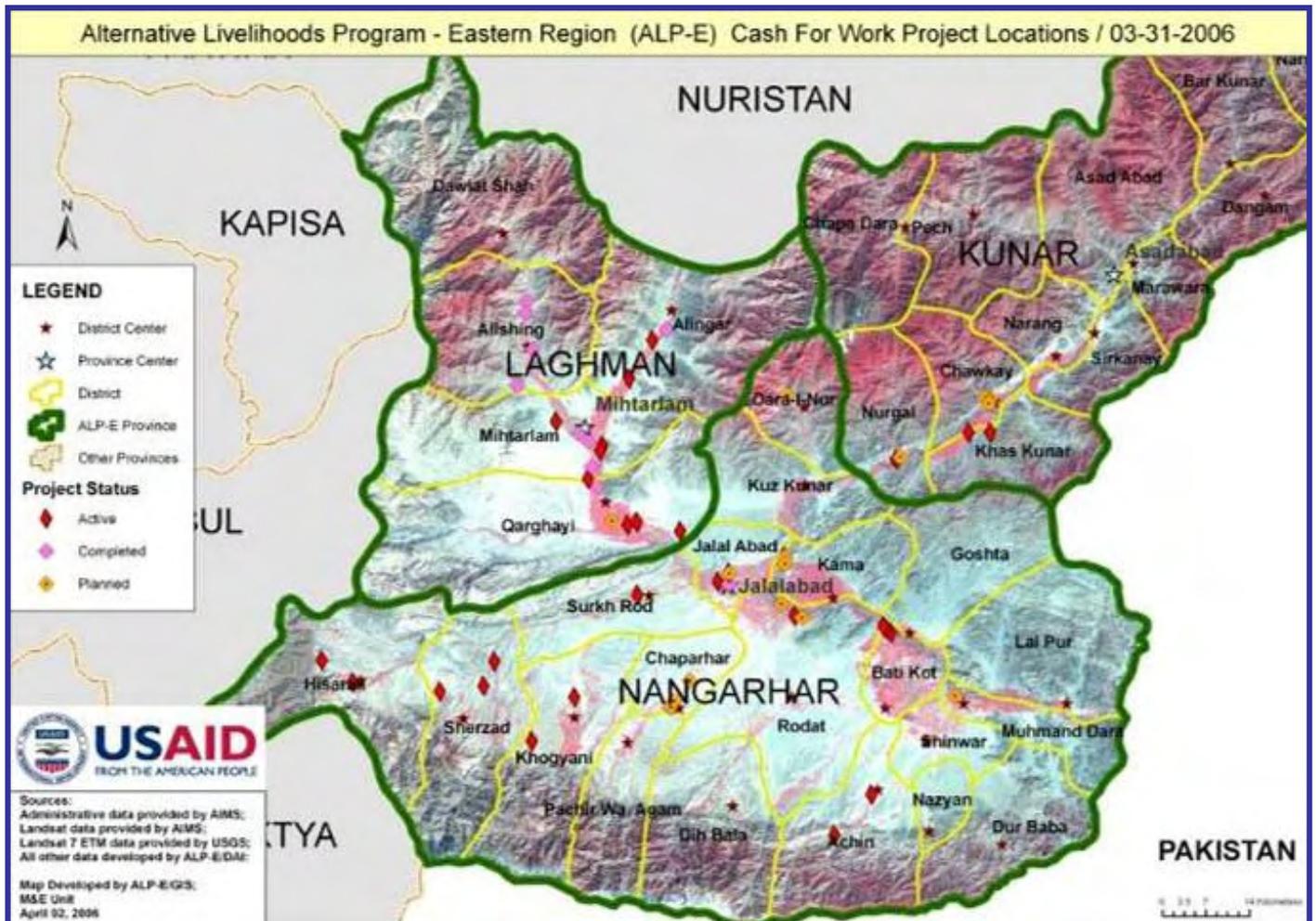


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Employment Days (in 1,000s) in all ALP/E CFW Projects since June 2005



ALP/E CFW PROJECT STATUS MAP



## Upcoming Activities

- A roads coordination team will be formed, with a central committee comprising representatives of the MPW, RRD, and the Governor's office.
- A feasibility study for the Kama irrigation system intake, and detailed designs for rehabilitation of the system will be completed.
- A number of productive infrastructure improvement projects such as roads, bridges and flood protection works will also be designed and built.
- The scoping study for alternative energy will be conducted during the next quarter.
- Data collection on water management, flooding and water availability for identified sites for the Spin Ghar study area will be carried out in the next quarter.

## 3.5. GENDER AND MICRO – ENTERPRISES (GME)

Gender is a cross-cutting issue that ALP/E has included in all program activities. ALP/E has also developed and implemented programs specifically targeting women and other vulnerable groups, such as the disabled. In coordination with Relief International, implementation of the Micro-Enterprise program involves promoting women in business in the Eastern Region. In addition, the responsibility for mainstreaming gender for the other technical units falls under the Gender and Micro-Enterprise component, which results in increased focus and support for women in the agribusiness, private sector and infrastructure related activities. By providing women with alternatives to poppy production, educating them through fundamental business training, and with technical assistance on operating small businesses and making their time more valuable, ALP/E provides sustainable alternatives to labor-intensive poppy processing.



The GME Specialist trains ALP/E Staff in Gender Issues

## GENDER WORKING GROUP

The GME Unit successfully held the first Nangarhar Women's Issues Working Group with representatives from the Afghan Government, USAID, NGOs, and UN agencies. The outcome of the session was excellent coordination between the organizations to improve the celebration of International Women's Day on March 8, 2006 in Nangarhar, with a commitment from all parties to cooperate on ensuring a successful event. Significant progress was made to continue Working Group collaboration which focused on themes such as education and practical business skills.

## BUSINESS TRAINING

The GME Unit reviewed IRC's business training proposal, and made improvements to the budget, timeline, and organizational capacity that were discussed with Relief International. Relief International, ALP/E's subcontractor, successfully completed a training of trainers (TOT) for 80 trainers in 12 business practices such as: sales and marketing, developing a business plan, funding and distribution of products. In addition, business training for 1,200 women who were previously trained by the AINP began in the second half of March 2006. The total number of women trained in business reached 1,342 in 82 Self Help Groups during the quarter. As part of this training, ALP/E has coordinated with FINCA to provide an introduction to micro-credit so that the women are aware of the additional support that may be available to them. The Department of Women's Affairs in Laghman and Nangarhar provinces supported the GME Unit in locating women who are already engaged in business enterprises.



**Business training for women**

## SELF HELP GROUPS

ALP/E completed the formation of 32 Self Help Groups (SHGs) in Laghman which included 500 women, who will begin their vocational training in April 2006. The GME component began collecting information on home-based businesses that had already been established as a result of the vocational training under AINP. The additional training provided will help improve existing enterprises already established or encourage new ventures. Also with NRM/EC, the GME coordinator selected sites to establish four women-owned nurseries in Nangarhar province. Initial training on forest tree nurseries was conducted for 20 trainees in Banda, Behsud, and Naghrak, Surkh Rod.

