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**ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM - EASTERN REGION**

# Biweekly Report

## March 16<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008



**Mr. Lutfullah Mashal, the Provincial Governor of Laghman Inaugurates *Mehtarlam 2008* Agro-Industrial Trade Fair in Bagh-e- Zanana (Women's Park) in Mehtarlam, Laghman**

## ADP/E General Information

<b>Project</b>	Alternative Development Program – Eastern Region
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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

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

- On March 24 and 25 Mehtarlam was host to the first ever Laghman agricultural show. USAID's Alternative Development Program for Eastern Afghanistan (ADP/E), the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock and regional trade associations worked together to organize and present the Mehtarlam 2008 Agro-Industrial Trade Fair. The two-day event, inaugurated by the Provincial Governor of Laghman, Members of Parliament and USAID and USDA representatives for Laghman brought together over 8,000 visitors, including over 90 produce buyers from other regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan. Agro-industrial Trade Fairs constitutes a mechanism to facilitate the interaction of different actors in the agricultural value chains, leading to the facilitation and improvement of trade linkages. Reflecting its slogan "Navigating the Value Chain", Mehtarlam 2008 allowed visitors to walk through booths where researchers, input suppliers, farmers, farmer associations, traders, processors and service providers displayed their products and their inter-relationships.
- During this period, the ADP/E- IF HOPE Extension Staff provided technical assistance and instructions on design and layout for new orchards, application of animal manure, water management, and application of lime. A total of 1, 241 farmers planting 4, 310 Jeribs (862 Hectares) of land received extension services during the reporting period.
- The ADP/E – RoP Extension Staff continued to focus their efforts on field layout, distribution of saplings for planting, and a planning campaign to enlist additional interested farmers for next season's tree planting program. So far, RoP has planted 7,265 Jeribs (1,525 Hectares) of land with apricot, almond, pomegranate, and orange trees.
- The Nuristan Orchards program is helping farmers across Nuristan with the establishment of fruit and nut new orchards on 500 hectares of land. The species selected are Apple, Apricot, Almond, Walnut, Pomegranate and Orange. The districts of Waygal, Wama, Noogram, and Kamdesh have finished planting their saplings on a total of 480.79 hectares dispersed in 38 villages with 2,092 beneficiaries. Paroun's trees will be planted when the snow clears and the climate improves.
- ADP/E directly assisted 26 farmers to sell 2, 775 kgs and 91, 305 units worth \$5, 361 in various high value markets in Kabul, Jalalabad, Laghman, and Kunar wholesale markets.
- During the reporting period, ADP/E continued working on 32 active CFW projects, employing a total of 2,698 people and generating 28,491 person days. To date, ADP/E has employed 168,618 people and generated a total of 5.4 million person days worth \$19.8 million in wages paid to villagers<sup>1</sup>.
- GME planted over 20,000 Okra seedlings in Samerkhel greenhouse and transplanted Tomato (26,00) seedlings from Qasaba, Alikhel and Samerkhel greenhouses to Batikot, Qarghayi, Saracha, Khoshgombad, Berekahb, Kama, Achin, Kunar, and Behsud commercial demo farms. These women owned nurseries also transplanted (600) seedlings of Cucumber from Binigah to Jaanan Khan Behsud and (4,000) seedlings of Squash and Melon to Behsud and Kama districts demo farms.

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<sup>1</sup> Includes AINP and ADP/E

## II. SECTOR ACTIVITIES

### A. AGRIBUSINESS

On March 24 and 25 Mehtarlam was home to the first local agro-industrial event held in Laghman. The Alternative Development Program for Eastern Afghanistan (ADP/E), the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock and regional trade associations worked together to organize the Mehtarlam 2008 Agro-Industrial Trade Fair.

*“I am happy being a part of the Agro-Industrial event opening ceremony in the Mehtarlam (Laghman) which is a great achievement for the farmers, as they can share their skills and exchange their experiences in the field of agriculture. It is very useful for the farmers of this region. I hope in the future we will be able to have more fairs such as this in our region to promote agricultural development.”*

*Mr. Lutfullah Mashal,  
Provincial Governor of Laghman*

This two-day event, inaugurated by the Provincial Governor of Laghman, Members of Parliament and USAID and USDA representatives for Laghman brought together over 8,000 visitors, including over 90 produce buyers from other regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan. The Agro-industrial Trade Fair constitutes a mechanism to facilitate the interaction of different actors in the agricultural value chains, leading to the building of trade linkages. Reflecting its slogan “Navigating the Value Chain”, the Mehtarlam 2008 exhibition allowed visitors to walk through a series of booths where research centers, input suppliers, farmers and farmer associations, traders, processors and service providers demonstrated their products and their inter-relations.

