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**Women-Run Commercial Bakery in Daman Village of Behsud District
Supported by ADP/E Business Mentorship Program**

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.

**USAID Alternative Development Program - Eastern Region (ADP/E)
Eastern Region Administrative Map**



I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

- ADP/E's Fruit Marketing Program supported 187 farmers in 14 districts of Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar in harvest, post harvest and marketing of apple, plum, apricot, peach and grapes. These farmers were able to sell 57.5 MT of fruit generating revenue of Afs 953,347 equivalent to \$19,066
- Annual Horticulture staff, in collaboration with ADP/E's implementing partner Roots of Peace, established 200 jeribs of mung bean and 2,850 Jeribs of yellow maize fields in 13 districts of the Eastern Region.
- Through Nuristan Orchard Program, ADP-E field technicians distributed 1,592 shovels, 1,156 buckets and 1,592 pairs of pruning scissors to farmers in Norgram, Waygal and Paroon Districts of Nuristan Province.
- After a series of complications derived from opportunism, rent-seeking behavior and poor financial control in Spinghar Poultry Farms Association, ADP/E had to make the strategic decision of suspending the support to this endeavor, convinced that these institutional issues are not solvable within the life of the project. ADP/E will however, continue supporting the breeder farms, which together with the hatcheries are profitable businesses and constitute the foundation for the development of the industry in the near future.
- ADP/E's Market Development Program facilitated wholesalers of the eastern region to supply fruit and vegetables to supermarkets, international logistics companies and embassies in Kabul. During the reporting period, they sold 4,412 kg of vegetable and herbs totaled \$4,514.22. In addition, Market Development Program is offering technical advice to Jalalabad-based export companies. During the past two weeks, Romal Sorkhrod Company exported 980,000 kg of onion to Pakistan worth \$ 148,400.
- ADP/E is planning to bring on board a short-term production designer to work with local artisans and prepare Fall/Winter collection for exhibition in Kabul and NYC early November. GME is currently exploring the possibilities of opening an ER Handicraft Duty-Free Shop inside new Kabul International Terminal, as well.
- Through negotiations took place during the reporting period, ADP/E 's Private Sector Development Unit was able to link one of the Eastern Region carpet producing companies with the UK carpet market. A trader from the UK carpet market expressed his interest to ship 200 meters of hand-woven carpets to UK which will be facilitated by ADP/E. This will be the first carpet shipment to Europe from the Easter Region which will be followed by establishing effective business ties paving the way for kick-starting carpet export to the US and Europe.
- In order to expose local food processors and producers to high-end and demanding food markets, ADP/E's Private Sector Development Unit designed a 7-day-long road-show to India from July22-29, 2008 for the operators of Jalalabad-based bakeries and confectioneries where they will have a visit from bakeries and confectioneries, meet food specialists, and participate in a baking seminar.
- The third phase of a 50-hour training intended to train 22 agri-input dealers of the eastern region in Product Knowledge and Crop Management was conducted from July02-10. The participants of the training were the members of Easter Region Ag-Input Dealers Association. Since the beginning of June, 85 agri-input dealers have received training within three phases each of which was intended for a separate batch of participants. Each phase lasted for around 9 days.
- ADP/E continued working on 36 active CFW projects, employing a total of 2,654 people and generating 26,469 person days during the reporting period. To date, ADP/E has employed 170,941 people and generated a total of 5.67 million person days worth \$20.7 million in wages paid to villagers¹. Two CFW projects have been completed and handed over to the community during the reporting period.

¹ Includes AINP and ADP/E

II. SECTOR ACTIVITIES

A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PERENNIAL HORTICULTURE

COMMERCIAL ORCHARDS

ADP/E implementing partner, Roots of Peace (RoP), continued planning its campaign to enlist additional farmers as participants in the coming season's tree planting program, supervising established orchards, conducting field days and scientific cultivation of maize, and training farmers on orchard management.

In this reporting period, RoP field staff assisted farmers to take care of saplings recently planted sticking to modern practices, including irrigation, preparation of open strips around fruit trees, washing sapling trunks, managing the intercrop and performing integrated pest management.



Pomegranates in an ADP/E-assisted nursery

In addition to providing technical advice, RoP technicians addressed farmers' specific questions and problems about orchard management through regular contact with farmer group leaders and members. During this reporting period, field technicians offered technical assistance to 852 farmers growing fruit trees on 1,433 jeribs of land in 13 districts of Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar Provinces.

In addition, RoP field staff recorded GPS-coordinates of 450 established orchards in Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunar provinces. The process continues to cover all the established orchards.

During the reporting period, RoP staff visited Samsor Ban Nurseries located in Chardi village of Laghman Province and ADP/E-assisted sapling nurseries in Samarkhil village of Nangarhar to monitor the condition of saplings being produced. They provided technical assistance on weeding, pruning of scar under bud union, pest disease management, fertilizer application and irrigation.

FRUIT MARKETING PROGRAM (FMP)

ADP/E field technicians assisted fruit growers in 14 districts of the region to harvest and sell their fruit. During the reporting period, FMP technicians supported 187 farmers in 14 districts of Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar in harvest, post harvest and marketing of apple, plum, apricot, peach and grapes. These farmers were able to sell 57.5 MT of fruit generating revenue of Afs 953,347 equivalent to \$19,066 which is twenty-eight percent higher compared to the average market price. This is thanks to improved grading and packaging provided by ADP-E.

FMP field technicians assisted 288 REVAMP beneficiaries to harvest 27.5 MT of watermelon, onion, garlic, tomato, okra and eggplant in 14 districts of the Eastern Region and sell the vegetables in village, district and



Farmers grading and sorting grapes in Naghlu Village, Behsud District, Nangarhar

provincial markets. Sales totaled Afs 1,647,294, equivalent to \$32,945.8.

