



Biweekly Report

April 1st – 15th, 2008

**ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM - EASTERN REGION**



AN APRICOT TREE PLANTED UNDER ERODP IN 2005 BEARS THE FRUIT IN QARGHAYI, LAGHMAN

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

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

- The ADP/E- IF HOPE extension staff provided technical assistance on design and layout for new orchards, application of animal manure, water management, and application of lime solution. 941 farmers farming 2,571 Jeribs (514 Hectares) of land were targeted for the extension services during the reporting period.
- ADP/E's Commercial Orchards Program, implemented by Roots of Peace reached the target of 1,500 hectares of new orchards set for the spring of 2007. The participants were required to make a contribution of their time plus money, while similar programs provided trees, fertilizer and tools as a completely free package.
- During the reporting period, the ADP/E's Annual Horticulture team implemented 22 field days in 15 districts of the Eastern Region and trained 560 farmers in vegetable plots lay out and planting techniques. Planning for the fall Technology Innovations for Market-Led Economic Rehabilitation (TIMER) program continued.
- The 2008 Fruit harvest has started and the Fruit Marketing Program supported farmers in harvest and post harvest handling and linking them to markets. In four Districts the harvest of loquat started and farmers from 11 villages have prepared and delivered to the market 3,930 Kg of the fruit, generating an income of \$ 1,197; 43 percent higher than the average market price due to their improved grading and packaging
- Two hatcheries received the seventh shipment of 92,520 eggs from a U.S supplier. The hatching efficiency of the eggs received so far is 65.6%, which is 5% below the acceptable level. However, the problem – rising temperatures combined with inadequate cooling facilities – has been identified and addressed. ADP/E's assisted breeder farms (Barakat, Sihat, & Haji Zamarak) are ready for the breeder chicks due late April.
- Sales directly facilitated by ADP/E reached over \$23,300 during the reporting period. The cumulative value of produce to date has now surpassed \$900,000.
- ADP/E continued working on 35 active CFW projects, employing a total of 2,817 people and generating 30,419 person days during the reporting period. To date, ADP/E has employed 168,765 people and generated a total of 5.4 million person days and paid over \$20 million in wages paid to villagers¹.
- The vegetable retail market rehabilitated through a joint effort by ADP/E, ASMED and Jalalabad-PRT was handed over to the Jalalabad Mayor. The market accommodates 96 vegetable retailers and is equipped with a clean water system and basic sanitation facilities.
- Twelve of the 40 female nursery owners assisted by ADP/E made their first sale for Afs.240,868 (\$4,867). Sales included pomegranate saplings sold to Roots of Peace and other organizations and farmers in the region.

¹ Includes AINP and ADP/E

- This month we are sad to report the ending of the CTO assignments for two strong supporters of ADP/E's program, Dr Patrick Ludgate, (see photo below) our CTO based in Jalalabad at the PRT, and Tim Anderson, our Kabul alternate CTO. We wish them success in their next assignments and thank them for their contributions to ADP/E's successes in 2007.



Xuday paman, manana & tasakor, der maribani, pa maxa de sa!

II. SECTOR ACTIVITIES

A. AGRIBUSINESS

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 established over 3,000 hectares of new fruit and nut orchards in two planting campaigns in 2006 and 2007.

During the reporting period, IF Hope visited and provided technical assistance to 941 farmers farming 2,571 Jeribs (514 Hectares). The technical assistance focused on various aspects of orchard management, including pest control, irrigation management, elimination of weeds and digging of water channels.

IF Hope extension staff continued providing technical support to the demonstration nurseries on irrigation, weeding, removal of shoots below the grafts, protection of new seedlings, as well as application of insecticides.

COMMERCIAL ORCHARDS

Roots of Peace (RoP), ADP/E's subcontractor for the implementation of the Commercial Orchards Program achieved its target of 1,500 hectares of fruit orchards to be planted in the spring of 2008. The final figure of 1,503 hectares constitutes a relevant achievement, especially considering that under the Commercial Orchards Program farmers are required to pay 20 percent of the cost of trees, while several other organizations are currently distributing free trees, fertilizers and tools. This demonstrates farmers' willingness to pay for planting material of superior quality and known origin.



