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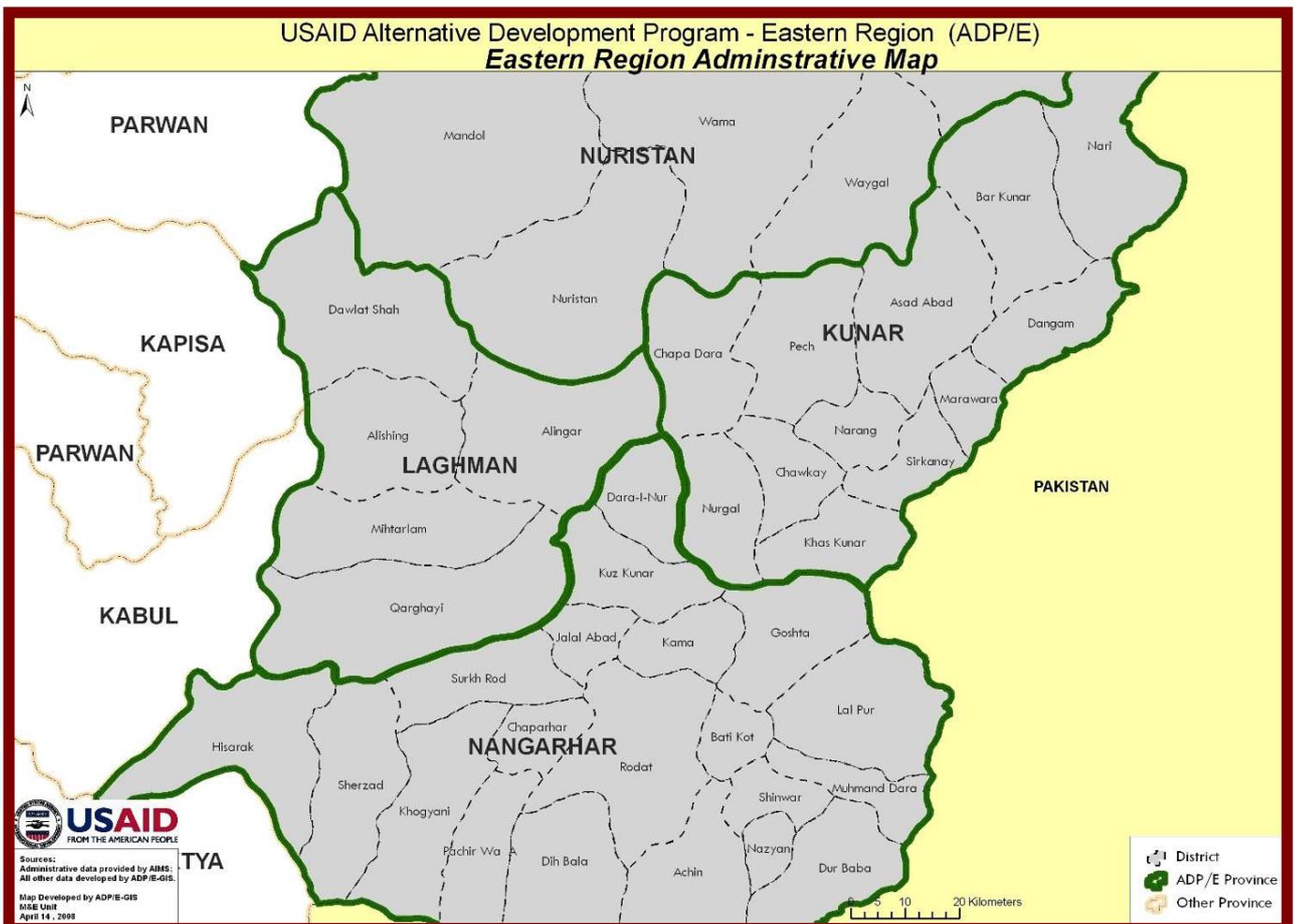
Selection and Voucher Distribution to TIMER Fall 2008 Beneficiaries in Chawkai District of Kunar Province

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:

