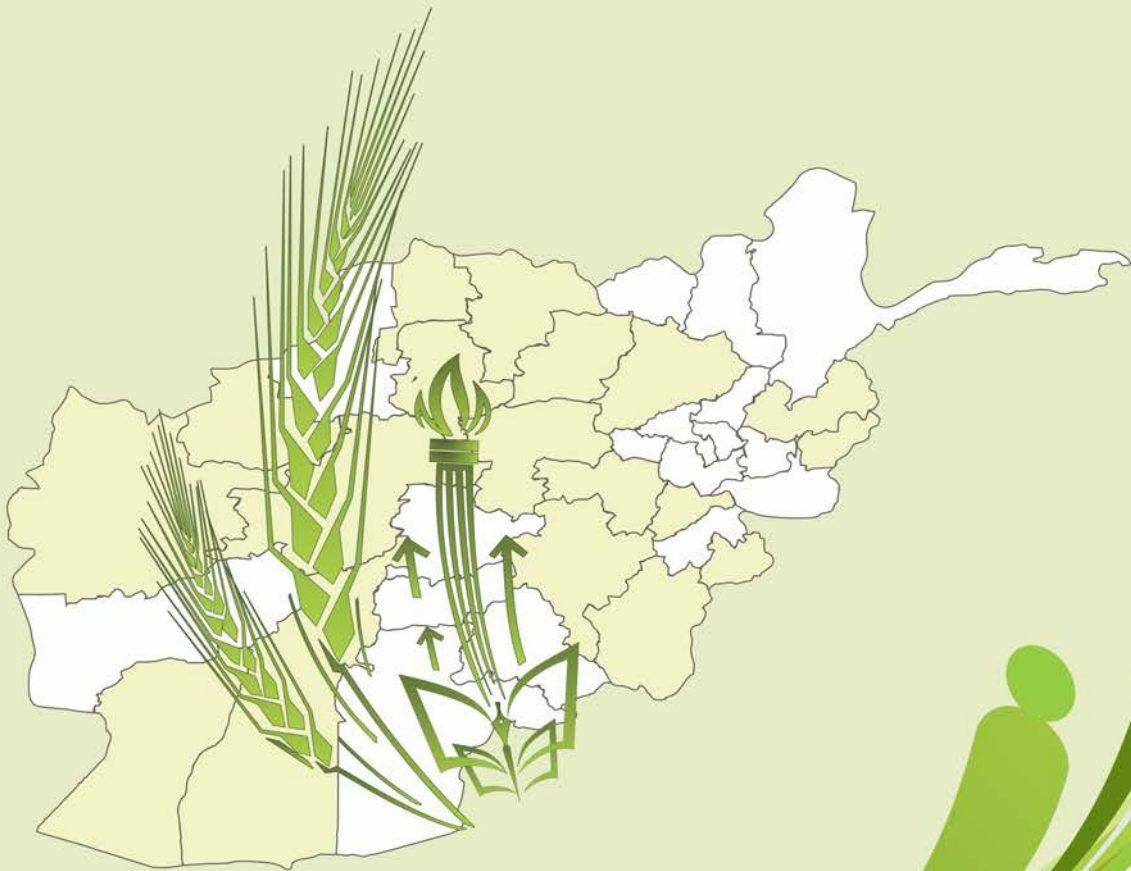




**MONITORING REPORT OF  
REGIONAL AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -  
SOUTH (RADP-S)**

# Afghan Development Association

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**Introduction:**

The Afghan Development Association (ADA), M&E and Internal Audit Unit planned to monitor all ongoing projects across the target provinces during 2015 on regular bases. According to this plan, a mission had been carried out to monitor the Regional Agricultural Development Program South (RADP-S) project, which is being implemented in 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, Agriculture and Livestock Sector Head

**Objectives of the Mission:**

The main objectives of the mission were:

- To know the progress of RADP-S project, Uruzgan

**Methodology of Monitoring:**

The following steps were followed during the monitoring mission:

1. Review of project documents and action plan
2. Individual meetings/interviews with officials and beneficiaries
3. Site visit

**Summary of the Mission:**

The mission started from Kabul on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015 to Uruzgan province (Tirinkot) by air and completed on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015. According to the plan a meeting was held with Provincial Director (Eng. Rahimullah) and other provincial staff at ADA Uruzgan office to share the mission objective and prepare an action plan for the project site visit.

During the mission we had separate and joint meetings with project staff. The main objectives of the meetings were to hear about the progress of project activities, coordination with local authority, challenges against the project implementation and plan for field visit.

