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## March 1-15, 2007

**ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOODS  
PROGRAM - EASTERN REGION**



Around 450 laborers work daily at Dakor to Mashfa Cobblestone Road in Nuristan

## ALP/E General Information

<b>Project</b>	Alternative Livelihoods Program – Eastern Region
<b>Start Date</b>	15 February, 2005 (contract signing)
<b>End Date</b>	14 February, 2009
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## ALP/E'S MISSION STATEMENT

The overall objective of ALP/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

- Completed the 2006-2007 orchard development campaign with 473,464 trees planted on 7,667 jeribs (1,533.4 hectares) of land in the Eastern Region.
- Finalized the replanting of more than 39,000 trees on 660 jeribs (132 hectares) of the orchards developed in 2005-2006.
- Planted more than 280,000 pomegranate cuttings and 160 kg of almond and apricot seeds in Samir Khail District, Nangarhar Province.
- Inaugurated the \$1.5 million Kama Main Road Improvement Project. Governor of Nangarhar attended the ground-breaking ceremony on March 18.
- Continued 48 active cash-for-work projects, including three new. Employed a total of 5,843 people and generated 44,246 days during February 16-28, 2007. To date, the program has generated 1,537,124 person days.
- Provided vocational skills training to 41 workers at the Construction Trades Training Center. To date, a total of 435 construction workers have been trained under this program.
- Offered training in cobblestone road construction to 21 skilled workers, bringing the total number of people trained under this program to 604.
- Continued hands-on training for 32 engineering students from the Nangarhar University.
- Received 18 bids for the Abizai Bridge Project. Conducted a site visit for seven potential bidders for the Sherzad to Hisarak Road Project.
- Facilitated the release of the first issue of *Parmakhtag (Development)* Magazine, a Business Development Center's publication for the regional business community.
- Assisted the Directorates of Women's Affairs of Nangarhar, Laghman, Kunar and Nuristan in organizing the International Women's Day celebrations. The events in four provinces brought together more than 1,500 Afghan women and hundreds of children.
- Completed training in business communication for 23 members of various trade associations.
- Supported the completion of two new sections of the Agricultural Extension Reference Manual. To date, five sections have been compiled in draft format.
- Completed the training of trainers in business skills with 38 participants receiving certificates on March 15.

### III. Sector Activities

#### A. Agribusiness

##### Village-based Seed Enterprises

ALP/E has been working with provincial and local governments and farmers from 17 districts of Nangarhar, Laghman, and Kunar provinces to establish village-based seed enterprises (VBSE). As part of this effort, the project implementer, ICARDA, organized a field day in Laghman on March 14. After visiting a seed research center and several demonstration plots in Mihtarlam and Qarghai districts, the participating farmers had the opportunity to learn about new wheat seed varieties and get personalized advice on wheat diseases, cultivation, irrigation, fertilization and harvesting.



Farmers visit demonstration plot in Laghman

##### Perennial Horticulture Programs

During the reporting period, ALP/E completed the 2006-2007 orchard development campaign with 473,464 trees planted on 7,667 jeribs (1,533.4 ha) of land. The replanting of trees, which didn't survive last year's drought, has also been finalized. More than 39,000 trees have been replanted on 660 jeribs (132 ha) of the orchards developed in 2005-2006. Only those farmers that did not grow poppy and demonstrated strong interest in maintaining their orchards received trees for replanting.



Farmer in Muhmandara District ploughs poppy to plant trees

The Eastern Region Orchard Development Program's implementer, IF Hope, will focus now on providing technical assistance in pruning, application of fertilizers, and irrigation of the newly planted orchards.

The implementer of the Commercial Orchards Program, Roots of Peace, provided training in production and marketing extension for 237 people during the first two weeks of March.