- ADP/E's Fruit Marketing Program supported 110 farmers in 14 districts of Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar in harvest, post harvest and marketing of apple, grapes, apricot and lemon, during the last two weeks. These farmers were able to sell 44.492 MT of fruit generating revenue of Afs 783,981 equivalent to \$15,679.62 which is 26.3% higher than the average market price.
- During the reporting period, ADP/E's 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 23,419 farmers in Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar.
- ADP/E has been facilitating the drafting and signing of sales contracts between grain traders and farmer groups in certain districts. During the reporting period, around 550 farmers growing yellow maize and mung bean in Ghanikhil and Surkhrod districts signed contracts for grain purchase with Sabawoon Anees Feed Mill.
- 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 5,522 kg of vegetables and herbs totaling \$7,395.8.
- In addition, Market Development Program has been offering technical advice to Jalalabad-based export companies. During the reporting period, Rodaat Export Company and Romal Surkhrod Companies exported 1788.2 MT of onion to Pakistan and earned revenue of \$ 351,682. This effort has contributed to maintaining fair market price for onions, benefiting more than 2,600 farmer families in Rodat District.
- During the reporting period, 45 listeners of *Karkila Aw Maldari* Radio Program were presented with gifts. Fifteen among them were given radio sets, another fifteen were given TAMAS shirts, and the remaining were awarded TAMAS caps.
- Through ADP/E's Institutional Capacity Building Unit, the second round of the training program for 32 agriculture extension officers/workers from Nangarhar, Laghman, Kunar and Nuristan ended on July 31, 2008.
- ADP/E's Gender and Micro-Enterprise Development Unit conducted a fish market survey in Kabul and Nangarhar, and developed a marketing plan. According to GME estimate, every farmer will make \$3,500 selling their fish by early September 2008.
- ADP/E-assisted Rodat Textile Training Center launched its first training for 50 local villagers. The training, lasting four months, will be led by 12 trainers recently returned from Pakistan where they gained skills in textile weaving.
- Following ZRM Carpet Company participation in Kunduz AgFair facilitated by ADP/E, traders from the UK expressed their interest in ZRM quality hand-woven carpets. ADP/E's Private Sector Development Unit in coordination with Market Development Program is facilitating the export of 210 meters of carpet, produced by ZRM Carpet Company, to the UK.
- In order to expose local food processors and producers to high-end and demanding food markets, ADP/E's PSD unit facilitated a seven-day study tour to India on July 22-29, 2008 for the operators of Jalalabad-based bakeries and confectioneries. During the visit from India, the team met members of Indian Bakers Association, confectioners and food specialists, and established useful business ties. The visitors brought back new business experiences to Jalalabad.
- ADP/E continued working on 25 active CFW projects, employing a total of 2,065 people and generating 22,024 person days during the reporting period. To date, ADP/E has employed 171,125 people and generated a total of 5.7 million person days worth \$20.84 million in wages paid to villagers¹. During the reporting period ADP/E completed a CFW project and handed it over to the community.

¹ Includes AINP and ADP/E

II. SECTOR ACTIVITIES

A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PERENNIAL HORTICULTURE

FRUIT MARKETING PROGRAM (FMP)

ADP/E field technicians continue assisting fruit growers in the eastern region to harvest and sell their fruit. During the reporting period, FMP field technicians supported 110 farmers in 14 districts of Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar in harvest, post harvest and marketing of apple, grapes, apricot and lemon. These farmers were able to sell 44.492 MT of fruit generating revenue of Afs 783,981 equivalent to \$15,679.62 which is 26.3% higher compared to the average market price. This is thanks to improved grading and packaging provided by ADP-E.



REVAMP beneficiaries sorting and grading their tomato harvest, advised by FMP technicians

FMP field technicians assisted 536 REVAMP beneficiaries to harvest 349.889 MT of okra, tomato, onion, watermelon, eggplant, pepper and sponge gourd in 14 districts of the Eastern Region and sell vegetables in village, district and provincial markets. Sales totaled Afs 3,113,955 equivalent to \$62,279. Sale prices were 26.6% higher as compared to the average market price.

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.

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 23,419 farmers in Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar. ADP/E is working in close coordination with the provincial and district agriculture directorates. The process will be completed on July 24 due to delays derived from security complications in some districts of the eastern region, especially in Kunar province.

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. From TIMER demo plots, in Nangahar, Kunar and Laghman, 22,808 Kg of okra, tomatoes, pepper, eggplant, and cucumber were sold in local, district and provincial markets. The total income generated by the sales totaled 187,716 Afs.