**Project Background:**

Afghan Development Association (ADA) as a Key Implementing Partner (KIP) with Chemonics in RADP-S project has been implementing the activities in three southern provinces such as, Kandahar, Zabul and Uruzgan.

The overall objective of RADP-S project is “to improve food and economic security for rural Afghans in the targeted areas of Helmand, Kandahar, and Zabul provinces. Focus will be on improving the production and productivity for targeted value chains to be selected from wheat, high-value crop and livestock sectors. This sustainable agricultural development program will support the consolidation of licit economies to fuel economic growth, including providing alternatives to poppy cultivation” which will be achieved through proper activities mentioned in the proposal during the five year project period.

**Activities during the monitoring mission:**

According the action plan during the mission two main activities have been done;1) meetings held with “Regional Agricultural Development Program - South (RADP-S) project” director and other technical staff to know about the project progress and challenges and 2) site visit to observe two demo plots established in Tori and Talani villages of Tirinkot district.

**Meetings held:**

During the monitoring mission, a meeting was held with RADPS project staff including Director of Uruzgan Province RADP-S project and Value Chain Specialists. The main agenda of the meeting was progress of the project, challenges and plan for site visit.

**Project progress:**

The progress of project was according to the plan. The main focus of the staff was on the conduction and completion of training workshop for farmers and collection of post-harvest data from each demo by lead farmer and follow-up of activities with lead farmers. Wheat was harvested in all 13 plots, the result of wheat yield was good and the lead farmer were happy with the result.

Percentage growth of fruit trees sapling at all demos as an average was 80%, 6 demonstration plots were established in Tirinkot, 3 demonstration plots in Chorah district and 4 demonstration plots in Dehrawod district of Uruzgan province. Also the farmers' training was in progress in all districts.

The main challenge against the project implementation was insecurity and fighting between insurgents and Afghan National Security forces in Uruzgan, especially, in Dehrawod district as well as the movement between provincial headquarter (Trinkot) and districts was risky. There was also another issue which was raised by the staff was shortage of office supply and late provision of equipment and material by Chemonics for all offices being functional for RADP-S activities.

**Site visit:**

The monitoring team has visited two demo plots in Talani and Tori villages and had brief discussion with lead farmers (Mr. Janan at Talani village and with Mr. Juma Khan in Tori village) about the demo plots and trainings.

Both lead farmers were happy with the trainings and result of wheat harvest, the yield of wheat demo in Talani was 279Kg/260M2 and in Tori the yield was 248 Kg/360M2, while the local wheat seed result was 132Kg/360M2 and 150Kg/360M2. The growth of fruit tree sapling in Talani demo was 80% and in Tori demo was 77%. The growth % of peach and almond was very low. It is good mentioning that alfalfa and onion were cultivated in the demo plots too.

Also the Lead farmers in both Talani and Toori villages' were happy with theoretical and practical trainings at demo plots they learned more about the new system and verities of fruit tree sapling in the said villages of Tirinkot district of Uruzgan province.

The demo plot was established in 2000M2 agricultural land and was divided to three part; one for horticulture (fruit trees) demonstration, another for wheat demonstration and a part of land was allocated for green house which was not yet established. A total of 93 saplings were planted; 53 as a demonstration orchard and 40 as a nursery (Apricot (Nari and Charmaghzi), Almond (Starbayee, Bakhmali, cardinal), Peach (flowerpot), Plum (Pormusa and Grangaej), Figs (Labonese and Vista), Pomegranate (Wonderful and early wonderful) and Grapes (Kishmishi- Kandahary, Haita and Shendokhani).

**Main challenges**

- 1- Movement of project staff between Uruzgan and Kandahar and between Tirinkot and other districts was the main challenges due to recent insecurity and fighting between insurgents and ANA & ANP
- 2- Long process of procurement and late provision of equipment and materials for project district offices by Chemonics was another challenge, which affected activities. For instance, late provision of saplings for demo-plats will affect the growth of saplings. Also necessary facilities (equipment and materials) for office were not yet provided as they are required for field offices.

**Recommendations and Solutions:**

- 1- The travel of staff between Tirinkot and Kandahar also between the districts for official activities should be reduced for sometimes until the security situation improves at the targeted area. Also the secure points before and during the travel should be highlighted and considered by the staff in the field.

2- The issue of late provision of necessary material and equipment should be discussed with Chemonics at central level.

### Project Activities Photos



A view of sample of wheat cultivated in Tori demo plot in Tirinkot district of Uruzgan province



A view of sapling of figs at Tori demo plot, which is being cultivated in Tori village of Tirinkot district



A view of Alfalfa being cultivated in a demo plot in Tori village of Tirinkot district



A view of discussion with Talani lead farmer at Talani demo plot of Tirinkot district