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ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM - EASTERN REGION



H.E. Bano Ghanzanfar, the Minister of Women's Affairs speaking at the opening of a Regional Conference on Violence Against Women, funded by ADPIE in Jalalabad -Nangarhar

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 facilitated the celebration of International Women's Day on March 8th in Nangarhar, Kunar, and Laghman provinces. Over 1,500 women participated in the event and local women's organization's exhibited their products. ADP/E hosted the Minister of Women's Affairs, H.E Bano Ghanzanfar and funded a regional conference lead by the Minister to discuss issues of violence against women, especially inside marriage (badal). A number of gifts from women working on ADP/E activities were presented to the Minister, e.g. cheese, clothing etc.
- The progress on the Lalpur DBST road is satisfactory, with the surfacing on the portion linking the Lalpur ferry to the Torkham-Jalalabad highway completed. All of the ancillary structures on the Kama road will be completed next week and this 14.6 km asphalt road is only awaiting a suitable contracting mechanism to purchase the bitumen. Work on an abutment of the Abizai Bridge has been postponed until after the floods, the other construction work is progressing..
- The Eastern Region Poultry Development Program continues to make inroads in strengthening the structure of the local industry, building their technical capacity and "priming the pump" to make markets work. Broiler production during the third week of March will be at a rate of 35,000 chickens per week. The border with Pakistan remains porous and currently low priced chickens, both broilers and old layers dumped from Pakistan farms reportedly affected by AI in that country is influencing the prices on the local market. The poultry association is looking at its best options for profitable broiler sales, and taking a long term view of market entry.
- ADP/E technicians assisted farmers from 5 lowland districts of Nuristan to plant 345 hectares of fruit and nut trees this month. The process will continue in late April—after the snow in the highlands melts, and a total of 500 hectares of new trees are planned for Nuristan in 2008.
- The Commercial Orchards Program, subcontracted to Roots of Peace (RoP), has planted 1,490 hectares, out of the 1,500 programmed for the 2008 planting campaign. RoP technicians will continue to assist farmers to establish more orchards in Kunar as soon as the weather allows. So far, indications suggest that RoP will surpass this year's target by at least 80 hectares.
- Traders supported by ADP/E sold over US\$22,000 worth of fresh produce in Kabul during the last two weeks. ADP/E exports have been affected by the increase in the cost of airfreight, and ADP/E is currently exploring options to reopen the backloads on flights from Jalalabad. ADP/E is also currently negotiating with Kam Air and Safi Airlines, seeking to obtain a more competitive fare than the \$1.20 per kg that Ariana is currently asking.
- Following the clear success of the TIMER Program in the spring of 2008—in which all 15,000 beneficiaries made a co-payment to the input dealers equivalent to 15 percent of the cost of inputs received, ADP/E is currently planning the fall TIMER Program, which will cover 25,000 farmers who will pay 25 percent of the cost of the input package. As in the spring program, private input suppliers will be closely involved, so by next year when ADP/E will have ended they can remain at the center of this private sector driven activity supplying quality inputs.
- During the reporting period, ADP/E continued to work on 34 active CFW projects in all four provinces, employing a total of 2,463 people and generating 24,807 person days during the reporting period*. To date, ADP/E has employed 168,326 people and generated a total of 5.4 million person days worth \$19.7 million in wages paid to villagers¹.
- ADP/E completed Accounting/Quick Books training for the accountants and finance officers of all ADP/E assisted businesses including those which recently secured loans from Afghanistan Rural Finance Center (AFRC). As a result of the training, the businesses will be able to easily track their financial transactions and effectively manage day to day business operations.

¹ Includes AINP and ADP/E

II. SECTOR ACTIVITIES

A. AGRIBUSINESS

PERENNIAL HORTICULTURE

EASTERN REGION ORCHARDS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

IF Hope, ADP/E's subcontractor for the Eastern Region Orchards Development Program (ERODP) expanded its extension efforts, seeking to ensure that farmers adopt and implement improved orchard management practices, thereby increasing the survival rate of new orchards. IF Hope has established over 3,000 hectares of new fruit and nut orchards in two planting campaigns in 2006 and 2007.

During the reporting period, IF-Hope field extension staff provided hands-on training for 1,589 farmers with 4,508 Jeribs (902ha) of land from Nangarhar and Laghman. Training efforts continue for the design and layout of new orchards, re-planting, application of animal manure, water management, application of lime solution and anti-pest chemicals and eradication of frost damaged branches, weeds and water sprouts. Besides practical training, distribution of printed materials including pamphlets and posters on orchard management continued.