Self Help Groups (SHGs) are established to help bring together program participants living in a specific location for vocational and business skills training classes. These SHGs help encourage attendance at workshops, provide a support network to address issues such as market access and start-up capital and bring people of similar business interests together. It is through these SHGs that the business and vocational skills classes are being implemented.



An ALP/E business training participant selling cheese

## Upcoming Activities

- In April, 500 beneficiaries in Laghman (33 SHGs) will receive skills on beading, tailoring and livestock, while 20 SHGs reaching 300 women in Kunar will be formed by mid-April 2006. These women will receive training in poultry, embroidery, sewing veil, handcrafts, and leather sewing.
- Nursery training will be provided to 40 women from four SHGs in Nagrak, Bonda – Nangarhar, Qalatak, Savati- Laghman. These nurseries will provide inputs for other aspects of the project, such as the environmental mitigation measures required on ALP/E infrastructure projects.
- A ToT will be provided to 52 business trainers in the field to increase the reach of the project, ultimately providing business skills training to approximately 800 beneficiaries in Laghman and Kunar provinces.

## **3.6. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

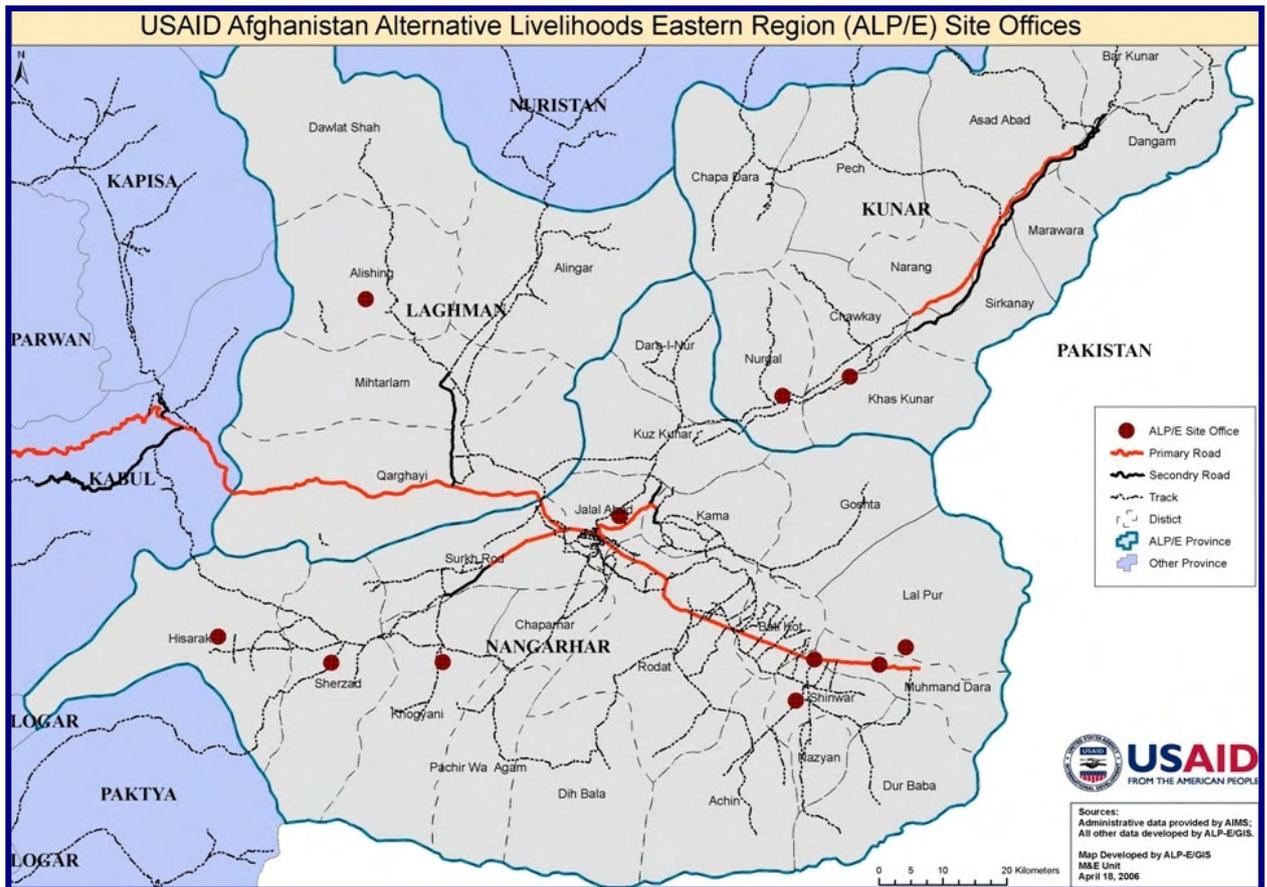
### **1) OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING**

The Operations and Programming Unit principally focused on the AINP—ALP/E merger including preliminary interviews, new contracts for the technical and administrative staff, contracts for rental vehicles, and extending leases for the site offices. In addition, logistical, administrative, and procurement support for the technical units was provided for all projects including the opening of a second Agribusiness Unit training workshop for farmers, recruitment of trainees for CTTC training, facilitating the Avian Bird Flu workshop, and the ER-BDC opening. Other notable accomplishments include hiring additional technical and administrative staff, and providing ongoing training to staff including security, IT, HF/VHF radio usage, and in DAI's information database- TAMIS.

Highlights of the Operations and Programming Unit activities for the quarter include:

- Hired eleven short term and long term technical and administrative staff
- Assisted the recruitment of 69 trainees for the CTTC courses- in two rounds
- Redesigned the internet connection in the former AINP office to a wireless system integrated with ALP/E office providing ongoing cost savings
- Signed lease agreements with the landlords of 27 project site offices in Nangarhar and Kunar provinces
- Completed all required procurement for the technical units, in particular extensive supplies required for Cash for Work projects
- Procured all requirements for the ER-BDC such as: equipment/furniture including a 65 KVA generator, computers, a copier machine, air conditioners, desks, chairs, carpets, and installation of cable and wiring for internet connection
- Updated the ALP/E inventory in TAMIS and completed the physical inventory of the former-AINP office

## ALP/E Site Office Locations



## Upcoming Activities

- Hiring a Public Outreach and Information Specialist, two survey engineers, two agribusiness sub-sector coordinators, one PSD sub-sector coordinator, and liaison officer
- Completing success stories and disseminating to USAID, partners, and other stakeholders to publicize ALP/E's positive impact on citizens
- Completing staff performance evaluations and annual reviews for staff who have completed one year of service with ALP/E, and prepare extensions to employment agreements
- Enhancing information exchange through TAMIS to share data and relevant materials
- Maintaining the ALP/E website and frequently updating the site to provide the latest information and successes
- Compiling baseline and additional monitoring and evaluation data for USAID and ALP/E staff to gauge progress and to provide information for strategic decision making
- Finalizing relevant subcontracts for the technical units
- Maintaining the procurement database including historical cost of items purchased and the vendor database monthly

## 2) MONITORING AND EVALUATION

As part of its approved workplan, ALP/E uses Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) systems to support and enhance project intervention in the Eastern Region. The ALP/E approach is to build efficient and cost-effective M&E systems by integrating it into program management and operations. During the quarter, efforts were undertaken to further strengthen M&E systems providing background for tracking multiple levels of metrics and the Performance Management Plan (PMP) indicators. Also, emphasis has been placed on defining and focusing on project outputs; quantifying impacts to measure progress, as well as qualitative aspects of project implementation. During this reporting period, the M&E Unit successfully reviewed and incorporated indicators and targets in the PMP.

