



**ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM - EASTERN REGION**

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Some of the 1,500 beneficiaries of the Nuristan Orchards Program after the distribution of their trees. ADP/E also provides farmers with technical assistance and training.

ADP/E General Information

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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.



I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

- The ADP/E – RoP Extension Staff continued to focus on orchard lay out, distribution of saplings for planting, and the campaign to enlist additional interested farmers for the up-coming season's tree planting program. So far, RoP has planted 5,494 Jeribs (1,118 Hectares) of land with apricot, almond and pomegranate.
- ADP/E successfully completed its spring 2008 Vegetable Seeds and Fertilizer Distribution Program (TIMER), with 14,782 farmers receiving seeds and fertilizer in 15 districts of the Eastern Region. The distribution was led by ADP/E's staff in close cooperation with district representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, district governors, and district and local shura members.
- Sales facilitated by ADP/E's Market Development Program reached US\$28,603 during the two week reporting period.
- Local hatcheries received their fourth shipment of 54,000 eggs from the Netherlands, and negotiations for the importation of day old chicks for 2 broiler breeder flocks are underway.
- During the reporting period, ADP/E continued working on 31 active CFW projects, employing a total of 2,756 people and generating 33,101 person days. To date, ADP/E has employed 168,253 people and generated a total of 5.4 million person days worth \$19.6 million in wages paid to villagers¹.
- ADP/E continued Accounting/QuickBooks training for the accountants and finance officers of all ADP/E assisted businesses including those which recently secured loans from the Afghanistan Rural Finance Center (AFRC). As a result of the training, the businesses will be able to easily track their financial transactions and effectively manage day-to-day business operations.
- ADP-E GME staff received a six-day business training of trainers program conducted by KAWAYAN, the training program aimed to develop a cadre of master trainers through Business Development Services Training of Trainers, who can then cater to larger groups of women entrepreneurs at the grassroots level.
- ADP/E distributed 12,500 day old chicks in collaboration with the Spin Ghar Poultry Farmers' Association to 12 female operated poultry farms. These 12 farms represent the second group of the 200 women farmers targeted by the project.
- The Eastern Region Handicrafts Association received an order from the Nuristan PRT to produce school uniforms for girls in Nuristan. The order is valued at US16, 000. This program will provide vocational training for 100 returnees at Sheikmesri refugee camp, Nangarhar.
- ADP/E successfully launched TARAQI SABA; a three-month training program for 240 students from ten high schools in Nangarhar, 120 students from six high schools in Laghman, and 20 students from one high school in Kunar. The training curriculum focuses on basic economics and has been translated into Pashto to more effectively convey the training to school children as part of their business skills development curriculum.

¹ Includes AINP and ADP/E

II. SECTOR ACTIVITIES

A. AGRIBUSINESS

PERENNIAL HORTICULTURE

COMMERCIAL ORCHARDS PROGRAM

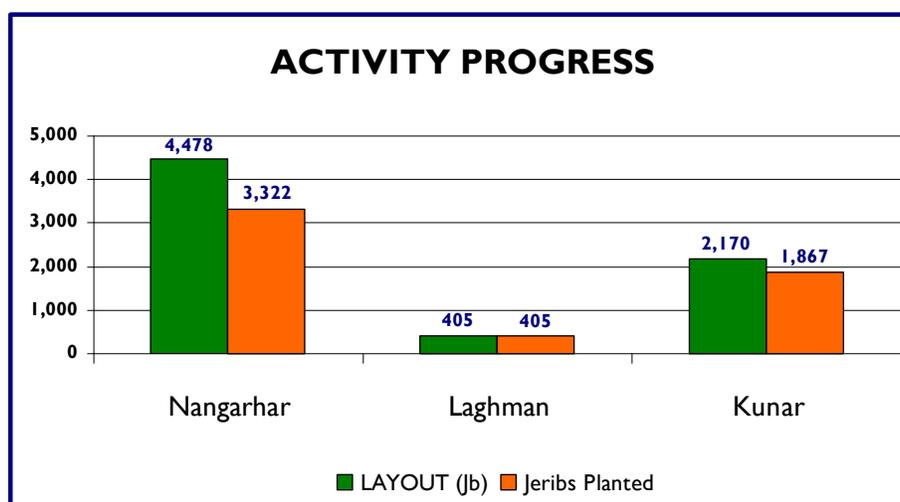
Roots of Peace (RoP), ADP/E's subcontractor is aggressively pursuing its target of 1,500 hectares of new orchards for the current season. To date, RoP reached 5,594 jeribs, equivalent to 1,118 hectares; the remaining area is located in communities in Northern Kunar, where the snow has not yet melted. This endeavor involved the procurement of over 0.4 million trees this season alone, a portion of these trees were supplied by the women-owned nurseries assisted by ADP/E.