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (NRM)

This is a newly-launched afforestation initiative being implemented in the Eastern Region. During the reporting period, through nine field days, FMP field technicians trained 462 farmers in Narang, Kuz Kunar and Lalpura Districts acquainting them with the importance of forests in the nature. During the field days, the farmers were briefed that the forest trees help eliminate air-pollutions and wind severity in the neighborhood, protect soil against erosion, and provide woods for consumption and construction means.

NURISTAN ORCHARD PROGRAM (NUROP)

This program has newly introduced to help Nuristan farmers start establishing orchards. During the reporting period, the ADP-E field technicians distributed 1,592 shovels, 1,156 buckets and 1,592 pairs of pruning scissors to farmers in Nogram, Waygal and Paroon Districts of Nuristan already enlisted for NUROP. During three field days, a training on orchard irrigation system, weed and insect control, application of fertilizers and planting intercrops benefited 276 farmers in Nogram District of Nuristan.

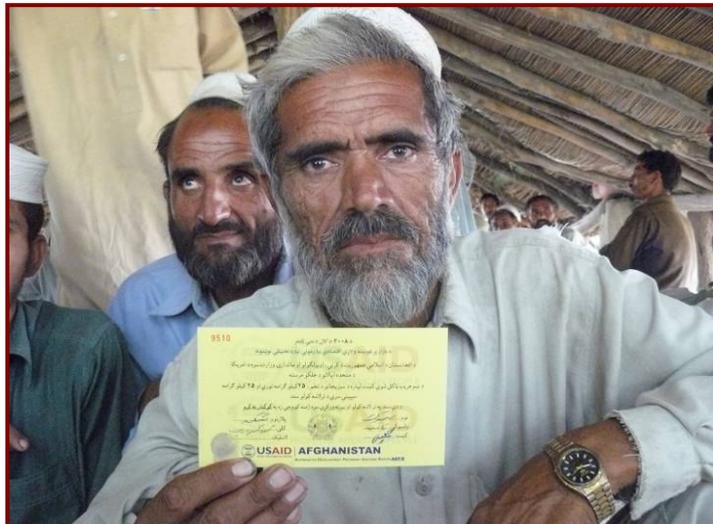


NUROP field day in Nogram District of Nuristan

ANNUAL HORTICULTURE

Recognizing the different levels of capacity, as well as the particular needs of subsistence, surplus and semi-commercial farmers, ADP/E has a series of programs that address the requirements of each of these groups as a way to bring them to the next level of the development continuum. Based on this rationale, annual horticulture activities include four major programs:

- The Technology Innovations for Market-Led Economic Rehabilitation (TIMER) Program addresses the needs of subsistence farmers in their quest to increase productivity and produce marketable surpluses.
- The Regional Vegetable Marketing Program (REVAMP) works with surplus farmers, most of them participates in ADP/E's fruit and vegetable production initiatives. Assistance to this group focuses on improving productivity, reducing post-harvest losses, establishing efficient market networks and capitalizing on collective marketing schemes.
- The Commercial Demonstration Farms (CDF) Program works with a small number of semi-commercial and commercial farmers with emphasis on the introduction of intensive agriculture techniques and high-value crops as well as linking entrepreneurs to regional and international markets.
- In a parallel effort, ADP/E recently introduced the "Grains for Feed Program" which serves as a complement to ongoing efforts to develop the poultry value chain in the region. This program will integrate over 2,000 farmers, growing grain and legume on 3,000 jeribs of land to supply the emerging feed industry.



Farmer showing his voucher for seed and fertilizer in TIMER Fall 2008

TIMER PROGRAM

During the reporting period, ADP/E Annual horticulture staff continued distributing vouchers for agricultural inputs as part of the Fall 2008 TIMER program. To date, ADP/E TIMER teams, together with monitoring and evaluation field monitors and district agriculture extension workers, have selected and distributed vouchers to 21,019 farmers

in Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar. ADP/E is working in close coordination with the provincial and district agriculture directorates. It's expected that the voucher distribution phase will be ended on July 24, 2008. This program will support 25,000 farmers through the provision of vegetable seeds and fertilizers. Based on the positive experience of the spring program, in which farmers paid 15 percent of the cost of the input packages at the time of delivery, the farmers' contribution will increase to 25 percent for the fall program. The paper work for procuring vegetable seeds has been processed. As soon as the selected vendors provide the seeds, the ADP-E-assigned staff will start packing each seed variety for TIMER and REVAMP Programs.

Concurrent to the improved seeds and fertilizer distribution, ADP/E will also establish 150 demonstration plots in several districts of the region. Activities at the demonstration plots will focus on crop management practices and marketing of the most commonly-grown vegetables in the districts.

REVAMP Program

During the reporting period, REVAMP beneficiaries completed the onion harvest and marketed their products. During the last fall season beneficiaries cultivated 1,608 jeribs of onions for a yield of 19,000 MT of onions. Farmers sold approximately 25% of the production (4,750 MT) on the field before the crop matured at the price of \$450 /jerib (\$37.5 /MT). The rest of the product (14,250 MT) was harvested and sold at an average price of \$0.10 /kg, generating a gross income of \$1,425,000 for the farmers. The two marketing methods produced a combined gross income of approximately \$1,600,000.

COMMERCIAL DEMONSTRATION FARMS PROGRAM,

During the reporting period ADP/E technicians trained 542 farmers over 21 field days in modern production practices. ADP/E field technicians also supported farmers in marketing 73,243 Kg of various crops, including okra, squash, eggplant, tomato, watermelon, cucumber, and pepper, generating revenue of \$16,461.



Farmers receiving training at a demonstration farm in Behsud District

GRAINS FOR FEED PROGRAM

During the reporting period, annual Horticulture staff, in collaboration with ADP/E's IP Roots of Peace, established 200 jeribs of mung bean and 2,850 Jeribs of yellow maize fields in 13 districts of the Eastern Region.

Through 24 field days in 10 districts of the eastern region to help improve mung bean and yellow maize production, around 600 farmers were trained in pest management and urea application by top dressing method. Besides, a 50-jerib yellow maize demonstration Plot was established on Turkham road to expose farmers to commercial yellow maize planting.