The representation of women-owned enterprises was also new. For the first time in Laghman, women entrepreneurs displayed their products and services, including plug vegetable seedlings, fruit and forestry trees, and grading and packaging services for exporters and handicrafts.

This is the fifth trade promotion event organized by ADP/E to complement their other day to day interventions, which include expansion of areas planted with fruit and vegetables, introduction of new crop varieties, improved production practices to increase productivity and enhance quality, and packaging and marketing innovations.

Besides the exhibition and business roundtables, Mehtarlam 2008 presented a series of cultural events including a presentation by Babai Rasooli’s music band, one of the most popular bands in Laghman. The Organizing Committee also carried out a series of competitions which included “Best in Show” prizes for 4 livestock categories, the best displays in the categories of fruit, vegetables and agro-processors and other events traditional of the Region.



Some happy participants in MEHTARLAM 2008

# THE MEHTARLAM 2008 AGRO-INDUSTRIAL TRADE FAIR IN PICTURES



## PERENNIAL HORTICULTURE

### EASTERN REGION ORCHARDS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ERODP)

IF Hope, ADP/E's subcontractor for the Eastern Region Orchards Development Program (ERODP) expanded its extension efforts, seeking to ensure that farmers adopt and implement improved orchard management practices, thereby increasing the survival rate of new orchards. IF Hope has successfully established over 3,000 hectares of new fruit and nut orchards during two planting campaigns, 2006 and 2007. Now it is following up with the farmers who planted these new orchards to ensure their success.

During the reporting period, IF-Hope field extension staff provided hands-on training for 1,241 farmers with 4,310 Jeribs of land from Nangarhar and Laghman. Training efforts continued on the design and layout for new orchard, re-plantation, application of animal manure, water management, uses and application of lime solution and anti-pest chemicals and eradication of frost damaged branches, weeds and water sprouts. Besides practical training, distribution of printed materials including pamphlets and posters on orchard management continued.



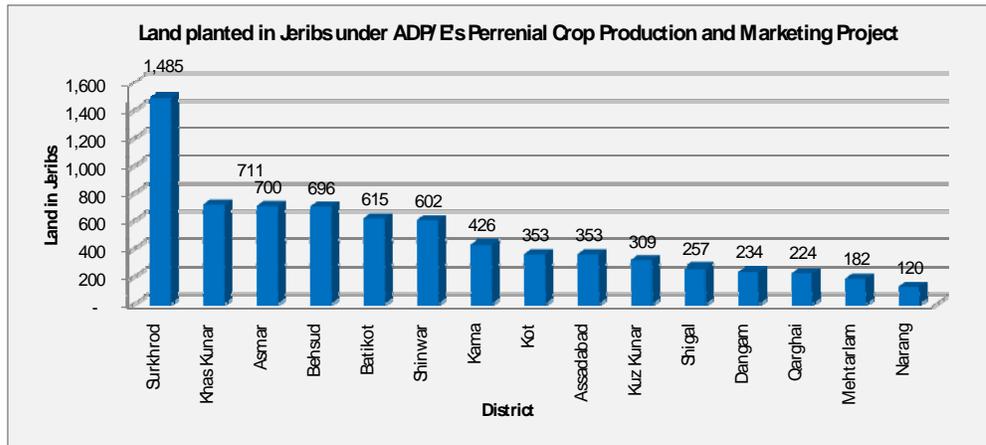
One of the many new Orchards planted in Nangarhar as part of ADP/E's Perennial Horticulture Program

### COMMERCIAL ORCHARDS

Roots of Peace (RoP), ADP/E's subcontractor for the commercial orchard program, continued to focus on the distribution of fruit tree saplings for planting, field lay out of registered land for the establishment of new orchards in the region, and distribution of vegetable seed to registered orchard farmers as an intercrop during establishment.

Marketing activities for the initiative during the reporting period continued to focus on implementing a publicity program, reaching out to potential farmer and merchant participants in the project and to public officials. The following activities took place as part of the publicity program:

- Five (5) large public group meetings as well as individual meetings were conducted with governmental officers, merchants, farmers, and community elders regarding the project implementation plan in the targeted districts of the Eastern Region.
- Kunar (TWG) Technical Working group meeting was attended to explain the project plan and coordinate project activities in the province with government, INGOs, donors and UN agencies.
- Poster, sticker and brochure distribution (advertising the Orchard development program) is going on in all targeted districts to convince land owners to participate in ADP/E perennial crop production and marketing programs.