A flowering lemon plant in Behsud, Nangarhar

COMMERCIAL ORCHARDS PROGRAM

As of March 15, Roots of Peace (RoP), ADP/E's subcontractor for the implementation of the Commercial Orchards Program, had planted 1,490 ha, with a few villages in the upper districts of Kunar still waiting to plant due to the presence of snow. This indicates that RoP will probably exceed its target of 1,500 ha planted in 2008.

RoP beneficiaries are currently engaged in onion production as an intercrop and they will soon be integrated to the "Grains for Feed Program", which will involve 3,000 farmers in contract production of maize and mung bean in partnership with Sabawoon Feed Mill. These ancillary activities are aimed to enable semi-commercial farmers to generate an income while their fruit orchards are growing to a productive age.

FRUIT MARKETING PROGRAM (FMP)

The Fruit Marketing Program is currently preparing farmers for the beginning of the fruit harvest, expected for the second half of May. Preparations include the intensification of training sessions in harvest and post-harvest handling practices, and exploration of new market opportunities.

ADP/E is also strengthening the technical and institutional capacity of the Eastern Region Fruit Growers Association (ERFGA) to serve as a leader in the development of the fruit industry in the post-ADP/E era. Activities in this area include several capacity building initiatives in the areas of crop production, administration and association management. These activities were designed by a short term consultant (STTA) and will be followed up by recurrent STTA's by the same consultant.

During the reporting period, the ERFGA began discussions with a local company producing essential oils. The discussions are geared towards the establishment of a partnership to produce Neroli, the essential oil from sour orange flowers. If successful, this would enable farmers to manage their citrus production in a way that will enable them to improve crop quality, through fruit thinning, while obtaining a second income stream from the blossoms.

NURISTAN ORCHARDS PROGRAM

ADP/E has distributed over 160,000 fruit and nut saplings to plant 500 hectares of orchards in 5 districts of Nuristan. During the reporting period, farmers—with ADP/E assistance planted over 345 hectares and are currently waiting for the temperatures to rise before planting the 165 hectares remaining in the highland areas.

MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (MDP)

The Market Development Program continues supporting vegetable producers to market their products more efficiently, by facilitating collective marketing schemes and assisting traders to explore the international markets. Exports have registered a slow-down during the reporting period due to the inability of Ariana Airlines to guarantee space for Afghan produce under the agreement with the Afghanistan International Chamber of Commerce, which provided exporters with a preferential airfreight fare of US\$.50/Kg. This is currently forcing exporters to pay US\$1.20/Kg, which has a direct effect on their competitiveness, while substantially reducing their incentives to engage in international trade. ADP/E is currently negotiating with Kam Air and Safi Airlines, seeking to obtain a more competitive fare.



Pride of the Eastern Region vegetables exported to Dubai by traders from Jalalabad

Despite these adversities, during the reporting period traders and exporters sold over US\$21,000 of fresh vegetables, with smaller quantities of cheese and herbs adding another \$1,000. The herbs are the output of trial fields that despite the fact that were not intended to produce commercial output are now beginning to come into the market.

Summary of ADP/E assisted Sales During the Period March 1-15, 2008

Products	Local Market		High Value Markets		Export Markets		Total weight and Value	
	Kg	US\$	Kg	US\$	Kg	US\$	Kg	US\$
Vegetables	79,905	18,582	1,471	1,210	2,000	1,260	83,376	21,052.00
Fruit							-	-
Herbs	102	54	0	0	0	0	102	54
Cheese	306.52	800	35	157.5			342	958
Total	80,314	19,436	1,506	1,368	2,000	1,260	83,820	22,063.50



Traders from Kabul inspecting vegetable fields in Nangarhar

FORESTRY INNOVATIONS FOR LIVELIHOOD DIVERSIFICATION (FIELD) PROGRAM

The FIELD program is supporting several hundred farmers to establish forestry plantations to protect water recharge areas, reclaim marginal lands, establish commercial woodlots and establish windbreaker barriers. The program covers the districts Achin, Lalpur, Haska Mina, Kuz Kunar and Goshta of Nangarhar Province and Narang in Kunar Province.

The target for the 2008 planting season is 150 hectare of Poplar, Sheesham, Leucaena, Eucalyptus and Bamboo. During the reporting period ADP/E verified the quality and the quantity of forestry saplings in 17 nurseries in the region while seeking to select planting material of the best quality and at reasonable prices.