#### B. Infrastructure Development

##### Productive Infrastructure Projects (PIP)

The status of ALP/E's Productive Infrastructure Projects as of March 15, 2007 is presented below:

Province	Technical Feasibility Completed	Engineering Survey and Design Completed	Projects Under Tender Process	Contracts Awarded	Work Completed
Nangarhar	4	4	3	1	0
Laghman	2	2	1	1	1
Kunar	0	2	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

##### Capacity Building

At the Construction Trades Training Center (CTTC), 41 workers continued the 30-day course in trade skills. To date, a total of 435 construction workers have been trained under this program. Additionally, a class of 21 skilled workers received training on cobblestone road construction, bringing the total number of people trained

to 604. The breakdown of ALP/E-supported infrastructure capacity building activities during this period is shown below:

Type of training	Total	By province					By Gender	
		Nangarhar	Laghman	Kunar	Nuristan	IRD	Male	Female
Cobblestone students	21	16	5	0	0	0	21	0
Engineers								0
<b>Total Trainees</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>

ALP/E also continued offering practical training in field survey, design, GPS, construction and report writing to a number of engineering students from the Nangarhar University. During this reporting period, 12 undergraduates completed the course, whereas another 20 students attended hands-on sessions at various ALP/E's cash-for-work sites.

### Improving Access to Markets

*Mashina Road (7.5km):* HADF continued to maintain the road.

*Kama DBST Road (14.6 km):* On March 12, the Governor of Nangarhar inaugurated this \$1.5 million road



**Governor Shairzai inaugurates the Kama Road Improvement Project**

improvement project. A Member of the National Assembly, the Kama District Governor, provincial directors of Public Works, Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Agriculture, Irrigation, and Economy, as well as representatives of provincial and district Shuras, attended the ground-breaking ceremony. Reporters from seven Afghan and international news organizations, including four TV stations, one radio and two newspapers, covered the event.

Also during this period, the contractor submitted the

Performance Guarantee and the Insurance Policy, and a team of surveyors continued checking the road from the start to 5.0km to set out the scarification levels at 25m intervals.

*Abizai Bridge:* On March 10, ALP/E received 18 bids for the project. The evaluation is expected to be complete during the next reporting period.

*Sherzad to Hisarak Road (15 km):* On March 13, seven potential bidders participated in the site visit to assess the condition of the road and the work to be performed.

*Lal Pur to Guldag Road (12 km):* The invitation for bids was made public on March 11, and the pre-bid conference is scheduled for the end of March.

*Barabad to Mangwal (11km):* Following the completion of the design works, ALP/E conducted a site visit to transfer this road construction from PIP contractual work to cash-for-work program. The PIF for this project is being prepared.

### Survey Teams

The ALP/E survey teams continued the setting out of the levels for cut and fills along the cobblestone roads in Nangarhar and Laghman provinces. In addition, the team participated in the mutual check survey of Kama Road with the contractor.

### Productive Infrastructure Projects

PROJECT	PIP NUMBER	LOCATION	DESIGN, % BY DAI	BUILT, %	IMPLEMENTER	COMMENT
Mashina Road Improvement – 7.5 km	PIP 090201	Qarghai, Laghman	100	100	HADF	Work completed, under maintenance.
Abizai Bridge 4x17m Span	PIP 090101	Mehtarlam, Laghman	100	0	TBD	18 bids received and the evaluation is in progress
Kama DBST Road - 14.6 km	PIP 081801	Kama, Nangarhar	100	0	TBD	Ground breaking ceremony was held on March 13.
Qasim Abad Road – 5.7 km	PIP 082101	Behsud Nangarhar	100	0	TBD	lfb is being prepared
Sherzad to Hesarak Road – Section-1 15.1 km	PIP 080301	Sherzard, Hesarak, Nangarhar	100	0	TBD	Pre bid meeting and site visit completed
Lal Pur Road-12 km	PIP 081501	Lal Pur, Nangarhar	100	0	TBD	lfb has been issued
Barabad to Mangwal Road, 11.75km Section-1,	PIP 101501	Khas Kunar, Kunar	100	0	TBD	Technical Feasibility being prepared. To be moved to CFW.
Barabad to Mangwal Road, 9.6km Section-2	PIP 101502	Khas, Kunar, Kunar	100	0	TBD	Design completed.