VMP program continued working on preparing inputs for the fall season. The request for purchasing vegetable seeds and fertilizer has already been approved by ADP/E COP. Vendors have started delivering seed to ADP/E of which packing is in process. The delivery of fertilizers was delayed because of a sudden increase in the prices of fertilizers. The CoP is coordinating the issue with USAID to adjust the prices in the purchase order.

ADP/E's Vegetable Marketing Program has asked the Eastern Region Fruit Growers Association to provide it with garlic to be distributed to Fall season TIMER and REVAMP beneficiaries. The association was able to purchase a total of 111.5 MT of garlic from last year's TIMER and REVAMP beneficiaries. As the total need for the fall season beneficiaries is 322 MT of garlic, the remaining will be procured from local vendors.

The profitability impact survey to help compare TIMER beneficiaries with non-TIMER beneficiaries was launched. During the reporting period, 50% of the survey was completed.

REVAMP Program

During the reported period, REVAMP beneficiaries sold 191.1 MT of tomato, watermelon, okra, eggplant, sponge gourd, and onion in local markets with an income of 1,504,615 Afs. To date, REVAMP beneficiaries have sold 866.4 MT of fresh vegetables generating worth of 8,909,733 Afs., equivalent to \$178,194.

Vegetable seeds for the beneficiaries of REVAMP have been delivered to ADP/E and are being packed for the upcoming seed distribution campaign. During the reporting period, purchase request for fertilizers (DAP and Urea) was also approved by USAID.

COMMERCIAL DEMONSTRATION FARMS PROGRAM

During the reporting period ADP/E technicians trained 400 farmers over 20 field days in modern production practices. To date, 8,532 farmers have been trained through this initiative.

ADP/E field technicians also supported farmers in marketing 41.5 MT of various crops, including okra, squash, eggplant, tomato, watermelon, cucumber, and pepper, generating revenue of Afs 509,104, equivalent to \$10,182.08.

For the fall season, ADP/E will establish 170 small demonstration farms. At the end of the reporting period, ADP/E had identified 40 progressive farmers who will join this initiative.



Commercial Demo Farm

GRAIN FOR FEED PROGRAM

To date, annual horticulture staff, in collaboration with ADP/E's subcontractor, Roots of Peace, established 200 jeribs of mung bean and 2,850 Jeribs of yellow maize fields in 13 districts of the Eastern Region. During the reporting period ADP/E trained 1,177 farmers in 41 field days, providing them with technical advice to implement modern crop production practices and increase productivity. Water shortages delayed the planting of yellow maize and mung bean in Surkhrod district of Nangarhar which may result in decreased yields in the established plots. ADP/E has been facilitating the drafting and signing of sales contracts between grain traders and farmer groups in certain districts. During the reporting period, around 550 farmers growing yellow maize and mung bean in Ghanikhil and Surkhrod districts signed contracts for grain purchase with Sabawoon Anees Feed Mill.

POULTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

ADP/E is committed to support the two breeder farms, which together with the hatcheries are profitable businesses and constitute the foundation for the development of the industry in the near future. It has been the fifteenth week that all the breeder chicks in both of the breeder farms are growing healthily with minimum deaths. During the reporting period farmers administered Pox and Cholera vaccines to the two breeding flocks.



Breeders in Hedayat Barakat Breeder Farm in Najmul Qura, Sector#5, Jalalabad

MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

ADP/E is exposing wholesalers from the Eastern Region to the high-end supermarkets in Kabul, 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 540,896 kg of herbs, cheese, vegetable and fruit worth \$ 97,242.18

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 5,522 kg of vegetable and herbs totaled \$ 7,395.8.

ADP/E's Market Development Program is mobilizing efforts to support onion growers from the eastern region by encouraging and assisting local trader groups to establish new export companies and keep exporting onion to neighboring countries.

During the reporting period, Rodat Export Company and Romal Sorkhrod Companies exported 1788.2 Mt of onion to Pakistan and earned revenue of \$ 351,682. This effort has contributed maintaining fair market prices for onion, benefiting more than 2,600 farmer families in Rodat District.

MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BIWEEKLY SALES REPORT

Period: July- 16 to 31- 2008

Products	Local Market		High Value Market		Export Market		Total weight &Value	
	Kg	\$	Kg	\$	Kg	\$	Kg	\$
Vegetables	540,896	97,242.18	5,007	6,468.70	1,788,200	351,682	2,334,103	455,392.88
Fruits	44,492	15,679.62	407	924.10			44,899	16,603.72
Herbs	19	10.00	108	103.00			127	113.00
Cheese							-	-
Total	585,407	112,932	698,339	7,496	1,788,200	351,682	2,379,129	472,109.60

Sales directly facilitated by the project since 2006 to July 31

1,940,593.43

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 4,730 text messages and sent 912 daily price reports.

KARKILA AW MALDARI (AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK) Radio Program

This is a radio specialty program, launched with support from ADP/E in late May, 2008[the target audience is farmers from the Eastern Region. The radio program, aired three times in a week from Killid Radio at 4:30pm, includes timely technical advice for farmers, market information enabling farmers to secure better market for their products and a question and answer session at the end. During the program, after the experts finish with the provision of technical advice and market information, farmers start calling asking questions regarding their farming and marketing problems and the experts give them proper answers.

During the reporting period, 45 listeners were presented with gifts. Fifteen among them were given radio sets, another fifteen were given TAMAS shirts, and the remaining were presented with TAMAS caps.

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.

Through ADP/E's Institutional Capacity Building Department, the second round of the training program for 32 agriculture extension officers/workers from Nangarhar, Laghman, Kunar and Nuristan ended on July 31, 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

B. GENDER AND MICRO-ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT (GME)

1) BUSINESS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

During the reporting period, ADP/E's GME coordinated a technical training for Pakiza Shampoo Producing, and Rohafza Jam & Pickle enterprises. Rohafza Group is mobilizing its team to produce a variety of jam and pickles for the seasonal sale in the Holy month of Ramadan.



A view of training Pakiza Shampoo Producing team

2) FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

During the reporting period, ADP/E conducted a fish market survey in Kabul and Nangarhar and developed a marketing plan. Each farmer owner was provided with the marketing plan along with a list of ten fish dealers in the region. Together, the 40 women-owned fish farms in Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar have produced over 40,000 grass carp and silver carp.

According to our estimate, every farmer will make \$3,500 selling their fish by early September. Fingerlings are expected to be delivered to small nurseries by the end of August. The women, working in the fish farms, have received necessary technical training in various stages of fish farming.

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.

3) SUPPORT TO THE EASTERN REGION HANDICRAFT ASSOCIATION

A group of freelance therapists from New York City scheduled to provide an art therapy session mid August for Afghan Hands beneficiaries in Jalalabad. Afghan Hands is planning to auction the individual art pieces at NYC Art Gallery to raise funds for the group of artisans; this event will take place in mid December.

4) WOMEN-OWNED VEGETABLE NURSERIES

During the reporting period, ADP/E had follow-up meetings with some agri-input dealers to facilitate the establishment of long-term commercial agreements for sell plug seedlings. A representative group of input dealers visited the women-owned seedling enterprises and will soon place the first orders.

5) CAPACITY BUILDING, DIRECTORATE OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS

The regional Directorates of Women Affairs are coordinating the first ever women tradeshow to expose women entrepreneurs and their products from Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar to the regional market. The event is scheduled on August 13, 2008 at Sherzai Stadium. This tradeshow will be sponsored by the Office of Nangarhar Governor, Eastern Region Women Affairs Directorates and ADP/E.

Showcasing Afghan women products and celebrating their successes, this tradeshow will host women entrepreneurs, potential buyers, projects aimed at women income generation being implemented by local and international NGOs, and members of business associations to exchange ideas and establish business relationships.

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 session Daily English and literacy classes
Spinghar Paneer Enterprises	181	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalized a deal with Aziz Cheese dealer Marketing to high-end value markets
Directorate of Women Affairs	Nangarhar, Kunar, Laghman DOWA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination of First Women Trade Show – Aug 13 Provincial Women's park On-going summer English classes for girls Setting-up library at each women center
Fisheries Development Program	40 women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring of Fish Hatchery Planning of Fish Farming Technical Training in partnership with Fish Farmers Association. marketing plan was presented to farmers
Surkhrod Vegetable Packing Facility	15 women Operators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-going Food Safety training by STTA 5,587 Kgs various vegetables shipped to Kabul Markets.
Women-owned vegetable nurseries	180 nursery operators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marketing at each site Planning for Fall Production Follow-up Meetings with Input Suppliers Daily Nursery & Literacy classes.