### PERFORMANCE MONITORING PLAN (PMP)

The PMP was revised and new additions were made with SO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>5</sub> indicators to cover the distribution of licit and illicit crops in the Eastern Region. The final draft version was submitted in March to USAID for consideration. The PMP serves as an important guide for managing and documenting program performance. It enables timely and consistent collection of comparable performance data, which allows project managers to make informed decisions on the overall management of the project as well as any necessary changes in project design.

### PROJECT MONITORING

Using standard templates and guidelines, 22 ongoing and nine completed CFW projects were assessed by M&E field monitors. The findings and recommendations on individual projects were communicated with ALP/E management for immediate feedback and corrective action. In addition, the M&E team prepared an initial implementation strategy and budget for the village cluster monitoring strategy to capture the collective efforts of ALP/E intervention, while avoiding possible duplication being made by other programs in the Eastern Region.

The monitoring missions focused on the following;

- **Physical progress:** Assessing whether planned physical progress in terms of length, width, and height were achieved or not.
- **Financial disbursements:** Laborers working on Cash-for-Work projects were directly interviewed to determine whether they were properly paid for work completed. Project financial data submitted to the ALP/E finance section was cross checked with laborers attendance sheets and pay rolls.
- **People Employed and Employment Days:** Individual laborers on each group were counted on site to cross check their physical attendance with the reported figures.



**M&E Field Monitor Checks the physical progress on a CFW project in Laghman**

## **GEOBASE UPDATE**

Based upon USAID requests and instructions, 27 ongoing and completed project entries including 25 cash-for-work, one AMPS, and the NVDA olive pruning activity were entered in the GeoBase system. Particular attention was paid to the budget, disbursements, detailed activity location, and detailed activity metrics and progress of the on-going cash-for-work (CFW) projects in Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunar provinces. In addition, project GPS grids were entered to track geographical locations of the projects.

## **GIS AND MAPPING**

ALP/E is committed to removing the technical 'bite' out of spatial planning. It provides staff with user-friendly applications and training to facilitate their understanding of Geographic Information Systems (GIS). As a pivotal component of ALP/E M&E, GIS provides effective methods to measure program impact, assess influence of various natural and human influenced events, such as land slides that may be influenced by slope, soil type, vegetation and deforestation, plan strategies, and monitor the success of programs. The M&E/GIS conducted the following set of activities:

- Conducted numerous GPS data handling and management training sessions for all of ALP/E's technical units
- Analyzed field GPS data and updated the road inventory. Work also continued on collection and managing ALP/E long term planned infrastructure projects

- Generated several maps including district level security risk map, NRM Priority forestry nurseries map, CFW, and other infrastructure maps. In addition, plotted data for Goshta survey team on Kabul river channel historical changes with satellite images



**ALP/E GIS Specialist provides hands on GPS/GIS training to RRD and PWD staff**

## **BASELINE SURVEY**

The initial draft of the ALP/E baseline survey was completed and a detailed budget and tentative time frame will be finalized following the determination of survey design and sampling size.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH PRODUCTS**

As part of ALP/E's public outreach, five success stories, three presentations and three provincial brochures were completed for distribution during the quarter.

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

- Continue field monitoring and identify part-time local village monitors as part of village cluster monitoring approach
- Train further staff including implementers with Relief International (RI) and IF Hope in GPS application
- Finalize and implement the Business Capacity Index (BCI)
- Train Department of Rural Rehabilitation and Public Work in GPS/GIS application and support them with road inventory data of the Eastern Region
- Continue entering data in GeoBase

### 3) PROGRAM SECURITY

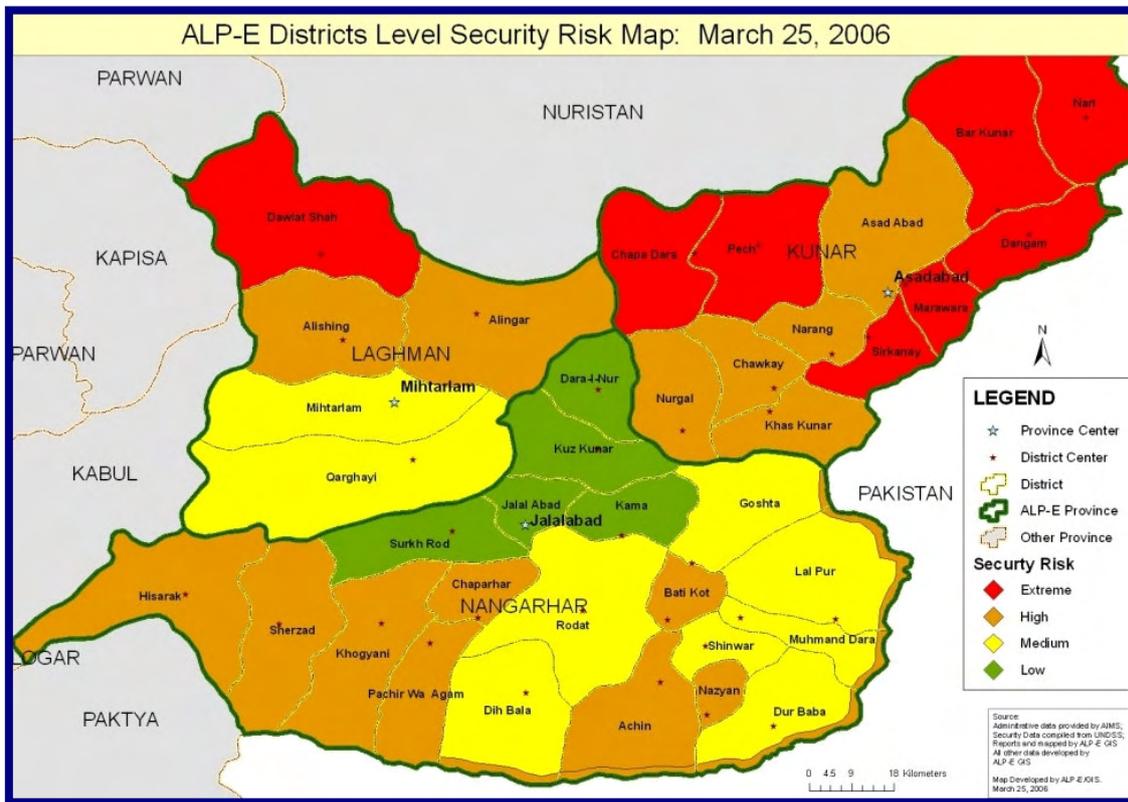
The security situation in the Eastern Region remained relatively tense with a number of incidents reported. Attacks on security forces and the government continued throughout the Eastern Region. Coalition Forces (CF) and ANA have mounted operation "Mountain Lion" in Kunar province, involving some 2,500 soldiers and massive air support. An increased use of mines and IEDs on roads in the districts of Sherzad, Khogyani, Pachir Wa Agam and Chaparhar was also noted. The District Governor of Dawlat Shah was assassinated, schools were set ablaze and Mihtarlam city of Laghman province came under continued rocket attacks. Some of the factors that caused instability in the Eastern Region are as follows:

