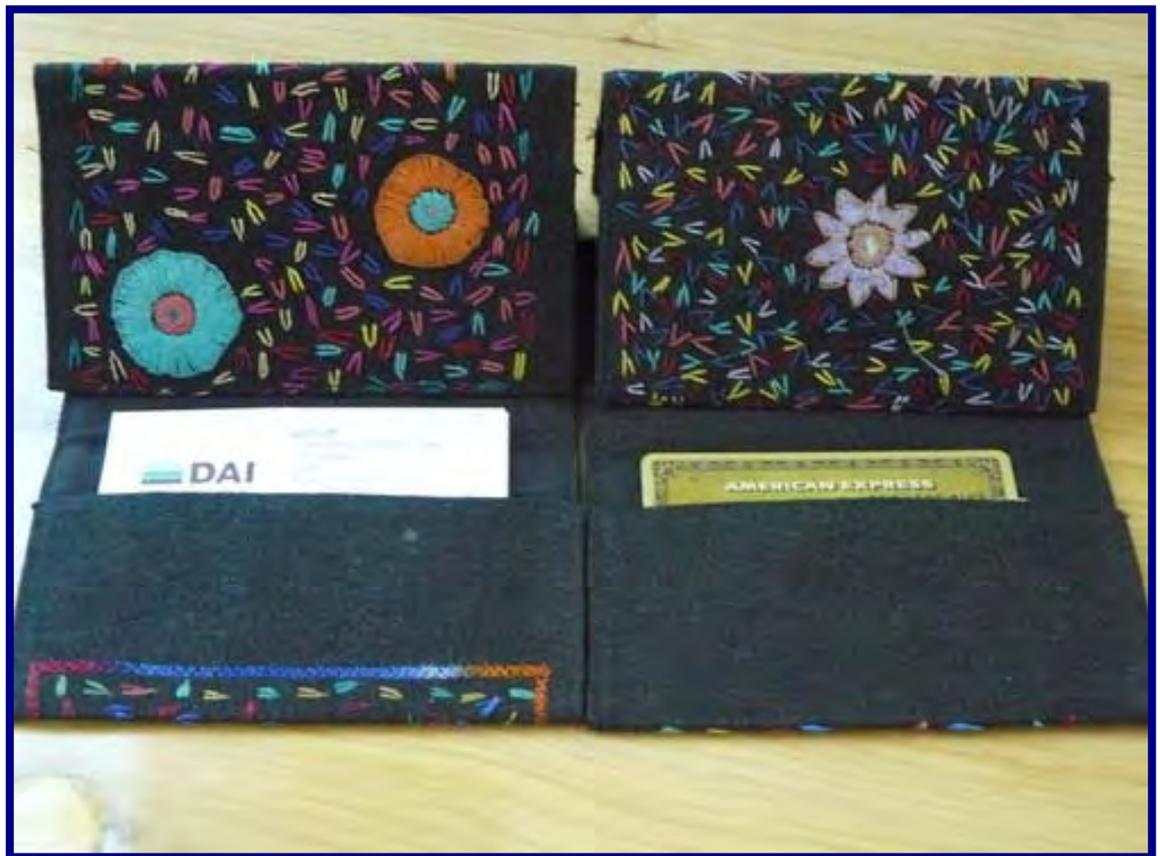




# Biweekly Report

## November 16-30, 2007

**ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM - EASTERN REGION**

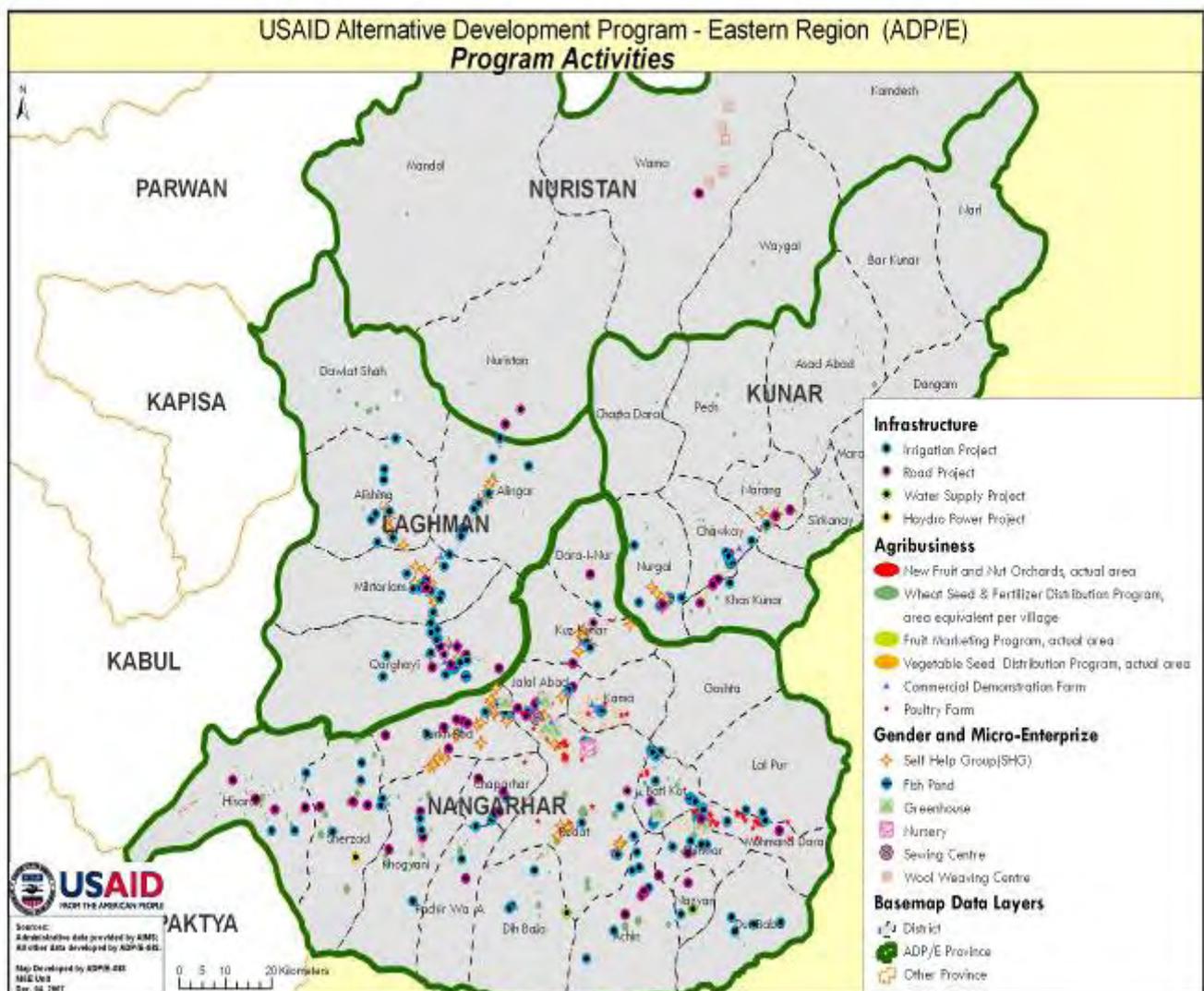


A sample of handmade, one-of-a-kind eastern region produced handicrafts showcased on the ADP/E supported *Afghan Hands* website, [www.afghanhands.com](http://www.afghanhands.com), an Afghan-American NGO based out of New York that assists Afghan war widows.

