

**Brief Report on Kabul city main Vegetable/  
Fresh Fruits and Food stuff Markets  
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**1. Fresh fruit & vegetables market  
Chamani Babrak, District No.4**

The fresh fruit & vegetable market which is located in Chamani Babrak is the only and one of the biggest fruit and vegetable market in Kabul city. The total area of this market is 8 ha. It has 17 blocks and 800 shops of both vegetable & fresh fruits. We met with the responsible man of this market called Adebullah. We were told by Adebullah that this market is belong to Ms.Soraya who is living right now in England. Before the vegetable & fresh fruit market was located in Sharara/Ariana market and it was shifted to Chamani Babrak during years 2000-2001. We were told by Mr.Adebullah that the government has nothing to do with it. We heard that this market is not a permanent market. When we raise this issue with Mr.Adebullah he said yes you are right this is not a permanent market but it can remain for about several years and so, which is difficult to foreseen. In order to find-out wither this market is permanen or temporary we decided to meet with the commissioner of district No.4. Since the district commissioner was not available, therefore we met with the assistant commissioner. He said that this is not a permanent market but it can remain for about several years. He asked his engineering unit people to provide more information about the market. The head of the engineering department made it very clear that this market is not a permanent market and it is not a private market too.

We were told by the district people that for getting more information you can go to the municipality department. We met with the construction & designing department of the municipality. He told us that whenever your organization want to select markets for the improvement then it has to be discussed with the Moyer and the work should be done with the consultation and direct involvement of municipality. This market has no facilities such as electricity, water and cold storage facilities. Between each block there is street which are muddy and the condition of the streets are very bad. Loading and unloading are done on over the streets.

**2. We visited Ghulam Hassan private grain storage market;** the contact person name is Bahawouding and the mobile is 070 280025.

The total area of this market is about 2-2.5 jeribs. The total number of shops in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor is 150 shops, while in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor there is about 90 shops which is actually local traders offices. The construction work of this market was started in 1994 and it still continuing. The work on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor is almost finished but the floor of the market(yard)is not concreted and it is muddy and bad condition. The construction work on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is still continuing. They have in their plan to construct the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floor in the future. The market has three doors. The rent of each shop in average is 400 Afghani per month. In the middle of the market an open storage with cover roof was constructed and it is full of wheat flour. The total storage capacity of this market is about 4000 MT. It is a very nice, well constructed market. The owner of the market was very happy to hear that

RAMP is assisting the market owners to bring some improvement in the market. He will provide to RAMP with details information about the market including the lay-out of the market perhaps by next Sunday. We were told that there are total 17 new markets in this area.

**3. Baharistan private grain storage market;** This market is belong to Haji Wazir Mohammad and his mobile is 070 276714.

The total area of this market is 2- 2.5 jeribs. The total number of shops in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor is around 55 shops. At present they don't have any plan to construct the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The total storage capacity of this market is around 4000 mt. It has two In & Out doors. This market was constructed in 1992. This market has no facilities such as electricity and water and drainage facilities. The market floor is not concreted and also the floor of this market is lower than the main road, which needs to be filled first and then concreted.

**4. Saddat private grain storage market;** This market is belong to Mr.Seyed Karim who in Pakistan right now. The contact person name is Abdul shokoor and his mobile is 070 285608.

The total area of this market is 2-2.5 jeribs. The total number of shops in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor is 72 shops. This market was constructed in 1997. The total storage capacity of the market is about 4000 mt. The construction work of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor was almost completed and the construction work on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is still continuing. This market has no facilities such as electricity, water and drainage. The market floor is not concreted and also the floor of this market is lower than the main road, which needs to be filled first and then concreted.

We visited several other private markets in the same area. Most of these markets are used by local traders as storage.

**5. Baghi Qazi food stuff market;**

This market is owned by Kabul municipality and rented to a local trader. This market is full of food stuff. The person who is the incharge of this market was not available. This market constructed more than 30 years ago. We were informed that this market is also a temporary market. The floor of this market terrible and it is in worse condition. In fact it needs a lot of rehabilitation works to be done. Since the responsible person was not available, therefore we could not get enough information. The person who rented this market advised us for any rehabilitation work the Kabul municipality concern departments should be consulted.

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