Field staff also verified land availability and field conditions and assisted farmers with the layout of 594.6 jeribs (118.9ha), representing 70 % of the target area. A total of 1,193 farmers from 56 villages were helped to get ready to plant the saplings. During the reporting period, ADP/E staff delivered 256,639 saplings to the participating communities and supervised the planting of 372.35 jeribs (74.47 ha).

MARKET INFORMATION SYSTEM

ADP/E's TAMAS Program continues to provide farmers and traders with up-to-date market price information. During this reporting period, TAMAS received 772 short message system (SMS) requests, showing an increase of 15 percent as compared to the last reporting period. This change is derived from an increase in the frequency of radio advertisements and other promotional activities. The target for May 2008 is 200 SMS per day.

In addition to the dissemination of market information via SMS, TAMAS also provided price reports via email to another 1,035 recipients. Over 70,000 farmers in the region are also receiving market information via FM radio. During the first half of March, ADP/E trained 600 farmers on the use of TAMAS as an add-on to field days.

ANNUAL HORTICULTURE

TIMER PROGRAM

ADP/E's Annual Horticulture team started its training activities following the distribution of inputs under its Spring 2008 TIMER Program, which worked with input dealers to provide nearly 15,000 farmers with vegetable seed and fertilizer at a subsidized price.

Based on the great success of the Spring 2008 TIMER Program, where farmers paid 15 percent of the value of the input packages in cash, at the time of delivery, in the fall of 2008 ADP/E will reduce the subsidy to 75 percent. The

fall 2008 Timer Program will cover nine districts and 15,000 beneficiaries in Nangarhar, five districts and 6,000 beneficiaries in Kunar, and three districts and 4,000 beneficiaries in Laghman



One of 15,000 farmers making a co-payment to the agri-input dealer when collecting his seed and fertilizer package

The TIMER Program also integrates an aggressive technical assistance component; ADP/E's practical training sessions take place in 60 demonstration plots throughout the four-province region. During the reporting period ADP/E's field technicians completed the first round of practical training through 60 field days, training 1,754 farmers in nursery establishment. Similarly, field staff conducted 13 field days as part of the second round of training in farm layout, with the participation of 210 farmers.

REVAMP PROGRAM

ADP/E integrated 4,223 medium-scale farmers into the REVAMP Program, producing vegetables in the provinces of Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar and Nuristan provinces. Under REVAMP, ADP/E's subcontractor, Roots of Peace assisted farmers to plant 2,367 Jeribs of several types of high value vegetables, while ADP/E's Fruit Marketing Program assisted farmers to plant an additional 1,586 Jeribs.

COMMERCIAL DEMONSTRATION FARMS (CDF) PROGRAM

ADP/E developed a production plan for warm season crops to be planted in the commercial demonstration farms, the plan includes eleven crops; tomato, peppers, radish, melon, watermelon, cucumber, zucchini, sweet corn, okra, eggplant, and green beans which will be planted following a staggered planting system. Most CDF farmers established their first planting during the first half of March. A total of five plantings have been planned for most of the crops, except for sweet corn, tomato and radish, which will have 3, 4 and 8 successive planting dates respectively. Harvest gluts are a major disincentive to expanded production in the Eastern region.

Seed and fertilizer were distributed in 136 satellite demonstration farms (SDFs). ADP/E technicians delivered 110 field days on nursery establishment, training 2,750 farmers; ADP/E technicians will carry out 4 more cycles of field days in each farm as the season progresses, reaching over 10,000 farmers by the end of the season.



Garlic field in a satellite demonstration farm

GRAINS-FOR-FEED PROGRAM

ADP/E received USAID approval to procure corn and mungbean seed for the Grains for Feed Program, which will link 3,000 farmers into contract production. Their products will be bought by the Sabawoon Group, owner of the first commercial-scale feed mill established in Afghanistan. ADP/E prepared a draft contract which stipulates the sales price based on a mutually agreed upon formula to calculate the import parity price (IPP), thus Sabawoon Group will pay farmers the “IPP minus 5 percent” at the time of delivery.

POULTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Barakhat and Mommand Sehat Hatcheries received a new batch of 92,520 hatching eggs from the U.S. on March 6th, 2008. The hatcheries have been active distributing day-old chicks through the Spin Ghar Poultry Farms Association, benefiting both men and women-owned poultry farms owned by members of the Association.

Despite several challenges to procure suitable broiler breed stock, ADP/E has assisted 3 farmers to place an order for 16,000 Hybro Broiler Breeder Chicks [Hybro PN+]. These breeder chicks will be the foundation of a sustainable industry and are expected to arrive to Jalalabad in the third week of April. The table below shows the details regarding the production and distribution of day-old chicks and figures regarding hatchability rates.

