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Introduction

NABDP is using a different format for this month of Sunboola report. The information was gathered similarly the same from a debriefing meeting where each component presented its inputs verbally. NABDP representing each unit were asked to provide two headings under the title of issues and progress achieved against outputs/deliverables. The new format seems easier to include information but under different titles. In case you have any questions regarding this new format, please contact the NABDP communication office.

The information presented in this report is structured along the seven components of NABDP: community empowerment, economic regeneration, implementation support, institutional development, DIAG, CNTF and the two WatSan.

Highlights:

The Community Empowerment unit is going to finish PDP report of 34 provinces by the end of September, 2007. Also this unit completed SNC-PDP workshop in Kabul. In this workshop about 600 rural and urban people participated.

The Economic Regeneration unit during this month held technical meetings with the director of roots of peace for collaborating with upcoming ADB project on Rural Business Support Centres and also on the Implementation Strategies at NABDP.

The Institutional Development unit in this month held various workshops in both central and provincial level. For example, this unit had three operational plans workshops for six MRRD departments in the central level and workshops on data consolidation for PRRD's representatives on the provincial level.

NABDP DIAG Coordination Unit (DCU) is expected to complete DDA and DDP processes including identification of suitable development projects for those districts by the end of November. But as usual a lack of capacity in RITS department of MRRD continues to delay the implementation of DIAG development projects.

1. Community Empowerment

Issues:

- Lack of women's participation in Nuristan province due to security

Progress achieved against outputs/deliverables:

- The community and different institutions' representatives were mobilized for the Sub-national consultation and provincial development planning workshop in Kabul very well and the participants participated in the workshop with a great interest.
- Established good coordination among Kabul team and PRRD Director, PC, Governor, ASP and other related representatives to make success the SNC-PDP in Kabul.
- Completed SNC-PDP workshop in Kabul. In the workshop about 600 rural and urban people participated. Because Kabul is the capital of the country and population of Kabul city alone are more than any other provinces. Therefore, in order to ensure proper representation of communities, the workshop for Kabul Municipal area and for rural areas (districts) were conducted separately. However, official opening and closing ceremonies were held together.

- Outputs of SNC-PDP workshops of 31 provinces were analyzed and edited in Dari and Pashtu languages
- English version of provincial profiles were outsourced for translation into Dari/ Pashtu
- 33 SNC-PDP workshop team submitted financial reports to Finance Unit and cleared the financial liquidation
- Establishment of DDA and formulation of DDP in two DIAG targeted districts (Noorgram district of Nuristan province, and Khuram-Sarbagh district of Samangan province) were completed
- Reviewed DDP sample submitted by FPs working in Nangarhar and Khost

2. Economic Regeneration

Issues:

- Foundation of new school in Dehdadi district and Shortepa district, supported by NABDP, was laid by MRRD Deputy. Minister.
- Visit to Andkhoy for new NARP Project inauguration by Deputy. Min.
- Visit to PRRD Offices to Jawzjan, Samangan, Frayab, Balkh was undertaken to review MRRD Projects.
- Visit to Hazrat Sultan District of Samangan to learn about livestock project for income generation run by CDC.
- Water for irrigation and for drinking purpose has been cited as major problems in most of the villages.
- A meeting with UNDO Co. Programme Officer, Mr Siraj, took place to discuss the collaboration between UNDP co. and Economic Regeneration. We want to explore the Dulana Solar Dryer ownership and operational issues to be handled by local producers cooperatives and UNDP/NABDP/MRRD to provide necessary technical and other support, so that within a year this plant / business reaches the breakeven point.

Progress achieved against outputs/deliverables:

- Presentation of Monthly Work Progress on 29th August by consulting organizations (Afghanaid', DACAR) to NABDP team.
- Evaluated Inception report of three facilitating partner, DACAAR (Center), DACAAR (West), Afghanaid (North) for the study of sub-sector analysis and business plan development. Evaluation Report has been sent to all consulting organization for revising the Inception Report.
 - Balkh Livestock Development Union:
- About 470 farmer co-operative members from 4 villages (Sherabad, Chalegerzi, Pushtebagh, Dehdadi) from Sherabad and Dehdadi villages supply about 600 lit milk per day. Framers are paid money for their milk every Saturday. Milk processing plant of 500 lit day has been installed two weeks ago with the help of FAO and USAID. Plant is running on half of its processing capacity due to shortage of milk supply. Framers complain there is severe shortage of cattle feed during winter. Framers mentioned that Af10 /lit is being paid as milk price where as in market after processing (pasteurizing,

homogenization, packing) it is being sold at Af20/lit. Framers would like their purchase price of milk to be increased.