An ADP/E - RoP established private Nursery in Laghman

Beneficiaries of the Commercial Orchards Program are also participating in other ADP/E programs growing high-value vegetables. In the summer, 4,000 of these farmers will participate in grain and legume production under contracts with feed producers.

FORESTRY INNOVATIONS FOR LIVELIHOOD DIVERSIFICATION (FIELD)

This program is one of the activities in ADP/E's supplemental scope of work. As of April 15, beneficiary communities planted over 200 hectares with the 2008 budget allocation for 150 hectares, an accomplishment from two standpoints; that of reduced implementation cost and the increased effectiveness of the field technical team.

Field technicians focused their activities in six districts of the region, Narang, Kuz Kunar, Lal Poor, Ghosta, Achin and Haskamina assisting farmers in the management of the forestry plantations, leveling irrigation canals, and pruning.

During the reporting period, field technicians assisted 458 farmers in 58 villages managing 397.3 Jeribs of new forestry fields. So far bamboo plants have shown a survival rate of 98 percent, giving farmers hope for the prospects of commercial production of this species commonly used for construction and until now has been imported from Pakistan.

FRUIT MARKETING PROGRAM (FMP)

FMP field technicians continued providing advice to farmers in the areas of orchard rehabilitation, irrigation, plant nutrition and crop protection.

FMP staff are promoting district level meetings of the village-level group leaders to assess the performance of the fruit marketing program during 2007 and to discuss approaches and strategies for the 2008 harvest season that is just starting. So far 75 representatives of 30 groups have participated in these events.

Activities for the 2008 harvest season have just begun, during the reporting period FMP technicians supported farmers in harvest, post harvest and marketing of loquat with 17 farmers from 11 villages selling 3,930 Kg of the fruit and generating an income of \$ 1,197; 43 percent higher than the average market price due to the added value from improved grading and packaging.

NURISTAN ORCHARDS PROGRAM

Rainfall and snowfall have reached above-average levels in the highlands of Nuristan, blocking several portions of the road to Paroon District. However, field staff arranged the shipment of fruit saplings stored in Wama District combining pick-up, horse, and donkey transport. Now, 43,940 fruit saplings are ready for planting in May to conclude the orchard establishment process in this North Eastern Province.

Field staff continued monitoring the performance of the new orchards in the rest of the districts and assisting farmers with technical advice in several topics related to improved orchard management.

MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

During the reporting period, ADP/E continued providing marketing assistance to farmers and traders targeting different market segments. Sales to local markets (i.e. provincial capitals) reached 84,244 Kg of vegetables and 335 kg of cheese, with a value of \$17,885.

Sales to high-value markets in Kabul reached 1,126 Kg of vegetables and cheese with a value of \$1,414.

Exports to Dubai are increasingly consolidating. During the reporting period traders shipped 4,595 Kg of cauliflower with a value of \$4,044. Cauliflower exports have remained steady since February 2008 an indication of the progress towards gaining an established position in the market.

MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BIWEEKLY SALES REPORT

Period: April-01 to 15 2008

No	Products	Local Market		High Value Market		Export Market		Total weight & Value	
		Kg	\$	Kg	\$	Kg	\$	Kg	\$
1	Vegetables	84,244	17,078	1,126	1,235	4,595	4,044	89,965	22,357.20
2	Fruit							-	-
3	Herbs	0	0	212.6	86	0	0	213	86
4	Cheese	335.25	807	23	93			358	900
	Total	84,579	17,885	1,361	1,414	4,595	4,044	90,535	23,343.20

Cummulative sales directly facilitated by ADP/E since 2006 to April 15	\$928,943.05
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MARKET INFORMATION SYSTEM (MIS)

The Market Information System is progressively becoming a service used by farmers, traders and the development community. During this period, the program responded to 3,640 text messages, sent 1,070 daily price reports and disseminated price data over the radio to more than 7,000 farmers.