### **FRUIT MARKETING PROGRAM (FMP)**

FMP staff are providing owners of old orchards in the region with technical assistance regarding irrigation and tree nutrition. So far, 350 farmers have been assisted. FMP staff also facilitated the participation of 84 group leaders of the various fruit marketing groups in the region at the Mehtarlam 2008 AgFair. The occasion motivated the leaders to discuss the current situation of the association and other relevant issues affecting the fruit sector.

### **NURISTAN**

The Nuristan Orchards Program is helping farmers from Nuristan Province establish fruit and nut new orchards on 500 hectares of land. The species selected are Apple, Apricot, Almond, Walnut, Pomegranate and Orange.

The districts of Waygal, Wama, Noorgram, and Kamdesh have finished planting their saplings on a total of 480.79 hectares dispersed in 38 villages with a total number of 2,092 beneficiaries. This area required 125,009 saplings. The saplings for the plantation in the District of Paroon will follow in the month of April as the climatic conditions allow. Currently, 43,940 saplings are stored adjacent to the area, in total sufficient to cover 162 hectares of land.

The ADP/E field technical assistance team is assisting Nuristani farmers in the layout of the new orchards and supervising the results of the fruit tree planting across the province.

### **FIELD INTERVENTIONS FOR LIVELIHOODS DEVELOPMENT (FIELD)**

The FIELD program aims to assist farmers interested in establishing forestry trees in Achin, Lal Pur, Haska Mina, Kuz Kunar and Ghosta in Nangarhar, and Narang in Kunar. The target is to plant 750 Jeribs (150 hectares) of land with forestry species such as Poplar, Sheesham, Leucena, Eucalyptus and Bamboo. During the reporting period;

- 321,200 saplings have been transported to the villages and planted on an area of 578.0 Jeribs in 31 villages of Achin, Lal Pur, Haska Mina, Kuz Kunar, Ghosta and Narang targeting 556 farmers.
- Follow-up of the saplings planted earlier has started, and the field staff are providing farmers technical assistance and advice on forestry plot management. During the reporting period, 303 beneficiaries have been visited in 28 villages of the region.

### **MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (MDP)**

ADP/E is assisting with the last shipments of Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Lettuce, Radish, and Spinach as the winter 2007 cold season is ending. Sales reports show that 26 ADP/E farmers sold 2,775 Kgs and 91,305 units of fresh vegetables worth \$ 5,361 in Kabul, Jalalabad, Laghman, and Kunar wholesale markets this period.

One Jalalabad based wholesaler shipped 1,109 Kgs of mixed produce with a value of \$1,258, plus 1,508 Kgs of cauliflower worth another \$950 to the high value Kabul markets.

## MARKET INFORMATION SYSTEM (MIS)

ADP/E MIS continued providing the public with important up-to-date market price information. During the reporting period, the MIS received 522 Short Message System (SMS) messages requesting specific daily market prices. The program has sent out a total of 2,088 SMS messages. Market prices are also disseminated via e-mail with 975 sent out during the reporting period. MIS successfully demonstrated the services at the Mehtarlam 2008 AgFair, showcasing the TAMAS system and exposing some 6,000 visitors to the various services.

## ANNUAL HORTICULTURE

ADP/E's Annual Horticulture team continued with the training activities on the TIMER Program for the 2008 spring season. To help train farmers, field days in different topics are implemented at the TIMER Demo plots. Training activities on Field Layout continued in 15 districts with a total of 290 farmers trained at eleven field days. Up to date, 57 out of 60 TIMER Demo Plots were laid out for warm season vegetable planting.

Planning for the TIMER Fall season continued. A total of 25,000 farmers will benefit from the program in the fall season. The number of districts and beneficiaries planned per province are: Nangarhar, nine districts and 13,000 beneficiaries; Kunar, five districts and 6,000 beneficiaries; and Laghman, five districts and 6,000 beneficiaries. For the fall season, the input supplier selected to implement the program will collect 25% of the total cost of the input package from the farmers as their contribution to cover part of the costs, to get them used to high quality seed inputs and as a way to extend the input suppliers clientele in the Eastern Region. A sample survey (10%) will be conducted to determine what are farmers' crop choices to define the seeds to be purchased.



**Mr. Qand, the owner of a Commercial Demo Farm in Qarghayi is being interviewed by a national TV channel during Mehtarlam 2008**

During this spring season, 4,223 medium scale farmers were included in the REVAMP Program which assists farmers to produce high quality vegetables in Nuristan, Kunar, Laghman, and Nangarhar. ADP/E' implementing partner Roots of Peace (RoP) beneficiaries established vegetable field nurseries in their fields and continued with the field soil preparation. After transplanting, a total of 2,367 Jeribs of several different vegetables will be established for this spring season.