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## ADP/E'S MISSION STATEMENT

The overall objective of ADP/E is to accelerate broad-based, sustainable 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.



## Executive Summary

Highlights of ADP/E's activities and achievements during this reporting period:

- The Fruit Marketing Program reached a new sales record: 872mt worth US \$329,292- the result of 2,354 business deals with an average value of US \$140 and 27% higher price than that paid to non-beneficiaries.
- ADP/E and its subcontractor Roots of Peace will plant close to 2,000 hectares of fruit and nut orchards in the four-province region. ADP/E will implement a 500ha planting program in Nuristan in the districts of Kamdesh, Wama, Parun, Waygal, and Nurgram, requiring the procurement and transportation of 150,000 almond, apple, apricot, plum and walnut saplings.
- The spring TIMER 2008 will involve private input suppliers and will require beneficiaries to pay 15 percent of the cost of each input package at the time of delivery in an attempt to create effective demand for high-quality seeds, while encouraging input suppliers to respond to this growing demand.
- Progress on four major PIP projects continued on schedule, one in Laghman and three in Nangarhar.
- Continued working on 36 active CFW projects, employing a total of 2,280 people and generating 23,638 days during the reporting period\*. To date, ADP/E has employed 32,317 people and generated 2,278,835 person days.
- The cash-for-work program successfully built the Haji Guldad Flood Protection Wall in the village of Haji Guldad, Qarghai District, Laghman with a total length of 395 m. Completed on November 16, it protects approximately 750 jeribs (150 hec) of land, 29 houses and irrigation canals for 850 jeribs (170 hec) of land.
- The Narang Loi Canal project started during the reporting period and aims to rehabilitate the canal in order to meet the growing demand for irrigation water. Upon completion, the 14 km rehabilitated canal will irrigate 7,000 jeribs (1400 hec) of agriculture land and ensure the smooth flow of water year round.
- Facilitated a business development workshop for disabled persons in Jalalabad with funding secured by the US State Department. The workshop, co-sponsored by the Business Development Center, was attended by over ninety disabled persons, including ten women, who heard from local governmental, non-governmental, and private sector financial institutions.
- Facilitated a delegation of Afghan marble quarry investors to attend the construction industry's international exhibition, "The Big 5" in Dubai. The trip provided the participants a better understanding of modern practices and activities in the marble sector in addition to establishing networks with potential buyers and establishing links with the international market.
- Implemented a two day business workshop through AWBA on "Advising Women to Establish a Businesses" in Jalalabad, also funded by the US State Department. A total of 80 women and 20 female business owners joined to educate women on how to establish a business.
- The recently established eastern region produced handicrafts stores, "Golden Fingers", continued marketing its high end, one-of-a-kind products to the large international expatriate community in Afghanistan and sent samples to "Afghan Hands", a New York based NGO, in time for the holiday season there.
- Trained the Directorates of Agriculture of Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar on the new **TAMAS** SMS market price system recently rolled out by ADP/E, providing on demand prices of nearly thirty agricultural commodities in five cities. This training will be expanded next period to include Agricultural Extension officers in the three provinces of Nangarhar, Laghman, and Kunar.
- The Taraqi Saba Youth Entrepreneurship Business Skills ToT twelve-day training concluded on November 22. The next phase, selecting student candidates through examination, has begun for nearly 1000 interested twelfth grade students from Nangarhar, Kunar and Laghman.

## II. Sector Activities

### A. Agribusiness

#### Perennial Horticulture

ADP/E is preparing for the coming planting season in which, together with its subcontractor Roots of Peace, will plant close to 2,000 hectares of fruit and nut orchards in the four-province region.

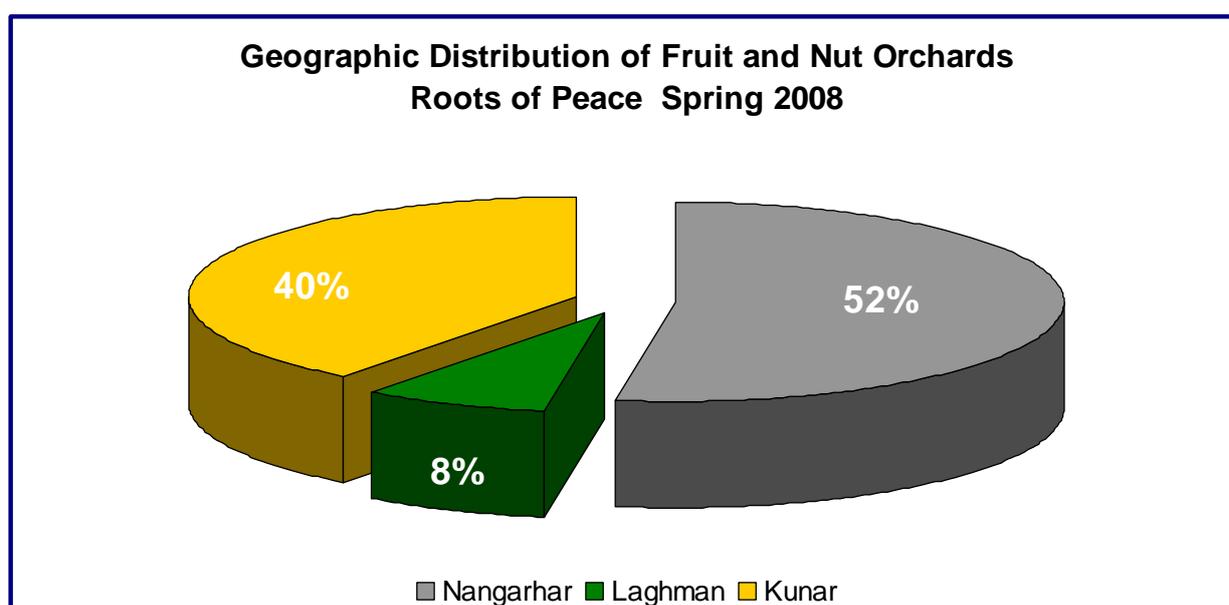
Roots of Peace have registered 1,359 hectares in 15 districts of Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar. The number of species has been purposely kept at a minimum considering the need to concentrate efforts in promoting only the crops with the highest productive potential for the region, and to ensure that farmers reach economies of scale in production, which will enable them to link to processing opportunities.