The quality of the market information and the reliability of the program have caught the interest of USAID field program officers in southern provinces, as well as other donor-funded initiatives who have requested special reports.

POULTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

ADP/E, in collaboration with USAID's ASMED and ARIES project, has begun to set the foundation for the development of the local poultry industry in Eastern region. A feed mill, hatchery, and an expanding poultry producers association established with USAID support constitute the pillars for the future 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 the monitoring and certification of farms. This program is expected to produce up to two million broiler chickens in the first year

of operation, which will have a dramatic impact in terms of local economic growth and the consequent reduction of imports from Pakistan.

Barakat and Mommand hatcheries received their seventh shipment of 92,520 eggs from the U.S. during the reporting period. The hatching efficiency of the eggs received so far is 65.6%. ADP/E's assisted breeder farms (Barakat, Sehat, & Haji Zamarak) are getting ready for the placement of breeder chicks in late April.

During this reporting period ADP/E trained hatchery staff in the vaccination of day old chicks against Infectious Bronchitis Virus (IBV) and Newcastle Disease (NCD) using a simplified spray method. One batch of chicks had bronchitis rolling reaction due to incomplete coverage at the hatchery. This has caused mortality 2-3% in the first week in this batch only. Vaccination through the eye drop method would be used for these chicks.



Hatchery employee administers vaccine to day-old chicks in Nangarhar

ANNUAL HORTICULTURE

During the reporting period, ADP/E's Annual Horticulture technicians carried out 22 field days in 15 districts of the eastern region and trained 560 farmers in plot lay out and planting using plug seedlings. Up to date, 57 out of 60 TIMER demonstration plots were laid out ready for vegetable planting.

Planning for the fall season TIMER program continued. A total of 25,000 farmers will be assisted through this initiative aimed to support farmers to increase productivity of crops with market-sought attributes. The number of districts and beneficiaries per province are as follow: Nangarhar, with nine districts and 13,000 beneficiaries; Kunar, with five districts and 6,000 beneficiaries; and Laghman, with five districts and 6,000 beneficiaries. For the fall season, the input suppliers selected will collect 25% of the total cost of the input package from the farmers as contribution to cover part of the cost and as a way to extend its clientele in the Eastern Region. A sample survey (10%) will be conducted to determine farmers' preferences in terms of crops as a way to determine the quantities and types of seed to be purchased.



ADP/E's Annual Horticulture Field Staff provides hands-on training to farmers in vegetable plots lay out in Nangarhar

For the spring season, 4,223 medium scale farmers were integrated to the Regional Vegetable Marketing Program (REVAMP), producing vegetables in the provinces of Nuristan, Kunar, Laghman, and Nangarhar. The beneficiaries of ADP/E's implementing partner Roots of Peace (RoP) established field nurseries and continued with soil preparation of 2,367 jeribs.

ADP/E's Fruit Marketing Program concluded the distribution of inputs for vegetable intercrop in all 3 provinces. Similar to the beneficiaries of RoP,

participants in FMP finished the establishment of field nurseries in the provinces of Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunar, which will enable them to grow 1,586 jeribs of vegetables during the spring season.

The Commercial Demonstration Farms (CDF) program assisted farmers in the design of a production plan for warm season crops. During the summer commercial farmers will plant 11 crops including tomato, peppers, radish, melon, watermelon, cucumber, zucchini, sweet corn, okra, eggplant, and green beans following a staggered planting system. So far, most of the CDFs have planted the second phase. A total of five plantings were planned for most crops, except for sweet corn, tomato and radish, which will have 3, 4 and 8 planting dates respectively.

ADP/E's and its implementing partner, RoP will support over 1,500 farmers to plant 2,900 Jeribs of yellow maize and 100 Jeribs of mung bean in May 2008. Activities in the field will start in April with the introduction of the program and the selection of beneficiaries. During the reporting period, ADP/E took delivery of 8.4 MT of yellow maize from a local input supplier.

