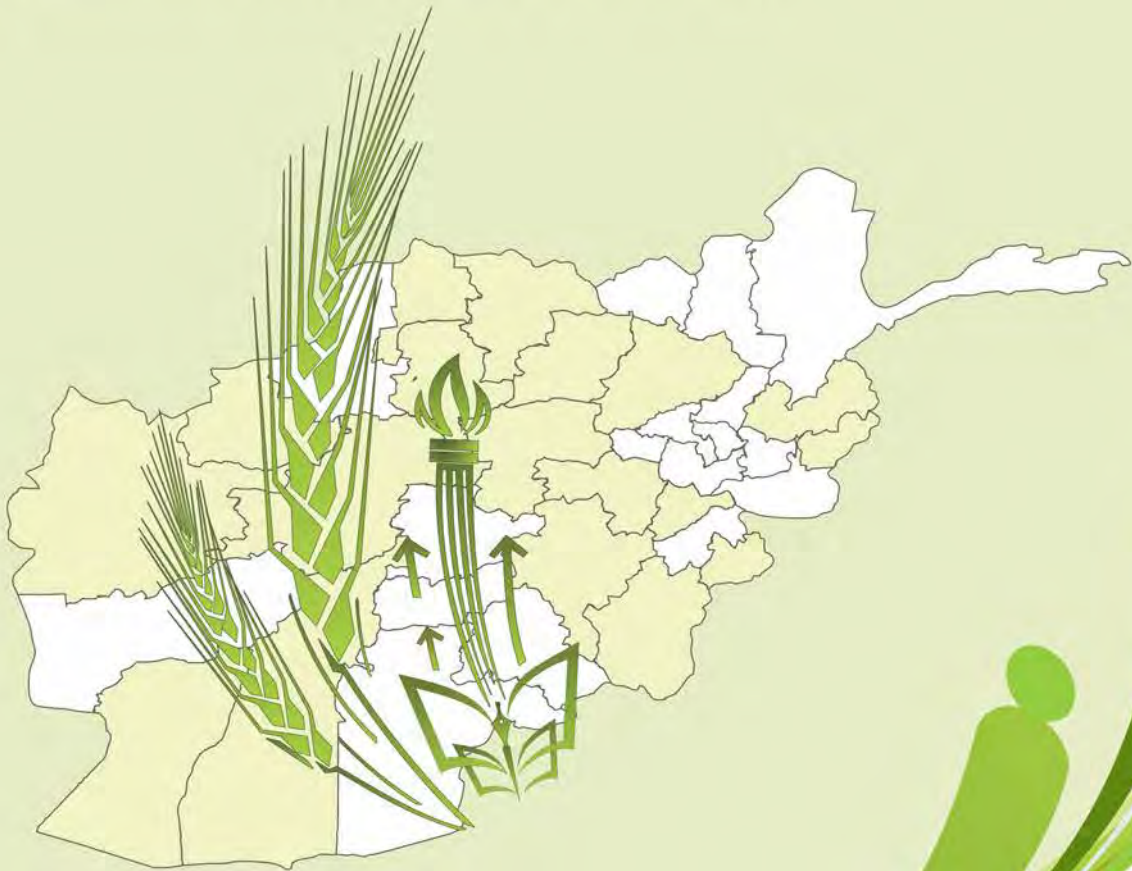




MONITORING REPORT OF
COMMUNITY RESILIENCE-PEACE INTERVENTION,
LIVELIHOOD, WOMEN PEACE AND SECURITY AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY, URUZGAN

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Introduction:

The Afghan Development Association (ADA), M&E and Internal Audit Unit planned to monitor all ongoing projects across the targeted provinces during 2015 on regular bases. As part of this annual plan, a mission had been carried out to monitor the NCA funded project "Community Resilience-Peace Intervention, Livelihood, Women Peace Security and Renewable Energy" that is being implemented in Tirinkot and Dehrawod districts of Uruzgan province.

Monitoring Team:

The monitoring team consisted of the following staff:

- Mr. A. Malik Rahmani, Monitoring, Evaluation and Internal Audit Unit Head
- Mr. Ghulam Sakhi Ludin, Agriculture and Livestock Sector Head

Objectives of the Mission:

The main objective of the mission was:

1. To monitor the progress of Community Resilience-Peace Intervention, Livelihood, Women Peace Security and Renewable Energy is being implemented in Uruzgan province.