RoP published two training manuals for the Agriculture Extension Service and Nangarhar University, on the topics of Soil testing and Vegetative propagation techniques; plus two fruit variety catalogues and five simple brochures.

As part of the integration between ADP/E's annual and perennial horticulture programs, RoP beneficiaries have been given the opportunity to plant vegetables as an intercrop under ADP/E's REVAMP Program. During the reporting period, beneficiaries of REVAMP finished planting 2,367 jeribs (473 ha) of vegetables.

RoP has identified and laid out orchard land for the establishment of commercial orchards reaching a total of 7,053 Jeribs.

Figure 1. Comparative representation of the current level of progress of the Commercial Orchards Program



FRUIT MARKETING PROGRAM (FMP)

Field technicians continued providing assistance to producers of bitter orange in the areas of harvesting, grading, and packaging. As a result of ADP/E's assistance, farmers delivered 45,000 Kg of bitter orange to buyers in Kabul, with a value of \$ 13,780 during this reporting period. Sales facilitated by ADP/E's Fruit Marketing Program enabled beneficiaries to sell bitter orange at prices 64% higher than those paid to non-beneficiaries, primarily as a result of quality improvements and enhanced market efficiency.

NURISTAN ORCHARDS PROGRAM

ADP/E staff continued assisting farmers from Nurgram and Waygal districts with orchard layout and began the delivery of fruit and nut saplings to Nuristan. For this purpose, ADP/E procured over 0.46 million saplings from three private nurseries located in Nangarhar and Kabul provinces. As of February 29, 143,000 saplings (31%) had been sent to five distribution centers, one in each of the 5 target districts of Nuristan Province. Once at the distribution centers, saplings will either be distributed for immediate planting or stored to wait for the appropriate planting time. Storage of saplings in the target districts is intended to help delay sprouting as the temperatures rise at the nurseries, while the higher altitudes are still covered by snow making transport and planting difficult.



Beneficiaries of the Nuristan Orchards Program collecting their fruit tree bundles from the ADP/E distribution center in Waygal

FORESTRY INNOVATIONS FOR LIVELIHOOD DIVERSIFICATION (FIELD) PROGRAM

In addition to the fruit tree new orchards program, ADP/E is currently implementing a forest tree program with a fourfold purpose; to help farmers reclaim marginal lands, assist communities to protect their water resources, promote commercial woodlot production and assist farmers in the establishment of windbreaker barriers for crop protection. The FIELD program is targeting five districts in the Eastern Region, including Achin, Dur Baba, Kuz Kunar and Lal Pur of Nangarhar, and Narang in Kunar Province. ADP/E will assist rural households to plant 150 hectares, for which the program has procured over 0.5 million trees. To the extent possible, ADP/E intends to use dual purpose species, such as Bamboo and Leucaena.

To procure these trees a RFQ was issued and following the bids, nurseries were visited for technical inspections to look at the numbers, availability and quality of the saplings, following the inspections, procurement of the large number of saplings necessary for this project has been guaranteed by ordering from five nurseries from the region.

MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (MDP)

ADP/E's market facilitators continue supporting local farmers with the harvest and packaging of fruit and vegetables and facilitating better market linkages. This direct support to medium-scale fruit and vegetable producers is allowing them to realize greater profits due to collective marketing, plus integrating the use of TAMAS, the Eastern Region Market Information System, which constitutes a useful decision-making tool. The use of TAMAS helps farmers decide where to sell their products, while reducing the influence of asymmetric information, with concomitant effects in terms of bargaining power and overall profitability.

With this daily price data, farmers are better equipped to decide whether to sell their products in the local market, or add additional transport and packing costs to access higher-value markets in Kabul directly, or whether to sell to exporters.

Farmers from the Eastern Region have also been able to capitalize on the competitive advantage of Nangarhar's vegetable industry, which is able to supply the regional markets almost the whole year-round, due to its agro-climatic environment.

ADP/E's Market Development Program recently began to support the GME supported Cheese Production Program, which works with Relief International to integrate 7 cheese production centers in Nangarhar and Laghman, who have just begun to sell their products outside of the local market, into the Kabul supermarkets.