### Cash-for-work (CFW) Projects

ALP/E continued work on the 48 active CFW projects, employing a total of 5,843 persons and generating 44,246 days during February 16-28, 2007\*. To date, the cash-for-work projects have generated 1,537,124 person days.

#### Summary of CFW Projects by Province, March 1-15, 2007

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	90	44	38	0	4	32,240
Laghman	43	35	6	0	0	7,901
Kunar	18	11	3	0	1	779
Nuristan	1	0	1	0	0	3,326
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>44,246</b>

ALP/E began three new projects, including one transferred from the PIP component of the infrastructure program. All the previously approved projects are in the process of mobilizing personnel, assigning engineers

\* For accounting purposes, these numbers are from February 16-28, 2007.

and procuring materials for implementation. During this reporting period, ALP/E reached an amicable dispute resolution with some communities and resumed the respective temporarily suspended projects. Works at a few other projects also restarted as the weather got better.

### New and Completed CFW Projects, March 1-15, 2007

PROVINCE	# OF NEW PROJECTS (RE)STARTED THIS PERIOD	# OF PROJECTS COMPLETED THIS PERIOD
Nangarhar	10	0
Laghman	2	0
Kunar	1	0
Nuristan	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>



Laborers move two-ton rocks at Biniga flood protection

#### Tree planting

As a joint effort between the Infrastructure, Agribusiness, and Gender and Micro-enterprise units, CFW laborers are currently planting trees along roads improved by ALP/E. This reporting period the tree planting project continued on Kakrak and Shamshapoor Roads, and at the Darunta bypass and Biniga flood protection projects in Nangarhar Province. Saplings were delivered from the women's nurseries established by ALP/E.

#### Cobblestone Roads

Unusual for this time of the year rains have caused delays on the cobblestone road projects. Compaction of the sub-base requires a certain moist content, no more than 25. When there is too much water in the sub-base layer, the compaction rate is too low and laying of the cobbles needs to be delayed until the test results show sufficient compaction rate of 95% or higher. All 14 cobble stone projects are now active again.

Extensive quality control is done on the cobble stone roads to ensure proper implementation of the specifications. Specifications are reviewed and refreshed in sessions with the engineers and test results and corrective actions followed up. ALP/E is currently exploring options for a follow-up training for workers through the CTTC.

### Cash-For-Work Projects by Province

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CODE	% IMPLEMENTED FEB 16-28, 2007	% IMPLEMENTED MAR 1-16, 2007	REMARKS
<b>Nangarhar (Roads)</b>				
Ghauchak Cobblestone Road	CFW-080207	65%	93%	ACTIVE
Shamshapoor Cobble Stone Road third reach	CFW-080208	35%	42%	ACTIVE
Adam Khil road	CFW-080209	Start delayed	0%	Will start next period
Kodi Khil Cobblestone Road	CFW-080407	26%	29%	ACTIVE
Nokor Khil, cobble stone road	CFW-080508	Restarted	15%	ACTIVE
Lawangapor Cobblestone Road	CFW-080606	47.2%	89%	ACTIVE
Spin Jumat Road	CFW-080607	20%	24%	ACTIVE
Pacher cobble stone road	CFW-080702	Restarted	37%	ACTIVE
Pekha Abdul Khil Road	CFW-081003	12%	20%	ACTIVE