PROJECT	DATA	KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Mentorship project	200 home based business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-going monitoring of existing businesses. Finalized 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

During the reporting period, ADP/E-assisted Rodaat Textile Training Center launched its first training for 50 local villagers. The training will last four months, and is administered by 12 trainers who have just returned from Pakistan after establishing their own skills in textile weaving. In order to benefit from their skills, trainees were required to have enough money by the end of the training to buy a loom and start capitalizing on a self-run textile business.



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

Spinghar Textile Training Program, which is training 25 local villagers, continued successfully during the reporting period. Through the training begun two months back with technical

support from ADP/E's Private Sector Development Unit, the trainees are now able to install power loom units and are busy learning to weave and knit.

Following ZRM Carpet Company participation in Kunduz AgFair facilitated by ADP/E, traders from UK expressed their interest in ZRM quality hand-woven carpets. ADP/E's Private Sector Development Unit in coordination with Market Development Program is facilitating the export of 210 square meters of carpets produced by ZRM Carpet Company to the UK. This will be the first carpet shipment to Europe from the Eastern Region.



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

In order to expose local food processors and producers to high-end and demanding food markets, ADP/E's PSD unit facilitated a seven-day road-show to India from July 22-29, 2008 for the operators of Jalalabad-based bakeries and confectioneries. During the visit from India, the team met members of Indian Bakers Association, confectioners and food specialists and established useful business ties. In addition, they saw machinery used in bakeries and how they supply food. The visitors brought back new business experiences to Jalalabad.

The overall purpose behind this business tour was to help local food processors and producers realize the demand of food markets abroad.



Jalalabad bakers in baking outfits in India (Above).



A bakery plant manager briefs visitors from Jalalabad. (Right)

Work continued on arranging a training course on bead and frame production for 18 local Afghans. The training, sponsored by ADP/E, will be held from August 11-September 12 in one of the well-equipped local bead and frame production compounds.

Negotiation continued with carpet production companies on training 50 local people from Dara-e-Noor district in carpet weaving. After selecting one of the companies for conducting this training, ADP/E's PSD will start selecting beneficiaries for the training, in coordination with Darai-e-Noor local shura.

SUPPORT TO ASSOCIATIONS

Since the beginning of June, 77 agri-input dealers have received a training course on Product Knowledge and Crop Management within three phases each of which was intended for a separate batch of participants. Each phase lasted nine 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 pave the way for improved crops in the eastern region. The training covered knowing fertilizer, seed and crop protection and crop-specific management practices. During a ceremony held at Spinghar Hotel on July 17, 2008, the participants were presented with training certificates. Directors of Agriculture of Nangarhar, Kunar and Laghman were the guests of the ceremony.

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	86	ACC-LBCC JV	3900M long asphalted. Asphaltng 1500M more has been approved by COP. Construction of structures like: retaining wall, culverts, washes and side drains ongoing. Budget for the remaining asphaltng is still awaited.

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 86%

ADP/E has asphalted 3900 meters of road. During the reporting period, more than 450 meters of road was asphalted and the remaining 1050 meter road is currently being asphalted. Budget for more 5200 meter road has been prepared, but still awaiting approval. Meanwhile, the construction work of additional structures 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 ends in Bahrabad village. The length of this road is 5.7 km with 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 planted with rice, wheat, and various vegetables.

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



A completed portion of the Qasimabad Road

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

Kama Road begins from Kunar Main Road, passing through several villages before reaching Sangar Srail Village. It serves Kama District in the northeast of Jalalabad City, and is densely populated 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 planted with rice, wheat, maize, sugarcane, cotton and various 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 follows: 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

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SUMMARY OF CFW PROJECTS BY PROVINCE