Similarly, exports to Dubai have just begun again and volumes are expected to increase in the coming weeks. ADP/E's approach to market segmentation is enabling producers from the Eastern Region to channel their products to a variety of markets depending on their quality and the prevailing prices.



Traders from Kabul buying broccoli directly at the farm, as part of ADP/E's Market Development activities

Table 1. Summary of Sales for the period February 16-29, 2008

Products	Local Market		High Value Market		Export Market		Total weight &Value	
	Kg	\$	Kg	\$	Kg	\$	Kg	\$
Vegetables	24,819	6,854	21,949	3,232	4,543	2,147	51,311	12,233
Fruit	45,000	13,780					45,000	13,780
Herbs			101	49	706	439	807	488
Cheese	390	1,950	20	152			410	2,102
Total	70,209	22,584	22,070	3,433	5,249	2,586	97,528	28,603

MARKET INFORMATION SYSTEM (MIS)

MIS continues collecting and disseminating market information via radio, email and SMS, thereby contributing to the increased efficiency of the agricultural markets in Afghanistan.

Demand for the daily product-based market price information from the TAMAS program is growing fast, during the reporting period, the system received 1,228 text messages.

During the reporting period, the staff of TAMAS distributed 'how-to' leaflets to approximately 15,000 farmers, beneficiaries of ADP/E's Annual Horticulture Programs.

With the latest modifications to the system, now farmers and traders are able to call or text message the system to post offers to sell and offers to buy, which are immediately followed up by market facilitators.

POULTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

ADP/E, in collaboration with USAID's ASMED program, has set the foundation for the development of the poultry industry in the region. A feed mill, hatchery, and an ever-growing Poultry Farmers Association established, with USAID support, the pillars for the growth of this important sub-sector.

The Department of Veterinary Services is a key player in the implementation of the regional poultry development strategy, as it partners with the Spin Ghar Poultry Farmers Association in monitoring and certifying farms. This program is expected to produce 1.25 million broiler chickens in the first year of operation, which will have a dramatic impact in terms of economic growth and the consequent reduction of chicken imports.

Local hatcheries received their fourth shipment of 54,000 eggs from the Netherlands. ADP/E's experts are continuously assessing egg fertility and ways to improve hatching rates.



Checking fertility status of hatching eggs using egg candling

ADP/E's has hired a full-time veterinary consultant just to monitor poultry farms for Avian Influenza and other diseases amongst the flocks.

Other complimentary activities in support of the poultry value chain include the discussion to import Hybro Broiler Breeder Chicks [Hybro PN+] to reduce the dependence on imported hatching eggs; arrangements to control feed quality; strengthening the poultry association, the construction of a wholesale and retail poultry market, and a feasibility study for the establishment of a small scale processing facility and cold storage in Jalalabad.

ANNUAL HORTICULTURE

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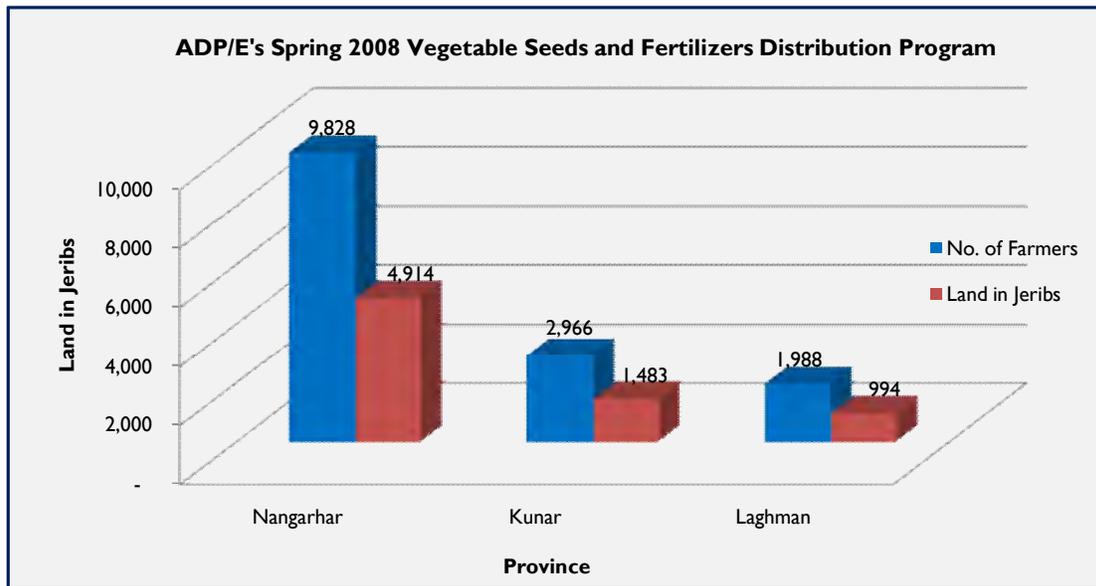
The program specifically targeted those districts with a history of poppy production that are typically neglected due to their inaccessibility and precarious security environment. To maximize program impact, ADP/E prioritized the districts based on historic poppy data from the United Nations Office of Drug Control (UNODC). Following the district selection process, ADP/E's staff worked with district-level representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, district governors and shuras to select specific villages in those districts for the distribution. All eligible farmers in the target villages received sufficient seeds and fertilizers to plant ½ a Jerib of land with their choice of vegetables.