- Kidnapping threat was recorded as high on Jalalabad-Kunar road
- The poppy eradication campaign had some impact on project implementation, as the local authorities faced strong resistance in Achin and Spinghar districts of Nangarhar province
- The strong CF operation drew additional attention and resources from AGE, resulting in an increase in incidents in the short term
- Continuing AGE presence and activity in Khogyani, Pachir Wa Agam and Chaparhar districts of Nangarhar Province, Dawlat Shah district of Laghman Province, and Kunar Province
- Overall security threat to ALP/E within the three provinces (Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunar provinces) was somewhat unpredictable in terms of players and types of threat. Anti-government elements, criminal elements, backlash against CF activity such as poppy eradication, and tribal/villager/family disputes all contributed to an insecure operating environment for ALP/E staff and projects. The situation in Alishang, Dawlat Shah and Alingar districts of Laghman province were uncertain with reported insurgent's movements.

The ALP/E continues to maintain its high level of security measures, which occasionally caused minor delays in implementation and field visits. Since there is such a variation of risk and volatility in the different districts, ALP/E's security personnel constantly monitor conditions in the project areas, including rescheduling or canceling field trips when warranted. The following measures were undertaken to mitigate security concerns for ALP/E's staff and operations during this reporting period.

- Reduced international staff visits to high risk areas
- Escort of armed guards for all expatriate movements
- Utilization of two vehicles and two armed guards for all international staff field missions
- 24/7 patrol of the streets by ALP/E offices and guest houses
- Continued security training and awareness for both national and international staff
- Increased use of HF/VHF communication, including setting up radio base station in Laghman and Kabul
- Continued assessment/evaluation of the security situation and adopted security strategies accordingly, in conjunction with DAI's International Security Manager

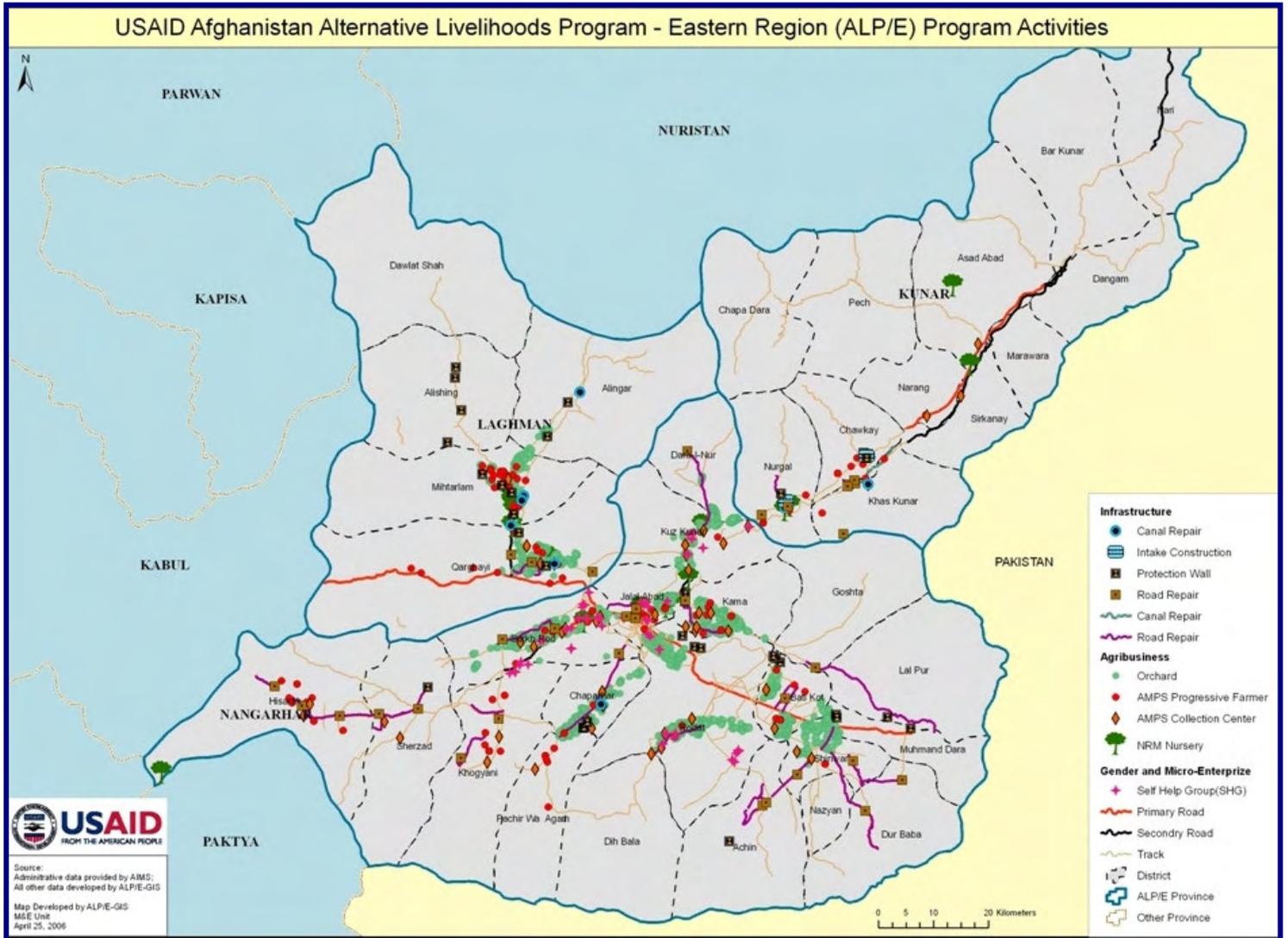
## ALP/E District Level Security Risk Map



## Upcoming Activities

- Initiate new security management structure
- Enhance security information and analysis
- Adopt low profile strategies for the high risk area missions
- Continue Risk Assessment and Threat Analysis
- Provide additional security training/awareness for all staff
- Enforce the SOPs and contingency plans in response to emergencies
- Maintain safe rooms and bunkers in all ALP/E facilities

# Annex-I: ALP/E Program Activities Map



## Annex–II: Summary of I<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2006 Short Term Technical Assistance (STTA)