Table I shows the district-wise distribution of species that Roots of Peace will plant in the spring of 2008.

**Table I. District-Wise Distribution of Species**

Province	District	No. of Orchards	Registered Area in Hectares					Total
			Apricot	Almond	Pomegranate	Apple	Orange	
Nangarhar	Jalalabad	229	94.20	13.90	41.90	0.00	6.90	156.90
Nangarhar	Batikot	173	60.20	8.80	39.30	0.00	0.00	108.30
Nangarhar	Shin war	123	31.60	23.50	28.80	0.00	0.00	83.90
Nangarhar	Kot	73	15.40	8.10	25.60	0.00	0.00	49.10
Nangarhar	Kuz Kunar	70	31.10	0.60	11.00	0.00	0.00	42.70
Nangarhar	Kama	77	32.00	4.20	10.80	0.00	0.00	47.00
Nangarhar	Surkhrod	336	30.40	18.50	169.40	0.00	7.20	225.50
Laghman	Mehtarlam	74	8.40	12.20	27.50	0.00	0.00	48.10
Laghman	Qarghae	88	11.20	3.60	43.70	0.00	0.00	58.50
Kunar	Khas Kunar	233	113.60	7.80	31.40	0.00	0.00	152.80
Kunar	Asmar	250	9.40	85.60	6.60	53.00	0.00	154.60
Kunar	Dangam	68	0.60	0.00	0.00	40.80	0.00	41.40
Kunar	Asadabad	108	50.90	15.30	8.60	0.00	0.00	74.80
Kunar	Shigal	72	16.20	18.20	1.20	0.00	0.00	35.60
Kunar	Narang	102	27.20	11.00	32.80	9.60	0.00	80.60
<b>Grand total</b>		<b>2,076</b>	<b>532.40</b>	<b>231.30</b>	<b>478.60</b>	<b>103.40</b>	<b>14.10</b>	<b>1,359.80</b>

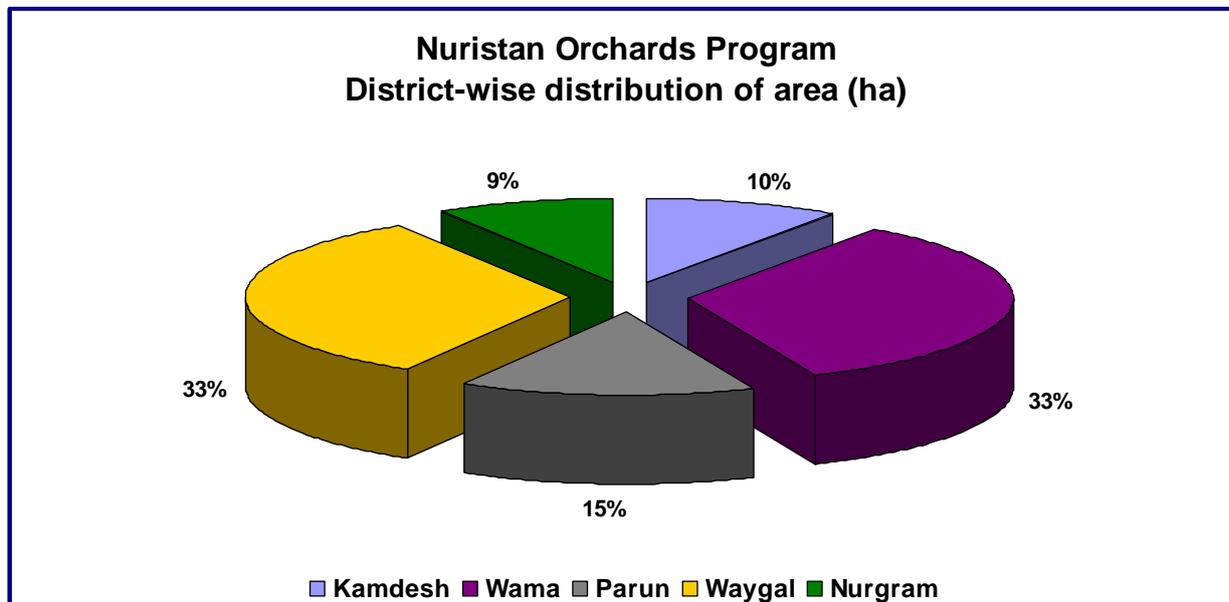
**Figure I. Proportion of hectares signed-up in each province (based on the total of 1359.8ha)**



ADP/E will directly implement a 500ha planting program in Nuristan. This will follow a trial conducted in the spring of 2007, in which ADP/E planted 60 ha in Parun and Waygal. This year's efforts will concentrate on the districts of Kamdesh, Wama, Parun, Waygal, and Nurgram.

This venture will require the procurement and transportation of 150,000 almond, apple, apricot, plum and walnut saplings: a daunting endeavor considering the road conditions in Nuristan. This will require transporting the saplings in trucks, pickups and donkeys until they reach the distribution points identified by community leaders and ADP/E technicians.

**Figure 2. Proposed District-Wise Distribution of Area (ha)**



ADP/E's Fruit Marketing Program, which assists farmers in the rehabilitation of existing orchards and provides them with training and technical assistance to improve productivity, quality and links them to markets, has reached a new sales record. Up to the current reporting period, sales have reached 872mt, worth US \$329,292. This volume is the result of 2,354 business deals with an average value of US \$140.

One noteworthy feature is that the prices paid to the beneficiaries of the program continue to be above 27 percent of those paid to non-beneficiaries, which derives from improvements in product quality.

### Annual Horticulture

ADP/E's Annual Horticulture and Monitoring and Evaluation teams are currently engaged in two surveys; the first one to measure the impact of the spring TIMER program, in terms of changes in productivity and economic output, while the second survey consists of an assessment of farmers' preferences in regards to crops and varieties for the upcoming spring 2008 TIMER program.