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CODE	% IMPLEMENTED FEB 16-28, 2007	% IMPLEMENTED MAR 1-16, 2007	REMARKS
Zysar Cobblestone Road	CFW-081102	47%	55%	ACTIVE
Katiali and Daga roads	CFW-081303	0%	6%	ACTIVE
Chardehi Cobblestone road	CFW-081703	51%	56%	ACTIVE
Shegar Cobblestone road	CFW-081903	57%	66.2%	ACTIVE
Metrani Cobblestone Road	CFW-082103	50%	62%	ACTIVE
<b>Nangarhar (Non Road)</b>				
Wholesale Market Rehabilitation	CFW-080103	99%	99.5%	ACTIVE
Jukan Canal Intakes	CFW-080303	0%	Mobilizing	ACTIVE
Lajkar Canal Intakes	CFW-080304	0%	Mobilizing	ACTIVE
Surkhab Canal Intakes	CFW-080406	66%	85%	ACTIVE
Nemla irrigation	CFW-080504	Restarted	6%	ACTIVE
Hakimabad Canal Intakes	CFW-080505	49%	65%	ACTIVE
Nemla Flood protection	CFW-080507	89.6%	94%	ACTIVE Restarted this period
Kaga Canal and Protection walls	CFW-080509	Start delayed	0%	Will start next period
Zamar Khil Flood Protection	CFW-080701	62%	95%	ACTIVE
Kaga Canal repair D h Bala	CFW-080801	0%	1.7%	ACTIVE
Shulgar Canal repair	CFW-080803	0%	1%	ACTIVE
Baro Canal Improvements	CFW-080901	13%	22%	ACTIVE
Khan Moh. Khan Intake	CFW-080902	5.4%	9%	ACTIVE Started this period
Shulgar Flood Protection	CFW-081206	35%	44%	ACTIVE
Spin Khower Wash embankment repairs	CFW-081302	24%	32%	ACTIVE
Hazanaw Wash repairs	CFW-081401	8%	30%	ACTIVE
Basawal Banbaba Flood Protection	CFW-081404	14%	19%	ACTIVE
Sada Canal Intake	CFW-081501	15%	22%	ACTIVE
Kharbandi and Khawezi Flood Protection Dikes	CFW-081606	0%	6%	ACTIVE
Grabawa Flood Protection Dikes	CFW-081701	0%	6%	ACTIVE
Kachera and Gorik Flood Protection	CFW-081905	12%	20%	ACTIVE
Miro Kalai Flood works	CFW-082102	0%	Mobilizing	ACTIVE
Spin Jumat Embankment	CFW-082204	85% including additional works	87%	ACTIVE
Binigah II Flood Protection	CFW-082206	79%	83%	ACTIVE
Inzari Khola Intakes	CFW-082302	78%	89%	ACTIVE
Lokhi Canal Intake	CFW-082304	60%	82%	ACTIVE
<b>Laghman (Road)</b>				
Deh Malakh to Tajkari and Qala Safi road	CFW-090116	0%	Mobilizing	ACTIVE
Daronta Bypass Cobblestone Road, Third Reach	CFW-090213	52%	62%	ACTIVE
Dehziarat-Omarzai Cobblestone Road	CFW-090121	45%	48%	ACTIVE
Mahigeran Cobblestone Road	CFW-090215	17%	20%	ACTIVE
Lara Mora Road Improvement	CFW-090219	50%	58%	ACTIVE
<b>Laghman (Non Road)</b>				
Haji Gul Dad Flood protection	CFW-090220	0%	Mobilizing	ACTIVE
<b>Kunar (Road)</b>				
Seend Wala Chawkay Canal Protection	CFW-101302	0%	10%	ACTIVE
Nurgal-Aret Road	CFW-101403	82% including all additional works	94%	ACTIVE
<b>Kunar (Non Road)</b>				

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CODE	% IMPLEMENTED FEB 16-28, 2007	% IMPLEMENTED MAR 1-16, 2007	REMARKS
Nurgal Seend Wala Canal Aqueduct	CFW-101405	8%	21%	ACTIVE
<b>Nuristan (Road)</b>				
Dakor to Mashfa Cobblestone Road	CFW-300801	40%	42%	ACTIVE

## C. Private Sector Development

### Poultry Project

In cooperation with the Regional Poultry Association, ALP/E continued to work on various aspects of the poultry project, including access to credit for poultry producers, the proposed establishment of a feed mill, and the construction of a hatchery in Sarobi District of Kabul Province. The Afghanistan Rural Finance Center (ARFC) has expressed willingness to consider offering a loan to the Poultry Association for further distribution among individual growers. Funding would also be provided to support the establishment of an entity within the association to administer the loans.

Additionally, ALP/E conducted discussion with the Agriculture, Rural Investment and Enterprise Strengthening (ARIES) Program regarding the establishment of a credit union within the Poultry Association that would become a self-supporting and sustainable entity to make additional grower loans, as well as operating capital loans for wholesalers, suppliers and others in the poultry value chain.