Vegetable seeds and fertilizer distribution in Laghman

ADP/E's field monitors were involved throughout the entire process, from selecting the target districts to drawing up participant lists, and from distributing vouchers to surveying the actual input distribution amongst the selected beneficiaries, and the whole process was held publicly and transparently at the village level, thereby ensuring accountability at all levels of the process. ADP/E's monitors were also tasked to get a commitment from all recipients not to grow poppy, emphasizing that an individual farmer's failure to comply with their 'no-poppy' pledge could impact the entire community as non-compliant villages will be excluded from future ADP/E programs.

Despite the numerous logistic and security challenges related to transporting large quantities of seed and fertilizer, the entire process was implemented according to schedule. During 2008, ADP/E will be conducting a series of surveys to quantify the total area planted with vegetables and to measure effectiveness and program impact.



ADP/E's Annual Horticulture's initiative in REVAMP was implemented on schedule during the reporting period. For the spring season, 4,223 medium-scale farmers were integrated into the REVAMP Program and helped to produce more and better vegetables in the provinces of Nuristan, Kunar, Laghman, and Nangarhar. In Nuristan, due to limited land availability in the province, each farmer will plant just ½ a jerib of vegetables. ADP/E's implementing partner, Roots of Peace (RoP), finalized the distribution of seed and fertilizer to plant 2,367 Jeribs of several vegetables for the spring season. ADP/E's Fruit Marketing Program will also assist farmers to plant 1,586 Jeribs of vegetables as intercrops throughout the Eastern Region. Input distribution has finished in Nangarhar, Laghman, and Kunar. The distribution is still in progress in Nuristan province. ADP/E's FMP also selected 30 beneficiaries to establish REVAMP Demonstration Plots, locations where 2,700 farmers will be trained in modern production practices during the spring 2008.

Consecutive plantings were one of the most important achievements introduced to improve the production of cool season vegetables and ADP/E's team will continue implementing this production system for the spring-summer season. Typically, farmers plant on or about the same date, leading to harvest (market) gluts. Farmers who adopted a sequential approach to their production were more successful at the time of marketing their products. For the spring season, each Commercial Demonstration Farm will have 8 satellite demonstration farms (SDF) located in the villages surrounding the commercial-scale units. A total of 136 SDFs have been established, which will constitute centers for the dissemination of crop production technologies where ADP/E plans to train over 10,000 farmers during the spring season.

ADP/E's Annual Horticulture Program is supporting the establishment of yellow maize (1,200 Jeribs) and mung bean (300 Jeribs) to supply the Sabawoon Feed Mill based on forward production/purchasing contracts. The seed supplier for this program was selected and ADP/E is currently awaiting final USAID approval to procure the seed.

B. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

PRODUCTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (PIPS)

PROJECT	PIP NUMBER	LOCATION	DESIGN % BY DAI	BUILT %	IMPELMENTER	COMMENT
Mashina Road Improvement (7.5 km)	PIP 090201	Qarghayi, Laghman	100	100	HADF	Work completed
Abizai Bridge (67 m)	PIP 090101	Mehtarlam, Laghman	100	37%	MCP	Piers concreting in progress
Qasimabad Road (5.7 km)	PIP 082101	Behsud, Nangarhar	100	36 %	BCURA	Prime coat has been spread and Asphaltting has started.
Lal Pur Road-(12 km)	PIP 081501	Lal Pur, Nangarhar	100	44%	ACC-LBCC JV	Widening, filling, compaction of water bound is in progress

IMPROVING ACCESS TO MARKETS

ABIZAI BRIDGE (67m): Progress 37%

Located on the Northeast of the provincial center Mehtarlam, Abizai Bridge supports more than 2,000 people and 300 vehicles crossing the bridge on a daily basis. The total population of the area using this bridge is approx. 150,000 people with 12,000 Hectares of agricultural land. ADP/E is re-constructing the bridge to provide employment opportunities for the people and improve their access to markets for the agricultural produce of the villages in the vicinity of the bridge.