Different from previous editions of the TIMER and REVAMP programs, ADP/E will now involve private input suppliers and will require beneficiaries to pay 15 percent of the cost of each input package, at the time of delivery. This constitutes an attempt to create effective demand for high-quality seeds, while encouraging input suppliers to respond to this growing demand. It is also the first manifestation of ADP/E's exit strategy to ensure the sustainability of the seed system.



**Cabbage Intercrop in Surkhrod District, Nangarhar**

***The first sales from the summer REVAMP Program have reached 300.3mt worth US \$82,000; it is expected that total sales of REVAMP beneficiaries will reach US \$300,000.***

## B. Infrastructure Development

### PRODUCTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (PIPS)

#### IMPROVING ACCESS TO MARKETS

##### **Kama DBST Road (14.6 km): Progress 39%**

The subcontractor was once again given a written warning regarding the slow pace of implementation. ADP/E is considering alternatives in case the contract requires termination. Work continued on spreading water bound material and filling sand to provide the base for the DBST. When the road is complete, it will benefit 130,000 residents from ten villages from the districts of Kama, Goshta and Lalpur. The improved route plays a strategic role: connecting three district centers with Jalalabad and allowing for the transport of agricultural products from 8,000 hectares of irrigated land in about half the current time.



**Widening of Kama Road to a 9 meter width**

##### **Abizai Bridge (67m): Progress 15 %**

The contractor continues to perform well and has recently completed the excavation of one abutment and one pier. In addition, concreting of the left bank abutment began this reporting period and three layers of RCC were poured in the first pier; meanwhile, shuttering began and excavation continues on the second pier.

A second large excavator was brought on site to complete the remaining excavation of two piers and the second abutment before winter weather sets in. The bridge will connect more than fifteen villages with a total population of 150,000. The principal beneficiaries are the local residents who travel to both sides of the river daily in order to reach markets, schools, and hospitals in the provincial capital of Mehtarlam.



**A second large excavator has arrived on site to increase the pace of work before winter sets in**

### **Lal Pur to Guldag DBST Road (12 km): Progress 25 %**

The Lal Pur Road begins from the junction of the Jalalabad-Torkham highway in Dakka village, heading toward the Kabul River for 1.2 km and then crosses over it to the district center. The 12 km DBST road then stretches towards Goshta District connecting different villages in Lal Pur and onward to Kama District, providing access to Jalalabad. The contractor continued water bound dumping, spreading, and leveling for the first 400 meters of the road. The citizens living in the villages of Lal Pur are grateful for the efforts, in some cases even sacrificing walls of their houses in order to provide the proper width of the road.



**A retaining wall under construction on Lal Pur Road**

### **Qasimabad DBST and Gravel Road (5.7km): Progress 23 %**

The project is very close to Jalalabad, initially running in an East-West direction through agricultural land and then passing through a narrow hillside along the Kabul River. In the agricultural area, rice, wheat and various vegetable crops are grown. Most of the villagers are farmers dependent on income from agriculture and animal husbandry. The Qasimabad Road supports 800 hectares of agricultural land, most of it previously dedicated to the growing of poppy; however, this ended under the government ban. The road is designed as 3 km DBST in the first section with a remaining 2.7 km of gravel. During the reporting period, the contractor completed clearing and grubbing up to the end of the road, while widening and cutting of hard rock in the mountains continues. Water bound spreading is in progress and the first bitumen surface treatment should begin in early December.



**Water bound material spread on the first kilometer of Qasimabad Road**

## Construction Trades Training Center (CTTC)

ADP/E continues to build the capacity of the eastern region labor force through training at the CTTC. The 19<sup>th</sup> class completed training in bar bending, masonry, carpentry, plumbing or painting, while the 20<sup>th</sup> class will begin on December 2. To date, 1318 people have undergone skills training at the CTTC with ADP/E sponsorship.



### Status of PIPs

### Cobblestone training course in Jalalabad City

PROJECT	PIP NUMBER	LOCATION	DESIGN % BY DAI	BUILT %	IMPLEMENTER	COMMENT
Mashina Road Improvement (7.5 km)	PIP 090201	Qarghai, Laghman	100	100	HADF	Work completed
Abizai Bridge (67 m)	PIP 090101	Mehtarlam, Laghman	100	15%	MCP	Pier excavation expedited and concreting started
Kama DBST Road (14.6 km)	PIP 081801	Kama, Nangarhar	100	39%	SKB-Saboor JV	Written warning to contractor
Qasimabad Road (5.7 km)	PIP 082101	Behsud, Nangarhar	100	23%	BCURA	DBST to begin in December
Lal Pur Road-(12 km)	PIP 081501	Lal Pur, Nangarhar	100	25%	ACC-LBCC JV	Widening, filling, and structure work in progress

### Cash-for-work (CFW) Projects

ADP/E continued working on 36 active CFW projects, employing a total of 2,280 people and generating 23,638 days during the reporting period\*. To date, ADP/E has employed 32,317 people and generated 2,278,835 person days.

### Summary of CFW Projects by Province, Nov. 16-30, 2007

PROVINCE	TOTAL OF APPROVED PROJECTS	PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED PROJECTS	ACTIVE PROJECTS THIS PERIOD	STOPPED PROJECTS	OTHER PENDING APPROVED PROJECTS	PERSON DAYS OF EMPLOYMENT THIS PERIOD*
Nangarhar	115	85	22	4	0	19,525
Laghman	47	38	5	0	1	1,303
Kunar	20	14	6	0	0	2,810
Nuristan	3	1	2	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23,638</b>

\* For accounting purposes this number is from October-16-31, 2007

## Success in Haji Guldad Village

One of the priority needs of rural communities is the construction of flood protection walls that can save land, houses, and other property from rising river waters. Due to climatic conditions and continuous changes in riverbanks, the threat of flooding is an ongoing one faced by the citizens of the eastern region. The majority of the population in rural areas is farmers and their sole income source is derived from farming and animal husbandry. Heavy floods damage their crops, animals, land, and gardens. In most cases, the floods also damage irrigation canals that provide vital water for crops.

One example of ADP/E's successful intervention is the Haji Guldad Flood Protection Wall in the village of Haji Guldad, Qarghai District, Laghman with a total length of 395 m. Completed on November 15, it protects approximately 750 jeribs (150 hec) of land, 29 houses and irrigation canals for 850 jeribs (170 hec) of land.

In addition, the income the villagers earned from working on the project will be reinvested in new agriculture products and ADP/E's Agribusiness Unit will provide technical expertise in improving yields and finding markets for the crops. According to the village elders' estimation, each family in the village expects an additional \$1,200 in income per year due to the project.