ADP/E's Fruit Marketing Program has finished with the input distribution to its farmers in all the provinces. With the support of the field technicians, farmers have finished the establishment of the field nurseries in the provinces of Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunar. For the spring season, 1,586 Jeribs of vegetables will be planted under the REVAMP/FMP program. Tools for the establishment of 31 REVAMP Demo Plots were distributed among the selected beneficiaries.

A plan for the production of the warm season crops was developed for the Commercial Demo Farms (CDFs). Eleven crops; tomato, peppers, radish, melon, watermelon, cucumber, zucchini, sweet corn, okra, eggplant, and green beans will be planted following a staggered successional planting system. In the past, most farmers have established their second summer planting during the second fortnight of March. A total of five plantings are planned for most of the crops, except for sweet corn, tomato and radish, which will have 3, 4 and 8 planting dates respectively. This technique is already yielding changes in the old habits, the out of season harvests and the results from the staggered plantings last year attracted a lot of attention.

The Field Days on Field Nursery establishment were also completed on the Small Demo Farms (SDF). 673 farmers were trained in 25 Field Days on this subject. During the period, a total of 3,423 farmers were trained at 135 Field Days implemented in the SDFs. Field Layout has started where direct seeded crops will be planted. GPS readings were finalized in the 136 SDFs. Over 10,000 farmers will be trained in 136 SDFs during the season.

Vegetables sales continued from the Commercial Demo Farms. During the current period, 30,970 kg of fresh vegetables including cauliflower, lettuce, green cabbage, red cabbage, snow pea, and radish were sold from different Farms to the Kabul market. These sales represent incomes of \$5, 062.

ADP/E's Annual Horticulture program and subcontractor RoP will plant 2,900 Jeribs of yellow maize and 100 Jeribs with mung bean in May 2008. A work plan was elaborated and discussed to implement this contract planting. Activities in the field will start in April with the introduction of the program and the selection of beneficiaries. Around 1,500 farmers are expected to participate. To date 8.4 MT of yellow maize seed has been received from the supplier. The contract to supply corn from these farms was discussed with the Sabawoon Group, the owner of the feed mill and their observations were incorporated.

ADP/E's Annual Horticulture team and the beneficiaries of the Commercial Demo Farm Program in Laghman participated in the Mehtarlam Agro industrial Fair organized on March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. A booth was set up for the Laghman farmers with the support of the ADP team where farmers showed the different vegetables produced in their farms. A couple of traders from the region contacted and bought vegetables from the farmers.

## 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	45%	MCP	Piers concreting in progress
Qasimabad Road (5.7 km)	PIP 082101	Behsud, Nangarhar	100	46 %	BCURA	Prime coat has been spread and Asphalt was started recently.
Lal Pur Road-(12 km)	PIP 081501	Lal Pur, Nangarhar	100	55%	ACC-LBCC JV	Widening, filling, compaction of water bound in progress

### IMPROVING ACCESS TO MARKETS

#### ABIZAI BRIDGE (67m): Progress 45%

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 access to markets for the agricultural produce of the villages in the vicinity of the bridge.

During the reporting period, the contractor continued to work on concreting of Piers No 1, 2 and 3. Excavation for the wing wall is about complete. Arrangements for diverting the water from the right bank to the left have been postponed until after the floods.



Work progress on Abizai Bridge in Laghman

#### LALPUR TO GULDAG DBST ROAD (12 km): Progress 55%

Work is progressing smoothly on Lalpur to Guldag DBST road. Excavation work, construction of side drains, RCC slabs for culverts, and stone pitching on washes continued. The people of the area were anxiously waiting for the starting of the DBST surfacing now that the winter season was over. The contractor has started work on the section connecting the Torkham-Jalalbad main road to the Lalpur ferry. The newly appointed district governor in a meeting with the COP confirmed his full support to the project. The COP was satisfied with the progress and quality of work at Lalpur road and assured his support to the contractor if he produced quality work.



A view of newly constructed Lalpur to Guldag DBST in Nangarhar

### QASIMABAD DBST AND GRAVEL ROAD (5.7km): Progress 46 %

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 up to 8m. The road supports the surrounding 800 Hectares of agricultural land irrigated by Kunar River and cropped with rice, wheat, and various types of vegetables. During the reporting period, asphalt paving and construction of structures, sub base filling, and compaction is continuing with no major problems.



A view of newly constructed Qasimabad road in Behsud Nangarhar

### CASH-FOR-WORK (CFW) PROJECTS

ADP/E continued working on 32 active CFW projects, employing a total of 2,698 people and generating 28,491 person days during the reporting period\*. To date, ADP/E has employed 168,618 people and generated a total of 5.4 million person days worth \$19.8 million in wages paid to villagers.

