



# **DACAAR RALF2**


Saffron Project PZ, Herat

# Introduction to saffron



- i. General
- ii. History
- iii. Uses
- iv. Cultivation
- v. Processing
- vi. Markets & marketing

# DACAAR's Saffron Trials in Herat and Qadis



Year	Farmers	Land ha	Yield/ha (Kg)	Price Afs/kg
2000	30	0.89	6	10,000
2001	10	4.35	do	13,500
2002	0	0	do	14,000
2003	15	3.09	do	18,000
2004	96	8.67	Do	15,000
Total	151	17.01	102.06	





# Problems of Saffron Marketing

- Some micro-organisms and other impurities affect the quality of saffron
- Competition with other countries is increasing
- Lack of proper planning
- Adulteration
- Improper processing and packing, etc.
- Ignorance of international quality standards
- Spain has a kind of monopoly
- Illegal export of saffron

# **RALF2**

- Output 1: Study of Farm Economics
- Output 2: Study of Saffron Markets (national/ international)
- Output 3: Sharing of knowledge
- Output 4: Formation of Producer's Association

# Output 1: Farm Economics

- Activity 1: Training workshop
- Activity 2: Survey of farm economics
- Activity 3: Analysis and dissemination of findings



# Output 2: Study of markets



- Study of national markets
- Study of international markets
- Facilitation of linkages to international saffron outlets

# Output 3: Sharing of knowledge & information

- Feasibility study by saffron specialist
- Training in saffron production & processing
- Saffron cultivation by farmers – bulb supply
- Information sharing:
  - a. Among farmers: field days & farmer to farmer visits, etc.
  - b. Sharing of information with project partners and other stakeholders.

# Output 4: Formation of Producers' Association

- Establish association management committees
- Establish saffron corm bank
- Training of association representatives
- Establish saffron bulb certification and quality control measures

# Project partners

A purple flower with several petals is in focus in the center of the image. It is growing out of dark, rich soil. The background is a blurred field of similar flowers and green foliage, suggesting a farm or agricultural setting.

- DACAAR (lead institution)
- Washington States University (collaborator 1)
- MAAHF (collaborator 2)
- Farmers' Association (producers)