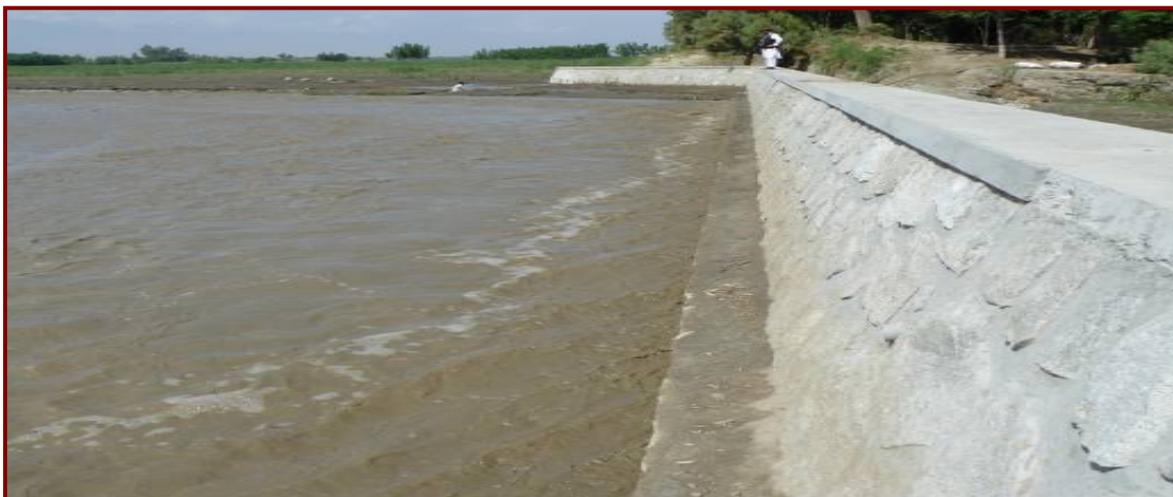
PROVINCE	TOTAL OF APPROVED PROJECTS	PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED PROJECTS	ACTIVE PROJECTS THIS PERIOD	STOPPED PROJECTS	OTHER PENDING APPROVED PROJECTS	PERSON DAYS OF EMPLOYMENT THIS PERIOD*
Nangarhar	130	109	19	3	0	18,501
Laghman	49	46	1	1	0	994
Kunar	25	21	4	0	0	1,285
Nuristan	3	1	1	1	0	1,244
TOTAL	207	177	25	5	0	22,024

1) PROJECTS RECENTLY COMPLETED

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 was 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 two 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 Chardehi 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. All the project work was satisfactorily completed and uninterrupted irrigation water flow is ensured.

¹ This number is from June 16-30, 2008



A view of Chardehi Sorobi Flood Protection Wall

2) STOPPED PROJECTS

A) KANDA PIPE SCHEME CFW-090308

This project in Alingar district of Laghman was stopped by the governor of Laghman. The project was intended to supply potable water from a spring up in the hills to Kanda village. At the outset, there was no objection from the community but at a later stage, Kochis objected to the implementation of the project and it was halted. The project resumed two weeks ago after ADP/E was notified by the Governor to restart operations. However, the governor again stopped the project after learning it was on government-owned land. As both the government and Kochis are not in favor of the project, the CFW team discontinued the project until further notice.

3) ONGOING PROJECTS

A) 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 through seven 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 seven 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 with gravel construction that is unsuitable for transporting agricultural produce from the neighboring lands.

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.



Chamiari Road to be opened soon

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 eroded 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.

At parts of the road with swampland, it was filled and raised with filling material, easing traffic on the road. Approximately 98% person of work has been completed, and the road is expected to be opened within two weeks.

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. During the reporting period, an incident took place in Pachir Wa Agam district of Nangarhar where 3 members of the ADP/E field staff were abducted. However, they were released unharmed three days later, thanks to the involvement of community leaders and government officials.