SNo	NAME	TITLE	ACTIVITY	STATUS
1	Gerald Becker	HO Technical Backstop	Acting COP	On-going
2	John Reid	DAI Global Security Manager	Security Review	Completed
3	Guy Jones	Senior Program Manager – Mott MacDonald	Routine Program Management Assistance	Completed
4	Cliff Barton	Advisor – Private Sector Development	Preparatory Work on Formation of Business Services Center	On-going
5	Gary Baltzer	Activity Manager -APMS	Design and Implementation of APMS Program	On-going
6	Mary Albrecht	Advisor – Dairy Sub-sector	Dairy Sub-Sector Analysis	Report Submitted
7	Robert Albrecht	Advisor – Dairy Sub-sector	Dairy Sub-Sector Analysis	Report Submitted
8	Juan Estrada	Advisor – Perennial Horticulture	Sub-Sector Analysis and Design of ALP/E P.H. Strategy and Action Plan	Initial Work Completed; Consultant back in Jan 06 for continuation
9	Stephen Menard	GIS Development Specialist	GIS development and spatial planning, Training conducted on GPS and GIS ArcExplorer	On-going
10	Cynthia Steen	Advisor- Livestock	Livestock sub-sector strategy	Completed
11	Bill Millsap	Advisor – M&E	Initial work on PMP and Field monitoring strategy	Completed
12	Dejan Momirovic	IT Specialist	Merging ALP/E and AINP offices IT infrastructure	Completed
13	Kirsten Spainhower	NRM Manager	Environmental Assessments and compliance	On-going
14	Beth Gotschling	Handicrafts Advisor	Handicrafts and micro enterprise assessment	Completed
15	Jiri Petrak Jan Chromecek Petr Nehasil	Goshta Bridge Advisors	Goshta Bridge Scoping Study	On-going
16	Mark Brett	Goshta Bridge Advisor	Goshta Bridge Scoping Study	On-going

**Annex–III: Alternative Livelihoods Program/ Immediate Needs Program Accomplishments through March 31, 2006**

<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Nangarhar</b>	<b>Laghman</b>	<b>Kunar</b>	<b>DAI Total</b>
Work Days Generated	3,056,522	302,157	10,510	3,369,189
Salaries Paid to Laborers (\$)	10,167,819	1,198,015	18,146	11,383,980
People Employed (No)	141,708	6,737	390	148,835
Irrigation Canals, drainage ditches and karezes Repaired or Cleaned (km)	2,394	26	14	2,432
Land Benefiting From Improved Irrigation (Ha)	122,206	27,266	18	148,049
Roads Repaired (km)	173	2	4	179

## Annex-IV: AMPS Activities

District/Province	Beneficiary Selection		Fertilizer Distributed		Seed Distributed in Kgs				
	No of Farmers Supported	Land supported in Hectares	Urea in MT	DAP in MT	Tomato	Okra	Eggplant	Cucumber	Watermelon
Khogyani	3,958	475	118.75	59.38	475	7,125	475	0	0
Shirzad	3,958	475	118.75	59.38	475	7,125	475	0	0
Hisarak	3,958	475	118.75	59.38	475	7,125	475	0	0
Pachir Wa Agam	3,958	475	118.75	59.38	475	7,125	475	0	0
Behsod	3,958	475	118.75	59.38	475	7,125	475	0	0
Surkh Rod	3,958	475	118.75	59.38	475	7,125	475	0	0
Kama	3,958	475	118.75	59.38	475	7,125	475	0	0
Rodat	4,750	475	118.75	59.38	475	7,125	475	0	0
Kuz Kunar	4,750	475	118.75	59.38	475	7,125	475	0	0
Shinwar	4,750	475	118.75	59.38	475	7,125	475	0	0
Bati Lot	6,250	775	193.75	96.88	475	7,125	475	0	750
Chaparhar	4,750	475	118.75	59.38	475	7,125	475	0	0
<b>Nangarhar Sub-total</b>	<b>52,956</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>85,500</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>750</b>
Qarghai	12,500	1,250	312.50	156.25	350	7,500	0	500	375
Mehtarlam	12,500	1,250	312.50	156.25	350	7,500	0	500	375
<b>Laghman Sub-total</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>625.00</b>	<b>312.50</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>750</b>
Asad Abad	2,500	250	62.50	31.25	100	1,249	66.66	0	0
Khas Kunar	2,500	250	62.50	31.25	100	1,249	66.66	0	0
Chawkay	2,500	250	62.50	31.25	100	1,249	66.66	0	0
Narang	2,500	250	62.50	31.25	100	1,249	66.66	0	0
Nurgal	2,500	250	62.50	31.25	100	1,249	66.66	0	0
Sirkanay	2,500	250	62.50	31.25	100	1,249	66.66	0	0
<b>Kunar Sub-total</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>375.00</b>	<b>187.5</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>7,494</b>	<b>399.96</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Grand-Total</b>	<b>92,956</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>107,994</b>	<b>6,100</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,500</b>

## Annex-V: ALP/E Project Activities

Project- Name	Location	Description	% Complete		Activity Start Date	Activity Competition Date	Status	Implementer	Comments
			Design	Implemented					
<b>Province: Nangarhar</b>									
NVDA Olive Pruning	Behsud	Agriculture	100	100	2/21/2006	3/13/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Eastern Region Orchards Development program	Nangarhar	Agriculture	100	100	7/05/2005	2/16/2009	Active	IF Hope	
Farmers Training (TOT)	Nangarhar	Agriculture	100	100	1/28/2006	2/9/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Traders (Assemblers) Training	Nangarhar	Agriculture	100	100	2/20/2006	2/23/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Wholesalers training	Nangarhar	Agriculture	100	100	2/11/2006	2/12/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Influenza Training(TOT)	Nangarhar	Agriculture	100	100	3/27/2006	3/28/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Radio Program-Farmers Interview	Nangarhar	Agriculture	100	25	2/12/2006	6/15/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Establishment of Vegetable Wholesalers Association	Jalalabad	Agriculture	100	100	2/16/2006	3/12/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Orchard Survey	Nangarhar	Agriculture	100	80	4/3/2006	4/18/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Vegetable Seed and Fertilizer distribution	Nangarhar	Agriculture	100	100	2/23/2006	3/21/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Jalalabad city Side ditches Cleaning	Jalalabad	CFW/INF	100	100	1/23/2006	3/23/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Jalalabad city Side ditches Rehabilitation	Jalalabad	CFW/INF	100	73	12/1/2005	4/1/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Shamshapur Road Construction	Surkh Rod	CFW/INF	100	70	1/25/2006	4/25/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Hesarak Road Repair	Hisarak	CFW/INF	100	15	3/12/2006	6/30/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Shana Zawara Road Repair	Hisarak	CFW/INF	100	15	3/12/2006	6/30/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Gandomak Road Repair	Sherzad	CFW/INF	100	5	3/13/2006	6/30/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Toto Road Rehabilitation	Sherzad	CFW/INF	100	15	3/12/2006	6/30/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Toto Road Rehabilitation	Sherzad	CFW/INF	100	10	3/20/2006	6/20/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Khawaran Road Rehabilitation	Khogyani	CFW/INF	100	10	3/12/2006	6/30/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Kalagho Road Rehabilitaion	Khogyani	CFW/INF	100	10	3/12/2006	6/30/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Pekha Protection Wall & Geroynes	Achin	CFW/INF	100	90	1/9/2006	3/9/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Zara Sultankhil Protection Wall	Muhmand Dara	CFW/INF	100	5	3/21/2006	4/30/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Bar & Kuz Bela Protection wall	Goshta	CFW/INF	100	66	12/11/2005	2/11/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Bar Bila Flood Protection wall	Goshta	CFW/INF	100	100	12/29/2005	3/15/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Billa Flood Protection wall(Dikes)	Goshta	CFW/INF	100	80	12/20/2005	4/15/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Abdian Road Rehabilitation	Behsud	CFW/INF	100	10	3/12/2006	6/30/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Binigah Flood Protection wall	Behsud	CFW/INF	100	15	3/21/2006	4/30/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Summerkhil Flood Protection wall	Behsud	CFW/INF	100	12	3/20/2006	5/01/2006	Active	ALP/E	