MONTH	TOTAL CHICKS DISTRIBUTED	EXPECTED # OF CHICKS FOR DISTRIBUTION (Based on 80% hatch)	% HATCHABILITY Chicks/Eggs set	% HATCHING EFFICIENCY Actual Chicks/Expected Chicks
February 2008	30,446	36,288	67.1 %	83.9%
March 2008	64,502	72,576	71.1 %	88.9%

ADP/E is working with the hatcheries, feed mill and farmers in the implementation and introduction of bio-security standard operating procedures to reduce the risk of contamination with exotic diseases. This activity has proven challenging as most entrepreneurs, and particularly farmers find it difficult to appreciate the risks and potential implications of a disease outbreak. Nonetheless, the Poultry Association is currently requesting farmers to comply with bio-security protocols as a *sine qua non* condition to access credit and other association services, which is increasingly resulting in a industry-wide standard. The USDA advisor in the Kabul mission has been very helpful in terms of improving these protocols and sharing information on poultry from USDA sources.

The Poultry Farms Association and ADP/E are currently in discussions with the provincial authorities regarding the enforcement of the current ban on chicken imports from Pakistan, as besides the fact that the ban is because of the presence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in that country, anecdotal information suggests that chickens

are being illegally imported into Afghanistan from flocks destined to be exterminated, risking the local industry, and also undercutting the Afghan market with loss leader prices substantially below the real cost of production.

B. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

PRODUCTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (PIP)

PROJECT	PIP NUMBER	LOCATION	BUILT %	IMPELMENTER	COMMENT
Mashina Road Improvement (7.5 km)	PIP 090201	Qarghayi, Laghman	100 %	HADF	Work completed
Abizai Bridge (67 m)	PIP 090101	Mehtarlam, Laghman	42 %	MCP	Piers concreting in progress
Qasimabad Road (5.7 km)	PIP 082101	Behsud, Nangarhar	41 %	BCURA	Prime coat has been spread and Asphaltting has started recently.
Lal Pur Road-(12 km)	PIP 081501	Lal Pur, Nangarhar	51 %	ACC-LBCC JV	Widening, filling, compaction of water bound is in progress

IMPROVING ACCESS TO MARKETS

ABIZAI BRIDGE (67m): Progress 42%

Located in the Northeast of the provincial center Mehtarlam, the Abizai Bridge will support more than 2,000 people and 300 vehicles crossing the bridge on a daily basis. The total population of the area using this bridge is approx. 150,000 people with about 12,000 Hectares of agricultural land. ADP/E is repairing and re-constructing the bridge to provide employment opportunities for the people and to improve access to markets for the agricultural produce of the villages in the vicinity of the bridge.

During the reporting period, the contractor continued to work on concreting of Piers No 1, 2 and 3. Excavation for the wing wall is almost complete. The excavation for the final abutment will be postponed until after the floods.



Work in progress on the Abizai Bridge in Laghman

LALPUR TO GULDAG DBST ROAD (12 km): Progress 51%

Work progressed smoothly on the Lalpur to Guldag DBST road. During the reporting period, work on excavation, construction of side drains, RCC slabs of culverts, and pitching of stone on washes continued. The newly appointed district governor in a meeting with the COP confirmed his full support to the project. The COP was satisfied with the progress and quality of work at Lalpur road and assured his support to the contractor if he produced quality work. He expects to finish the project in the coming 2-3 months.



A view of surfacing on the Lalpur to Guldag DBST road

QASIMABAD DBST AND GRAVEL ROAD (5.7km): Progress 41 %

Qasimabad road serves the densely populated villages in Behsud District of Nangarhar with a total population of approx. 12,000 individuals. The road starts from Behsud Bridge passing through Qasimabad, Lajjarage, and Taghar villages and reaches 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 the Kunar River and cropped with rice, wheat, and various types of vegetables. During the reporting period, asphalt paving and construction of structures, sub base filling, and compaction has continued.



A view of the newly constructed Qasimabad road surface in Behsud Nangarhar

CASH-FOR-WORK (CFW) PROJECTS

ADP/E continued working on 34 active CFW projects, employing a total of 2,463 people and generating 24,807 person days during the reporting period*. To date, ADP/E has employed 168,326 people and generated a total of 5.4 million person days worth \$19.7 million in wages paid to villagers.