The contractor continued to work on the excavation of the remaining pier. The contractor has increased the progress of work during the reporting period.

LALPUR TO GULDAG DBST ROAD (12 km): Progress 44%

Work progressed smoothly on the Lalpur to Guldag DBST road. During the reporting period, work on side drain construction, stone pitching on washes, construction of RCC slabs, sub-base cutting, filing, and the compaction of water bound material continued. The contractor has made notable progress on the hard and soft cutting for the widening of the road.



Work progress on Lalpur to Guldag DBST Road in Lalpur District, Nangarhar

QASIMABAD DBST AND GRAVEL ROAD (5.7km): Progress 36 %

Qasimabad road serves a number of densely populated villages in Behsud District of Nangarhar with a total population of approx. 12,000 individuals. The road starts from Behsud Bridge passing through Qasimabad, Lajigarage, and Taghar villages and reaches Bahrabad village. The length of this road is 7.5 km with the varying widths along the road ranging from 4m (in the villages) and up to 8m in the inter-village areas. The road supports the farmers of about 800 Hectares of agricultural land irrigated by the Kunar River and cropped with rice, wheat, and various types of vegetables. During the reporting period, work continued smoothly on the preparation of prime coating and the construction of the sub-base. Work is currently stopped on the DBST.

CASH-FOR-WORK (CFW) PROJECTS

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SUMMARY OF CFW PROJECTS BY PROVINCE

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	123	92	22	2	4	24,963
Laghman	47	41	4	0	0	2,858
Kunar	21	17	4	0	0	4,246
Nuristan	3	1	1	1	0	1,034
TOTAL	194	151	31	3	4	33,101

* For accounting purposes this number is from Jan-16-31, 2008

A) NEWLY STARTED PROJECTS

i) SHAHI TO MAZINA GRAVEL ROAD

Work on the Hisar Shahi Mazina road (5 Kms) started on February 20th, 2008. The road starts from the center of Rodat passing through hundreds of hectares of agricultural land and reaches the Mazina village. Currently, the road is in poor condition and the residents of the surrounding villages are confronted with numerous transportation problems in their day-to-day life.



A pre-project view of Shahi to Mazina Gravel Road in Rodat District, Nangarhar

The newly started ADP/E's road project will directly benefit 7 large villages with a total population of 40,000 individuals. The road is supporting approx. 2,000 Hectares of agricultural land cropped with wheat, maize, onion, tomatoe, potato, cotton, and other vegetables. The 5 km road project will make a significant difference in the lives of the local people. The project work includes widening, compaction, filling, gravelling, and surfacing. 52 culverts and 8 retaining walls will be constructed as part of the project to safeguard the road from future erosion and damage from natural drainage channels.

ii) HAFIZAN GRAVEL ROAD

The road project started on February 24th, 2008. The road starts from the main Chaparhar district road at Hafizan village, passes through agricultural area inside the populated villages, and ends on Chaparhar main road at Sra Kala village.



Meeting with community elders at Hafizan village in Chaparhar District, Nangarhar

gravel surfacing. There are also 42 culverts, 7 causeways and 8 lengths of retaining walls to be constructed.

iii) CHAMYARI ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT STARTED

Located in Khas Kunar district of Kunar, the project was started on February 16th 2008. The project is highly valued by local villagers as it includes the construction of a 400 m long protection wall to safeguard the road structures, which also protects the surrounding 100 Jeribs of agricultural land from flooding. 16 culverts will be built along the road to allow the water to safely cross the road and feed the crops on both sides of the road. The project will provide 8,000 person days in terms of job opportunities for the vulnerable residents of Chamyari, Miagan, Mangwal, Chendrawi, and other surrounding villages. Upon completion of the project, the people of Khas Kunar district will obtain easier access to the Kunar main road and will be better connected to local and national markets. As a result of this project, the local economy will grow leading to the generation of employment opportunities, increased agricultural production, transportation, and marketing opportunities.



