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# PROMOTING VALUE CHAINS - WESTERN AFGHANISTAN (PVC-WEST)

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\$19 Million

## **OVERVIEW**

Promoting Value Chains–West (VC–W) strengthens the capabilities of micro, small, and medium-sized private enterprises to effectively link Afghan farmers to domestic and international markets. The project improves the quality of production, marketing, and after-sales service of wheat, high-value crops, and livestock in Badghis, Farah, Herat, and Nimroz Provinces. VC–W also trains staff at the Provincial Directorates of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (P/DAIL) on sustainable value chain development and management.

## ACTIVITIES

- Establish close partnerships with the private sector, the government, and non-governmental organizations through public-private partnerships
- Facilitate and stimulate agribusiness development for local entrepreneurs, especially female entrepreneurs, through a project innovation fund
- Train farmers and businesses on post-harvest, processing, and marketing to add value to agricultural produces
- Build a network and create a directory of input suppliers and service providers linked with the Chambers of Commerce in target provinces
- Link farmers with traders, and traders with domestic and international markets
- Build the capacity of agribusinesses to comply with international market requirements

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Three hundred farmers and others applied improved technologies or management practices
- Provided technical assistance to 20 private enterprises to improve business performance
- Trained more than 1,000 individuals on short-term agricultural sector productivity or food security
- Thirty-four agribusinesses applied new technologies or improved management practices
- As part of drought emergency response, supported almost 16,000 agricultural households with concentrated animal feeds
- As part of drought emergency response, supplied some 11,000 agricultural households with certified wheat seeds and fertilizer
- Trained nearly 15,900 out of 20,000 farmers on livestock and 10,560 received training in agriculture in targeted provinces and districts

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