#### 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	96	24	1	0	22,096
Laghman	48	41	4	0	1	2,018
Kunar	24	18	3	0	2	3,236
Nuristan	3	1	1	1	0	1,141
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>28,491</b>

\* For accounting purposes this number is from February 16-29, 2008

## A) NEWLY COMPLETED PROJECTS

### 1) KATALAM AND NOORGAL CANALS INTAKE PROJECT

This irrigation project is located on Mazar Valley wash in Noorgal. The project work was recently completed and handed over to the community in the presence of Mr. Fazlullah Wahidi, the provincial Governor of Kunar.

After formally opening up the project, the governor congratulated local communities and thanked ADP/E for the good quality of their work. He encouraged local communities to extend full support to international organizations in implementing projects in the districts.



The Provincial Governor of Kunar inaugurates the closing ceremony of Katalam Canal Intake Project

## B) NEWLY APPROVED PROJECTS

1. CFW101407 (Zangalian and Kamar Jranda Intake Project): This newly approved project is located in Noorgal district of Kunar province and was approved during the reporting period. Implementation of this project will start after the final consultations with the local district shura and district authorities.
2. CFW10170 (Mangwal Pipe Scheme Project): The project was recently approved and is planned to start in April, 2008.
3. CFW090123 (Laghman Whole Sale Market): The project was approved during the reporting period and will be starting during the first week of April 2008.

## SECURITY

The security situation is still uncertain in Pachir Agam District, Nangarhar, **although** security has slightly improved in Khogyani, Shirzad and Hisarak. The field staff continued to visit all active projects while the security section closely monitors the available information they receive from reliable sources. There were a few incidents during the reporting period in various districts of Nangarhar, Kunar and Laghman where ADP/E staff and programs are active; however there were no serious and lasting threats to ongoing operations.

## CASH-FOR-WORK PROJECTS BY PROVINCE

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CODE	% IMPLEMENTED March 1-15, 2008	% IMPLEMENTED March 15-31, 2008	REMARKS
<b>Nangarhar (Roads)</b>				
Mamand Road Improvement	CFW-082306	56%	62 %	ACTIVE
Landy Basawul Road	CFW-081405	80%	90 %	ACTIVE
Dehsarak Road	CFW-081004	70%	80 %	ACTIVE
Sarjal and Khesko Road	CFW-081906	88 %	96 %	ACTIVE
Baro Soordag Road Improvement	CFW-080903	40 %	48 %	ACTIVE
Chardehi Road Additional Work	CFW-081703	75%	75 %	ACTIVE
Kama Road Structures Improvement	CFW-081802	60%	65%	ACTIVE
Kama Road Surface Improvement	CFW-081803	0%	0%	ACTIVE
Hisarshahi Mazina Road Improvement	CFW-080904	5%	12%	ACTIVE
Hafizan Road Improvement	CFW-080609	8%	16%	ACTIVE
Pekha Road Improvement	CFW-081005	5	10%	ACTIVE
Mashwani Road Improvement	CFW-081706	5	15%	
<b>Nangarhar (Non Road)</b>				
Sada Canal Intake	CFW-081501	80%	95 %	ACTIVE
Kharbandi and Khawezi Flood Protection Dikes	CFW-081606	86%	95 %	ACTIVE
Grabawa Flood Protection Dikes	CFW-081704	70%	90 %	ACTIVE
Remodeling of Shamshapore Causeway	CFW-080211	25%	28 %	ACTIVE

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CODE	% IMPLEMENTED March 1-15, 2008	% IMPLEMENTED March 15-31, 2008	REMARKS
Guldara Intake	CFW-080608	85%	90 %	ACTIVE
Salara Yaghiband Intake Canal	CFW-080804	80%	91 %	ACTIVE
Yonus Tangi Pipe Scheme	CFW-081104	6%	6 %	Cancelled
Sarobi Chardehi Intake	CFW-081705	65%	75 %	ACTIVE
Lateral Canal 28 Improvement	CFW-081305	70%	100 %	Completed
Pas Sabar Bar Lakhtai Canal Improvement	CFW-080703	71%	82 %	ACTIVE
Tangi Pipe Scheme	CFW-082105	85%	100 %	COMPLETE
Markikhil Micro-Hydro Power Plant	CFW-080409	15%	30%	ACTIVE
Kandi and Aliakbar Intake	CFW-081306	5	10%	ACTIVE
Morchal Intake	CFW-081103	5	10 %	ACTIVE
Dudarak Micro Hydro Power	CFW-082002	3	8%	ACTIVE
<b>Laghman (Road)</b>				
Farmankhil to Aghrabad Road Improvement	CFW-090222	60	75 %	ACTIVE
<b>Laghman (Non Road)</b>				
Jalaband Intake and Canal project	CFW-090223	55%	77 %	ACTIVE
Warnata Intake and Canal Project	CFW-090307	80%	95 %	ACTIVE
Jui Malang Canal project	CFW-090221	80%	95 %	ACTIVE
<b>Kunar (Road)</b>				
Chomyari Road Improvement	CFW-101508	15%	35%	ACTIVE
<b>Kunar (Non Road)</b>				
Zarmanday Canal Intake project	CFW-101307	92%	94%	ACTIVE
Narang Loi Canal Improvement	CFW-101206	47%	57 %	ACTIVE
<b>Nuristan (Road)</b>				
Paroon-Pronce gravel road	CFW-300101	35%	35%	Cancelled
Malil Road Project	CFW-300802	37%	40 %	ACTIVE