Water shortages delayed the planting of yellow maize and mung bean in certain villages. To date, program beneficiaries have planted an estimated 90% (2,565 jeribs) of the total planned production; the remaining 10% will be planted in late July providing that sufficient irrigation is available. ADP/E will facilitate the drafting and signing of sales contracts between grain traders and farmer groups in the following weeks.

POULTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Since mid 2007, ADP/E has been aggressively supporting the development of the poultry value chain in collaboration with USAID's Afghanistan Small and Medium Enterprise Project (ASMED) as well as with the Afghanistan Rural Finance Company. The Spin Ghar Poultry Farmers Association acted as counterpart, as the centerpiece of the value chain and representing over 200 small-scale poultry farmers, from which 50 percent were women.

Despite the many challenges that converge in Eastern Afghanistan, the Poultry Development Program supported the establishment of two breeder farms, two hatcheries, a feed mill, and 200 farms. The program had a particular emphasis in enabling rural women to engage in semi-commercial poultry production, with production units of over 950 broilers each, all in collaboration with the Provincial Directorate of Animal Health. Between December 2007 and June 2008, farmers from the region produced over 0.5 million broilers, with important implications in terms of import substitution—with concomitant effects in terms of public health, but also enabling men and women farmers to generate over US\$1 million in revenue.



Breeders vaccinated against arthritis in Hedayat Barakat Breeder Farm in Naimul Oura, Sector#5, Jalalabad

After a series of complications derived from opportunism, rent-seeking behavior and poor financial controls in the Poultry Farmers Association, ADP/E had to make the strategic decision of suspending the support to this endeavor, convinced that these institutional issues are not solvable within the life of the project. This decision was a difficult one, as with no doubt poultry production has the potential to become one of the engines for economic growth in the region, it is also an activity that is culturally-acceptable for women to participate in, and most of all, it is a sub-sector with ever-expanding market opportunities.

ADP/E will however, continue supporting the breeder farms, which together with the hatcheries are profitable businesses and constitute the foundation for the development of the industry in the near future. ADP/E wished to show its appreciation to ASMED, ARFC and the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock for their support to these endeavors.

MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

ADP/E is exposing wholesalers from the Eastern Region to the high-end supermarkets in Kabul, and airline catering agencies and premium markets abroad. During the reporting period, ADP/E continued to provide market assistance to farmers and traders of the eastern region targeting different market segments.

MDP assisted local vegetable producers from Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar provinces to establish links with vegetable assemblers and wholesalers. During the last two weeks, they sold 351,164 kg of herbs, cheese, vegetable and fruit worth \$83,134.19.

Meanwhile, MDP continued to support wholesalers of eastern region to supply fruit and vegetables to supermarkets, international logistics companies and embassies in Kabul. During the reporting period, they sold 4,412 kg of vegetable and herbs totaled \$4,514.22.

Market Development Program is offering technical advice to a Jalalabad-based export companies. During the past two weeks, Romal Sorkhrod Company exported 980,000 kg of onion to Pakistan worth \$ 148,400.

MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BIWEEKLY SALES REPORT

Reporting Period: July 01 to 15 – 2008

No	Products	Local Market		High Value Market		Export Market		Total weight & Value	
		Kg	\$	Kg	\$	Kg	\$	Kg	\$
1	Vegetables	293,454	63,332.65	4,043	4,456.10	980,000	148,400	1,277,497	212,177.75
2	Fruits	57,475	19,066.94					57,475	19,066.94
3	Herbs	19	10.00	69	58.12			88	68.12
4	Cheese	216	724.60					216	724.60
	Total	351,164	83,134.19	4,412	4,514.22	980,000	148,400	1,335,276	232,038.41

Cumulative Sales directly facilitated by ADP/E Since 2006 to July 15

\$1,468,483.83

MARKET INFORMATION SYSTEM (MIS)

ADP/E's Market Information System collects, analyzes and disseminates price data for 65 commodities in five markets, including Kabul, Asadabad, Jalalabad, Mehtarlam and Peshawar. These commodities include agricultural inputs, such as seeds, fertilizers and pesticides as well as outputs, e.g. fruits, vegetables and meats.

The Market Information System is progressively consolidating and becoming a service used by farmers, traders and the development community. During this reporting period, the program replied to 4,128 text messages and sent 847 daily price reports.

COLLABORATION WITH MAIL

ADP/E Institutional Capacity Building (ICB) team is focusing its efforts on building the capacity of personnel working at the provincial and district level delegations of the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock in Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar and Nuristan provinces.

ADP/E's ICB begin the second round of the training program for agriculture extension officers from Nangarhar, Laghman, Kunar and Nuristan on July 1, 2008. The training program incorporates three modules and participants will receive 216 hours of theoretical and practical training in annual horticulture, perennial horticulture and extension techniques.



Extension officers and workers receiving training

The roof of the building housing Nangarhar Agriculture Directorate was successfully renovated by ADP/E's Infrastructure unit. Eng. Muhammad Hussain Safai, Nangarhar Director of Agriculture Irrigation and Livestock, appreciated this favor through an official letter to ADP/E office.

B. GENDER AND MICRO-ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT (GME)

1) BUSINESS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

ADP/E finalized over 10 new business plans for various women-owned enterprises from Kunar and Laghman Provinces.

On daily basis, Behsud Daman Bakery provides 100 loaves of bread for Edinburgh International Security Company guards serving for USAID's LGCD and ADP/E. The group also provides bread for local home-based wedding and other ceremonies.

Zarmina submitted a beauty salon business plan through DoWA—Laghman to ADP/E. After her business plan was reviewed, GME's Women Business Mentorship Program provided her beauty salon with startup inputs. Zarmina is now called the first women opening a beauty salon in Mehterlam, Center of Laghman Province. She operates her business in an extra room inside her house provided by her family. She has received technical training in Kabul and was very eager to start a business in her home town.