- Visit to A4Sheep Bank: An Integrated Karakul Sheep Development Program in Balkh: A Sheep bank consisting of 30,000 karakul sheep owned by 271 framers from Dehdadi and Nahre Shahi district is in operation. Project has been supported by Belgium Govt. and technical support (Veterinary Services etc.) is being provided Mae Fah Lunag (MFL) Foundation: Thailand. Presently there is vertical expansion (multiplication of sheep population) of the project. In lieu of veterinary services to framers, 10 % new born babies are collected from farmers and these are distributed to landless farmers. MRRD Deputy Minister advised that possibilities for income generating activities through value addition to Karakul/wool should be explored by Economic Regeneration Unit of NABDP.

- Held technical meetings with:

- Director Roots of peace (Dr Lea) for collaborating with upcoming ADB project on Rural Business Support Centres (RBSC). (19th September) at: NABDP
- UNDP Representative (Mr Siraj: 19th Sept) on Dulana (Parwan) Solar Dryer Project: at UNDP
- Graham Wood (Team Leader) and Benny Werge (Western Region) on project implementation strategies. At NABDP
- Wagma Momand (Director: SYNERGY company): at NABDP
- Holly and Mary (Afghanaid') discussed project study issues in the field. At Afghnaid

3. Institutional Development

Issues:

- ID unit organized workshops on institutional and capacity assessment of PRRD in Kabul. Not all PRRD representatives attended those workshops. In order to address the issue, ID team supported OD&T department initiative to send their employees to those provinces, which PRRD representatives did not show up at the workshops.
- However, director of OD&T brings up an issue of paying to her staff incentives, because according to her, they do additional job. ID team thinks that it is a misunderstanding and plan to meet with the director to discuss the issue. Otherwise, we have to bring the issue to the attention of NABDP and MRRD leadership.
- The amount of DSA received by national staff at NABDP is not sufficient to cover travel costs: meals and lodging. The issue needs to be discussed at PMT meeting.

Progress achieved against outputs/deliverables:

Central level:

- Three operational plans (OP) workshops for six MRRD departments: RITS, PRD, Watsan, NRAP, Social Protection, and Media were held.
- Follow up activities to support all MRRD departments in OP development were undertaken.
- Two meetings with NARP department on its restructuring issues were held and background papers were generated.
- ID team representatives took part in the meetings of two working groups: Capacity Building and Program Budget Implementation.

Provincial level:

- Workshops on data consolidation was held on September 23-24, 07 for 27 PRRDs' representatives.

- To the date, 24 PRRDs have been completed the capacity assessment and 22 out of them submitted institutional profiles to ID unit.
- The inventory of current positions and updates structures was collected for 24 PRRDs.
- Database design for PRRD institutional profiles and capacity assessment has been completed.
- Discussions with seven PRRD directorates, focus group interview with one TSU and with one PDC were held.
- Meeting with representative from AgaKhan foundation was held in Bamyán province and some coordinating issues were discussed.

4. Implementation Support

Issues:

- A start was made to develop a new a structure for quality control including components for contract management, works control, laboratory and procurement;
- Fund mobilization, MIS and liaison support remain with the ISU;
- Investigating the capacity of the DM office for programs with the key functions of the deputy minister in policy making, donor liaison on behalf of the ministry and program coordination. Initially it was thought to turn the planning department in this function, but that was not decided in the end. GRM will assist in the staffing of this programs office
- District allocation of funds, some work has been done on the northeast
- Donor update: Dutch signed five million for Uruzgan
- Regular field monitoring by SNAs
- Action plan with costing for the six months which has been request by MRRD minister is ongoing.

Progress achieved against outputs/deliverables:

- Six projects which include five schools in Takhar province and one school under DIAG aid school in Balkh.
- Four water well projects in Balkh province and one clinic in Heart province under DIAG
- Payment for road projects in Sar-e-pul 80% has been completed.
- Six water wells in Balkh province funded by NABDP and monitored by NABDP,s SNC
- Three projects which include one road in Baghlan province, one intake in Faryab and one wall in Baghlan are ongoing and are not completed and NABDP can not pay until they finish the documents.
- ISU may soon go for recruitment for National and International positions.

5. DIAG

Issues:

29 DIAG new targeted districts were recently introduced by the D&R Commission (6 out of 29 have been already covered with DDA and DDP). NABDP DIAG Coordination Unit (DCU) is expected to complete DDA and DDP processes including identification of suitable development projects for those districts by the end of November. DCU with the help of Community Empowerment Unit is trying to expand the capacity and increase the number of community empowerment teams for this purpose so that the request will be met by the deadline.

A lack of capacity in RITS department of MRRD continues to delay the implementation of DIAG development projects. DCU frequently contacted both RITS and Procurement to ensure the status of each project. However, structural reform which only can happen with managerial decision is necessary to solve the issue.