### C. PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT (PSD)

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

- Assisted the owners of various private companies to showcase their products in *Mehtarlam 2008*. The companies involved included soap, snack, packaging, vegetable and fruit candies and carpets. The visitors to the fair liked the products and services offered by these companies and appreciated ADP/E, PSD efforts on bringing these projects to fruition. ***“I would rather convince and encourage the customers in my village to buy and eat the products of Afghanistan Eastern Agriculture Development Company (AEADC) for several reasons. These are our home products, produced from agriculture products cultivated and grown in our local farms and are good for health as well”***. This is a quote from a shopkeeper who was visiting from the booth of the AEADC at the Laghman Agro-Industrial Fair.
- A delegation of 3 personnel was sent to Turkey to participate in the FOOD, PROCESSING, BEVERAGE & BAKERY TECHNOLOGIES from 27<sup>th</sup> March to 29<sup>th</sup> March 2008. The two businessmen, accompanied by an ADP/E representative will be also having individual meetings with businessmen to find out more about the regional markets, see new technology and explore ways of developing the quality of the local products.
- As part of their assistance to local factories, the PSD team continued technical support to local businesses, Four technical people were fielded to provide practical training to Shaharyar Recycling Factory laborers at the factory for one month. This will help to improve the capacity of the local Afghan employees who will be working in the factory in the future. Private Sector Development also fielded a practical trainer to Riyaz

Packaging Factory to provide on site trainings to his 19 employees. The training was monitored and is going successfully. Afghans employees have learned more new skills and the best production techniques for quality packaging. Now they are able to produce quality products on their own according to the demand of the market. Both of these in house practical trainings started on 1<sup>st</sup> of March and ended 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2008.

- Finalized the business plan of Etehad Shoes and Sandals Manufacturing Factory. It will be submitted to ARFC (Afghanistan Rural Finance Center) to secure a loan. Etehad shoes manufacturing is an Afghan owned business operating in Pakistan. This loan would enable him to move his operation from Pakistan into Afghanistan. This will create 75 permanent job opportunities in Jalalabad. The business needs to purchase land, construct a building and purchase some new machines, the rest will be imported. He will also be working with local women to offer employment opportunities.
- The Municipality is working hard to supply electricity and distribute space to the vegetable retailers who would move from road sides to the newly rehabilitated vegetable retail market. It will be open and working by early April 2008, if allocation of space issues can be resolved.
- A business plan for the ZRM Fiber Manufacturing was completed and will be submitted to a funding source by next week. Carpet weaving is one of the historic professions of Afghanistan. This profession been growing in the Eastern provinces of Afghanistan since 2000, but unfortunately all the raw materials are coming from Pakistan. An Afghan investor who currently runs a carpet weaving company would like to establish a fiber manufacturing factory that will supply materials to the local carpet weavers.

#### **D. GENDER AND MICRO-ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT (GME)**

The ADP/E GME facilitated the participation of nine women-owned businesses from greenhouses to cheese processing at Mehtarlam 2008. It was great opportunity to introduce their products and develop market linkages.



**ADP/E GME assisted micro-enterprises in Mehtarlam 2008**

#### **PROMOTION OF SMALL DAIRY PROCESSING AND MARKETING UNITS**

136 women started operation at 5 new processing sites in Eastern Region this reporting period. Investments are being made in upgrading the test processing sites, following the success of this initiative.

#### **DAIRY PROCESSING**

Overleaf are the cash sales from ADP/E assisted cheese centers in the region.