Khalida, owner of Angor Bagh Shop, was born with facial defect and was selling gums and candies in a basket in front of a school. School children used to tease her often, but she had to support her family. Now she owns a general store in the neighborhood and her net profit was 5,000 AFS during reporting period. Looking to her customers demand, she has stocked up her store with different groceries.



Khalida's General Store in Angor Bagh, Jalalabad

2) FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

In response to a request from the Nangarhar Fisheries Association to help build farmers' capacity, ADP/E will organize a three-day training for 75 farmers of Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunar Provinces at the Nangarhar Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock Directorate.

In late June, ADP/E signed a contract with the National Consultancy and Relief Association (NCRA) to improve and expand Bagrami Fish Hatchery to produce 400,000 quality fingerlings sufficient for the Eastern Region farmers this year. Fingerlings are a key input of which local availability will help promote local aquaculture. To date, NCRA has produced 150,000 fingerlings, which will be supplied to farmers at low cost by Nangarhar Fisheries Association. ADP/E also published and distributed fishery manuals to farmers and veterinarians.

3) SUPPORT TO THE EASTERN REGION HANDICRAFT ASSOCIATION

ADP/E will assist Malik Baba Carpet Manufacturing Company (MBCMC) by providing them with carpet cutting and washing facilities. The company will focus on three fundamental activities: a) setting up carpet cutting and washing center, b) operation and environmental management and c) commercial development.

ADP/E is also planning to bring on board a short-term production designer to work with local artisans and prepare Fall/Winter collection for exhibition in Kabul and NYC in early November.

ADP/E is currently exploring the possibilities of opening an ER Handicraft Duty-Free Shop inside new Kabul International Terminal.

4) WOMEN-OWNED VEGETABLE NURSERIES

During the reporting period, ADP/E conducted business trainings for 180 operators in 18 greenhouses in Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunar. The operators also began two-month basic literacy classes.

5) SURKHROD PACKING FACILITY

Combined Joint Task Force – 101, Task Force MED conducted an initial sanitation audit of Surkhrod Pack-house on May 2008 and the facility received acceptable rating and has been approved and listed in the Directory of Sanitary Approved Food Establishment for Armed Forces Procurement for storage and distribution of fresh fruit and vegetables. To date, the facility provided services to traders by packing over 43,968 Kg of fruit and vegetables.

7) INSTITUTION CAPACITY BUILDING, DIRECORIATE OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS

ADP/E's ICD coordinator facilitated a meeting between H.E. Sherzai, Governor of Nangarhar and discussed Women's Park and at the end of the meeting 16 jerbis of prime land near Daronta was allocated for the park. DoWA Director and ICD Coordinator are in discussion with other line ministries to finalize processing the land allocation so that they can draft proposal to major donors for construction of the park.

ADP/E also facilitated a meeting between DoWA and Indian Consulate in Jalalabad. The Indian consul requested proposal for women market, carpet weaving and introduction of 3 to 5 women to a 6-month intensive English language training in India.

GENDER AND MICRO-ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT (GME) ACTIVITIES:

PROJECT	DATA	KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Ghanikhil community Midwifery Training (CMT)	18 Nuristani women	<ul style="list-style-type: none">On-going clinical sessionDaily English and literacy classes
Spinghar Paneer Enterprises	181	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Finalizing of Cheese dealerProviding livestock assessment/check-up at each siteMarketing to high-end value markets
Directorate of Women Affairs	Nangarhar, Kunar, Laghman DOWA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provincial Women's parkCoordination with Save the Children regarding Gender Training for DoWA staff.On-going summer English classes for girlsSetting-up library at each women center
Fisheries Development Program	40 women	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monitoring of Fish HatcheryPlanning of Fish Farming Technical Training in partnership with Fish Farmers Association.Coordination with LGCD for farms in KunarDrafting marketing plan for harvest early Aug

PROJECT	DATA	KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Surkhrod Vegetable Packing Facility	15 women Operators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 43,986 Kgs various vegetable shipped to Kabul Markets.
Women-owned vegetable nurseries	180 nursery operators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning for Fall Production Meeting with Input Suppliers Daily Nursery & Literacy classes.
Women-owned Poultry farms	40 Women Farmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shipped six poultry feed samples to Netherlands for analysis. On going monitoring
Mentorship project	200 home based business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-going monitoring of existing businesses. Finalizing of new business for Laghman and Kunar Marketing planning

C. PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT (PSD)

The Private Sector Development (PSD) unit constitutes one of the major components of ADP/E's efforts to assist entrepreneurs to start new businesses and expand their existing operations. PSD supports entrepreneurs to create bankable business plans, delivers technical and financial management training, builds the capacity of entrepreneurs, facilitates linkages with financial resources, helps establish market linkages for beneficiaries and provides support to the business associations in the region. Activities are designed and new projects selected based on considerations of potential long-term employment opportunities and domestic market product development to reduce reliance on imports.

As usual, Private Sector Development Unit designs study tours & facilitates participation in national and international exhibitions for the Eastern Region entrepreneurs/industry owners to help build their capacities, create mutual business relationships at national and regional levels, and expose them to modern technology.

SUPPORT TO BUSINESSES

Through negotiations took place during the reporting period, PSD was able to link one of the Eastern Region carpet producing companies with the UK carpet market. A trader from the UK carpet market expressed his interest to purchase 200 square-meter Afghani hand-woven carpets to UK of which shipment will be facilitated by ADP/E. This will be the first carpet shipment to Europe from the Eastern Region which will be followed by establishing effective business ties paving the way for kick-starting carpet export to the US and Europe.



Carpet weaved in the Eastern Region ready to be shipped to UK

Work continued on establishment of Rodaat Textile Training Center. During the reporting period, after identifying the trainees with the help of local village elders and shura members, trainers were hired and venue for the training was selected. Every trainee can easily get access to the training venue. In addition, all the trainees, equipped with necessary training materials, were organized in several groups so that they can effectively capitalize on the textile training. Practical training for 50 trainees started on July 15, 2008 and will continue for four months.