CASH-FOR-WORK PROJECTS BY PROVINCE

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CODE	IMPLEMENTED July 1-15-30, 2008	IMPLEMENTED July 16-31, 2008	REMARKS
Nangarhar (Roads)				
Surkhrod Village Roads Improvement	CFW-80212	25%	30%	ACTIVE
Hafizan Road Improvement	CFW-80609	58%	70%	ACTIVE
Torabad to Khogai Road Improvement	CFW-80704	26%	32%	ACTIVE
Hisarshahi to Mazina Road Improvement	CFW-80904	46%	50%	ACTIVE
Pekha Road Improvement	CFW-81005	60%	65%	ACTIVE
Sarband to Ragha Road Improvement	CFW-81607	33%	37%	ACTIVE
Mashwani Road Improvement	CFW-81706	53%	57%	ACTIVE
Kama Road Structures Improvement	CFW-81802	98%	98%	ACTIVE
Kama Road Surface Improvement	CFW-81803	66%	72%	ACTIVE
Nangarhar(Non Road)				
Remodeling of Shamshapore Causeway	CFW-80211	55%	58%	ACTIVE
Lajgar Pipe Scheme project	CFW-80306	70%	80%	ACTIVE
Markikhil Micro-Hydro Power Plant	CFW-80409	92%	92%	ACTIVE
Morchal Ragha Intake and Canal Improvement	CFW-81103	90%	96%	ACTIVE
Yonus Tangi Pipe Scheme	CFW-81104	6%	6%	Suspended
Kandi and Aliakbar Intake	CFW-81306	70%	75%	ACTIVE
Lateral Canal 26 Repair	CFW-81307	35%	45%	ACTIVE
Sarobi Chardehi Intake	CFW-81705	99%	100%	COMPLETE
Janshigal Pipe Scheme	CFW-82001	15%	15%	ACTIVE
Dudarak Micro Hydro Power plant	CFW-82002	87%	93%	ACTIVE
Shangina, Yousufkas and angortak Canals	CFW-82401	60%	80%	ACTIVE
Laghman (Road)				
Laghman (Non Road)				
Laghman Whole Sale Market	CFW-90123	18%	22%	ACTIVE
Kanda Pipe Scheme	CFW-90308	13%	13%	SUSPENDED
Kunar (Road)				
Chomyari Road Improvement	CFW-01508	93%	98%	ACTIVE
Kunar (Non Road)				
Chowkay Gorboz Canal Intake	CFW-01308	46%	52%	ACTIVE
Zangalian & Kamar Jranda Canal Inatkes	CFW-01407	55%	65%	ACTIVE
Mangwal Pipe Scheme	CFW-01509	57%	67%	ACTIVE
Nuristan (Road)				
Paroon-Pronce gravel road	CFW-00101	35%	35%	Suspended
Malil Road Project	CFW-00802	70%	80%	ACTIVE

III. Required Performance Data

ANNEX I. ADP/E ACTIVITY LEVEL INDICATORS³

Indicator	Added		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 Km irrigation and drainage canals and karezes ADP # km	Previous	2.9	2,631	2,720	2,631	2,469	152	98	-		
	Current	0.7+				0	-	0	-		
	Total	3.6				2,469	152	99	-		
ADP Km. of rural roads repaired in poppy regions # km	Previous	7.5	548	596	548	483	37	56	12		
	Current	7.0+				6	-	0	0		
	Total	14.4				490	37	56	13		
ADP/E Hectares of improved irrigation as a result of ADP infrastructure works # hec	Previous	-	137,060	135,332	137,060	122,893	7,070	5,369	-		
	Current	-				-	-	-	-		
	Total	-				122,893	7,070	5,369	-		
ADP/E Amount paid in CFW in ADP programs USD (\$)	Previous	111,937	20,592,363	20,835,679	20,592,363	16,294,823	2,984,504	1,071,579	389,091	18,857,170	1,882,827
	Current	95,682*				78,705	4,047	6,176	6,754	93,781	1,901
	Total	207,619				16,373,528	2,988,550	1,077,755	395,845	18,950,951	1,884,727
ADP/E Afghans paid through CFW salaries #	Previous	301	174,000	171,125 ²	174,000	155,470	11,403	3,277	791	149,356	21,585
	Current	184*				120	60	4	-	184	-
	Total	485				155,590	11,463	3,281	791	149,540	21,585
ADP/E Total labor days for CFW #	Previous	26,469	5,767,708	5,692,429	5,767,708	4,547,268	761,610	259,353	102,174	5,123,869	546,536
	Current	22,024*				18,501	994	1,285	1,244	21,537	487
	Total	48,493				4,565,769	762,604	260,638	103,418	5,145,406	547,023
Afghans trained in business skills #	Previous	0	7,000	8,333	7,000	6,073	1,458	683	22	3,707	4,529
	Current	97				51	9	37	-	-	97
	Total	97				6,124	1,467	720	22	3,707	4,626
Farmers trained in agricultural practices in targeted poppy provinces under ADP #	Previous	2,721	120,000	118,414	120,000	66,091	29,858	18,962	1	111,112	3,800
	Current	3,502				2,512	502	488	-	3,467	35
	Total	6,223				68,603	30,360	19,450	1	114,579	3,835
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	-