Date	Shagee Village			Ghundi Sawati			Total Cash Sales (AFS)
	Nangarhar Province			Laghman Province			
	Quantity of Cheeses Sold (KGS)	Rate per Kg (AFS)	Total Cash Sales (AFS)	Quantity of Cheeses Sold (KGS)	Rate per Kg (AFS)	Total Cash Sales (AFS)	
3/4/2008	67	120	8,040				<b>8,040</b>
3/5/2008	9.5	145	1,377	0	0	0	<b>1,377</b>
3/6/2008	12.21	150	1,831			0	<b>1,831</b>
3/9/2008	18	158	2 844	0	0	0	<b>2,844</b>
3/10/2008	8.31	158	1,312	28	119	3,332	<b>4,644</b>
3/12/2008	99	124	12,276	21	119	2,499	<b>14,775</b>
3/13/2008	10	200	2,000.	14	113	1,582	<b>3,582</b>
3/17/2008	14	113	1,582.	0		0	<b>1,582</b>
3/19/2008	12	113	1,356.	0	0	0	<b>1,356</b>
	<b>250</b>		<b>32,619</b>	<b>63</b>		<b>7,413</b>	<b>40,032</b>

#### COMMERCIAL VEGETABLE NURSERIES

GME planted over 20,000 Okra seedlings in Samerkhel greenhouse and transplanted Tomato (26,00) seedlings from Qasaba, Alikhel and Samerkhel greenhouses to Batikot, Qarghayi, Saracha, Khoshgombad, Barekabh, Kama, Achin, Kunar, and Behsud commercial demo farms. The nurseries also transplanted (600) seedlings of Cucumber from Binigah to Jaanan khan Behsud and (4,000) seedlings of Squash and Melon to Behsud and Kamas' demo farms.



An ADP/E GME assisted greenhouse at the Mehtarlam 2008 site

**Table: Gender and Micro-enterprise Development Activities**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>DATA</b>	<b>KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>
Directorate of Women's Affairs	DoWA Nangarhar Laghman Kunar	Distributed 15,000 saplings from women-owned nurseries to Girl's schools, hospitals and women's centers.
Women's Fruit and Forestry Nursery, Sumarkhail in partnership with RoP	60	100,000 saplings ready for shipment. 60,000 saplings packed for RoP.
Women-owned Fish Farms	20 Fish farms	On-going Monitoring Discussion with 2 potential fish Hatcheries
Sukhroad Vegetable & Fruit Packing Facility	15 female operators	Over 3,500 Kgs processed for Kabul and Dubai markets 20 kg of Spinghar cheese to KBL markets.
Mentorship Project	200 home based businesses	On-going ToT business trainings Monitoring of existing projects

### III. Required Performance Data

#### ANNEX I. ADP/E ACTIVITY LEVEL INDICATORS<sup>2</sup>

Indicator	Added (Bi-weekly)		Target (LOP)	Total LOP(To date)	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	6.1	2,631	2,699	2,631	2,455.28	148.86	86.84	-		
	Current	7.8+				4.84	1.48	1.47	-		
	Total	13.9				2,460.12	150.34	88.31	-		
ADP Kms. of rural roads repaired in poppy regions # km	Previous	10.0	548	520	548	408.77	36.27	54.42	10.44		
	Current	9.9+				8.81	0.45	0.54	0.14		
	Total	19.9				417.58	36.72	54.96	10.58		
ADP/E Hectares of improved irrigation as a result of ADP infrastructure works # hec	Previous	276	137,060	134,331	137,060	121,970	7,070	5,291	-		
	Current	-				-	-	-	-		
	Total	276				121,970	7,070	5,291	-		
ADP/E Amount paid in CFW in AL programs USD (\$)	Previous	108,156	20,592,363	19,875,973	20,592,363	15,566,267	2,921,679	927,615	336,166	17,899,847	1,851,881
	Current	124,246*				96,282	10,239	12,519	5,206	119,601	4,645
	Total	232,402				15,662,549	2,931,918	940,134	341,371	18,019,448	1,856,526
ADP/E Afghans paid through CFW salaries #	Previous	73	174,000	168,618 <sup>3</sup>	174,000	153,491	11,280	2,834	721	146,854	21,472
	Current	292*				96	21	156	19	271	21
	Total	365				153,587	11,301	2,990	740	147,125	21,493
ADP/E Total labor days for CFW #	Previous	24,807	5,767,708	5,465,658	5,767,708	4,372,049	748,312	226,478	90,328	4,898,388	538,779
	Current	28,491*				22,096	2,018	3,236	1,141	27,332	1,159
	Total	53,298				4,394,145	750,330	229,714	91,469	4,925,720	539,938
Afghans trained in business skills #	Previous	80	7,000	7,783	7,000	5,687	1,347	656	22	3,257	4,455
	Current	71				67	-	4	-	71	-
	Total	151				5,754	1,347	660	22	3,328	4,455
Farmers trained in agricultural practices in targeted poppy provinces under ADP #	Previous	22	120,000	108,328	120,000	62,395	28,257	17,593	1	104,528	3,718
	Current	82				64	18	-	-	-	82
	Total	104				62,459	28,275	17,593	1	104,528	3,800
Farmers receiving seed and fertilizer #	Previous	1,500	177,961	215,939	177,961	126,711	47,562	37,666	4,000	215,939	-
	Current	-				-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	1,500				126,711	47,562	37,666	4,000	215,939	-