Progress achieved against outputs/deliverables:

As current status of DIAG development project, DCU is implementing or preparing 23 DIAG development projects as follows:

No. of project	status	district
1	Project completed	Mahmud Raqi
1	project work has been started	Shortepa
2	projects work will be started soon	Pashtun Zarghun, Cha ab
3	projects contract waiting for H.E.'s approval	Aab Kamari, Namak Aab, Kohistan 2,
2	projects opened bidding	Andkhai, Mohmand Dara
1	project will be announced soon	Baharak
5	projects are under designing	Obeh, Farkhar, Dara-e Noor, Salang, Bangi
2	projects survey planned	Farza, Kohband
1	project postponed due to DIAG operation	Jawand
5	project will be identified soon	Murdyan, Khushi, Noorgram, Khuram&Sarbagh, Jalrez
23	Total project	

Veterinary clinic project for Kohistan 2 of Kapisa will be implemented by local initiatives (DDA), which will pave the way to other future projects which will be implemented by community initiatives, not by IPs. A technical expert from the province was assigned for technical planning and supervision of the project. MoU between MRRD and DDA is about to be finalized.

Regarding DDA and DDP processes for newly introduced 29 DIAG targeted districts, Community Empowerment teams have started to deploy to the districts. Establishment of DDAs and formulation of DDPs and as well the identification of DIAG development projects in the following DIAG target districts remain incomplete (except districts indicating "Done"). In total 22 districts will be covered with DDA and DDP at the earliest.

DDI New Districts Selection				
REGION	PROVINCE	No.	DISTRICTS	DDA & DDP/Schedule
NORTH	FARYAB	1	Qaramqul	Done
	SARI PUL	2	Sozma Qala	
	JAWZJAN	3	Faizabad	
	SAMANGAN	4	Roye DoAab	
NORTH EAST	BAGHLAN	5	Khenjan 1	
		6	Khenjan 2	
		7	Dahana-Ghori 1	
		8	Dahana-Ghori 2	
	KUNDUZ	9	Qala-e-Zal	
		10	Dasht-e-Archi	
	TAKHAR	11	Warsaj	Done
		12	Khwaja Ghar	Done
	BADAKHSHAN	13	Baharak	
		14	Zebak	
		15	Argo	
16		Eshkashim		
17		Keran - Menjan		
CENTER	WARDAK	18	Maidan Shahr	
	PARWAN	19	Bagram	Done
	KABUL	20	Gull Darah	
	LOGAR	21	Azrah	
	KAPISA	22	Kohistan 1	Deploying
EAST	NANGARHAR	23	Bati Kot	Done
		24	Khewa	Done
WEST	HERAT	25	Kushk-e-Kuhna	
	GHOR	26	Dolaina	
CENTRAL HIGHLAND	BAMYAN	27	Shibir	
		28	Saighan	Deploying
SOUTH	NIMROZ	29	Chaghansor	Done
Total 29 districts – 22 remain as next targets				

ToR for a hydropower engineer for the HP project of Farkhar district was finalized and advertised. The engineer is expected to ensure all the technical points related to the HP project.

6. CNTF

Issues:

- The main issue to CNTF projects during last two weeks in site was security problem. E.g. due to security reasons, a road construction and DBST project in Murghab district of Badghis and one intake construction project in Balabolok district of Farah province have not been started as planned. Besides, the revision of two Faryab projects and one Balkh project took a lot of time in RITS and procurement departments.

Progress achieved against outputs/deliverables:

1. Out of CNTF funded projects:
 - One project in Badghis, province is completed and MRRD team will soon handed over that project
 - Seven projects are ongoing
 - Two projects namely, a road project in Qadis, Badghis and a suspension bridge project in Darqad, Takhar in work commence preparatory stage
 - Two road projects in Murghab, Badghis province are suspended due to security reasons
 - One intake project (Qala – e- Gaz, Helmand) has been put under tendering in Kandahar for the third round after necessary revision, still pending because the lowest offer is two fold higher than available fund.
 - Two revised irrigation and bridge projects, respectively in Balkh and Faryab are reconstructed and the work commencement letters are issued recently.
 - One irrigation project in Gurziwan, Faryab province is under technical evaluation
2. Besides, 18 projects (with complete proposals and drawings) are submitted for CNTF management board approval
3. Other 38 projects with summary sheets which were submitted to CNTF technical team for comments, we received green light from CNTF to provide proposals for eleven Samangan, three Laghman, one Logar and seven Kunar projects.

7. Watsan (Belgium)

Issues:

As last month reported the contract with the Rehabilitation Organization of Afghanistan (ROA) the Facilitating Partner (FP) or Software component partner of the water supply and sanitation project in Daykundi is canceled.

As investigated by WatSan monitoring team in Daykundi province the people were not interested in sanitation and hygiene education and they did not cooperate with ROA in construction of latrines.