**The Haji Guldad Flood Protection Wall protects land, irrigation canal and houses**



*Abdul Qayoumd- Shura Leader, Haji Guldad, Qarghai District, Laghman*

**“It was my dream to have a protection wall here and ADP/E and USAID transformed my dream into reality. Villagers were losing their crops, animals and large amounts of land were being washed away by floods, though now they will be safe.”**

*Abdul Qayoumd- Shura Leader, Haji Guldad*

## Newly Started Projects

The following project was started during the reporting period:

### I. Narang Loi Canal Improvement Project CFW-101207:

The Narang Loi Canal project started on November 17 located in Narang District of Kunar. The aim of the project is to increase the water discharge in the canal and to decrease wastewater in order to meet the growing demand for irrigation water. The issue of water has been the root of conflict among the local villagers. Upon completion, the 14 km rehabilitated canal will irrigate 7,000 jeribs (1400 hec) of agriculture land in addition to preventing further seasonal damage and ensure the smooth flow of water year round. Most important, the stable water supply will increase the annual income of farmers due to higher yields. The rehabilitation includes construction of 220 water distributors, 17 culverts and 115 m of protection walls along the canal with an expected completion date of April 2008.



### Paroon to Ponce Road: Impacting Lives in Nuristan

On November 27, ADP/E visited the Paroon to Ponce Road Project located in Paroon, the capital of Nuristan Province. The 8 km road starts in Paroon, passes through Peshkey village, and ends in Sasom village. Over 100 local laborers are working on the project and notably it is the only cash-for-work project providing job opportunities for the vulnerable families in this remote part of the country. Paroon is located at the highest mountainous point of Afghanistan where there is snow on the ground for five to six months a year. The many challenges of implementing a project in this remote setting have been successfully overcome with the community very appreciative and supportive of the work, knowing that the road will impact their daily lives by providing badly needed access to markets and social services.

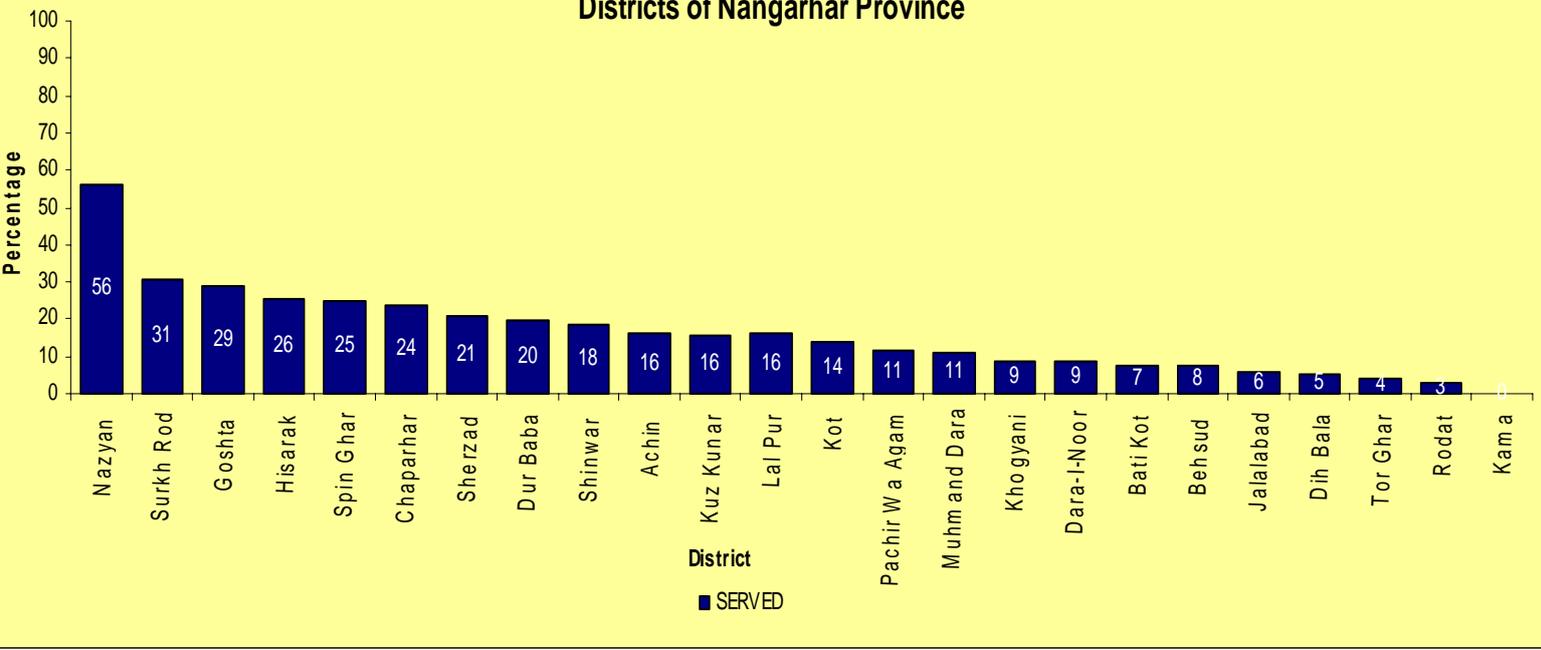
**Narang Canal in Kunar will be rehabilitated to improve year round water supply for irrigating farmland**



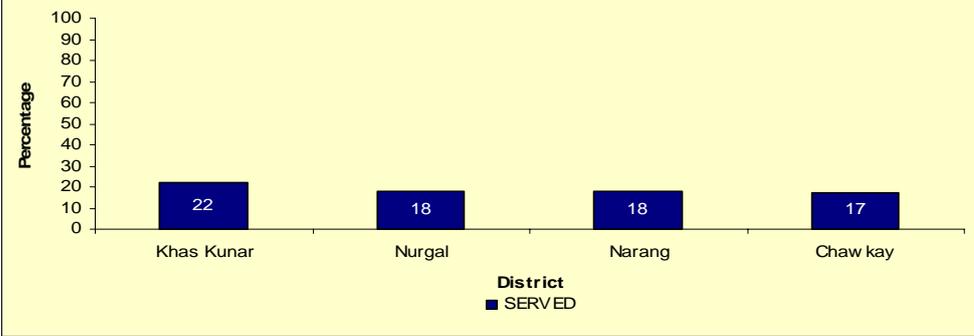
**The difficult process of digging into the mountain and leveling the road in the mountains of Nuristan; work will continue as long as possible until snowfall forces its suspension**