Newly started Chamyari Road Project

iv) KAMA ROAD

Meetings were held with the Deputy Governor to explain the situation on the road, and ensure the provincial authorities were in the picture. A representative of the former contractor came and discussed with the community the issue of unpaid services and labor, senior ADP/E staff are working hard to get the contractor to meet its unpaid obligations. Meetings were held with the proposed asphalt supplier Echo-West to ensure the proposed sub-contract for asphalt supply was acceptable. The work on the structures, widening culverts etc, is progressing well under cash for work. Now the warm weather has arrived the main obstacle to starting the asphalt work is the difficulty in procuring bitumen, which is in very short supply and subject to rapidly rising prices, which means prices are valid only for 1-2 days and any local supplies are sold rapidly.

B) NEWLY APPROVED PROJECTS

The following projects were recently approved and will be started soon.

1. CFW-081103, Morchal Raha Intake Project in Nazyan district of Nangarhar Province.
2. CFW-081005, Pekha Road Improvement project in Achin district of Nangarhar Province.
3. CFW-081306, Kandai & Ali Khan Intake in Shinwar district of Nangarhar.
4. CFW-081706, Mashwani Road Improvement in Batikot district of Nangarhar.

CASH-FOR-WORK PROJECTS BY PROVINCE

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CODE	% IMPLEMENTED Feb 01-15, 2008	% IMPLEMENTED Feb. 16-29, 2008	REMARKS
Nangarhar (Roads)				
Mamand Road Improvement	CFW-082306	44%	50 %	ACTIVE
Landy Basawul Road	CFW-081405	70%	70 %	ACTIVE
Dehsarak Road	CFW-081004	50%	60 %	ACTIVE
Sarjal and Kheskko Road	CFW-081906	73 %	80 %	ACTIVE
Baro Soordag Road Improvement	CFW-080903	30 %	35 %	ACTIVE
Chardehi Road Additional Work	CFW-081703	50%	60 %	ACTIVE
Kama Road Structures Improvement	CFW-081802	35%	%	ACTIVE
Kama Road Surface Improvement	CFW-081803	0%	0%	ACTIVE
Hisarshahi Mazina Road Improvement	CFW-080904	0%	2%	ACTIVE
Hafizan Road Improvement	CFW-080609	0%	3%	ACTIVE
Nangarhar (Non Road)				
Sada Canal Intake	CFW-081501	29%	66 %	ACTIVE
Kharbandi and Khawezi Flood Protection Dikes	CFW-081606	78%	80 %	ACTIVE

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Grabawa Flood Protection Dikes	CFW-081704	45%	60 %	ACTIVE
Lateral Canal 27 Repair	CFW-081304	80%	90 %	ACTIVE
Remodeling of Shamshapore Causeway	CFW-080211	17%	22 %	ACTIVE
Guldara Intake	CFW-080608	65%	72 %	ACTIVE
Zarbacha Canal	CFW-082104	80%	95 %	ACTIVE
Salara Yaghiband Intake Canal	CFW-080804	50%	65 %	ACTIVE
Yonus Tangi Pipe Scheme	CFW-081104	6%	6 %	Suspended
Sarobi Chardehi Intake	CFW-081705	50%	60 %	ACTIVE
Lateral Canal 28 Improvement	CFW-081305	50%	60 %	ACTIVE
Pas Sabar Bar Lakhtai Canal Improvement	CFW-080703	60%	68 %	ACTIVE
Tangi Pipe Scheme	CFW-082105	70%	85 %	ACTIVE
Markikhil Micro-Hydro Power Plant	CFW-080409	10%	10%	Suspended
Laghman (Road)				
Farmankhil to Aghrabad Road Improvement	CFW-090222	50%	51 %	ACTIVE
Laghman (Non Road)				
Jalaband Intake and Canal project	CFW-090223	35%	40 %	ACTIVE
Warnata Intake and Canal Project	CFW-090307	45%	53 %	ACTIVE
Jui Malang Canal project	CFW-090221	45%	57 %	ACTIVE
Kunar (Road)				
Chomyari Road Improvement	CFW-101508	0%	5 %	ACTIVE
Kunar (Non Road)				
Katalam Canal Intake, Norgal	CFW-101406	94%	97 %	ACTIVE
Zarmanday Canal Intake project	CFW-101307	85%	89 %	ACTIVE
Narang Loi Canal Improvement	CFW-101206	27%	37 %	ACTIVE
Nuristan (Road)				
Paroon-Pronce gravel road	CFW-300101	35%	35%	Suspended
Malil Road Project	CFW-300802	29%	35 %	ACTIVE

C. PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT (PSD)

ADP/E undertook the following activities under Private Sector Development during this reporting period:

- Discussions with the Mayor of Jalalabad in order to secure a location for the poultry market and also to provide public electricity for the vegetable retail market. ADP/E will rehabilitate the existing poultry market by putting gravel and constructing garbage bins on the site. The same place was identified by the Jalalabad municipality as a long-term location for the poultry market. Currently, 120 poultry wholesalers and retailers are operating their business in 40 shops. The reconstruction of the market will help encourage wholesalers and retailers to boost poultry production in the region, while allowing for the introduction of bio-security measures.