SUMMARY OF CFW PROJECTS BY PROVINCE

PROVINCE	TOTAL OF APPROVED PROJECTS	PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED PROJECTS	ACTIVE PROJECTS THIS PERIOD	STOPPED PROJECTS	OTHER PENDING APPROVED PROJECTS	PERSON DAYS OF EMPLOYMENT THIS PERIOD*
Nangarhar	123	94	26	1	0	18,920
Laghman	47	41	4	0	0	2,148
Kunar	22	18	3	0	1	2,884
Nuristan	3	1	1	1	0	855
TOTAL	195	154	34	2	1	24,807

* For accounting purposes this number is from February 1-15, 2008

A) NELWY STARTED PROJECTS

i) MASHWANI ROAD IMPROVEMENT CFW-081706

The project is located in the core zone of Bati Kot district of Nangarhar Province and is classified as a high priority project for ADP/E Annual Work Plan 3. The project was formally started on February 25th, 2008. Upon the completion of the project, a total of 15 kilometer road will be improved.

The population benefiting from the road is around 35,000 and an estimated 3,000 hectares of agricultural land. Main activities of the rehabilitation of the road are widening the road up to 6 meters, construction of 29 culverts, a total of 460 meter of retaining wall and surfacing with gravel. This project will provide a total of about 14,717 labor days under the CFW program.



Mashwani road before implementation

ii) MORCHAL RAGA INTAKE & CANAL IMPROVEMENT

The newly started project is located in the transition zone of Nazian District in Nangarhar Province. The project is designed to replace an existing irrigation system which consists of a locally constructed intake. Upon the completion of the project, over 3,000 jeribs (600 hectares) of land serving the farms of about 600 families will be irrigated.

The project will construct a 25m long stone masonry intake wall and 11 lengths of canal protection walls to rehabilitate the irrigation headwork. The main work involved is excavation for



Morchal Intake before construction

structures foundation, construction of 25 meters intake and 365 meters canal protection walls. Consequently, this project will generate a total of about 7,402 labor days under the CFW program.

III) DODARAK MICRO HYDRO POWER PLANT CFW-082002

Located in Dari Noor district of Nangarhar province, this project is classified as high priority project in ADP/E's Annual Work Plan 3. Currently, kerosene lamps and liquefied gas for lighting, which possess great health hazards, are being used by the inhabitants of the project sites. Their poor economic status doesn't let the rural inhabitants afford buying these resources. The use of electric power will greatly improve the lives of the inhabitants'.

The construction of this project will generate around 80 kw of electricity and will target the community with a population of around 10,000. The completion of the project will let each family receive 60 watts of power during the night time. The production of hydro electric power will pave the way for establishment of small micro businesses. The electrical power will be supplied to small business operation centers like tailoring center, carpet weaving and carpentry during the day. The proposed project consists of all civil works related to the micro hydro power plant including construction of one power house, and improvement of the intake (weir) structure for the canal. This project will generate a total of about 2,376 labor days under the CFW program.

IV) KANDI & ALI AKBAR INTAKE AND KARIZ CFW-082002

The project is located in Shinwar District of Nangarhar Province. The existing irrigation system is fed from a locally established intake which is always damaged by floods. The proposed project will facilitate irrigation system for over 2,000 jeribs of land serving the farms of about 800 families.

The project will construct an 85 m long stone masonry and RCC intake (weir) structure with a total length of 390 meters and 350 m long underground channel for Karez water. The structure will provide sufficient water for the irrigated lands on both sides of the wash for both Kandi and Ali Akbar canals. In addition to providing an improved irrigation system, protection of the canal will be attained by the restoration of damaged retaining walls. Completion of the project will generate about 12,433 labor days under the CFW program.



Foundation excavation at progress

V) PEKHA ROAD IMPROVEMENT CFW-081005

The project is located in the transitional zone of Achin District of Nangarhar Province. The 9.8 km road starts from Abdul Khil Bazaar (km 0 + 00) of Achin District, runs through the agricultural lands and passes several populated villages and finally ends at Maktab Bazaar (km 9.8). The road serves 20 villages with a population of about 30,000 people, and about 10,000 jeribs (2000 ha) of agricultural land. The width of present earth road is 4 m which is planned to be widened up to 5 meters. Main activities of this project are scarification, leveling, compaction, construction of 43 new culverts, 1 retaining wall and 4 new causeways. The project will provide a total of 24,012 labor days under the CFW program.

B) NEWLY APPROVED PROJECTS

During the reporting period, one new project, the Zangalian and Kamar Jranda Intake CFW-101407, in Kunar, was approved and its implementation will soon be started after conducting project startup interviews with the district Shura and governmental authorities setting out the ground rules and respective roles and responsibilities.