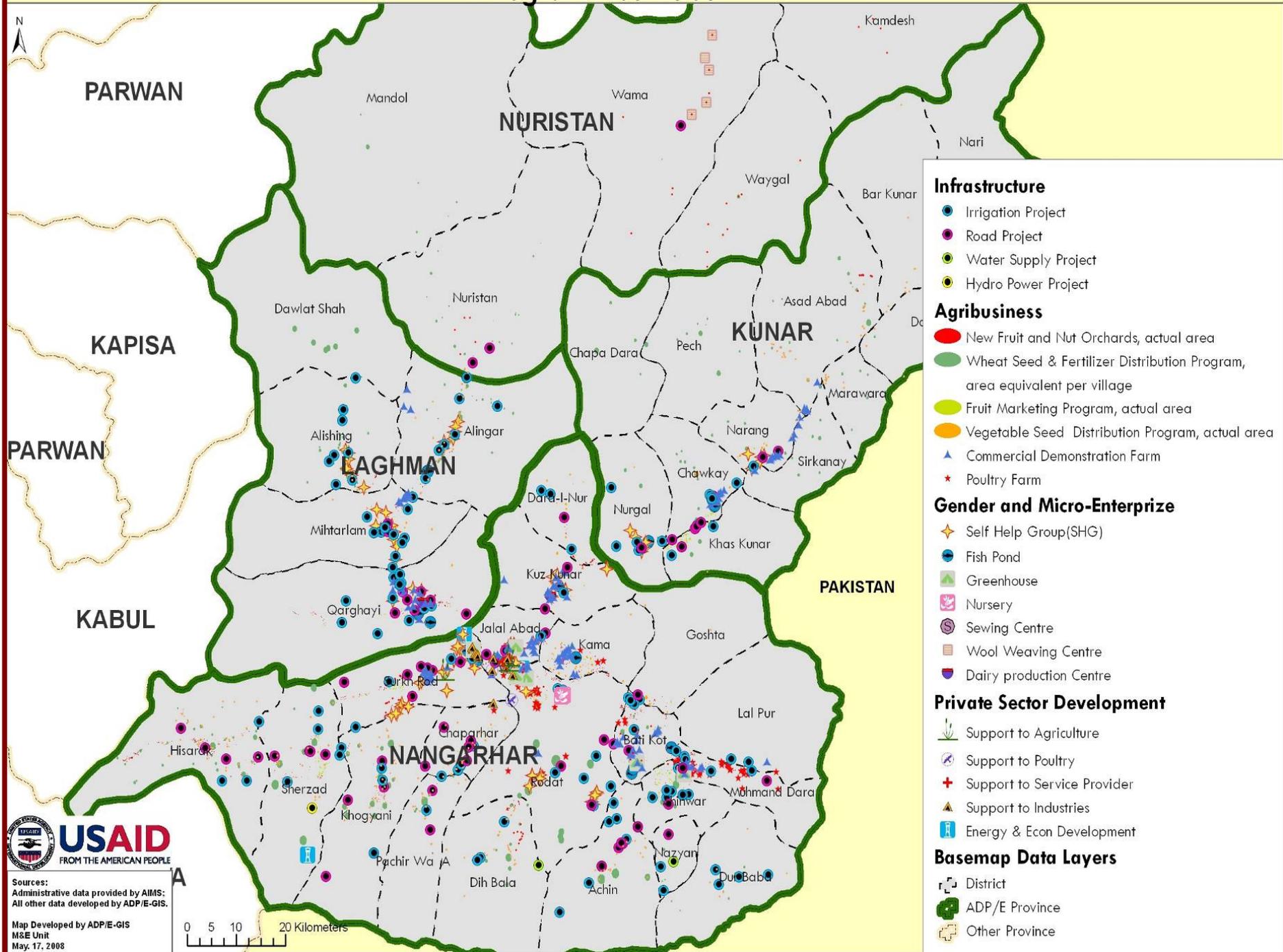
³ The table shows aggregated figures of both ADP and AINP project

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 16 – 30, 2008

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