A view of existing poultry market in Jalalabad, Nangarhar

- As part of ADP/E's assistance to Nangarhar University, two Private Sector Development personnel are delivering lectures in the Faculty of Economics.

- Work continued on a plan to sponsor an opening ceremony for the Riyaz Packaging Factory. The company has the capacity to produce 5,000 cardboard and wooden boxes per day in various sizes. The company has created job opportunities for 19 local employees. One of PSD's objectives is to assist the new company in the identification of market opportunities.
- Accounting/QuickBooks training for the accountants and finance officers of all ADP/E assisted businesses, including those which recently secured loans from Afghanistan Rural Finance Center (AFRC), continued during the reporting period. As a result of the training, the businesses will be able to easily track their financial transactions and effectively manage day-to-day business operations.
- In coordination with the Institutional Capacity Development Unit of ADP/E, the PSD team conducted a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis of the various associations supported by the program, including the Input Dealers Association, Fruit Growers Association, Poultry Farmers Association, and Fruit and Vegetable Wholesalers association. As a result of this activity, the members of the associations were able to identify the strategic issues affecting their organizations and methods to solve difficulties.

Dr. Nisar Ahmad, Manager of Spin Ghar Poultry Association, said, *“Previously, we were focusing only on the “strength” side of our association, but now we realize to emphasize on the “weakness” side as well. We highly appreciate ADP/E for undertaking such an effective training for the participants.”*

D. GENDER AND MICRO-ENTERPRISE (GME) DEVELOPMENT

BUSINESS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

During the reporting period, ADP/E's GME staff received six days of a business training of trainers program conducted by KAWEYAN, a local consulting firm. The training was aimed to develop a cadre of master trainers who can then cater to the larger group of potential women entrepreneurs at the grassroots level. The training will enhance the capacity of women to become economically independent through their small businesses, prepare financially feasible business plans and manage their own businesses more efficiently.



Participants of business TOT training

SUPPORT TO EASTERN REGION HANDICRAFT ASSOCIATION

The association received an order of 2,588 uniforms (small, medium and large sizes) for three girls' schools in Nurgram district of Nuristan and three girls' schools in Bargamatal district from the Nuristan PRT for a total amount of \$16,000. The association members are also in the process of finalizing a contract with WFP. This program will provide vocational training for 100 returnees at Sheikmesri camp, Nangarhar.

POULTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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COMMERCIAL VEGETABLE NURSERIES

ADP/E completed the delivery of 201,000 vegetable seedlings of various varieties, to Laghman and Nangarhar provinces. Nursery operators of Akhond & Ghondy, Laghman and Samarkhil, Nangarhar provinces started planting cucumbers.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Two canteens were established with the support of ADP/E at Madina and Mastora Girls High School of Laghman, which will soon be operated by entrepreneurs. The women were part of previous self-help groups trained by ADP/E.



A view of Asia Shop at Sheikmersi camp, Nangarhar

Asia, who has established the shop with the support of ADP/E can visit the wholesale market in Jalalabad by herself and procure the required goods for her shop. She is highly impressed and thankful to ADP/E for helping her establish the shop, which serves as the sole source of income for her and her family.

Table: Gender and Micro-enterprise Development Activities

PROJECT	DATA	KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Directorate of Women's Affairs	DoWA Nangarhar Laghman Kunar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of International Women's Day • Women's magazine published and will be distributed on March 8th. • Coordination of 2 days Women's right conference in NGR.
Women's Fruit and Forestry Nursery, Sumarkhail in partnership with RoP	60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100,000 saplings ready for shipment. • 60,000 saplings packed for RoP.
Women-owned Fish Farms	20 Fish farms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled coordination with Fish project partners to discuss fish hatchery. • Final Fish Farm Manual submitted for print.
Sukhroad Vegetable & Fruit Packing Facility	15 female operators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,573 Kgs processed for Kabul market. • 5,200 kg high value vegetables shipped to Dubai • 20 kg of Spinghar cheese to KBL markets.
Mentorship Project	200 home based businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retail shop opened in Jalalabad. • ToT business trainings • On-going two Bakery projects • Pastry project

E. INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING (ICD)

ADP/E undertook the following activities under Institutional Capacity Building:

- Conducted a workshop for the Spin Ghar Poultry and Eastern Region Grower Associations. The workshop included organizational self-assessment using SWOT analysis; Strategy development, mission statement, and goals and objectives of the association.