CASH-FOR-WORK PROJECTS BY PROVINCE

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CODE	% IMPLEMENTED	% IMPLEMENTED	REMARKS
		Feb 15-29, 2008	March 1-15, 2008	
Nangarhar (Roads)				
Mamand Road Improvement	CFW-082306	50%	56 %	ACTIVE
Landy Basawul Road	CFW-081405	70%	80 %	ACTIVE
Dehsarak Road	CFW-081004	60%	70 %	ACTIVE
Sarjal and Kheshko Road	CFW-081906	80 %	88 %	ACTIVE
Baro Soordag Road Improvement	CFW-080903	35 %	40 %	ACTIVE
Chardehi Road Additional Work	CFW-081703	60%	75 %	ACTIVE
Kama Road Structures Improvement	CFW-081802	42%	60%	ACTIVE
Kama Road Surface Improvement	CFW-081803	0%	0%	ACTIVE
Hisarshahi Mazina Road Improvement	CFW-080904	2%	5%	ACTIVE
Hafizan Road Improvement	CFW-080609	3%	8%	ACTIVE
Pekha Road Improvement	CFW-081005	0%	5%	ACTIVE
Mashwani Road Improvement	CFW-081706	0%	55	ACTIVE
Nangarhar (Non Road)				
Sada Canal Intake	CFW-081501	66%	80 %	ACTIVE
Kharbandi and Khawezi Flood Protection Dikes	CFW-081606	80%	86 %	ACTIVE
Grabawa Flood Protection Dikes	CFW-081704	60%	70 %	ACTIVE
Lateral Canal 27 Repair	CFW-081304	90%	100%	COMPLETE
Remodeling of Shamshapore Causeway	CFW-080211	22%	25 %	ACTIVE
Guldara Intake	CFW-080608	72%	85 %	ACTIVE
Zarbacha Canal	CFW-082104	95%	100%	COMPLETE
Salara Yaghiband Intake Canal	CFW-080804	65%	80 %	ACTIVE
Yonus Tangi Pipe Scheme	CFW-081104	6%	6 %	Suspended
Sarobi Chardehi Intake	CFW-081705	60%	65 %	ACTIVE
Lateral Canal 28 Improvement	CFW-081305	60%	70 %	ACTIVE
Pas Sabar Bar Lakhtai Canal Improvement	CFW-080703	68%	71 %	ACTIVE
Tangi Pipe Scheme	CFW-082105	85%	85 %	ACTIVE
Markikhil Micro-Hydro Power Plant	CFW-080409	10%	15%	ACTIVE
Kandi and Ali Akbar Intake	CFW-081306	0%	5%	ACTIVE
Morchal Intake	CFW-081103	0%	5%	ACTIVE
Dudarak Micro Hydro Power	CFW-082002	0%	5%	ACTIVE
Laghman (Road)				
Farmankhil to Aghrabad Road Improvement	CFW-090222	51%	60 %	ACTIVE
Laghman (Non Road)				
Jalaband Intake and Canal project	CFW-090223	40%	55 %	ACTIVE
Warnata Intake and Canal Project	CFW-090307	53%	80 %	ACTIVE
Jui Malang Canal project	CFW-090221	57%	80 %	ACTIVE
Kunar (Road)				
Chomyari Road Improvement	CFW-101508	5%	15%	ACTIVE
Kunar (Non Road)				
Katalam Canal Intake, Norgal	CFW-101406	97%	100 %	COMPLETE
Zarmanday Canal Intake project	CFW-101307	89%	92%	ACTIVE
Narang Loi Canal Improvement	CFW-101206	37%	47 %	ACTIVE
Nuristan (Road)				
Paroon-Pronce gravel road	CFW-300101	35%	35%	Cancelled
Malil Road Project	CFW-300802	35%	37 %	ACTIVE

C. PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT (PSD)

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

- The Accounting/Quick Books Training was completed. As a result of the training, the businesses will be able to easily track their financial transactions and effectively manage day to day business operations.
- Planning continued on the sponsorship of two businesses from Nangarhar to participate in the upcoming food, processing, beverage & bakery technologies fair in Turkey from March 27th to 28th 2008. The two businessmen, accompanied by an ADP/E representative, will have individual meetings with businessmen to find out more about the regional markets, see world class technology and explore ways of developing the quality of their local products.
- ADP/E facilitated, with technical assistance and training, a loan approval from the Afghanistan Rural Finance Center (ARFC) for a private business supported by ADP/E. The business plan of Momand Sehat Chicks for a \$ 30,000 loan to produce day old chicks was developed and submitted to ARFC a month ago. After the review of the ARFC board of directors, the loan was approved and the applicant received the money for 2 years.
- In order to help reach its customers , the PSD team organized and designed an opening ceremony for Riaz Packages Factory attended by more then 120 people from different groups of business including wholesalers, hatcheries, fruit and vegetable growers and other potential buyers of the packages. It officially introduced its products and services to its customers. This factory which was established with the support of ADP/E and ARFC, has the capacity to produce up to 5,000 quality cardboard and wooden packages on a daily basis. Eng. Ghulam Hussain, the owner of the Riaz Packaging Factory said, ***“It was the assistance of ADP/E that enabled us to get a loan for 4 years from ARFC and they also gave us the technical assistance through which our local employees were trained. I can now provide products and services to my countryman, and I am thankful for the effective technical support I have received from ADP/E”***



Employees at Riaz Packaging Factory busy producing cardboard in Jalalabad, Nangarhar

D. GENDER AND MICRO-ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

SUPPORT TO THE PROVINCIAL DIRECTORATES OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS (DoWA)

ADP/E facilitated the celebration of International Women's Day on March 8th in Nangarhar, Kunar, and Laghman provinces. Over 1,500 women participated in the events and local women organizations exhibited their products. ADP/E also supported a provincial media campaign during the week of March 8th. DoWA offices invited local provincial council members, and other provincial leaders to participate in a round table discussion regarding the role of women in Islam that was broadcasted by local television channels.

ADP/E also funded a two-day conference regarding violence against women with special focus on blood and exchange marriages. This event was attended by H.E. Bono Ghanzanfar, Minister of Women's Affairs, the Governor of Nangarhar, official provincial delegates and over 250 participants from Nuristan, Laghman, Nangarhar, Kunar, and Kabul. ADP/E supported this activity within the context of the support that it provides to the DoWAs for the organization of events that address emerging and relevant women's issues.



The Provincial Governor of Nangarhar speaks on the eve of women's day in Jalalabad

SURKHROD PACKING FACILITY

The Minister of Women's Affairs took the opportunity to visit the Sukhrod Packhouse established with ADP/E's support, which is the only facility of its kind in Afghanistan. During this period the Surkhrod Packing Facility processed 3,417 kgs of various high value vegetables as a service for traders from the Jalalabad Fruit and Vegetable Wholesalers Association. Earlier this year, the U.S. Department of the Army Task Force Med had visited the facility and conducted a courtesy Audit on bio-security. The team visited the site again during the reporting period in order to assess the level of progress of the amendments suggested during the first audit.



The Minister of Women's Affairs visiting ADP/E's vegetable packing facility in Jalalabad

FRUIT AND FORESTRY NURSERY

ADP/E women owned fruit and forestry nurseries presented 15,000 forestry trees for women international day to the women affairs departments of Nangarhar, Laghman, and Kunar. The DoWA offices will plant the saplings in local girl's schools and the women's park.

GME also distributed over 18,000 cuttings of various fruit trees to women nursery owners who planted them in 5600 m² land. In addition, ADP/E's Fruit Marketing Program transported and distributed several thousand trees from the women's nurseries to Kunar province, as part of the FIELD Program. Meanwhile, the fruit nursery in Samarkhil has finished land design and its preparations to plant another 100,000 pomegranate cuttings.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Two bread (Naan) Bakeries operated by women in Behsud and Mehtarlam, are now operating in Nangarhar and Laghman provinces. ADP/E provided job training skills and mentoring to the new entrepreneurs, particularly in procurement of raw materials, sales and cost controls. Both of these micro-enterprises are now supplying over 120 households in the communities and are currently negotiating contracts to supply government offices with bread.



A woman working at her ADP/E assisted Bakery in Behsud, Nangarhar

COMMERCIAL VEGETABLE NURSERIES

During the reporting period, ADP/E technicians transplanted 200,000 vegetable seedlings into the demonstration farms. Vegetable seedlings included squash, cucumber, and tomato were planted in Laghman and Nangarhar provinces. Nursery operators of Akhond and Ghondy in Laghman province and Samarkhil, in Nangarhar started producing 150,000 cucumber seedlings. Similarly, nursery operators from Kunar received direct orders from farmers for 120,000 cucumber, pepper, tomato, eggplant, okra and melon seedlings.