Project- Name	Location	Description	% Complete		Activity Start Date	Activity Competition Date	Status	Implementer	Comments
			Design	Implemented					
Maidanak Road Rehabilitation	Spin Ghar	CFW/INF	100	100	12/18/2005	3/30/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Kama Road	Nangarhar	PIP/INF	100	0	TBD	TBD	Plan	ALP/E	
Kama Irrigation System	Nangarhar	PIP/INF	0	0	TBD	TBD	Plan	ALP/E	
Goshta Bridge Scoping	Nangarhar	PIP/INF	50	0	TBD	TBD	Plan	ALP/E	
Alternative Energy	Nangarhar	PIP/INF	25	0	TBD	TBD	Plan	ALP/E	
Qasam Abad Road Rehabilitation	Nangarhar	PIP/INF	70	0	TBD	TBD	Plan	ALP/E	
Under graduate Training	Nangarhar	PIP/INF	100	100	TBD	TBD	Active	ALP/E	
CTTC Training	Nangarhar	PIP/INF	100	100	ongoing	ongoing	Active	ARD	
Wholesale vegetable Market	Nangarhar	PIP/INF	0	0	TBD	TBD	Plan	ALP/E	
Nangarhar Road Inventory	Nangarhar	PIP/INF	0	0	4/15/2006	10/31/2006	Active	GoA	
Business Development Center	Jalalabad	Private Sector	100	100	4/4/2006	2/7/2009	Active	ALP/E	
Training and Internship Program	Jalalabad	Private Sector	100	100	ongoing	ongoing	Active	ALP/E	
Formation of Business Development Board	Nangarhar	Private Sector	100	100	4/15/2006	5/15/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Edible Oil Sub-sector study	Nangarhar	Private Sector	100	100	12/20/2005	12/31/2005	Complete	ALP/E	
Technical Machinery Sub-sector study	Nangarhar	Private Sector	100	100	6/1/2006	7/1/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Carpet Study	Nangarhar	Private Sector	100	100	11/3/2005	11/15/2005	Complete	ALP/E	
Marble Study	Nangarhar	Private Sector	100	100	10/11/2005	10/20/2005	Complete	ALP/E	
Feasibility Study for Flour Mills	Nangarhar	Private Sector	100	100	12/15/2005	11/30/2005	Complete	ALP/E	
Tomato value chain Analysis	Nangarhar	Private Sector	100	100	8/2/2005	8/20/2005	Complete	ALP/E	
Establishing Women Handicraft Center	Nangarhar	Private Sector	40	0	TBD	TBD	Plan	ALP/E	
Dry fruits and Nuts Study	Nangarhar	Private Sector	100	100	11/15/2005	11/30/2005	Complete	ALP/E	
Dairy Sub-sector assessment	Nangarhar	Private Sector	100	0	01/20/2006	02/10/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Poultry sub-sector assessment	Nangarhar	Private Sector	100	100	02/15/2006	02/27/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Improve Livestock production and environmental degradation	Nangarhar	Natural Resource Management	100	60	12/12/2005	6/30/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Training Of Trainers	Nangarhar	Gender and Micro Enterprise	100	100	2/01/2006	2/28/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
<b>Province: Laghman</b>									
Eastern Region Orchards Development Program	Laghman	Agriculture	100	20	7/5/2006	2/9/2009	Active	IF Hope	
Wholesalers training	Laghman	Agriculture	100	100	2/11/2006	2/12/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Traders(Assemblers)Training	Laghman	Agriculture	100	100	2/20/2006	2/23/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Influenza Training	Laghman	Agriculture	100	100	3/27/2006	3/28/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Farmers Training(TOT)	Laghman	Agriculture	100	100	1/28/2006	2/9/2006	Complete	ALP/E	

Project- Name	Location	Description	% Complete		Activity Start Date	Activity Competition Date	Status	Implementer	Comments
			Design	Implemented					
Vegetable Seed and Fertilizer distribution	Laghman	Agriculture	100	100	2/8/2006	2/26/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Deh Zairat Protection Wall	Mihtarlam	CFW/INF	100	100	9/28/2005	12/28/2005	Complete	RI	
Karaho Protection Wall	Mihtarlam	CFW/INF	100	100	9/27/2005	1/27/2006	Complete	RI	
Terkaray Protection Wall	Mihtarlam	CFW/INF	100	100	10/20/2005	1/20/2006	Complete	RI	
Mulayano Kalay Protection Wall	Mihtarlam	CFW/INF	100	65	12/28/2005	3/28/2006	Active	RI	
Shamangal Canal Rehabilitation	Mihtarlam	CFW/INF	100	40	2/15/2006	8/15/2006	Active	RI	
Hayadarkhani Canal Rehabilitation	Mihtarlam	CFW/INF	100	57	2/8/2006	5/23/2006	Active	RI	
Dopi and Longalam Protection Wall	Qarghayi	CFW/INF	100	100	11/24/2005	2/24/2006	Complete	RI	
Char Bagh Canal Rehabilitation	Qarghayi	CFW/INF	100	30	2/23/2006	8/23/2006	Active	RI	
Kalakot Canal Rehabilitation	Qarghayi	CFW/INF	100	30	2/16/2006	8/6/2006	Active	RI	
Daronata Road Repair (Daronta Bypass)	Qarghayi	CFW/INF	100	83	1/25/2006	4/10/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Shamsherabad Flood Protection Wall	Qarghayi	CFW/INF	100	20	3/8/2006	6/8/2006	Active	RI	
Khoja Khil Sofla Canal Rehabilitation	Alingar	CFW/INF	100	100	7/19/2005	11/15/2005	Complete	RI	
Ghundai Nazar Khil Protection Wall	Alingar	CFW/INF	100	73	12/19/2005	3/19/2006	Active	RI	
Qasaba Protection Wall	Alingar	CFW/INF	100	87	12/10/2005	3/10/2006	Active	RI	
Nolo Protection Wall	Alishing	CFW/INF	100	100	8/3/2005	11/3/2005	Complete	RI	
Jamshidabad Protection Wall	Alishing	CFW/INF	100	100	6/4/2005	8/31/2005	Complete	RI	
Jamshdabad Additional Work	Alishing	CFW/INF	100	100	10/2/2005	1/2/2006	Complete	RI	
Abuzai Bridge	Mehtarlam	PIP/INF	0	0	Ongoing	Ongoing	Plan		
Establishment of Self Help Groups	Laghman	Gener and Micro Enterprise	100	100	3/15/2006	3/31/2006	Active	RI	
<b>Province: Kunar</b>									
Influenza Training(TOT)	Kunar	Agriculture	100	100	3/27/2006	3/28/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Wholesalers training	Kunar	Agriculture	100	100	2/11/2006	2/12/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Farmers Training(TOT)	Kunar	Agriculture	100	100	1/28/2006	2/9/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Vegetable Seed and Fertilizer distribution	Kunar	Agriculture	100	100	2/20/2006	3/4/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Influenza Training(TOT)	Kunar	Agriculture	100	100	3/27/2006	3/28/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Whole Sellers training	Kunar	Agriculture	100	100	2/11/2006	2/12/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Farmers Training(TOT)	Kunar	Agriculture	100	100	1/28/2006	2/9/2006	Complete	ALP/E	
Seenda Wala Canal Rehabilitation	Nurgal	CFW/INF	100	38	2/20/2006	5/20/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Daag Canal Repair	Khas Kunar	CFW/INF	100	42	2/21/2006	5/21/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Tanar Road Rehabilitation	Khas Kunar	CFW/INF	100	42	2/21/2006	5/21/2006	Active	ALP/E	
Establishment of Self Help Groups	Kunar	Gener and Micro Enterprise	100	25	3/15/2006	3/31/2006	Active	RI	