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	48%	MCP	Piers concreting in progress
Qasimabad Road (5.7 km)	PIP 082101	Behsud, Nangarhar	100	68%	BCURA	Prime coat has been spread and Asphalt is started.
Lal Pur Road-(12 km)	PIP 081501	Lal Pur, Nangarhar	100	57%	ACC-LBCC JV	Widening, filling, compaction of water bound in progress

IMPROVING ACCESS TO MARKETS

ABIZAI BRIDGE (67m): Progress 48%

Located to the Northeast of the provincial center Mehtarlam, Abizai Bridge will support more than 2,000 people and 300 vehicles crossing the bridge on a daily basis. The total population of the area that will use this bridge is approx. 150,000 people with 12,000 Hectares of agricultural land. ADP/E is constructing a vehicle 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 current footbridge.

During the reporting period, the contractor continued work on reinforcement shuttering and concrete piers with foundation excavation and the stone masonry of the wing wall at the right side of the river.



Work progress on Abizai Bridge in Laghman

LALPUR TO GULDAG DBST ROAD (12 km): Progress 57%

Construction of side drain, washes, and RCC work culvert on Lalpur to Guldag village has been in progress. Cleaning of hard rock cutting, filling, and water bound work also continued on the project. Four Centimeter compacted Asphalt layer has been proposed to replace the original DBST surfacing. The progress of work has slowed down due to recent heavy rains in the area.



A view of newly constructed Lalpur to Guldag DBST in Nangarhar

QASIMABAD DBST AND GRAVEL ROAD (5.7km): Progress 68 %

Qasimabad road serves the 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, Lajjigarage, 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.



Asphalt paving continued on Qasimabad road in Behsud Nangarhar

During the reporting period, asphalt paving and construction of structures, sub base filling, and compaction continued. So far, asphalt paving has been completing on 1.0 Km of road.

CASH-FOR-WORK (CFW) PROJECTS

ADP/E continued working on 35 active CFW projects, employing a total of 2,817 people and generating 30,419 person days during the reporting period*. To date, ADP/E has employed 168,765 people and generated a total of 5.4 million person days worth over \$20 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	130	97	24	1	7	21,874
Laghman	49	42	5	0	1	2,581
Kunar	25	18	5	0	1	4,565
Nuristan	3	1	1	1	0	1,399
TOTAL	207	156	35	2	9	30,419

* For accounting purpose, this number is from March 1-15, 2008.

1) NEWLY COMPLETED PROJECTS

A) JUI MALANG CANAL IMPROVEMENT CFW-090221

The project is located in Qarghayi District of Laghman Province. The irrigation system of the nearby villages is fed from an existing intake on the joint Alishing and Alingar Rivers. The system was designed to irrigate over 1,000 Jeribs of land serving the farms of about 600 families and flowing through 5 different villages. The main crops grown in the area are rice, wheat, maize, cotton, okra, onions, leeks, cauliflower and other vegetables.

Upon the completion of the project, two retaining walls (180m) and a slab culvert were built. Main activities of the project were excavation, stone masonry, PCC, RCC, shuttering and reinforcement for RCC culverts.

The rehabilitation of the irrigation system has ensured the community with proper irrigation system which will have a dramatic impact on crop productivity.



Jui Malang Canal in Qarghai, Laghman

2) NEAR TO COMPLETION PROJECTS

A) GULDARA INTAKE (CFW080608)

"This is a dream on the ground; we could never expect such a beneficial project in our villages as no donor agency has ever worked here before. After each passing flood, we had to get together and rebuild our intake and even most of the times we failed in securing the irrigation system which has caused our standing crops to wither", said Shura head, Haji Ghulam Nabi.

Prior to the rehabilitation of Gul Dara Project, only 100 Jeribs of land could be irrigated whereas now, 600 Jeribs of land is under irrigation water due to permanent structure and non interruptible water flow. Main crops are vegetables, wheat and corn benefiting around 900 families.