### Supporting Regional and Local Businesses

*Spinkay Dairy Processing Center:* ALP's Private Sector Development team has been working with this Jalalabad-based processing center on developing an expansion plan and facilitating linkages to funding and technical assistance sources.

*Edible Oil Plant:* ALP/E continued the discussion with the owner to prepare the business plan and secure funding for purchasing refinement and filtering equipment. The Private Sector Development, Agribusiness, and Gender and Micro-enterprise Development units plan to provide technical support for the company, the farmers that provide inputs for the mill, and at least ten women who will be employed at the expanded operations.

*Sabawoon Feed Mill:* ALP/E continued developing the company's business plan and an associated request for funding. The Private Business Development and Infrastructure teams visited the feed mill construction site, located in the AISA Industrial Park in Jalalabad. The construction of the perimeter wall is almost complete and a well has been dug.



**Worker uses the new packing machine at Azizi Snack Factory**

*Azizi Snack Factory:* With ALP/E support, Azizi Snack Factory received funding from CNFA to purchase new packing equipment. The equipment is now being installed, and the company has requested additional support to provide a food protection plan for its operations and technical processing training. ALP/E will provide assistance in bringing the facilities into compliance with Good Manufacturing Practices. In addition, ALP/E facilitated the employment of ten women by the new packing facility. The newly hired workers will receive food safety and sanitation training.

### Training Programs

*Food Protection:* During this reporting period, ALP/E teamed up the Agha Khan Foundation and the USAID Afghanistan Small and Medium Enterprise Development Program (ASMED) to conduct a Food Protection (Food

Defense and Food Safety) capacity building course for a number of restaurants, hotels, catering companies, and food suppliers and vendors. The training, which took place in Kabul, focused on the prevention of intentional contamination of food or “food related-bioterrorism.”

*Food Safety and Avian Influenza:* ALP/E also conducted a two-hour training program on basic food preparation sanitation and avian influenza (AI) for 26 kitchen and facilities support staff.

### **Business Development Center**

ALP/E continued working with the Business Development Center to finalize the forthcoming year’s Scope of Work (SOW). In addition, assistance was provided to the Board of Directors to aid them in electing Board Members.



**General Management Technical Training at the BDC**

During this reporting period, the BDC staff assisted a local businessman in initial preparations and arrangements for setting up a cement factory in Nangarhar Province. As a result of the BDC’s advocacy efforts on behalf of local soap producing factories, the Afghan Government introduced measures to prevent the illegal exportation of animal fat to Pakistan.

The first issue of BDC’s magazine, *Parmakhtag* (Development), was printed and is ready for distribution. The magazine provides current information on the economic situation in the region. A general management training program for 30 businessmen began at the Center on March 6. Additionally, the BDC recruited a new Information and Research Specialist and completed two ten-day internet classes for 24 businesspeople. During this

reporting period, 521 businesspeople visited the BDC, including 383 members of the BDC-supported associations. More than 100 businessmen benefited from the internet service at the Center.

## **D. Gender and Micro-enterprise Development**

### ***International Women’s Day***

ALP/E assisted the Directorates of Women’s Affairs of Nangarhar, Laghman, Kunar and Nuristan in organizing the International Women’s Day celebrations. The events in four provinces brought together more than 1,500 Afghan women and hundreds of children. Local NGOs exhibited their programs and products. Provincial governors, local officials and representatives of international agencies attended the celebrations on March 8. Due to security reasons, the Directorate of Women’s Affairs of Nuristan celebrated the Women’s Day on March 12.



**ALP/E STTA works on new designs with local artisans**

### ***Afghan Blinds Migration***

ALP/E supported the Afghanistan Blind Migration (ABM) to implement a six-month income generating program for 90 disabled and vulnerable women of Laghman Province. The main objective is to create direct economic opportunities for these underprivileged social categories.

### ***Eastern Region Handicrafts***

In partnership with the Directorate of Women’s Affairs of Nuristan, ALP/E will support women-operated traditional wool-weaving productions and provide assistance with marketing their handicrafts.