Methodology of Monitoring:

The following steps were followed during the monitoring mission:

1. Site visit
2. Individual meetings/interviews with officials and project beneficiaries

Summary of the Mission:

The mission started from Kabul on 14th June 2015 to Uruzgan province (Tirinkot) by air and completed on 17th June 2015. According to the plan, at 11:00am of the first day of the mission a meeting was held with the Acting Provincial/Project Manager Mr. Nasrullah (the Provincial Manager was out of office for officially attending a capacity building training workshop in Kabul) and other project staff to share the monitoring objective with them and finalize the action plan for site visit.

On 14th June 2015 the monitoring team had a joint meeting with project staff such as, Acting Project Manager, Project Officers and Admin/Finance Officer. The main objectives of the meetings were to hear about the progress of project activities, coordination with local authorities and challenges. In addition, a plan was prepared for the field visit.

Project Background:

Afghan Development Association (ADA) has been implementing different projects funded by NCA in Uruzgan province. The current project "Community Resilience-Peace Intervention, Livelihood, Women Peace Security and Renewable Energy" is one package covering five different parts such as, 1. Peace Building and Conflict Mitigation 2. Literacy, 3. Promoting Livelihood, 4. Women Empowerment through Skill Trainings and 5. Rural Electrification of Remote Villages, Solar in two districts of Uruzgan province.

The overall objective of the project is "**sustainable development and peace in Afghanistan is promoted by building resilient communities**". The current trend of the project implementation and the observations show that the project will have maximum contribution to the overall objective by the project end date (i.e. December 2015).

Activities during the monitoring mission:

According to the action plan the following two main activities have been carried out:

- 1- Meeting with project staff and discussion about the project progress and challenges against the project activities.
- 2- Site visit for observation of literacy classes, progress of coops construction and animal clinic.

1- Meetings held:

On the first day of the monitoring mission, a meeting was held with acting project manager and other senior and technical staff of the project. Project progress has been discussed and the project officers explained the progress of their relevant project briefly. They explained that all five sectors of the program are progressing according to the plan. The project staff have also pointed out the challenges they are facing, they added that insecurity, expectations of the provincial authorities, reduction in budget and consequently changes in the planned activities were the main challenges.

Demo plots harvest:

According to the information provided by Agriculture Extension Agent; all wheat demo plots were harvested both in Tirinkot and Dehrawod districts. In Ghulam village four demos were established, the yield of two demos; 1 and 2 was 787.5Kg/2000M² each and the two others 3 and 4 were 855Kg/2000M² each and the yield of Charamgar village demos 5 and 6 were 911.25Kg/2000M² each. The yield of six demos in Dehrawod was also different with one another. The yield of demos 7 and 8 were 573.5 Kg/2000M² each, demo No. 9, 10 were 630Kg/2000M² each and demos 11 and 12 were 810Kg/2000M² each. It is worth mentioning that 20% (1,827Kg) of the total yield belonged to farmers, 1,411Kg was used to cover other expenses such as threshing, reaping and Mehrab and a total of 3,376 Kg net production (wheat) belonged to ADA in Tirinkot and (2,520Kg) wheat in Dehrawod district.

Literacy:

All four literacy classes were active; three classes in Tirinkot and one class in Dehrawod. In total 50 students were enrolled, 36 students in Tirinkot and 14 in Dehrawod, (26 students of two classes in Tirinkot and 14 students of one class in Dehrawod belonged to women empowerment (poultry) project). The percentage presence of students on average in all classes was 75%. The students progressed the text books till page 33, 62 and 81 in different classes. It is worth mentioning that the attendance sheet and progress of literacy education books existed at the classes, but not maintained properly as required. While, all the necessary facilities (equipment, materials, stationary and etc.) provided to all classes both in Tirinkot and Dehrawod districts.

Solar panel:

Survey for solar panel in (6) villages; Mosazai, Shabrang (Garmab), Hujrah, Hendogak (Safedkhar), Khanan (Sarmurghab) and Karanai (Khanaga) of Tirinkot were completed. A total of 200 beneficiaries were identified and selected. The survey in Dehrawod due to security concerns was not yet started. The survey team was consisted of ADA and government representatives.

Peace building and conflict mitigation:

In peace building and conflict mitigation section training on peace building and conflict mitigation was in progress both in Tirinkot and Dehrawod districts. A total of 215 people trained, which includes 80 teachers, 135 CDC members and religious leader. So far five training workshops conducted (three in Tirinkot for 115 participants and two trainings in Dehrawod for a total no. Of 100 participants).