A view of Guldara Canal weir in Chaparhar district of Nangarhar Province

B) Pas Sabar Bar Lakhtai Canal rehabilitation (CFW080703)

The project is located in Pachir Wa Agam district of Nangarhar Province. The canal is currently irrigating around 200 Jeribs of land which will be increased after the rehabilitation of irrigation system. Currently, the project has employed 147 persons and has distributed \$46,104 as wages. Upon the completion of the project, 380 meters retaining wall will be constructed.

3) PENDING APPROVED PROJECTS

1. CFW-080104, Refurbishment of Jalalabad Slaughter House.
2. CFW-081607, Sarband to Ragma Road in Goshta district of Nangarhar.

3. CFW-080212, Improvement of Surkhrod Roads in Nangarhar.
4. CFW-080306, Piped Water Supply Scheme for Lajgar village in Hesarak district of Nangarhar.
5. CFW_082001, Piped Water Supply Scheme for Janshigal in Dara Noor district of Nangarhar.
6. CFW-080704, Torabad to Khogai road in Pachir Wa Agam district of Nangarhar.
7. CFW-081307, Rehabilitation of NVDA lateral 26 in Shinwar district of Nangarhar.
8. CFW-090308, Piped Water Supply Scheme for Kanda village of Alingar district in Laghman.
9. CFW-101308, Gorboz Canal Intake in Chowki district of Konar province.

SECURITY

The security situation remained conducive for work in this period. The field engineers continue to visit all of the ongoing projects while the security section closely monitors available information they receive from reliable sources. There are currently no major threats to ADP/E staff in the areas they operate. There were a few incidents during the reporting period in various districts of Nangarhar, Kunar, Laghman and Nooristan where ADP/E is active; however there were no serious threats to ongoing operations.

CASH-FOR-WORK PROJECTS BY PROVINCE

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CODE	% IMPLEMENTED March 16-31, 2008	% IMPLEMENTED April 1-15, 2008	REMARKS
Nangarhar (Roads)				
Mamand Road Improvement	CFW-082306	62%	75 %	ACTIVE
Landy Basawul Road	CFW-081405	90%	95 %	ACTIVE
Dehsarak Road	CFW-081004	80%	85 %	ACTIVE
Sarjal and Khesko Road	CFW-081906	96 %	98 %	ACTIVE
Baro Soordag Road Improvement	CFW-080903	48 %	55 %	ACTIVE
Chardehi Road Additional Work	CFW-081703	75%	90 %	ACTIVE
Kama Road Structures Improvement	CFW-081802	65%	87%	ACTIVE
Kama Road Surface Improvement	CFW-081803	0%	5%	ACTIVE
Hisarshahi Mazina Road Improvement	CFW-080904	12%	15%	ACTIVE
Hafizan Road Improvement	CFW-080609	16%	18%	ACTIVE
Pekha Road Improvement	CFW-081005	10%	15%	ACTIVE
Mashwani Road Improvement	CFW-081706	15%	20%	ACTIVE
Nangarhar (Non Road)				
Sada Canal Intake	CFW-081501	95%	97 %	ACTIVE
Kharbandi and Khawezi Flood Protection Dikes	CFW-081606	95%	100 %	COMPLETE
Grabawa Flood Protection Dikes	CFW-081704	90%	95 %	ACTIVE
Remodeling of Shamshapore Causeway	CFW-080211	28%	30 %	ACTIVE
Guldara Intake	CFW-080608	90%	93 %	ACTIVE
Salara Yaghiband Intake Canal	CFW-080804	81%	98 %	ACTIVE
Yonus Tangi Pipe Scheme	CFW-081104	6%	6 %	Suspended
Sarobi Chardehi Intake	CFW-081705	75%	80 %	ACTIVE
Pas Sabar Bar Lakhtai Canal Improvement	CFW-080703	82%	90 %	ACTIVE
Markikhil Micro-Hydro Power Plant	CFW-080409	30%	60%	ACTIVE
Kandi and Aliakbar Intake	CFW-081306	10%	20%	ACTIVE
Morchal Intake	CFW-081103	10%	15 %	ACTIVE
Dudarak Micro Hydro Power	CFW-082002	8%	19%	ACTIVE
Laghman (Road)				
Farmankhil to Aghrabad Road Improvement	CFW-090222	75%	85 %	ACTIVE-----

