Village Decision Driven Research Project

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Hello All! Sorry I couldn’t be here!
Purpose

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To develop research activities for alternatives to poppy production by building the capacity for the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Food from a structure that integrates needs identified by village organizations in Alingar district of Laghman province.
Outputs

1. *Survey* based on a participatory livelihood analysis at household level in order to learn more about the social, economic and political context of current livelihoods and attitudes towards opium poppy production in order to better *assess the feasibility of alternative livelihoods.*
2. Needs assessment and improved capacity of a Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Food research station to respond to village organization requests
Outputs

3. Analysis of the potential for marketing the products identified during the survey
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4. Implemented *pilot activities* where the data from outputs 1 and 3 are used to initiate marketing of products.
Target Areas

Laghman Province
Alingar District

Mango - Kotali

Salab – Sahib Zadagan

Sangar – Masoom Kala
Survey Results
(Activities Identified)

Forest Management

• forestry products
• walnut and almond
• sustainable use
• nursery expansion of improved varieties
Survey Results
(Activities Identified)

Livestock Management

- cow calf exchange
- rangeland improvement
- forage production
- meat and milk products
Survey Results (Activities Identified)

Fruit and Vegetable Processing

- tomato
- citrus
- plums
Survey Results
(Activities Identified)

Subsistence Farm Improvement

• improved varieties (wheat, maize, bean, vegetables)

• management techniques (water and soil conservation)

• livestock-cropping system (rotate pasture and crops)
Survey Results
(Activities Identified)

Poultry and Egg Production
• improved varieties
• raising techniques
Survey Results
(Activities Identified)

Fisheries
• pond construction
• production
• processing
Candidates for Immediate Implementation

- Forage legume production (including annuals)
- Establishing women’s enterprise resource centers
- Contour ridging
- Grass nursery establishment
- Tree nurseries
- Small scale fish production
- Woodlots
Candidates for Later Implementation

- Small scale juicing and bottling
- Milk to yogurt processing
- Milk to cheese processing
- Small scale poultry production for eggs
- Small scale poultry production for meat
- Dehydrating chicken litter for use as fertilizer
- Sustainable harvesting of medicinal and forage plants
- Soap production
- Extracting oils from wild species
Leaflet Series
Combination of “Fact Sheet” and “Business Plan”

1. Benefits
2. Materials
3. Procedures
4. Costs and Returns
5. Suggestions for marketing (including local markets)
6. Technical contacts for more information
Thank you!