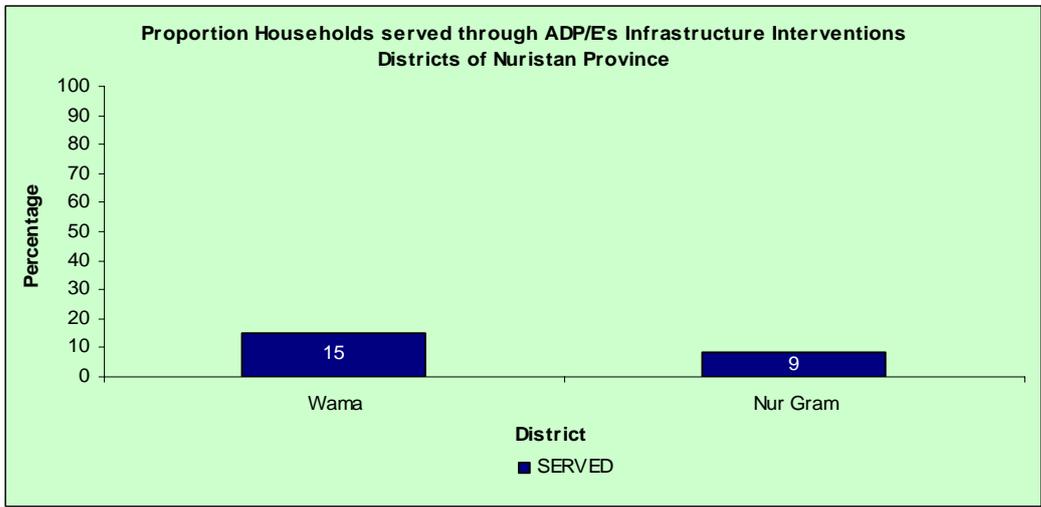
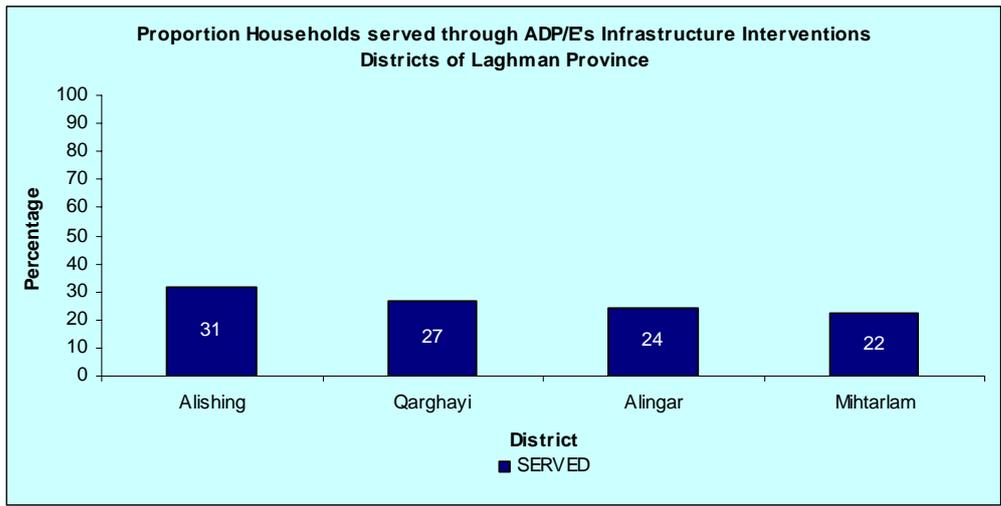
**Tables I-4. Infrastructure Impact on the Total Population in Nangarhar, Laghman, Kunar, and Two Districts in Nuristan**

**Proportion Households served through ADP/E's Infrastructure Interventions  
Districts of Nangarhar Province**



**Proportion Households served through ADP/E's Infrastructure Interventions  
Districts of Kunar Province**





## Cash-For-Work Projects by Province

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CODE	% IMPLEMENTED Nov 1-15, 2007	% IMPLEMENTED Nov. 16-30, 2007	REMARKS
<b>Nangarhar (Roads)</b>				
Nokor Khil, cobble stone road	CFW-080508	90%	98%	ACTIVE
Dodrak Road Improvement	CFW-082003	99%	99%	ACTIVE
Mamand Road Improvement	CFW-082306	13%	16%	ACTIVE
Landy Basawul Road	CFW-081405	25%	35%	ACTIVE
Dehsarak Road	CFW-081004	20%	22%	ACTIVE
Sarjal and Kheshko Road	CFW-081906	5	12%	ACTIVE
Baro Soordag Road Improvement	CFW-080903	1.5	4.5%	ACTIVE
<b>Nangarhar (Non Road)</b>				
Sada Canal Intake	CFW-081501	52%	52%	ACTIVE
Kharbandi/ Khawezi Flood Protection Dikes	CFW-081606	43%	43%	Suspended
Grabawa Flood Protection Dikes	CFW-081704	30%	30%	Suspended
Kachara and Gorik Flood Protection	CFW-081905	92%	92%	Suspended
Binigah II Flood Protection	CFW-082206	99.5%	99.5%	ACTIVE
Lateral Canal 27 Repair	CFW-081304	100%	100%	ACTIVE
Tajik Intake and Canal Rehabilitation	CFW-080209	70%	75%	ACTIVE
Remodeling of Shamshapoor Causeway	CFW-080211	1%	1%	ACTIVE
Khwaran Intake Improvement	CFW-080510	32%	55%	ACTIVE
Mama Khil Intake Improvement	CFW-080408	25%	58%	ACTIVE
Guldara Intake	CFW-080608	11%	15%	ACTIVE
Zarbacha Canal	CFW-082104	22%	30%	ACTIVE
Salara Yaghiband Intake Canal	CFW-080804	12%	17%	ACTIVE
Yonus Tangi Pipe Scheme	CFW-081104	6%	6%	Suspended
Sarobi Chardehi Intake	CFW-081705	10%	15%	ACTIVE
Lateral Canal 28 Improvement	CFW-081305	1	10%	ACTIVE
Pas Sabar Bar Lakhtai Canal Improvement	CFW-080703	3%	5%	ACTIVE
Tangi Pipe Scheme	CFW-082105	2%	5%	ACTIVE
Markikhil Micro-Hydro Power Plant	CFW-080409	2%	6%	ACTIVE
<b>Laghman (Road)</b>				
Daronta Bypass Cobblestone Road, Third Reach	CFW-090213	98%	98%	ACTIVE
Dehziarat-Omarzai Cobblestone Road	CFW-090121	99%	99.5%	ACTIVE
Farmankhil to Aghrabad Road Improvement	CFW-090222	0.5	5%	ACTIVE
<b>Laghman (Non Road)</b>				
Haji Gul Dad Flood protection	CFW-090220	100%	100%	Completed
Jalalabad Intake and Canal project	CFW-090223	0	4%	ACTIVE
Warnata Intake and Canal Project	CFW-090307	0	3%	ACTIVE
Jui Malang Canal project	CFW-090221	0	0	Approved
<b>Kunar (Non Road)</b>				
Seend Wala Chawkay Canal Protection	CFW-101302	95%	97%	ACTIVE
Katalam Canal Intake, Norgal	CFW-101406	63%	72%	ACTIVE
Dag Canal Repairing Work	CFW-101506	75%	92%	ACTIVE
Lande Canal Improvement	CFW-101507	71%	83%	ACTIVE
Zarmanday Canal Intake project	CFW-101307	26%	41%	ACTIVE
Narang Loi Canal Improvement	CFW-101206	0%	12%	ACTIVE
<b>Nuristan (Road)</b>				
Paroon-Pronce gravel road	CFW-300101	23%	26%	ACTIVE
Malil Road Project	CFW-300802	0	12%	ACTIVE