2- Site Visit:

During the mission, three sites were visited on 15th and 16th of June 2015:

- **Literacy class:** The monitoring team visited the following literacy classes:

1. Two women classes in Ghulaman Kalacha
2. One women class in Charamgar village

The observation of literacy classes both in Ghulaman Kalacha and Charamgar village has been carried out on 15th of June 2015. During the visit students and teacher were present in the class and the classes were progressing. The progress of basic literacy book in the female class of 1 (10 students) in Ghulaman Kalacha was up to page 81 and the other class 2 (13 students) was up to page 62, while the progress of basic literacy book in class 3 in Charemgar village was taught up to page 33 which looks behind the plan. The percentage absence of the students in Ghulaman Kalacha classes was 28% (in one class 15% while in other 40%), but the absence in Charamgar class was 10%. Also the attendance sheet and education progress of literacy books were not followed up during classes properly. In addition, 26 students of literacy classes were also the beneficiaries of women empowerment (poultry training) program.

According to the plan, the poultry training was conducted for the poultry beneficiaries. Although due to the low level of education, some of the beneficiaries were not able to catch all the points in the poultry classes (as shared by at least one beneficiary) but still the overall impression was good.

- **Poultry coops:**

During the monitoring visit of literacy classes the coops construction progress and activities were also observed. The construction activities were going on according to plan and 80% of coops construction work completed, while, the wire mesh and windows were not provided to the beneficiaries yet.

- **Veterinary Clinic:**

According to the plan two veterinary clinics were established in Tirinkot and Dehrawod districts (one in each district). Each clinic was led by a para-vet also the veterinary clinic in Tirinkot district was functional. Four items of different vaccines and animal medicines were provided to the clinic. A registration book was available at the clinic too. According to the register book until 15th June 2015 a total of 1487 animals were vaccinated (sheep fax 884, ATV 300, anthrax 203 and PPR 100) and a total of 376 animals were treated in Tirinkot clinic during the months of May and June 2015. The frame of artificial insemination for cow was available in the clinic as well.

According to a telephonic conversation with Dehrawod para-vet (animal clinic in-charge) a total of 935 animals were vaccinated and a total 1216 animals were treated during the months of May and June 2015.

Observations: The following issues need attention:

- 1) The literacy project in-charge's (literacy officer) communication and coordination with government department was not satisfactory and had less follow-up with female literacy classes that some time was causing negligence by the literacy teachers in teaching as well as in the attendance of students. Secondly, due to security concerns in the recent months there was less contact with literacy staff in Dehrawod district of Uruzgan.

- 2) The poultry training to the beneficiaries and site visit by the literacy/women empowerment project officer were not regular.
- 3) Frequently revision of the action plan and reduction of budget by NCA (related donor) affected the progress of the project.

Recommendations:

- 1) The literacy and poultry training officers (female staff) should get in touch with literacy teachers and beneficiaries on regular basis and should have frequent visits to the classes. Their official activities should be followed up by the project manager and provincial manager on regular bases.
- 2) A record book should be provided to all literacy classes. Each of the visitors including: project officer, manager, sector head, monitors and government representative should register their observation in the record book with the exact date and time.
- 3) If the wire mesh provided to the beneficiaries at the commencement of construction activity of the coops that will have positive role in speeding up of coops construction and encouragement of the beneficiaries.
- 4) The revised budget and action plan for the project activities should be finalized both by NCA and ADA and shared with Uruzgan project staff ASAP.

Project information

Project Name	Community Resilience-Peace Intervention, Livelihood, Women Peace Security and Renewable Energy
Project Location	Tirinkot and Dehrawod districts of Uruzgan province
Project Sector	Agriculture/Livestock
Source of Funding	Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)
Approved Budget	US\$ 376,913
Start Date	01 st January 2015
End Date	31 st December 2015

Overall Goal:

“Sustainable development and peace in Afghanistan is promoted by building resilient communities”