Now that the business plan for Spinghar Traditional Textile Factory is finalized, it is entitled to secure a business license from AISA (Afghanistan Investment Support Agency). AISA will soon issue a license to this factory.

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PSD unit has designed a 7-day road-show to India from July22-29, 2008 for the operators of Jalalabad-based bakeries and confectioneries.

During the visit from India, the team will meet backers, confectioners and food specialists. In addition, they will see machinery used in bakeries and how they supply food, participate in a baking seminar etc. The overall purpose behind such business tours is to help local food processors and producers realize the demand of food market abroad.

SUPPORT TO ASSOCIATIONS

ADP/E has provided Spin Ghar Poultry Farms Association with 63,700 day-old chicks from three local hatcheries (Momand Sehat 24,800, Brakat 26,500 and Suroobi 12,400). These day-old chicks were distributed to the members of the Poultry Association in districts of Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunar Provinces. Providing the farmers with quality day-old chicks, ADP/E's PSD facilitated the provision of quality feed, vaccination, medication and extended support to the farmers. In addition, ADP/E tends to expose their products to the local and national markets.



A textile weaving trainer employed by ADP/E for Rodaat Textile Training Center

During this reporting period, the association Loan Officers along with the district representatives was able to collect Afs 1,937,499 from the poultry farmers of Batikot, Momandarrah, Chaparhar and Behsud Districts in Nangarhar Province, Alingar district of Laghman, and Jalalabad Poultry Wholesale Market.

Day-old chicks, feed, medicine and farm equipments distribution from July 1st to July 15/08

No	Item Identification	No. of Farms	Farm Capacity/Per	Status	Remark
1	Farm equipment distribution, chlorine,	42	1000	Female	Bio-security cloths, chlorine.
2	Day-old-chicks distribution	55	1000	Both Total: 63,700	Sehat: 24,800 Brakat: 26,400 Suroobi: 12,400
3	Feed distribution	60	1000	Both	1300 bags
4	Vaccination	55	1000	Both	
5	Medication	40	1000	Both	
6	Sales of chickens in kg	9200		Both	

The third phase of a 50-hour training intended to train 22 agri-input dealers of the eastern region in Product Knowledge and Crop Management was conducted from July02-10. The participants of the training were the members of Easter Region Ag-Input Dealers Association. Since the beginning of June, 85 agri-input dealers have received training within three phases each of which was intended for a separate batch of participants. Each phase lasted for around 9 days. The goal of the training was to build the capacity of the targeted agri-input dealers to supply quality agricultural inputs and to offer useful advices on crop management practices. This will potentially pave the



The Third group of Agri-Input Dealer Association members receiving training on Product Knowledge and Crop Management

way for improved crops in the eastern region. The training covered knowing fertilizer, seed and being acquainted with crop protection and crop-specific management practices.

On the completion day of the training, Najibullah, a training participants felt confident after completing the training on "Product Knowledge and Crop Management" saying that he learned how to differentiate between quality and fake agri-inputs and provide useful advices to the farmers. He said, "The training we got will benefit not only us, but also the farmers who will be coming to us for buying seeds, fertilizers etc and seeking advices."

ADP/E is implementing Garlic Seed Purchasing Initiative through Eastern Region Fruit Growers Association (EFGA) taking place in 14 districts of eastern region. The districts being covered are Bihsood, Rodat, Batikot, Ghanikhil, Kot, Alingar, Qarghaee, Khogyani, Shirzad, Narang, Sawki, Kama, Chaparhar and Asadabad.

During the reporting period, ADP/E in collaboration with EFGA purchased 41.19 MT high quality garlic from the beneficiaries of REVAMP and TIMER program in Alingar, Khogyani, Chaparhar, and Shirzad Districts of the eastern region. Since the beginning of this initiative on June 28, 2009, around 61 MT garlic seed have been purchased.



A farmer from Qarghaee District of Laghman expresses joy after selling his garlic at a suitable price.

TARAQI SABA

- ADP/E began planning for the third session of the TARAQI SABA business skill training for 300 students from 13 girls and boys high schools of Nangarhar, Laghman and Kunar provinces.

D. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

PRODUCTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (PIPS)

PROJECT	PIP NUMBER	LOCATION	DESIGN % BY DAI	BUILT %	IMPELMENTE R	COMMENT
Abizai Bridge (67 m)	PIP 090101	Mehtarlam, Laghman	100	50	MCP	Because of high flood level the work is stopped.
Qasimabad Road (5.7 km)	PIP 082101	Behsud, Nangarhar	100	99	BCURA	Prime coat has been spread and 3km asphalt completed
Lal Pur Road-(12 km)	PIP 081501	Lal Pur, Nangarhar	100	85	ACC-LBCC JV	3900M long asphalted. Asphalting 1500M more has been approved. Construction of structures like: retaining wall,culverts, washes and side drains is going on.

ABIZAI BRIDGE (67m): Progress 51%

Due to river flooding, work is suspended until the end of July.

LALPUR TO GULDAG DBST ROAD (12 km): Progress 85%

ADP/E has asphalted 3900 meters of the road. 1500 meter more road was approved by COP to be asphalted. Meanwhile, the construction work of additional structures of the road including retaining walls, washes, culverts and side drains is ongoing. Water bound work is also ongoing.

QASIMABAD DBST AND GRAVEL ROAD (5.7km): Progress 99 %

Qasimabad road serves densely populated villages in Behsud District of Nangarhar with a total population of approx. 12,000. The road starts from Behsud Bridge passing through Qasimabad, Lajigarage, and Taghar villages and finally reaches to Bahrabad village. The length of this road is 5.7 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.



A completed portion of the Lalpur to Guldag Road

During the reporting period, three kms of the road which is 6m wide has been asphalted. sub base filling, base course construction with spreading, watering and compaction continued. To date, ADP/E has completed asphalt paving on almost 3 km of road.