CFW: Cash-for-work, INF: Infrastructure, PIP: Productive Infrastructure Project

## Annex-VI: ALP/E CFW Project Data

District	Project Name	Project Number	Project Type	Start Date	End Date	Person Employed			Person Days			Wages Paid			Implementer	Project Status	Percent Progress
						Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total			
Kunar																	
Khas Kunar	Shankar Canal Repair	CFW101501	Canal Repair	Feb-06	May-06	180	14	194	4141	326	4467	\$14,908	\$1,304	\$16,212	DAI	Active	42%
Khas Kunar	Tanar Road Rehabilitation	CFW101502	Road Repair	Feb-06	May-06	82	6	88	2103	160	2263	\$7,570	\$640	\$8,210	DAI	Active	42%
Nurgal	Seenda Wala Canal Rehabilitation	CFW101402	Canal Repair	Feb-06	May-06	100	8	108	3491	289	3780	\$12,568	\$1,156	\$13,724	DAI	Active	38%
Laghman																	
Alingar	Ghundai Nazar Khil Protection Wall	CFW090302	Protection Wall Construction	Dec-05	Mar-06	211	8	219	14463	2462	16925	\$52,860	\$9,006	\$61,866	RI	Active	73%
Alingar	Khoja Khil Sofla Canal Rehabilitation	CFW090301	Canal Repair	Jul-05	Nov-05	1329	38	1367	11100	408	11508	\$52,597	\$1,596	\$54,193	RI	Completed	100%
Alingar	Qasaba Protection Wall	CFW090303	Protection Wall Construction	Dec-05	Mar-06	201	7	208	13805	2353	16158	\$51,504	\$9,853	\$61,357	RI	Active	87%
Alishing	Akhund Sahib Protection Wall	CFW090704	Protection Wall Construction	Sep-05	Dec-05	360	9	369	24352	482	24834	\$95,600	\$1,928	\$97,528	RI	Completed	100%
Alishing	Jamshdabad Additional Work	CFW090702B	Protection Wall Construction	Oct-05	Jan-06	186	5	191	12636	324	12960	\$49,228	\$1,296	\$50,524	RI	Completed	100%
Alishing	Jamshidabad Protection Wall	CFW090702A	Protection Wall Construction	Jun-05	Aug-05	450	4	454	21566	164	21730	\$75,883	\$656	\$76,539	RI	Completed	100%
Alishing	Mustafa Kalay Protection Wall	CFW090703	Protection Wall Construction	Jun-05	Aug-05	500	18	518	17082	565	17647	\$60,917	\$2,260	\$63,177	RI	Completed	100%
Alishing	Nolo Protection Wall	CFW090701	Protection Wall Construction	Aug-05	Nov-05	399	7	406	24345	381	24726	\$90,552	\$1,524	\$92,076	RI	Completed	100%
Mihtarlam	Deh Zairat Protection Wall	CFW090101	Protection Wall Construction	Sep-05	Dec-05	525	10	535	37920	693	38613	\$143,053	\$2,773	\$145,826	RI	Completed	100%
Mihtarlam	Haydarkhani Canal Rehabilitation	CFW090106	Canal Repair	Feb-06	May-06	117	4	121	3412	97	3509	\$13,945	\$388	\$14,333	RI	Active	57%
Mihtarlam	Karaho Protection Wall	CFW090102	Protection Wall Construction	Sep-05	Jan-06	209	4	213	13744	155	13899	\$115,181	\$1,557	\$116,738	RI	Completed	100%
Mihtarlam	Mulayano Kalay Protection Wall	CFW090104	Protection Wall Construction	Dec-05	Mar-06	369	12	381	20529	641	21170	\$72,424	\$2,432	\$74,856	RI	Active	65%
Mihtarlam	Shamangal Canal Rehabilitation	CFW090105	Canal Repair	Feb-06	Aug-06	168	7	175	5298	208	5506	\$20,000	\$808	\$20,808	RI	Active	40%
Mihtarlam	Terkaray Protection Wall	CFW090103	Protection Wall Construction	Oct-05	Jan-06	331	8	339	28043	665	28708	\$109,403	\$2,644	\$112,047	RI	Completed	100%
Qarghayi	Char Bagh Canal Rehabilitation	CFW090202	Canal Repair	Feb-06	Aug-06	133	5	138	3341	137	3478	\$12,040	\$532	\$12,572	RI	Active	30%
Qarghayi	Daronata Road Repair (Daronta Bypass)	CFW090204	Road Repair	Jan-06	Apr-06	225	1	226	7453	44	7497	\$26,832	\$176	\$27,008	DAI	Active	83%
Qarghayi	Dopi and Longalam Protection Wall	CFW090201	Protection Wall Construction	Nov-05	Feb-06	301	13	314	21544	823	22367	\$78,287	\$3,124	\$81,411	RI	Completed	100%
Qarghayi	Kalakot Canal Rehabilitation	CFW090203	Canal Repair	Feb-06	Aug-06	159	6	165	4357	169	4526	\$13,660	\$632	\$14,292	RI	Active	30%