In addition, during this reporting period, ALP/E's production designer STTA worked with a number of handicraft producers from eastern Afghanistan to introduce innovative, market-driven product designs. Making artisan products attractive to larger international markets will boost the handicraft industry in the Eastern Region.

### **Women's Fruit and Nuts Nursery Program**

In the last two weeks, more than 280,000 pomegranate cuttings and 160 kg of almond and apricot seeds were planted in Samir Khail District, Nangarhar Province.

## **Gender and Micro-enterprise Development**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>DATA</b>	<b>KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>
Income generation program for disabled women of Laghman in partnership with ABM	90	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruited trainers and trainees</li> <li>Vocational training started</li> <li>Attended opening ceremony</li> </ul>
Nuristan Wool Weaving project, Paroon District	75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MoU signed</li> <li>In process of recruiting trainers and beneficiaries in Paroon district.</li> </ul>
Women's Fruit and Forestry Nursery, Sumarkhail in partnership with RoP	60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Almonds &amp; Apricot Land preparation</li> <li>250,000 pomegranate cuttings have been planted.</li> </ul>
Smallholder Livestock Management Program	3 training Sessions 150 people trained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-going trainings in Nangarhar and Kunar.</li> </ul>
Four women-owned forestry nurseries	40 of families benefited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>200 msq land per beneficiary was prepared and forestry and fruit &amp; nut seeds were sown.</li> </ul>
Female cooks in partnership with Infrastructure unit.	56 selected 81 payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New selections (Lalpor, and nurgal)</li> <li>Salary payments (Chaparhar, Achin, Nazyan, Mehterlam, surkrod, Lalpur, and mohmandara)</li> </ul>
Women-owned Fish Farms		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selected 10 sites in NGR</li> <li>On-going site selection in KNR &amp; LGM</li> </ul>
Sukhrod Vegetable Packing Facility	10 female operators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grading and Packing of 2000 kg of various vegetables to Chalesy &amp; AI Supermarkets in KBL.</li> <li>Plant manager attended food safety training in KBL.</li> </ul>
Establishment of 5 women-owned vegetable nurseries	49 nursery operators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-going monitoring</li> <li>Field visits to demo lots</li> </ul>
Poultry farms		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GME staff attended AI conference in KBL sponsored by USAID, USDA and other lined ministries.</li> <li>Planning a AI surveillance program for women of ER.</li> </ul>
Micro-enterprise implemented by Relief International	32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participated at women's Day celebration in NGR &amp; LGM.</li> <li>Monitoring of 32 SHG</li> <li>Completed assessment report</li> </ul>

PROJECT	DATA	KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS
AWBA at the BDC	10 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Booth at the March 8<sup>th</sup> celebration</li> <li>Follow up business training and mentoring</li> </ul>
Weekly Women Economic Development Radio Program	# Afghans trained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Celebration to International Women's Day</li> <li>The 30 min program airs 4times a week</li> </ul>

## E. Institutional Capacity Development

### Support to Associations

On March 12, 23 members of various ALP/E-supported trade associations completed the Business Communication Training delivered by AIBM in Jalalabad.

*Fruit and Vegetables Wholesalers Association:* With ALP/E assistance in capacity building, over the past month, the association has increased its membership from 67 to 80 traders, opened a bank account started collecting monthly fees from its members.

*Poultry Producers Association:* ALP/E met with a number of members to gauge their interest in developing the association's capacity. Since its establishing in October 2006, the organization has undertaken little activities on behalf of its members. ALP/E will work with the Association to improve its management operations and organizational dynamics.

*Handicraft Associations of Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar:* ALP/E conducted a series of meetings with the leadership of these three organizations to discuss their needs and potential support.

### Support to Government Ministries

*Directorates of Agriculture:* ALP/E will provide the directorates with 60 backpack sprayers, 60 protective masks, 150 saws and 150 scissors, 120 packages of bone mill to be presented to best farmers on the Farmer's Day in March. The work on the Agricultural Extension Reference Manual progressed with two new sections completed (on watermelon and beans). To date, five sections have been compiled in draft format. Additionally, ALP/E participated in a coordination meeting of the Jalalabad Agricultural Exhibition, which will be held during the first week of June.