Expected Outcome 1: Local capacities for peace are mobilized in order to prevent and transform destructive conflicts		
Outputs	Indicators	Achievement
Existing Community Development Councils (CDCs) are mobilized	1- No. Of CDCs involve in conflict prevention and transformation. 2- No. Of CDC members participated in 5 a day technical training on peace building and	9 CDCs were involved in conflict prevention and transformation 135 CDCs members trained in

	conflict resolution (PCCR)	peace building and CR
CDCs, WASH committees, solar engineers and farmer cooperatives' capacity and skills of peace building and conflict mitigation improved and their awareness of rights increased	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- % Of change in participants skills and awareness on peace building and conflict resolution 2- No. Of members from these structures who use the newly gained skills in peace building and conflict resolution 	
Peace council established in each district for coordination and conflict intervention consisting of: key actors, CDCs members, provincial peace council and DDA members	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- No. Of gathering organized by peace council 2- CDC members, religious and traditional leaders, provincial council and government authorities acknowledgement improvement in the relationship 	
Activities	Achievement	Remarks
Meeting with National Solidarity Program (NSP) for coordination of involvement of CDCs in peace building.	Members of nine CDCs were involved in peace building project through coordination with NSP	
Meeting with Provincial Education Director, provincial Haj and Religious Affairs Directorate and head of nine new communities	Introduction meetings were held with Education Directorate and Haj and Religious Affairs Directorate representatives	
Training and capacity building of CDCs on peace building and conflict mitigation skills including issues of rights	135 CDCs members were trained in Peace building and conflict mitigation issues	
Training and capacity building of school teachers and students on peace building and conflict mitigation skills including issues of rights	80 teacher were trained in peace building and conflict mitigation issues	
Refresh/follow-up training to participants of old and new communities		
Provision of peace education at schools		

Joint district level peace gathering among CDCs, DDA, local government, CSOs and religious and traditional leaders.		
Outcome 2		
Traditional and religious leaders at all levels are challenged to address key drivers of conflict		
Outputs	Indicators	Achievement
Capacity of religious and traditional leaders on peace building and conflict mitigation skills and awareness on human rights improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1- No. Of training sessions organized for religious and traditional actors on peace building, conflict mitigation. 2- % Of religious and traditional leader satisfied or very satisfied with the trainings 3- %Changes in participants peace building and conflict mitigation skills awareness 	15 religious leader participated in five training session.
Relationship among religious and traditional leaders, government authorities, PPC and CDCs increased and opportunities for sharing experiences provided through exposure visits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1- No. Of meetings arranged between religious and traditional leaders and PPC and CDC members and government officials on district and provincial levels 2- No. Of religious and traditional leaders participated in exposure visits. 	
Religious and traditional leaders advocate and communicate community issues with duty bearers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1- No. Of community issues raised by the traditional and religious leaders with the duty bearers 2- Provincial government official have been engaged in regular advocacy meetings and refer to evidence and case studies produced by this projects. 	
Activities	Achievements	Remarks
Organized introductory meetings with provincial peace council and government authorities and liking religious and traditional leaders to	An introductory meeting was held with provincial peace council, women affairs, Haj and religious affairs,	16 representatives of governments departments attended the planned meeting in Tirinkot

the provincial peace council and local government institute	education, economy and justice departments representatives	
Training and capacity building of religious and traditional leaders	15 traditional leaders trained in peace building	
Conducting coordination meetings of traditional and religious leaders with duty bearers		
Provision of opportunities for traditional and religious leaders to share their peace building experience at district, provincial and national level		
Expected Outcome 3: Women are empowered to influence and participate in peace building activities		
Outputs	Indicators	Achievement
Right holders have acquired basic reading and writing skills	1- No. Of rights holders who completed literacy education 2- % Of targeted population who can read and write	
Right holders awareness on peace, health & hygiene and human rights increased	1- No. Of participants (literacy students) attend workshop on peace, hygiene and sanitation 2- Change in participants knowledge of health, hygiene, peace and human rights	
Activities	Achievements	Remarks
Organize 4 literacy classes for women CDCs, SHG and women peace shora or other existing women groups in community	4 literacy classes were established for women, 40 beneficiary of women empowerment were enrolled in literacy classes	Three in Tirinkot and one in Dehrawod
Conduct workshop on teaching methodology	One day methodology workshop conducted by ADA head of capacity building and training sector head	
Conduct workshops on peace, hygiene, sanitation and rights to literacy students		Since the hygiene, sanitation and rights issues are part of the literacy book and will be discussed during the literacy education, therefore, this activity is not budgeted separately