KAMA ASPHALT ROAD (14.5km): Overall Progress 55 %

Kama Road begins from Kunar Main Road, passing through several villages before reaching Sangar Srai Village. It serves Kama District, in the northeast of Jalalabad City, and is one of the densely populated districts in Nangarhar with a total population of about 130,000. The road is 14,586 meters long and six meters wide. Kama Road supports the surrounding 8,000 hectares agricultural land irrigated by the Kama irrigation system and cropped with rice, wheat, maize, sugarcane, cotton and various types of vegetables and fruit. Known as the breadbasket of Nangarhar, it supplies surplus wheat to provincial markets. Construction of the road is critical as it will allow farmers in the district to transport their products to provincial markets more easily and efficiently, thereby improving livelihoods in a district that depends on farming and animal husbandry for income.

Progress on the main project activities during the reporting period are as following: retaining walls construction 90%, culverts extension and construction 94%, sub grade preparation and widening of the road 92%, sub base preparation 65%, aggregate base course 60%, prime coat 50% and asphalt paving 38%. Overall progress on the project stands at 55%.



Progress on Kama Road: Concrete vibrating for box culverts and hard rocks cutting

CASH-FOR-WORK (CFW) PROJECTS

ADP/E continued working on 36 active CFW projects, employing a total of 2,654 people and generating 26,469 person days during the reporting period. To date, ADP/E has employed 170,941 people and generated a total of 5.67 million person days worth \$20.7 million in wages paid to villagers.

SUMMARY OF CFW PROJECTS BY PROVINCE, June 16-30, 2008

PROVINCE	TOTAL OF APPROVED PROJECTS	PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED PROJECTS	ACTIVE PROJECTS THIS PERIOD	STOPPED PROJECTS	OTHER PENDING APPROVED PROJECTS	PERSON DAYS OF EMPLOYMENT THIS PERIOD ⁸
Nangarhar	130	109	20	2	0	20,235
Laghman	49	46	2	0	0	844
Kunar	25	19	5	0	0	3,968
Nuristan	3	1	1	1	0	1,422
TOTAL	207	172	28	3	0	26,469

1) PROJECTS RECENTLY COMPLETED

A) BARO - SOORDAG ROAD IMPROVEMENT CFW-080903

Baro Soordag Road is located in Rodat District of Nangarhar Province. It starts from Jalalabad-Torkham Highway, passes through agricultural lands, 7 villages and finally ends in Baro Village. Total length of the road is 10.5 km with 5m of width. The road serves 7 villages with a population of about 20,000. It also serves about 4,000 jeribs (800 hectares) of agricultural land. The road, before improvement, was passing through different villages on uneven terrain and was of simple natural gravel construction. This road was not suitable for the transportation of agricultural produce from the neighboring lands. As this road needed to be improved, ADP/E engineers designed a thickening map for the road. The road has now been improved with 20 cm filling and surfacing materials. The main work carried out is scarification of the road, digging side ditches, laying compacted fill and gravel surfacing. Along the road, 35 new slab culverts, one 87 m long causeway and 340 m retaining walls were built. The construction of structures has ensured protection from erosion and other damages inflicted on the road by floods and poor drainage.



Baro Soordag Road in Rodaat District of Nangarhar Province

B) NARANG LOI CANAL IMPROVEMENT ALP-CFW-101206

This project is located in Narang District of Kunar Province. The irrigation system is fed from an existing traditional Intake on Kunar River which was in a very bad condition and was always damaged by floods.

The new system is designed to irrigate over 8,000 jeribs of land serving the farms lands belonging to about 4,500 families and flowing through 9 populated villages in the District of Narang. The main crops grown in this area are wheat, corn, cotton and seasonal vegetables irrigated by this canal.

During the reporting period, three



A view of Narang Loi Canal, Recently Improved

lengths of canal retaining walls, 220 contributor structures and 17 slab culverts were built. Four regulating gates were installed and a canal intake built.. These structures have ensured uninterrupted irrigation water flow in the canal and prevented water losses. Construction of the proposed structures has resulted in delivering sufficient water from the river to Narang Loi canal, which is the biggest canal in the district, having 2-3 m width and provides irrigation water to agricultural lands on either side of 17-meter long canal. The main work involved excavation for structure foundations, construction of stone masonry, retaining walls and distributor structures with regulating gates and RCC slab culverts.

2) ONGOING PROJECTS

A) CHARDEHI SOROBI CANAL AND FLOOD PROTECTION WALLS CFW-081705

This project is located in Bati Kot District of Nangarhar Province. The existing irrigation system is fed from an existing canal intake on Chardehi wash which has been traditionally built from local materials like tree branches and stones. During flood seasons, the existing canal and surrounding agricultural land are seriously threatened by floods. It disrupts the water flow in the canal and causes damage to the agricultural crops grown on the lands. The designed work includes construction of three lengths of stone masonry canal, protection walls and 2 lengths of stone masonry flood protection walls. Building these structures will provide uninterrupted supply of irrigation water to over 600 jeribs of agricultural land owned by about 500 families in the villages of Chadehi Cluster and protect the canal and lands from the flood damages. The main work involved is excavation, stone masonry, PCC, pointing and backfilling of the structures.



Chardehi Sorobi Canal and Flood Protection Walls about to be completed

B) CHAMIARI ROAD IMPROVEMENT CFW-101508

This project is located in Khas Kunar District of Kunar Province.

This project starts from a newly improved middle road and runs through agricultural land inside the villages, passes 7 villages and finally connects with Mangwal Road in Mangwal Village. Total length of the road is 2.7 km with 5m of width. The road serves 7 villages with a population of about 14,000 people and about 5,000 jeribs (1,000 hectares) of agricultural land. The existing road is on even terrain, passing through villages, is of simple natural gravel construction and therefore not suitable for transportation of agricultural produce from the neighboring lands.