### Business Skills Development

ALP/E completed the Training of Trainers in Business Skills with 38 participants receiving certificates on March 15. The program was designed to develop a local cadre of business trainers and consultants. ALP/E will engage selected graduates in its activities to support local trade associations.

The Institutional Development Unit completed the preparations to kick off its TARAQI SABA program with a ten-day training course for eight high-school teachers and four university students.

## II. Required Performance Data

### Annex I. ALP/E Activity Level Indicators†, March 1-15, 2007

Indicator	Added (Bi-weekly)		Target (LOP)	Total LOP(To date)	Target (FY 07)	Target (FY 08)	By province(To date)				By Gender(To date)	
							Nangarhar	Laghman	Kunar	Nuristan	Male	Female
Total Kms irrigation and drainage canals and karezes ALP # km	Previous	0.21	2,581	2,413.5	2,581	2,581	2,395	15.69	1.89	0		
	Current	0.91+					0.8	0	0.11	0		
	Total	1.12					<b>2,395.85</b>	<b>15.69</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
ALP Kms. of rural roads repaired in poppy regions # km	Previous	4.67	548	375.2	548	548	292.9	20.0	50.62	2.6		
	Current	9.07+					7.65	1.29	0	0.13		
	Total	13.74					<b>300.6</b>	<b>21.28</b>	<b>50.62</b>	<b>2.73</b>		
ALP/E Hectares of improved irrigation as a result of ALP infrastructure works # hec	Previous	18	233,060	125,948	233,060	233,060	118,055	6,861	872	0		
	Current	160 <sup>2</sup>					110	0	50	0		
	Total	178					<b>118,165</b>	<b>6,861</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>0</b>		
ALP/E Amount paid in CFW in AL programs USD (\$)	Previous	225,256	18,092,363	15,820,865	18,092,363	18,092,363	12,563,467	2,355,558	658,615	71,772	13,931,012	1,718,399
	Current	171,454*					126,003	30,762	2,923	11,766	16,2906	8,549
	Total	396,710					<b>12,689,470</b>	<b>2,386,320</b>	<b>661,538</b>	<b>83,538</b>	<b>14,093,918</b>	<b>1,726,948</b>
ALP/E Afghans paid through CFW salaries #	Previous	5,053	179,000	159,460	179,000	179,000	152,702	12,654	2,257	1,061	147,078	21,596
	Current	5,843*					4,196	1,075	109	463	5,569	274
	Total	10,896					<b>156,898</b>	<b>13,729</b>	<b>2,366</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>152,647</b>	<b>21,870</b>
ALP/E Total labor days for CFW #	Previous	54,127	4,767,708	4,504,832	4,767,708	4,767,708	3,656,619	613,706	165,988	24,273	3,955,209	505,377
	Current	44,246*					32240	7901	779	3326	42078	2168
	Total	98,373					<b>3,688,859</b>	<b>621,607</b>	<b>166,767</b>	<b>27,599</b>	<b>3,997,287</b>	<b>507,545</b>
Afghans trained in business skills #	Previous	143	7,000	4,913	5,200	7,000	3,377	873	353	21	1,606	3,018
	Current	289					206	7	76	0	45	244
	Total	432					<b>3,583</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1,651</b>	<b>3,262</b>
Farmers trained in agricultural practices in targeted poppy provinces under ALP #	Previous	130	175,000	101,647	155,000	175,000	59,007	26,990	15,226	-	99,288	1,935
	Current	424					322	-	102	-	-	424
	Total	554					<b>59,329</b>	<b>26,990</b>	<b>15,328</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>99,288</b>	<b>2,359</b>

† The table shows aggregated figures of both ALP and AINP project

+This is an estimate based on percentage completed.

<sup>2</sup> This is an estimate. Actual figures will be reported following GIS Verification Survey in April, 2007

\*For accounting purposes, this period is 1-15 February, 2007

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