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CODE	% IMPLEMENTED March 16-31, 2008	% IMPLEMENTED April 1-15, 2008	REMARKS
Laghman (Non Road)				
Jalaband Intake and Canal project	CFW-090223	77%	85 %	ACTIVE-----
Warnata Intake and Canal Project	CFW-090307	95%	98 %	ACTIVE---
Jui Malang Canal project	CFW-090221	95%	100 %	COMPLETE
Laghman Whole Sale Market	CFW-090123	0%	1%	ACTIVE
Kunar (Road)				
Chomyari Road Improvement	CFW-101508	35%	45%	ACTIVE
Kunar (Non Road)				
Mangwal Pipe Scheme	CFW-101509	0%	5%	ACTIVE
Zarmanday Canal Intake project	CFW-101307	94%	97%	ACTIVE
Narang Loi Canal Improvement	CFW-101206	57%	65 %	ACTIVE
Zangalian & Kamar Jranda Canal Inatkes	CFW-101407	0%	8%	ACTIVE
Nuristan (Road)				
Paroon-Pronce gravel road	CFW-300101	35%	35%	Suspended
Malil Road Project	CFW-300802	40%	41 %	ACTIVE

C. PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT (PSD)

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

A. SUPPORT TO BUSINESSES

- ADP/E has identified and encouraged an investor for the construction of a small scale textile factory in Markikhil village of Shirzad district which will create 35 full time jobs. The investor was linked with the Shura and village leaders who in term pledged a full support to make sure his business operation runs smoothly. Mr. Gulistan, one of the elders, expressed, ***“We hear that there is no security and people are afraid in the rural areas such as our village, we will show to every one how cooperative we are to support businesses that help our poor villagers.”***. In addition, ADP/E will extend technical assistance to help this investor in training his employees before the actual work starts.
- ADP/E developed a business plan for a shoes and sandals manufacturing factory and submitted it to Afghanistan Rural Finance Center (ARFC) for a \$ 100,000 loan. The Business Plan was also submitted to ASMED for their review. This is an existing factory with approximately 20 years background in Pakistan owned by an Afghan entrepreneur supplying products to markets in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Dubai, and Kuwait. It produces shoes and sandals for both male and female. The owner would like to repatriate into Afghanistan and move his business operation as well. The owner will contribute 150,000 in cash to buy land and construct a building along with his current machinery valued \$150,000. This project will create 75 jobs for local Afghans.
- Completed and submitted a fiber manufacturing business plan to ARFC. The investor who has a carpet weaving company is interested to produce carpet fiber locally in Afghanistan as there is a great demand.
- The vegetable retail market which was recently rehabilitated by the joint efforts of ADP/E, ASMED and Jalalabad-PRT was handed over to the Jalalabad Mayor. The market accommodates 96 vegetable retailers and is equipped with clean water system and other facilities.
- Assistance continued with the Nangarhar University. Based on an MoU with the Nangarhar University, 3 personals of ADP/E visit two days a week to deliver lectures at the Economic Faculty.

B. SUPPORT TO ASSOCIATIONS



A Fruit Growers Association meeting in Behsod district

- Encouraged and guided the Fruit Growers Association (FGA) director and manager together with the district representatives to actively deliver their services and collect the membership fees. As a result of this, a total of 18 groups consisted of 330 members were visited in Rodat, Kot, and Behsud districts. The purpose of the visit was to distribute association membership cards, make members aware about the activities of the association, collect money, and put more efforts into making a sustainable association. So far, the members have been able to collect Afs.157,000 from these districts. In addition, the accountant has collected Afs. 32,000 from Shirzad and 28,110 from Khogyani districts. These funds were deposited in the association

bank account another good move forward towards sustainability and an indication that farmers are actively participating in the support of their association.