## C. Private Sector Development

ADP/E facilitated an important business development workshop for disabled persons in Jalalabad with funding secured by the State Department. The workshop, co-sponsored by the Business Development Center, was attended by over ninety disabled persons, including ten women, who heard from nearly fifteen local governmental, non-governmental, and private sector financial institutions about the programs and services on offer to assist them to establish businesses. The presenter participants included organizations such as the Disabled Affairs Association, Nangarhar Municipality Director, and Department of Disabled in Nangarhar, Solidarity Afghanistan Belgium, ICRC, BRAC, and several financial institutions.

**“It is nice to see the local and international community come together to benefit the very needy handicapped people of the community, and on behalf of my organization and my government I appreciate this assistance of ADP/E.”** *Engineer Abdul Hakim, Deputy Mayor of Nangarhar*



**Participants of a business development workshop listen to roundtable discussions on local services available to assist them**

ADP/E took a delegation of Afghan marble quarry investors to attend the construction industry’s international exhibition, “The Big 5” in Dubai. The investors not only visited with international exhibitors but also met with quarry and processing machinery suppliers, marble technical companies, and industry associations. The trip provided the participants a better understanding of modern practices and activities in the marble sector in addition to establishing networks with potential buyers and links with the international market.

ADP/E supported three businesses to attend the Herat AgFair to promote sustainable distribution, trading and marketing networks between Jalalabad and Herat traders. Participants included Azizi Snack Factory, Riaz Packaging Factory and AEADC (Afghanistan Eastern Agriculture Development). Riaz Packaging Factory held fruitful discussions with a raisin company to supply its packaging and all three businesses are confident to have business in the future based on their participation in the AgFair.

## D. Gender and Micro-enterprise Development

### Women Business Development Program

ADP/E implemented a two day business workshop through AWBA on “Advising Women to Establish their Own Businesses” in Jalalabad funded by the US State Department. The workshop was coordinated in collaboration with Provincial Women’s Affairs Directorates, local Associations and financial institutions. A total of eighty women and twenty female business owners joined the workshop, whose purpose was to educate women on how to establish their own business and introduce resources that are available to them. Furthermore, the workshop improved coordination among the organizations that work for women’s economic development in the region.



**“This workshop is an encouraging step for Afghan women to help motivate them to establish businesses and know the right decisions regarding access to credit and service provider organizations. I am really very happy to participate in this workshop.”**

*Ms. Nadira Wali, Businesswomen & Director of SHEO*

### Commercial Fisheries Development Program

ADP/E continued assisting the development of the local fisheries industry through an assessment to upgrade a local hatchery capable of producing 500,000 fingerlings/year. Currently, about 300,000 fingerlings are imported from Pakistan every year to replenish over two hundred fish farms located in the eastern region. Last year, the Ministry of Agriculture imported 100,000 fingerlings from that country to release in Eastern Afghanistan, underscoring the need to have a local source of fingerlings to support the growth of the Afghan fish industry.

### Eastern Region Handicraft Association

Golden Fingers, the recently established retail stores featuring eastern region handicrafts continued providing marketing services for its members from Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunar in addition to individual producers. Its two boutiques, one at the Jalalabad PRT and one in Kabul, markets its high-end, one-of-a-kind products to the large international expatriate community in country. The store has also sent handicraft samples to “*Afghan Hands*”, a New York based NGO, in time for the holiday season there. The founding Director of the NGO, an Afghan-American, serves as a technical consultant to ADP/E to assist the Association to improve the design, quality, and variety of its products in order to link it with upscale international markets, including the US.



Local handicrafts displayed on the “*Afghan Hands*” website ([www.afghanhands.org](http://www.afghanhands.org))

With the promise and potential that handicrafts hold to the livelihoods of so many women in the eastern region, ADP/E is carrying out an in-depth assessment of the sector in Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunar to explore the potential for expansion. The assessment aims to increase membership in the regional associations among home based producers, increase skill base and the income potential of the members. A sign of the growth of this sector was the opening of the Laghman Handicraft Association office.

### Provincial Directorates of Women’s Affairs

Women of the eastern region supported international “End Violence against Women” Day with a collaborative event held November 28 at Sherzay Stadium in Jalalabad, with similar events held in the provincial capitals of Laghman and Kunar, in partnership with DoWA offices. In total over 300 women from government directorates, local NGOs, and business associations participated in the different events to show concern for the violence against women worldwide. In the eastern region in particular, women rallied to show support to end violence against women and girls in the form of denial of access to education and health care services, forced childhood marriage, marriage in the revenge of enmity, suicide, self-immolation, and other violations of basic human rights.



