

Illustrative Project Experience Record

This Illustrative Project Experience Record provides examples of GPFA's work. A complete, up-to-date listing of GPFA's projects is available upon request.

Developing Enterprises:

❖ **Private and Community Forestry for Natural Resources Management**

Donor: United States Agency for International Development

Project Value: 1,729,979 USD. **Duration:** 01/06-12/09.

Project Description: In 2006, the USAID awarded a two-year grant to Cornell International Institute for Food, Agriculture and Development (CIIFAD) and GPFA to support this Poplar Woodlot Enterprise Project. The project integrated new and improved farming skills with access to much needed resources and technology, including community-based natural resource management (CBNRM) practices.

Direct Outcomes: By 2008, almost 700,000 hybrid poplars were planted, largely by private farmers. During the same period, more than 150 farmers in four provinces (Kabul, Logar, Paktya and Wardak) established small tree-based enterprises.

Indirect Outcomes: A model was created for tree-based enterprises, which (a) incorporates modern agricultural practices, (b) can be replicated for as little as 2,000 USD per farmer, (c) increases tree cover through market incentives, and (d) enhances community-based natural resource management.

❖ **The Regeneration of the Fruit and Nut Production Sector in Afghanistan – Provinces of Kabul, Wardak, Logar, and Paktya**

Donor: European Commission

Project Value: 748,328 EU. **Duration:** 01/08-12/11.

Project Description: GPFA and the European Union are partnering to modernize and revitalize nursery and orchard businesses in four districts of Kabul, Logar, Paktya and Wardak Provinces. Project-established fruit and nut tree cluster areas are helping to increase job opportunities, rural incomes, and farm production. Focus is on improving farmer agricultural practices, market knowledge, and technology, while helping to more effectively connect production and marketing segments - suppliers, growers, wholesalers, and traders.

Direct Outcomes: Regeneration of 1,000 hectares of fruit and nut tree orchards in four cluster areas resulting in the production of 20,000 tons of high quality commercial fruit and nuts. Participating nurseries will eventually supply 1,000 private orchards with quality stock. Many of these have been neglected for the past thirty years.



Building Infrastructure:

- ❖ **Water Channels and Karez Cleaning**
Donor: Commanders Emergency Relief Program – CERP/Wardak
Project Value: 85,000 USD. **Duration:** 1 Year.

Project Description: Project included the cleaning and rehabilitation of 17 above ground water channels and underground karez in 19 villages in three districts of Wardak – Sayed Abad, Jalrez, and Chak.

Direct Outcomes: These projects have impacted the lives of more than 9,000 families. In addition, 437 local residents have been temporarily employed. Per channel, 22% more irrigated land is now available for farming. A total of USD 52,245 was injected directly into village economies through payments to local workers and suppliers.

Supporting Communities:

- ❖ **Women Working Together - Sayed Abad District, Wardak Province**
Donor: US State Department
Project Value: 100,000 USD. **Duration:** 10/2010 – 10/2011.

Project Description: This project builds on an existing network established previously with GPFA and CERP Wardak funding to expand women's activities in the conflict ridden district of Sayed Abad in southern Wardak.

Direct Outcomes: The project is developing a network of 300 women across Sayed Abad District and funding 75 income-generating activities (IGAs). 200-300 additional IGAs are being funded from related sources.

Strengthening Institutions:

- ❖ **Forestry and Woodlot Support Program - Albironi University Dept. of Agriculture**
Donor: Commander's Emergency Relief Program – CERP/Kapisa (Bagram)
Project Value: 199,000 USD. **Duration:** 1 Year.

Project Summary: This project represents the first year of a multi-year effort to improve practical agricultural education at Albironi University in Kapisa Province. GPFA is working with the university to establish a research and demonstration farm and community outreach program, sponsor technical workshops and exchanges, and to introduce new curriculum content and field applications.

Direct Outcomes: Establishment of field-based training facilities for agriculture students at Albironi. Facilities benefit more than 400 agriculture students per year as well as local farmers who benefit from the project's extension services and faculty who participate in on-farm and off-campus activities that increase their practical knowledge.