- During this period, the Spin Ghar Poultry Farmers Association (SPFA) distributed 49,600 day old chicks from two local hatcheries to the farmers. The association has sold 34,304 Kg of broiler chicks in Jalalabad market. So far the association members are benefiting and are making money, but due to problems with the quality of the feed and prices, the association members were not able to make a high profit margin. The profit margin for the individual farmers will increase as the association has started to feed the broilers with better quality feed. Association with the help of ADP/E, PSD unit continued to develop good linkages with the poultry market chain.

C. TARAQI SABA

- Business Planning Training continued for 380 TARAQI SABA business skills training participants in the 3 provinces of Laghman, Kunar and Nangarhar. The participants are the students of schools.

Participants of TARAQI SABA Business Skills Training					
No	Name of school	No of participants	No of trainers	Location	Remarks
1	Cheknoory	40	2	Nangarhar	Active
2	Shahed Aref	60	3	Nangarhar	Active
3	Isteqlal	20	1	Nangarhar	Active
4	Mia Omar	63	2	Nangarhar	Active
5	Tajrobawee	20	1	Nangarhar	Active
6	Allayee	40	2	Nangarhar	Active
7	Dando	20	1	Kunar	Active
8	Mastora	17	1	Laghman	Active
9	Roshan	60	3	Laghman	Active
10	Nangial	40	2	Laghman	Active
Total		380	17		

D. GENDER AND MICRO-ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT (GME)

1) BUSINESS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

ADP/E assisted Shama Gas a road-side convenience store at Hada Farm. The program provided her with supplies and business training as part of ADP/E's Business Mentoring Program. Shama Gul supports her four small children from the profits that she earns from her store. She lives at IDP camp across from her store.



Shama Gas at her shop at Farm Hada Nangarhar

2) CAPACITY BUILDING OF PROVINCIAL DIRECTORATES OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS

ADP/E met with the 3 provincial directors of Women's Affairs to and assisted them in the review of their activities of the last six months, while providing them with input for the work plan for the next six months. The draft plan will be reviewed and finalized by Minister of Women's Affairs. The Kunar DoWA began the implementation of a six-month beauty parlor and tailoring project for 20 women in Asadabad in partnership with IBRAR LINGO. The staff also received 3 days of training in human & civil rights through The Afghan Human Rights Organization. ADP/E is currently providing daily computer classes for all DoWA staff.



Newly started computer class at DoWA Laghman

3) FRUIT AND FORESTRY NURSERY

Twelve of the 40 female nursery owners assisted by ADP/E made their first sale for Afs.240,868 (\$4,867). Sales included pomegranate saplings sold to Roots of Peace and other organizations and farmers in the region.

Home-based nurseries with 2,500-6,000 plants per women per year constitute a commercially viable and culturally acceptable way to assist women to complement their family's income. Additionally, since planting trees is a highly regarded activity in the eastern region, there is a large and growing market for these businesses.

4) PROMOTION OF SMALL DAIRY PROCESSING AND MARKETING UNITS

ADP/E's cheese production and marketing program continues to be a big success, with seven groups of women producing cheese for the local market, as well as for Kabul. Relief International, ADP/E's implementing partner held a one-day group fund management training session in Qalaifatebad, Janjapur/Darenour, Kuz Nurgal, Pachaiqala and Darlam/ Kamalpur Villages. Follow-up, practical sessions began on April 1st in Qalaifatebad and ran through April 7th, in Darlam. The team of Afghan technicians implementing the program traveled to Kabul to promote Spinghar Cheese in the High-end Market. During the reporting period, Relief International assisted the groups by placing 2 refrigerated displays in A-ONE Super Market located in Sharenaw and Prestige Super Market in Charahi Haji Yaqub areas of Kabul city.

5) COMMERCIAL VEGETABLE NURSERIES

Nursery operators planted over 92,400 seedlings of spring/summer crops for the REVAMP and Commercial Demonstration Farms programs. The crops included cucumbers, eggplant, okra, squash, melon, water melon, tomato & sweet pepper.

