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REGIONAL AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM NORTH (RADP-NORTH)

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OVERVIEW

The Regional Agricultural Development Program-North (RADP-North) is a five year sustainable agriculture development program, which works in six provinces of the Northern region (Jowzjan, Balkh, Samangan, Baghlan, Kunduz and Badakhshan) in support of US Government and GIRoA economic development objectives. RADP-North is focusing on investing in increased sustainability and profitability of selected value chains for wheat, high value crops, and livestock to provide food and economic security for rural Afghans in the targeted provinces. To achieve this, the program strengthens farmers' knowledge and skills on improved wheat, high value crop, and livestock production techniques. These activities enable farmers to better market their products to generate more income for their families. RADP-North also engages the private sector to

advocate for national policy reforms that help rather than hinder growth in the sector.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the RADP-North is to improve food and economic security for rural Afghans in targeted areas, through focusing on improving the productivity and profitability of targeted value chains to be selected from among the wheat, high-value crop, and livestock sectors.

ACTIVITIES

- **Wheat:** Improve productivity of wheat cultivation to reduce farmers' losses, improve food security and boost household incomes.
- **High-Value Crops:** Invest strategically in grape and raisin, melon, dried fruits and nuts production to strengthen the market competitiveness and environmental sustainability of Afghan goods.
- **Livestock:** Support farmers in maximizing the opportunities for improving the conditions and environmental impacts associated with small ruminants (goats and sheep).
- **Enabling Environment:** Promote dialogue among Afghan Government officials and local producers, processors and traders to identify opportunities for improving the quantity and quality of Afghan goods; increasing market access and strengthening relevant local and/or provincial policies to better support the needs of farmers and agribusinesses.
- **Gender:** Develop broad and comprehensive strategies for gender integration across the project and empower women through targeted activities, such as nutrition training.
- **Alternative Development:** Promote crop diversification, increase rural household incomes and employment and improve food security while also introducing alternatives to poppy farming in specific areas.
- **Access to Finance:** Link farmer associations, processors, retailers, traders and other agribusinesses to financial institutions to facilitate financial support and give stakeholders the ability to invest in their own growth.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 49,283 people trained in agricultural productivity or food security.
- 38,143 households benefited from agriculture and alternative development interventions.
- 579 agriculture-related firms and business supported to improve their management practices and business profitability.
- 956 public and private sector extension workers trained on new techniques to improve production and increase marketability.
- 33,099 farmers and others have applied new technologies or management practices.
- 37,730 hectares under improved technologies or management practices.
- 5,892 of target households and agribusinesses engaged in nutrition-sensitive agriculture activities.
- 25,977,267 dollars earned for target commodities by farmers and agri-businesses.
- 3,423 hectares with increased high value crop production as a result of USG assistance.

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