Farmers from Spin Ghar Poultry Farm and Eastern Region Fruit Grower Association

- The ICD team visited twelve district level groups including four from Pachir Agam and eight from Chaparhar District of Nangarhar to track the progress of operations of the Fruit Growers Association, as well as their financial management practices. So far, the president of the association, together with the manager collected Afs. 280,000 (\$5,600) from the members of the Eastern Region Fruit Growers Association. The money was collected as a result of registration, monthly membership fees, and contributions towards the cost of packaging materials partially subsidized by ADP/E.



Meeting of Fruit Growers Association in Garatac Village of Chaparhar District, Nangarhar

- Following the selection of candidates, ADP/E successfully launched a three-month TARAQI SABA training for 240 students from ten schools in Nangarhar, 120 students from six schools in Laghman, and 20 students from one school in Kunar. The training's curriculum has been translated into Pashto to effectively convey the training as part of the business skills development program. ICD, together with ADP/ M&E teams, are regularly monitoring the training sessions to ensure that the trainings are progressing according to the plan.



TARAQI SABA participants in Kunar province

III. Required Performance Data

ANNEX I. ADP/E ACTIVITY LEVEL INDICATORS²

² The table shows aggregated figures of both ADP and AINP project

³ 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 Jan 16- 31, 2008

Indicator	Added (Bi-weekly)		Target (LOP)	Total LOP(To date)	Target (FY 08)	By province(To date)				By Gender(To date)	
						Nangarhar	Laghman	Kunar	Nuristan	Male	Female
Total Kms irrigation and drainage canals and karezes ADP # km	Previous	6.8	2,631	2,685	2,631	2,448.90	146.51	83.61	-		
	Current	5.9+				3.64	0.60	1.62	-		
	Total	12.6				2,452.53	147.12	85.23	-		
ADP Kms. of rural roads repaired in poppy regions # km	Previous	3.4	548	500	548	395.91	35.97	54.01	10.08		
	Current	4.0+				3.44	0.03	0.22	0.27		
	Total	7.3				399.35	36.00	54.23	10.35		
ADP/E Hectares of improved irrigation as a result of ADP infrastructure works # hec	Previous	-	137,060	134,055	137,060	121,694	7,070	5,291	-		
	Current	-				-	-	-			
	Total	-				121,694	7,070	5,291	-		
ADP/E Amount paid in CFW in AL programs USD (\$)	Previous	97,969	20,592,363	19,643,571	20,592,363	15,377,241	2,897,658	895,551	327,149	17,652,808	1,844,791
	Current	145,972*				107,732	13,767	19,378	5,095	141,916	4,056
	Total	243,941				15,484,973	2,911,425	914,928	332,244	17,794,724	1,848,848
ADP/E Afghans paid through CFW salaries #	Previous	79	174,000	168,253 ³	174,000	153,371	11,223	2,805	721	146,656	21,464
	Current	133*				107	24	2	-	127	6
	Total	212				153,478	11,247	2,807	721	146,783	21,470
ADP/E Total labor days for CFW #	Previous	23,128	5,767,708	5,412,360	5,767,708	4,328,166	743,306	219,348	88,439	4,842,222	537,037
	Current	33,101*				24,963	2,858	4,246	1,034	32,109	992
	Total	56,229				4,353,129	746,164	223,594	89,473	4,874,331	538,029
Afghans trained in business skills #	Previous	22	7,000	7,632	7,000	5,576	1,340	649	22	3,164	4,423
	Current	45				40	-	5	-	45	-
	Total	67				5,616	1,340	654	22	3,209	4,423
Farmers trained in agricultural practices in targeted poppy provinces under ADP #	Previous	60	120,000	108,224	120,000	62,395	28,257	17,571	1	104,528	3,696
	Current	-				-	-	-	-	-	
	Total	60				62,395	28,257	17,571	1	104,528	3,696
Farmers receiving seed and fertilizer #	Previous	4,000	177,961	214,439	177,961	120,314	46,095	36,198	4,000	206,607	-
	Current	7,832				5,897	967	968	-	7,832	-
	Total	11,832				126,211	47,062	37,166	4,000	214,439	-

IV. PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION

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