GHANIKHAIL COMMUNITY MIDWIFERY TRAINING (CMT)

Since the beginning of March, 19 students aged 18-20, sponsored by ADP/E have started their practice in several local clinics, working with experienced midwives, which will enable them to improve their skills and learn bedside manners.

ADP/E is also providing these students with English language training; to enable students to improve their reading and communication skills, which is relevant considering that many of the texts used during their training are in English. These classes will also help them to fill the registers and other formats developed in English. The students are also receiving computer literacy training, taking advantage of a computer laboratory at the training center.

Gender and Micro-enterprise Development Activities

PROJECT	DATA	KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Directorate of Women's Affairs	DoWA Nangarhar Laghman Kunar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 8 – International women's Day Celebration in 3 provinces and over 2000 women attended the event. • 2 days conference on violence against women
Women's Fruit and Forestry Nursery, Sumarkhail in partnership with RoP	60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100,000 saplings ready for shipment. • 60,000 saplings packed for RoP.
Women-owned Fish Farms	20 Fish farms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going Monitoring • Final Fish Farm Manual submitted for print.
Sukhroad Vegetable & Fruit Packing Facility	15 female operators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 3,500 Kgs processed for Kabul and Dubai markets • 20 kg of Spinghar cheese to KBL markets.
Mentorship Project	200 home based businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retail shoppes opened in Jalalabad. • ToT business trainings • On-going Two Bakery project • Pastry project

III. Required Performance Data

ANNEX I. ADP/E ACTIVITY LEVEL INDICATORS²

Indicator	Added (Bi-weekly)		Target (LOP)	Total LOP (To date)	Target (FY 08)	By province (To date)				By Gender (To date)	
						Nangarhar	Laghman	Kunar	Nuristan	Male	Female
Total Kms irrigation and drainage canals and karezes ADP # km	Previous	5.9	2,631	2,691	2,631	2,452.53	147.12	85.23	-		
	Current	6.1+				2.75	1.74	1.61	-		
	Total	12.0				2,455.28	148.86	86.84	-		
ADP Kms. of rural roads repaired in poppy regions # km	Previous	4.0	548	510	548	399.35	36.00	54.23	10.35		
	Current	10.0+				9.42	0.27	0.19	0.09		
	Total	13.9				408.77	36.27	54.42	10.44		
ADP/E Hectares of improved irrigation as a result of ADP infrastructure works # hec	Previous	-	137,060	134,331	137,060	121,694	7,070	5,291	-		
	Current	276				276	-	-	-		
	Total	276				121,970	7,070	5,291	-		
ADP/E Amount paid in CFW in AL programs USD (\$)	Previous	145,972	20,592,363	19,751,727	20,592,363	15,484,973	2,911,425	914,928	332,244	17,794,724	1,848,848
	Current	108,156*				81,294	10,254	12,687	3,922	105,123	3,033
	Total	254,129				15,566,267	2,921,679	927,615	336,166	17,899,847	1,851,881
ADP/E Afghans paid through CFW salaries #	Previous	133	174,000	168,326 ²	174,000	153,478	11,247	2,807	721	146,783	21,470
	Current	73*				13	33	27	-	71	2
	Total	206				153,491	11,280	2,834	721	146,854	21,472
ADP/E Total labor days for CFW #	Previous	23,128	5,767,708	5,437,167	5,767,708	4,353,129	746,164	223,594	89,473	4,874,331	538,029
	Current	24,807*				18,920	2,148	2,884	855	24,057	750
	Total	47,935				4,372,049	748,312	226,478	90,328	4,898,388	538,779
Afghans trained in business skills #	Previous	45	7,000	7,712	7,000	5,616	1,340	654	22	3,209	4,423
	Current	80				71	7	2	-	48	32
	Total	125				5,687	1,347	656	22	3,257	4,455
Farmers trained in agricultural practices in targeted poppy provinces under ADP #	Previous	-	120,000	108,246	120,000	62,395	28,257	17,571	1	104,528	3,696
	Current	22				-	-	22	-	-	22
	Total	22				62,395	28,257	17,593	1	104,528	3,718
Farmers receiving seed and fertilizer #	Previous	7,832	177,961	215,939	177,961	126,211	47,062	37,166	4,000	214,439	-
	Current	1,500				500	500	500	-	1,500	-
	Total	9,332				126,711	47,562	37,666	4,000	215,939	-

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

³ This figure is a sum of "top number" of persons worked on all CFW projects

+This is an estimate based on percentage completed.

* For accounting purposes, this period is Feb 1-15, 2008

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