Expected Outcome 4: Women and men have diversified and increased their income		
Outputs	Indicators	Achievement
Farmers products diversified through use of new technologies and methods	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- No. Of farmers received agriculture trainings and apply new technics. 2- No. Of new demonstration facilities, kitchen gardens, nurseries and orchards established. 3- No. Of irrigation structures constructed and hectors of land and canal secured. 4- No. Of women received training on tomato paste production. 	
Livestock owners gained knowledge on productive and improved livestock rearing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- No. Of people trained as Para-vets disaggregated by gender. 2- No. Of veterinary clinics and mobile units active. 3- No. Of animal owners received animal husbandry awareness and training 	Two animal clinics were functional in Tirinkot and Dehrawod
Organized farmer cooperatives and self-help groups for better management of productivity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- No. Of cooperatives established and registered 2- No. Of cooperatives received improved agriculture inputs. 3- No. Of farmers received micro loan 4- No. Of farmer trained in conflict resolution 	
Women self-help groups (SHGs) organized and strengthened to have access to diversified income sources	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- No. Of SHG/cooperatives established 2- No. Of women who completed functional literacy education. 3- No. Of women trained on business skills 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Four literacy classes (where each one represent one SHG) established 2. The literacy education is in progress 3.Poultry beneficiaries were provided training on poultry related issues

Activities	Achievements	Remarks
Construction of on farm irrigation structures	No. Of 5 on farm irrigation structures were identified	Construction work was not yet started
Agriculture inputs distribution to farmers' cooperative members	N/A	
Establishment of green houses	N/A	
Livestock activities (vaccination/treatment) and conduct animal husbandry trainings	According to the registration book until 15 th June 2015 total of (1,487) animals were vaccinated and total of (376) animals were treated in Tirinkot clinic, while, total of (935) animals were vaccinated and total of (12,16) animals were treated in Dehrawod clinic.	Vaccines used (Sheep Fax, ATV, Anthrax and PPR)
Poultry rearing training for women	40 women were trained in poultry rearing	26 in Tirinkot and 14 in Dehrawod
Distribution of pullets for women	N/A	
Expected Outcome 5: Communities have secured sustainable access to renewable energy		
Outputs	Indicators	Achievement
Rural households are using electricity from renewable energy sources	1- No. Of households in target communities got access to solar energy lighting.	.
Maintenance and repair services system for the use of renewable energy in place	1- No. Of REW Rural Electricity Workshop established. 2- No. Of male and female trained in operation and maintain of renewable energy structure and system, literacy, conflict mitigation on energy source.	
Trees planted by solar beneficiaries in and or around their houses	No. Of trees planted by solar beneficiaries in or around their houses.	
Activities	Achievements	Remarks

Training techniques of installation, repairing and maintenance (one workshops for two individuals)	The training was completed last year for 2014 solar	
Follow up of revolving loans and selection of new beneficiaries (barefoot solar engineers-BSEs)	The revolving loan transferred to Faryab province	
Installation of solar panels in selected households (400) not delivered in 2014 and (250) household in 2015.	Survey was conducted only in Tirinkot district for the distribution of 200 panels of previous phase (2014 program)	

General Checklist:

Project staff hired?	Project staff were hired and were present in their duties
Project staff present in the site?	The appointed staff were available in the project office (Tirinkot and Dehrawod)
Equipment/Material available?	Necessary office equipment and materials were available
Working relationship between community and the project staff	Relation between ADA project staff and target community was good and the community members looked cooperative
Community participation and contribution	Community representative participated in most of the project activities as survey, selection of beneficiaries, identification and selection of on-farm structures, space contribution for the literacy classes etc.
Working relationship with other stakeholders (Local Government, UN Agencies and NGOs)	Work relation with local government related department was good; the MoU was approved and signed by the related departments, monthly PDC meetings were attended by ADA representatives.

Main challenges, problems and shortages observed during the monitoring mission:

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Recommendations and Solutions:

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A view of meeting with provincial staff, Tirinkot, Uruzgan



A view of literacy class (Class No. 1) in Ghulaman Kalacha, which shows 60% students are unavailable

A view of literacy + women empowerment class (Class No. 2) in Ghulam Kalacha, which indicates 85% of students' presence



A view of literacy class (Class No. 3) in Charamger Village, which shows 90% of students' availability



A view of coop construction activity was in progress in Charamger village, Tirinkot

A view of coop construction activity was completed 90% in Ghulam Kalacha



A view of coop construction activity was completed 90 %

Photos of Animal Clinic, in Tirinkot