Chamiari Road in Khas Kunar being improved

The road needed improvement with a total thickness of 40 cm filling and surfacing materials. The main work involved is digging side ditches, laying compacted fill and gravel surfacing. There was a need for a fifteen new slab culverts, and construction of a 400 meter-long retaining wall to safeguard the road from future erosion and damage by natural drainage channels

Prior to the beginning of construction, the existing road and much of the agricultural land were washed away and the alignment of a 400-m long part of the road was totally washed away by water flow from Kunar River. In this section a 400-meter long retaining/protection wall is being built which protects the road as well as the adjoining agricultural lands.

As the road passes swamps, therefore it was filled and raised with filling material which has greatly eased traffic on the road. The work on road is expected to be completed soon. In coming few days, some minor improvements need to take place.

SECURITY

The security situation, while deteriorating, remained conducive for work in this period. The field engineers continued visiting all of the ongoing projects while the security section closely monitored available information they received from reliable sources. There were no major threats to ADP/E staff in the areas they operated.

CASH-FOR-WORK PROJECTS BY PROVINCE

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CODE	IMPLEMENTED June 15-30, 2008	IMPLEMENTED July 1-15, 2008	REMARKS
Nangarhar (Roads)				
Surkhrod Village Roads Improvement	CFW-080212	20%	25%	ACTIVE
Hafizan Road Improvement	CFW-080609	54%	58%	ACTIVE
Torabad to Khogai Road Improvement	CFW-080704	20%	26%	ACTIVE
Baro Soordag Road Improvement	CFW-080903	94%	100%	COMPLETE
Hisarshahi to Mazina Road Improvement	CFW-080904	41%	46%	ACTIVE
Pekha Road Improvement	CFW-081005	50%	60%	ACTIVE
Sarband to Ragha Road Improvement	CFW-081607	29%	33%	ACTIVE
Mashwani Road Improvement	CFW-081706	50%	53%	ACTIVE
Kama Road Structures Improvement	CFW-081802	98%	98%	ACTIVE
Kama Road Surface Improvement	CFW-081803	55%	66%	ACTIVE
Nangarhar(Non Road)				
Remodeling of Shamshapore Causeway	CFW-080211	50%	55%	ACTIVE
Lajgar Pipe Scheme project	CFW-080306	60%	70%	ACTIVE
Markikhil Micro-Hydro Power Plant	CFW-080409	92%	92%	ACTIVE
Morchal Ragha Intake and Canal Improvement	CFW-081103	86%	90%	ACTIVE
Yonus Tangi Pipe Scheme	CFW-081104	6%	6%	Suspended
Kandi and Aliakbar Intake	CFW-081306	60%	70%	ACTIVE
Lateral Canal 26 Repair	CFW-081307	30%	35%	ACTIVE
Sarobi Chardehi Intake	CFW-081705	98%	99%	ACTIVE
Janshigal Pipe Scheme	CFW-082001	15%	15%	ACTIVE

Dudarak Micro Hydro Power plant	CFW-082002	65%	87%	ACTIVE
Shangina, Yousufkas and angortak Canals	CFW-082401	30%	60%	ACTIVE
Laghman (Road)				
Laghman (Non Road)				
Laghman Whole Sale Market	CFW-090123	15%	18%	ACTIVE
Kanda Pipe Scheme	CFW-090308	8%	13%	ACTIVE
Kunar (Road)				
Chomyari Road Improvement	CFW-101508	85%	93%	ACTIVE
Kunar (Non Road)				
Narang Loi Canal Improvement	CFW-101206	95%	100%	COMPLETE
Chowkay Gorboz Canal Intake	CFW-101308	35%	46%	ACTIVE
Zangalian & Kamar Jranda Canal Inatkes	CFW-101407	55%	55%	ACTIVE
Mangwal Pipe Scheme	CFW-101509	50%	57%	ACTIVE
Nuristan (Road)				
Paroon-Pronce gravel road	CFW-300101	35%	35%	Suspended
Malil Road Project	CFW-300802	68%	70%	ACTIVE

III. Required Performance Data

ANNEX I. ADP/E ACTIVITY LEVEL INDICATORS²

Indicator	Added (Quarterly)		Target (LOP)	Total LOP(To date)	Target (FY 08)	By province(To date)				By Gender(To date)	
						Nangarhar	Laghman	Kunar	Nuristan	Male	Female
Total Km irrigation and drainage canals and karezes ADP # km	Previous	1.6	2,631	2,719	2,631	2,467.69	151.75	96.84	-		
	Current	2.9+				1.32	-	1.54	-		
	Total	4.5				2,469.01	151.75	98.38	-		
ADP Km. of rural roads repaired in poppy regions # km	Previous	9.8	548	589.2	548	476.23	37.39	55.80	12.36		
	Current	7.5+				7.16	-	0.22	0.09		
	Total	17.3				483.39	37.39	56.01	12.45		
ADP/E Hectares of improved irrigation as a result of ADP infrastructure works # hec	Previous	1,001	137,060	135,332	137,060	122,893	7,070	5,369	-		
	Current	-				-	-	-			
	Total	1,001				122,893	7,070	5,369	-		
ADP/E Amount paid in CFW in ADP programs USD (\$)	Previous	119,409	20,592,363	20,739,997	20,592,363	16,210,729	2,980,326	1,054,083	382,922	18,749,469	1,878,591
	Current	111,937*				84,094	4,177	17,497	6,169	107,701	4,236
	Total	231,346				16,294,823	2,984,504	1,071,579	389,091	18,857,170	1,882,827
ADP/E Afghans paid through CFW salaries #	Previous	258	174,000	170,941 ²	174,000	155,198	11,390	3,261	791	149,059	21,581
	Current	301*				272	13	16	-	297	4
	Total	559				155,470	11,403	3,277	791	149,356	21,585
ADP/E Total labor days for CFW #	Previous	26,714	5,767,708	5,670,405	5,767,708	4,527,033	760,766	255,385	100,752	5,098,453	545,483
	Current	26,469*				20,235	844	3,968	1,422	25,416	1,053
	Total	53,183				4,547,268	761,610	259,353	102,174	5,123,869	546,536
Afghans trained in business skills #	Previous	378	7,000	8,236	7,000	6,073	1,458	683	22	3,707	4,529
	Current	-				-	-	-	-	-	
	Total	378				6,073	1,458	683	22	3,707	4,529
Farmers trained in agricultural practices in targeted poppy provinces under ADP #	Previous	996	120,000	114,912	120,000	64,464	29,222	18,504	1	108,391	3,800
	Current	2,721				1,627	636	458	-	2,721	-
	Total	3,717				66,091	29,858	18,962	1	111,112	3,800
Farmers receiving seed and fertilizer #	Previous	-	177,961	217,930	177,961	128,723	47,393	37,814	4,000	217,930	-
	Current	-				-	-	-	-	-	
	Total	-				128,723	47,393	37,814	4,000	217,930	-