District	Project Name	Project Number	Project Type	Start Date	End Date	Person Employed			Person Days			Wages Paid			Implementer	Project Status	Percent Progress
						Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total			
Qarghayi	Shamsherabad Flood Protection Wall	CFW090205	Protection Wall Construction	Mar-06	Jun-06	385	13	398	6128	268	6396	\$19,836	\$1,028	\$20,864	RI	Active	20%
<b>Nangarhar</b>																	
Achin	Pekha Protection Wall & Geroynes	CFW081002	Protection Wall Construction	Jan-06	Apr-06	461	0	461	20123	0	20123	\$72,016	\$0	\$72,016	DAI	Active	90%
Behsud	Abdian Road Rehabilitation	CFW082101	Road Repair	Mar-06	Jun-06	185	0	185	2438	0	2438	\$8,777	\$0	\$8,777	DAI	Active	10%
Behsud	Biniga Flood Protection Wall	CFW082102	Protection Wall Construction	Mar-06	Apr-06	65	0	65	397	0	397	\$1,429	\$0	\$1,429	DAI	Active	15%
Behsud	Sammarkhil Flood Protection Wall	CFW082103	Protection Wall Construction	Mar-06		139	13	152	963	89	1052	\$3,467	\$356	\$3,823	DAI	Active	12%
Goshta	Bar & Kuz Bela Protection wall	CFW081601	Protection Wall Construction	Dec-05	Feb-06	197	17	214	6233	607	6840	\$22,315	\$2,428	\$24,743	DAI	Active	66%
Goshta	Bar Bila Flood Protection wall	CFW081602	Protection Wall Construction	Dec-05	Mar-06	90	8	98	2240	174	2414	\$14,500	\$696	\$15,196	DAI	Completed	95%
Goshta	Billa Flood Protection wall(Dikes)	CFW081603	Protection Wall Construction	Dec-05	Mar-06	89	6	95	3252	226	3478	\$11,615	\$904	\$12,519	DAI	Active	80%
Hisarak	Hesarak Road Repair	CFW080301	Road Repair	Mar-06	Jun-06	238	22	260	2929	234	3163	\$10,544	\$936	\$11,480	DAI	Active	13%
Hisarak	Shana Zawara Road Repair	CFW080302	Road Repair	Mar-06	Jun-06	87	4	91	1020	64	1084	\$3,672	\$256	\$3,928	DAI	Active	13%
Jalalabad	Jalalabad city Side ditches Cleaning	CFW080101	Road Repair	Jan-06	Mar-06	63	0	63	2622	0	2622	\$9,363	\$0	\$9,363	DAI	Completed	100%
Jalalabad	Jalalabad city Side ditches Rehabilitation	CFW080102	Road Repair	Dec-05	Mar-06	540	0	540	14019	0	14019	\$49,580	\$0	\$49,580	DAI	Active	73%
Khogyani	Kalagho Road Rehabilitaion	CFW080502	Road Repair	Mar-06	Jun-06	86	8	94	1053	98	1151	\$3,791	\$392	\$4,183	DAI	Active	11%
Khogyani	Khawaran Road Rehabilitaion	CFW080501	Road Repair	Mar-06	Jun-06	118	10	128	1329	112	1441	\$4,784	\$448	\$5,232	DAI	Active	11%
Muhmand Dara	Zara Sultankhil Protection Wall	CFW081402	Protection Wall Construction	Mar-06	Apr-06	45	0	45	339	0	339	\$1,220	\$0	\$1,220	DAI	Active	5%
Sherzad	Gandomak Road Repair	CFW080401	Road Repair	Mar-06	Jun-06	76	6	82	570	44	614	\$2,052	\$176	\$2,228	DAI	Active	5%
Sherzad	Sherzad Erosion Protection	CFW080403	Protection Wall Construction	Mar-06		115	10	125	1068	92	1160	\$3,845	\$368	\$4,213	DAI	Active	8%
Sherzad	Toto Road Rehabilitation	CFW080402	Road Repair	Mar-06	Jun-06	83	6	89	1181	86	1267	\$4,252	\$344	\$4,596	DAI	Active	13%
Spin Ghar	Maidanak Road Rehabilitaion	CFW082301	Road Repair	Dec-05	Mar-06	465	0	465	15391	0	15391	\$55,407	\$0	\$55,407	DAI	Completed	95%
Surkh Rod	Shamshapur Road Construction	CFW080201	Road Repair	Jan-06	Apr-06	334	15	349	9400	421	9821	\$33,840	\$1,684	\$35,524	DAI	Active	70%
<b>Total</b>						<b>10,396</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>10,728</b>	<b>387,420</b>	<b>14,061</b>	<b>401,481</b>	<b>1,505,316</b>	<b>56,301</b>	<b>1,561,617</b>			

## Annex–VII: ALP/E Project Environmental Assessment Summary

No.	District	Project Number	Type	ALP Project Name	EA Forms made	EMS Risk Rating
<b>Nangarhar</b>						
1	Surkhrod	CFW080201	Road	Shamshapoor Cobblestone Road Pilot length.	Yes	Low
2	Hisarak	CFW080301	Road	Mana Road Improvement	Yes	Low
3	Hisarak	CFW080302	Road	Shana Zawara Road Improvement	Yes	Low
4	Sherzad	CFW080401	Road	Gandomak Road Improvement	Yes	Low
5	Sherzad	CFW080402	Road	Mula Nazar Khil / Toto Road Improvement	Yes	Low
6	Sherzad	CFW080403	Flood protection	Ashpan Flood Protection Wall	Yes	Mod
7	Khogiani	CFW080501	Road	Khwaran Road Improvement	Yes	Low
8	Khogiani	CFW080502	Road	Kailagho Road Improvement	Yes	Low
9	Muhmand Dara	CFW081402	Flood protection	Zara Sultan Khail and Bazar Emergency Flood Protection	Yes	Mod
10	Muhmand Dara	CFW081403	Flood protection	Girdi Ghous Emergency Flood Protection	Yes	Low
11	Lal Pur	CFW081502	Flood Protection	Guldag Emergency Flood Protection	Yes	Low
12	Behsud	CFW082201	Road	Abdian, Narmasi and Mirak Bela Roads	Yes	Low
13	Behsud	CFW082202	Flood protection	Binigah Emergency Protection Embankment	Yes	Low
14	Behsud	CFW082203	Flood protection	Samarkhil Emergency Erosion Protection	Yes	Low
<b>Kunar</b>						
1	Narang	CFW101201	Irrigation	Dandono to Kotgi Canal Intake Construction	Yes	Low
2	Chawkay	CFW101301	Irrigation	Seend Wala Chawkay Intake	Yes	Low
3	Nurgal	CFW101401	Irrigation	Seend Wala Nurgal Intake	Yes	Low
4	Nurgal	CFW101402	Irrigation	Seend Wala Nurgal Canal Rehabilitation	Yes	Low
5	Khas Kunar	CFW101501	Irrigation	Daag Canal Repair	Yes	Low
6	Khas Kunar	CFW101502	Road	Tanar Road Rehabilitation	Yes	Low
<b>Laghman</b>						
1	Mihtarlam	CFW090105	Irrigation	Shamngal Canal Reconstruction	Yes	Low
2	Mihtarlam	CFW090106	Irrigation	Hayadarkhani Canal Reconstruction	Yes	Low
3	Qarghai	CFW090202	Irrigation	Char Bagh Canal reconstruction	Yes	Low
4	Qarghai	CFW090203	Irrigation	Kalakot and Longalam Canal reconstruction	Yes	Low
5	Qarghai	CFW090204	Road	Darunta Bypass Cobblestone Road, first reach	Yes	Low
6	Qarghai	CFW090205	Flood protection	Shamshirabad Flood Protection	Yes	Low