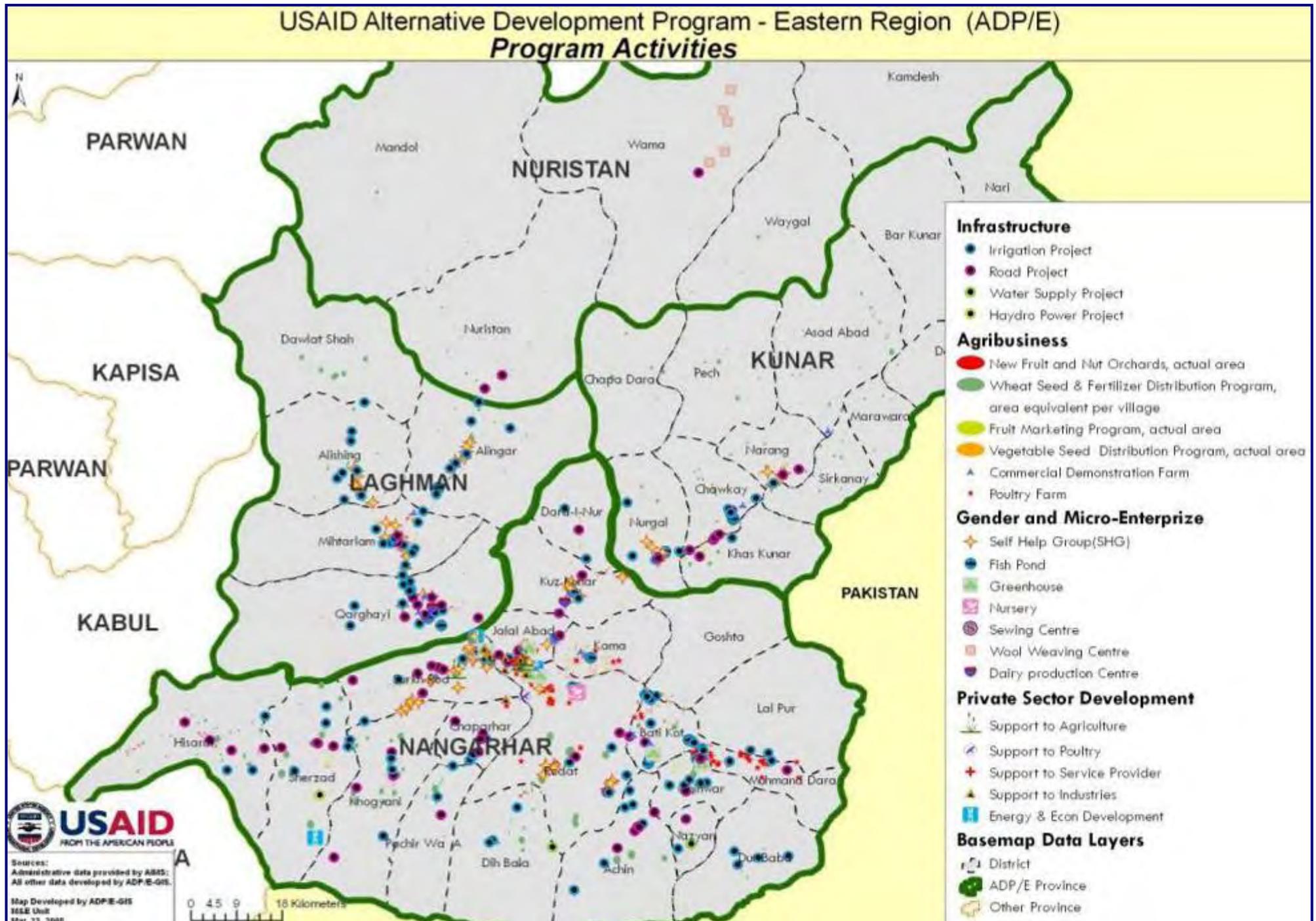
<sup>2</sup> The table shows aggregated figures of both ADP and AINP project

<sup>3</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 Feb 16-29,2008

ANNEX II. ADP/E PROGRAM ACTIVITIES MAP – EASTERN REGION



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