Laghman greenhouses provided over 186,000 squash seedlings to 36 farmers in Laghman in early January. The farmers planted the seedlings and will harvest squash by next week. The farmers had a very positive experience with the growth of the seedlings and are beginning to order different varieties of produce to plant following the wheat harvest in 4 weeks.



An ADP/E assisted Squash field in Kamalapur, Laghman

6) WOMEN-OPERATED DEMONSTRATION FARM

ADP/E facilitated the establishment of women-operated demonstration farms at Samarkil. Five women transplanted 25,000 tomato and cucumber seedlings.



A woman at Samemerkhel Demonstration Farm transplants vegetable plug seedlings

GENDER AND MICRO-ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT (GME) ACTIVITIES

PROJECT	DATA	KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Ghanikhail Community Midwifery Training (CMT)	18 Nuristani women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-going clinical sessions Daily English classes
Directorate of Women's Affairs	DoWA Nangarhar Laghman Kunar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-going English & Computer classes 2 days Human rights trainings Coordinated women's working group meetings
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"> On-going Monitoring Final Fish Farm Manual submitted for print.
Sukhroad Vegetable & Fruit Packing Facility	15 female operators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1493 kg various high value vegetables for Kabul markets 4352 kg Cauliflower were shipped to Dubai market 212.6 kg of herbs to KBL
Mentorship Project	200 home based businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-going survey of potential businesses Quality/food safety training for 3 Bakery projects Jam & Pickle making marketing

III. Required Performance Data

ANNEX I. ADP/E ACTIVITY LEVEL INDICATORS²

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	7.8	2,631	2,702	2,631	2,460.12	150.34	88.31	-		
	Current	2.9+				1.31	0.45	1.18	-		
	Total	10.7				2,461.43	150.79	89.49	-		
ADP Kms. of rural roads repaired in poppy regions # km	Previous	9.9	548	530	548	417.58	36.72	54.96	10.58		
	Current	9.9+				9.27	0.30	0.27	0.05		
	Total	19.8				426.85	37.02	55.23	10.63		
ADP/E Hectares of improved irrigation as a result of ADP infrastructure works # hec	Previous	-	137,060	134,331	137,060	121,970	7,070	5,291	-		
	Current	-				-	-	-	-		
	Total	-				121,970	7,070	5,291	-		
ADP/E Amount paid in CFW in AL programs USD (\$)	Previous	124,246	20,592,363	20,007,019	20,592,363	15,662,549	2,931,918	940,134	341,371	18,019,448	1,856,526
	Current	131,046*				93,280	12,327	19,727	5,713	128,599	2,447
	Total	255,292				15,755,829	2,944,245	959,861	347,084	18,148,047	1,858,973
ADP/E Afghans paid through CFW salaries #	Previous	292	174,000	168,765 ²	174,000	153,587	11,301	2,990	740	147,125	21,493
	Current	147*				77	11	51	8	147	-
	Total	439				153,664	11,312	3,041	748	147,272	21,493
ADP/E Total labor days for CFW #	Previous	24,807	5,767,708	5,467,586	5,767,708	4,372,049	748,312	226,478	90,328	4,898,388	538,779
	Current	30,419*				21,874	2,581	4,565	1,399	29,814	605
	Total	55,226				4,393,923	750,893	231,043	91,727	4,928,202	539,384
Afghans trained in business skills #	Previous	71	7,000	7,783	7,000	5,754	1,347	660	22	3,328	4,455
	Current	-				-	-	-	-	-	
	Total	71				5,754	1,347	660	22	3,328	4,455
Farmers trained in agricultural practices in targeted poppy provinces under ADP #	Previous	82	120,000	108,328	120,000	62,459	28,275	17,593	1	104,528	3,800
	Current	-				-	-	-	-	-	
	Total	82				62,459	28,275	17,593	1	104,528	3,800
Farmers receiving seed and fertilizer #	Previous	-	177,961	215,939	177,961	126,711	47,562	37,666	4,000	215,939	-
	Current	-				-	-	-	-	-	
	Total	-				126,711	47,562	37,666	4,000	215,939	-

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 March 1-15,2008

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