Another try to implement the soft component of the project in Daykundi may result in wasting of a handsome amount as communities are not cooperative and the winter season arrives earlier, which can be easily utilized for another 40-50 bore well water supply package.

For the supervision of the project in Daykundi it would be good to recruit one site engineer from October-December

Progress achieved against outputs/deliverables:

Hard Component of the project

SN	Location		Planned Activities			Up to date Completed Activities			Progress % age
	Province	District	Wells	Pipe Scheme	Stand Posts	Wells	Pipe Scheme	Stand Posts	

1	Daykundi	Neli, Sharistan, Sang Takht Bandar	72	0	0	36	0	0	50
2		Khidar and Geti	44	0	0	33	0	0	75
4	Ghor	Lal wa Sarjangal	50	0	0	29	0	0	58
5		Chighchiran, Murghab and Qurullah	111	0	0	48	0	0	43.24
6		Pasaband-dolaina, Chighchiran, Qara allahyar	90	0	0	78	0	0	86.67

Soft Component of the project

SN	Project Location		Planned Activities		Up to date Completed Activities		Progress % age
	Province	District	Latrines	Hygiene Education (Person)	Latrines	Hygiene Education	
1	Daykundi	Neli, Sharistan, Sang Takht Bandar, Khidar and Geti	363	63,525	Contract Canceled with the Contractor		
2	Ghor	Lal wa Sarjangal, Chighchiran, Murghab, Qurullah, Pasaband-dolaina, Chighchiran, Qara allahyar	375	65,625	257	7112	68.53

Note: for the financial status of the project please contact finance section of NABDP

7. Watsan (USAID)

Issues:

In Maidan Shar district, Maidan Wardak province, Kohistan and Nijrab districts, Kapisa province, and Istalif district, Kabul province contracts were signed for construction of 46 wells and one pipe scheme. Construction work is ongoing and due to month of Ramadan construction activities are decreased. Companies were requested for providing more effort on the construction work.

In Nooristan province, district Paroon, hygiene education and sanitation component of the project is finished 100%. Due to poor security condition monitoring team from MRRD was not allowed to visit the site. Monitoring was done by joint team of the PRRD, district Governor and local community representatives.

In Logar province, Construction Company has reduced activities. There is possible risk for delay. Company was called for clarification and it has signed statement for providing more drilling machines and finishing the project on time.

In Hilmand province project implemented by Coopi and finished in January still have issue with final payments. RRD director in Hilmand province signed and approved monitoring report but rejected to sign handover report. As justification he mentioned that some budget lines in operation cost were not spend in full amount. MRRD on request of WatSan has established technical committee for review of final report. Technical committee has produced report and has submitted to programme deputy for approval. Final payment will be done in the first week of October.

Meetings with implementing partners and RRD representatives took place on weekly basis.

There is possible risk delay in disbursement of the fund over 30 September 2007 what is deadline for performance of the programme. NABDP will contact USAID for getting approval for disbursement of obligated amounts for subprojects after 30 September.

Progress achieved against outputs/deliverables:

The following table provides an overview of project locations, project status and percentage of progress in construction of water points:

No	Project Location		Planned Activities of the Project				Well Status		Progress (%)
	Province	District	Wells	Pipe Scheme	Water Reservoir	Stand Post	Completed	Ongoing	
1	Maidan-Wardak	Maidan-Shar	24				12	12	60%
2	Kabul	Zere Kotal		1	1	36			80%
3	Kabul	Istalif		1	1	10			90%
4	Kabul	Khorasan		1	1	30			80%
5	Dai - Kundi	Nili	9				9		100%
6	Maidan-Wardak	Maidan-Shar		1		149			100%
7	Logar	Mohammad Agha	18				17		90%
8	Logar	Pul Alam	32				16	16	75%
9	Logar	Baraki Barak	37				15	16	75%

10	Kapisa	Kohistan (I)	9				3	6	40%
11	Kapisa	Kohistan (II)	24				14	4	60%
12	Kapisa	Nijrab	12				6	6	60%
13	Nuristan	Paron		1	1	11			100%
14	Nuristan	Paron		1	1	20			100%

In mentioned provinces hygiene education and sanitation component of the projects is on going as well.

Monitoring of the project activities was conducted in Logar, Kabul, Kapisa, Daikundi and Nouristan province. Transfer of the payment was done according to monitoring reports.

Outlook;

NABDP is currently working on various areas in order to empower regional and provincial units and to build up the MRRD's departments' capacity. At the same time NABDP is working at how to make this approach to be held and speed up the work of implementation of projects. Also NABDP working on DDA and DDP process to be widen up to all 34 provinces of Afghanistan.

Therefore, it is the responsibility of different components of NABDP to share the information regularly with each other and pave the way for the communication unit. The communication unit will continue to work on improving information sharing by various methods.