**Afghan women stand in a show of support on international “End Violence against Women” Day**

### Gender and Micro-enterprise Development at a Glance

PROJECT	DATA	KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Directorate of Women’s Affairs	DoWA- Nangarhar Laghman, Kunar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Violence Against Women Media campaign</li> <li>• One day event at each DOWA site</li> </ul>
Women’s Fruit and Forestry Nursery, Sumarkhail in partnership with RoP	60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On-going Monitoring</li> <li>• Discussions about packing &amp; transportation of pomegranate saplings</li> </ul>
Establishment of 18 women-owned vegetable nurseries	180 nursery operators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five new greenhouses built in Laghman and installation is on-going in five Kunar locations</li> <li>• Technical trainings complete in all new sites</li> <li>• On-going marketing with local farmers</li> </ul>
Women-owned Fish Farms	20 Fish farms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developed training documents for fishery workshop</li> <li>• Assessment of Fish Hatchery</li> </ul>
Sukhrod Vegetable & Fruit Packing Facility	15 female operators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided 731 kg of Vegetables for Kabul market</li> </ul>
Poultry farms	200 broiler farms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Purchase Order for farms</li> <li>• Drafting a contract with Sabawoon Feed Mill</li> </ul>
Mentorship Project	200 home based businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On-going construction of 2 lunch canteens in girls high schools in Laghman</li> </ul>

## E. Institutional Capacity Development

### Support to the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock

ADP/E's Institutional Capacity Development unit facilitated a field day visit to its commercial demonstration plots, greenhouses, and orchards for eight officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock. The aim of the field day was to inspect and identify common insects and diseases in the eastern region effecting fruits and vegetables. The team found samples of Aphids, root rot, powdery mildew, fungus and Fusarium. These samples will be taken to Kabul and analyzed with follow up recommendations to be sent in the near future on limiting the occurrence of these pests.

During the reporting period, the ICD unit also trained the Directorates of Agriculture of Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar on the new **TAMAS** SMS market price system recently rolled out by ADP/E, which provides on demand prices for 58 agricultural

commodities in five cities. This training will be expanded next period to include Agricultural Extension officers in the three provinces of Nangarhar, Laghman, and Kunar who are well placed to introduce eastern region farmers to its benefits.



**A Ministry of Agriculture mission inspects an apricot orchard in Juy Dah Village, Behsoud District, Nangarhar**

### Support to Associations

The final group of 25 members of the Spin Ghar Poultry Farm Association was trained; bringing to 400 the number of members trained over the last five months. The training was planned around the impending growth of the poultry sector in the eastern region, posed for exponential growth in the near future given the recent opening of a poultry feed mill and the upcoming arrival of broiler hatching eggs to jumpstart local production. With their new knowledge and skills, these poultry farmers have the foundation to properly manage their farms and earn a sustainable livelihood.

**“Now I know about proper sanitation for my poultry farm, how disease is transferred and vaccination periods. I am going to be able to manage my farm better and am happy to be a member of the Spin Ghar Poultry Farm Association.”**

*Mr. Shawali, son of Arsala Khan, Behsud District Nangarhar*



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## Support to Community

The Taraqi Saba Youth Entrepreneurship Business Skills ToT twelve-day training concluded on November 22 with a certificate ceremony for the eighteen participants. The next phase, selecting student candidates through examination, has begun for nearly 1000 interested twelfth grade students from Nangarhar, Kunar and Laghman. Once selected, these students will begin a three-month curriculum of in-depth business skills training to encourage the spirit of entrepreneurship in the region's next generation of business leaders.

**“I learned a lot in the business skills training course. I realized in my own business that I had been doing some accounting incorrectly- I won't do that anymore- this was a very useful and practical training.”**

*Mr. Ishaq, Taraqi Saba Trainer*



**A TARAQI SABA ToT participant receives her certificate of completion**

### III. Required Performance Data

#### Annex I. ADP/E Activity Level Indicators<sup>1</sup>, Nov 16-30, 2007

Indicator	Added (Bi-weekly)		Target (LOP)	Total LOP(To date)	Target (FY 07)	Target (FY 08)	By province(To date)				By Gender(To date)	
	Previous	Current					Nangarhar	Laghman	Kunar	Nuristan	Male	Female
Total Kms irrigation and drainage canals and karezes ADP # km	Previous	9.0	2,581	2,647	2,581	2,581	2,424.35	143.35	68.07	-		
	Current	10.8+					5.11	-	5.72	-		
	Total	19.8					2,429.46	143.35	73.79	-		
ADP Kms. of rural roads repaired in poppy regions # km	Previous	4.8	548	475	408	548	375.32	34.30	54.01	7.17		
	Current	3.9+					2.94	0.18	-	0.78		
	Total	8.7					378.26	34.48	54.01	7.95		
ADP/E Hectares of improved irrigation as a result of ADP infrastructure works # hec	Previous	103	233,060	133,191	233,060	233,060	120,931	6,861	4,636	-		
	Current	763					763	-	-	-		
	Total	866					121,694	6,861	4,636	-		
ADP/E Amount paid in CFW in AL programs USD (\$)	Previous	108,041	18,092,363	18,940,581	18,092,363	18,092,363	14,883,082	2,857,316	810,601	289,786	17,020,092	1,820,694
	Current	99,797*					80,208	6,237	13,352	-	97,672	2,124
	Total	207,837					14,963,290	2,863,553	823,953	289,786	17,117,764	1,822,818
ADP/E Afghans paid through CFW salaries #	Previous	374	179,000	166,317 <sup>2</sup>	179,000	179,000	151,604	11,032	2,603	633	144,552	21,320
	Current	445*					423	-	22	-	418	27
	Total	819					152,027	11,032	2,625	633	144,970	21,347
ADP/E Total labor days for CFW #	Previous	17,223	4,767,708	5,246,543	4,767,708	4,767,708	4,209,665	734,190	199,717	79,333	4,691,998	530,907
	Current	23,638*					19,525	1,303	2,810	-	22,968	670
	Total	40,861					4,229,190	735,493	202,527	79,333	4,714,966	531,577
Afghans trained in business skills #	Previous	70	7,000	7,375	5,200	7,000	5,314	1,300	641	22	2,923	4,354
	Current	98					59	38	1	-	40	58
	Total	168					5,373	1,338	642	22	2,963	4,412
Farmers trained in agricultural practices in targeted poppy provinces under ADP #	Previous	55	175,000	108,126	155,000	175,000	62,329	28,235	17,536	1	104,405	3,696
	Current	25					18	7	-	-	25	-
	Total	80					62,347	28,242	17,536	1	104,430	3,696
Farmers receiving seed and fertilizer #	Previous	995	177,961	197,784	177,961	177,961	112,974	45,344	34,366	4,000	196,684	-
	Current	1,100					1,100	-	-	-	1,100	-
	Total	2,095					114,074	45,344	34,366	4,000	197,784	-

<sup>1</sup> The table shows aggregated figures of both ADP and AINP project

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

+This is an estimate based on percentage completed.

\*For accounting purposes, this period is October 16-30, 2007

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