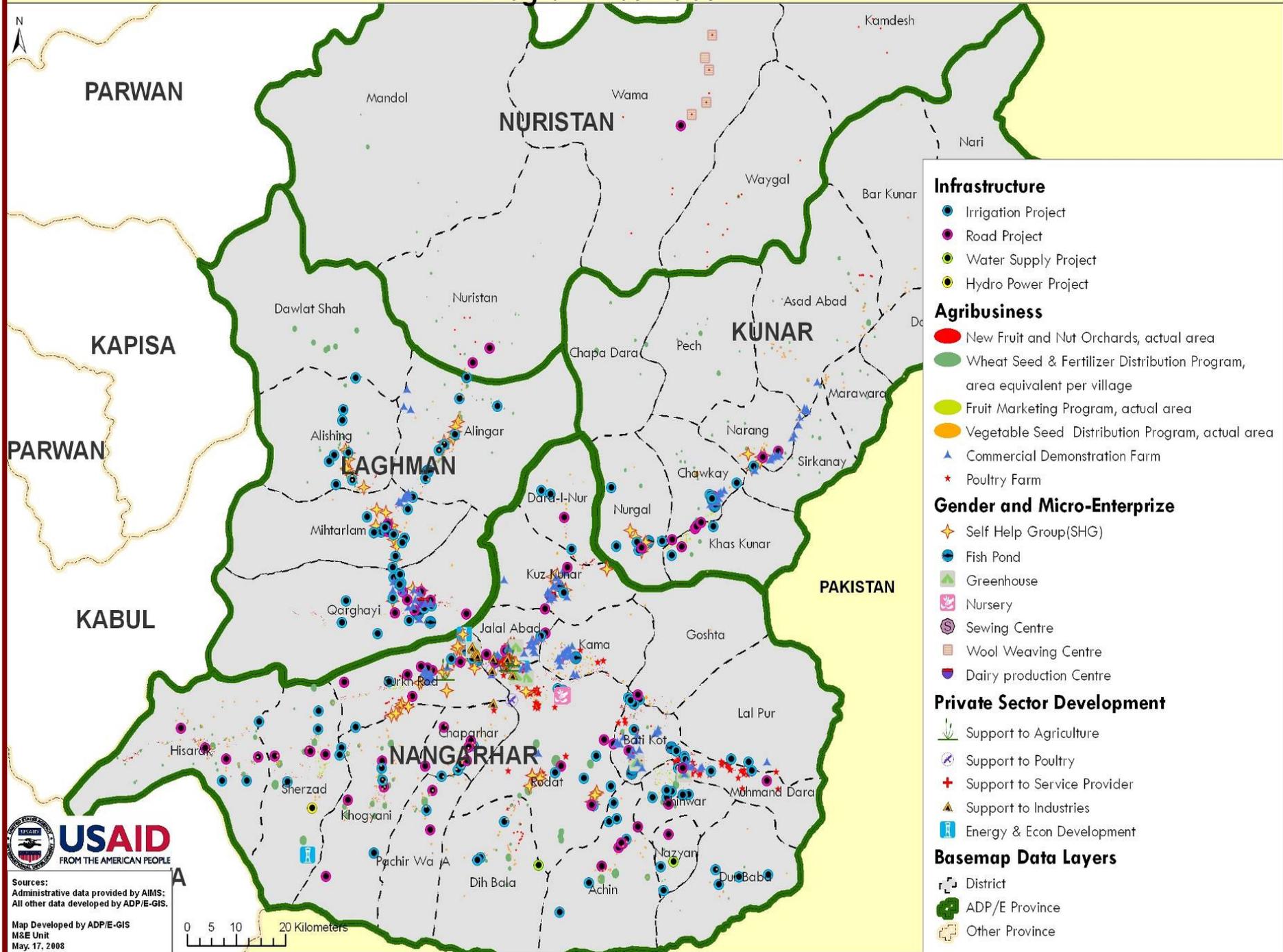
² The table shows aggregated figures of both ADP and AINP project

² 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 June 1-15 ,2008

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- Infrastructure**
- Irrigation Project
 - Road Project
 - Water Supply Project
 - Hydro Power Project
- Agribusiness**
- New Fruit and Nut Orchards, actual area
 - Wheat Seed & Fertilizer Distribution Program, area equivalent per village
 - Fruit Marketing Program, actual area
 - Vegetable Seed Distribution Program, actual area
 - Commercial Demonstration Farm
 - Poultry Farm
- Gender and Micro-Enterprise**
- Self Help Group (SHG)
 - Fish Pond
 - Greenhouse
 - Nursery
 - Sewing Centre
 - Wool Weaving Centre
 - Dairy production Centre
- Private Sector Development**
- Support to Agriculture
 - Support to Poultry
 - Support to Service Provider
 - Support to Industries
 - Energy & Econ Development
- Basemap Data Layers**
- District
 - ADP/E Province
 - Other Province

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