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## Jawzjan Province

### OVERVIEW

USAID estimated support for Jawzjan from January 2002 - June 2011: \$70.7 million

Estimated population: 477,000 (Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Central Statistics Office: Estimated Population of Afghanistan 2008-2009)

Capital: Shibirghan

Note: Danish-led PRT



The remote province of Jawzjan is bordered by Turkmenistan to the north. It has very little infrastructure, including few schools, hospitals, or reliable sources of energy. The province has seen some unrest over the past year. Factional clashes continue to cause instability in the region.

### AGRICULTURE

**Goal:** Increase agricultural sector jobs and income through a) increased agricultural productivity by increasing farmer access to inputs and effective extension services; b) invigorated agribusiness by increasing linkages between farmers, markets, credit, and trade corridors; and c) rehabilitated watersheds and improved irrigation infrastructure. Also, increase Afghans' confidence in their government by increased Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock's (MAIL) capacity to deliver services and promote the private sector and farmer associations through direct budget and technical assistance.

**Summary:** The USAID-funded Accelerating Sustainable Agriculture Project in Jawzjan has focused on helping farmers to develop a dynamic agricultural economy capable of adapting to market forces through support of market linkages, improved farm technology, and enhanced agri-business associations.

#### Current Activities:

- Provide agricultural training in annual crops using improved methods of cultivation to increase yields over previous methods
- Develop the silkworm and wool training market for women
- Strengthen the network of agricultural retailers to ensure the sustainable availability of high-quality inputs
- Develop extension services able to improve basic orchard management
- Introduce trellising for grapevines, including subsidized sales of concrete posts by manufacturers
- Support veterinary field units (VFUs) to deliver animal health services such as vaccinations and medications and train herders on herd health packages
- Conduct veterinary courses for VFUs
- Establish milk collection and processing centers with women farmers
- Train women on improved cattle management

#### Accomplishments:



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- Established nine VFUs and trained 10 para-veterinarians
- Conducted two workshops to increase farmers' agricultural knowledge and to promote direct linkages between food brokers and farmers
- Improved farm-to-market transportation by rehabilitating or constructing 62 km of secondary roads
- Established 11 private full-service AgDepot farm stores that provide agriculture supplies and services to support key licit crops and animal health
- Trained 380 individuals on best agricultural practices and natural resource management, distributed 4,500 storybooks and other promotional materials, planted 14,000 trees, and helped form 40 village environmental committees
- Distributed more than 8,000 seed and fertilizer vouchers to farmers
- Created 10 community-based nurseries, 30 private nurseries, and 20 forest-based nurseries to provide farmers with licit income-generation resources and to create a source of reforestation materials
- Supported the Greening Afghanistan Initiative through the establishment of nurseries, planting trees, and training on community land management for 420 Afghan farmers
- Established the National Agricultural Information System database, linked to internet communication systems in AgNet offices, which provides MAIL staff with access to weather, market price, and agricultural production information
- Approved a line of credit to the Islamic Investment and Finance Cooperative Group to support farmers with agricultural inputs
- Conducted a rangeland survey
- Contributed to the development of the rangeland law
- Trained Kuchi leaders in peace and negotiation methods and conflict resolution
- Institutionalized three rangeland management technologies within the Ministry of Agriculture
- Established 11 VFUs, providing animal health services on a sustainable commercial basis
- Provided training to 27,390 farmers on melon fly control
- Constructed a water storage pond that provides potable water for at least 300 households at Mardyan District

### DEMOCRACY & GOVERNANCE

**Goal:** Build the capacity of government institutions to improve the quality and quantity of government services to Afghan citizens. Support independent media institutions and advocacy groups.

**Summary:** USAID builds the capacity of government institutions and civil-society in Jawzjan Province through support to the justice sector, media, and civil-society.

#### Current Activities:

- Provide capacity building training to civil-society organizations
- Support one radio station
- Provide institutional capacity development and advocacy support to women-focused Afghan civil-society organizations
- Provide the provincial governor with operational resources and money for community outreach and micro projects to support his needs and serve as incentive to develop
- Develop the human and institutional capacity of the courts, increasing access to justice particularly for women, developing and implementing a case tracking system including professional training for judges and administrators on the system



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### Accomplishments:

- Supported justice sector development through the publication and distribution of Judicial Reference Law sets, a 17-volume collection of laws, to all 36 judges in the province
- Developed and trained judges and court administrators in the new Afghanistan Court Administration System, a case-management system that improves the courts' ability to manage cases and provide due process, leading to more effective and transparent rule of law
- Supported justice sector development through a one-month Foundation Training Program for 27 sitting judges and a one-year Supreme Court-mandated Stage Judicial Training Program for 13 judicial candidates, providing judges access to the tools necessary to officiate over the courts
- Assisted the Supreme Court in drafting a new ethics code for all judges and provided training for all of Afghanistan's judges in the contents and importance of the code
- Promoted participation in governance through a number of programs, including voter registration, election candidate training, and election monitoring for the 2004-2005 elections
- Provided small grants to non-governmental organizations and civil-society organizations to promote women's rights, human rights, and community mediation and conflict analysis
- Facilitated consensus-building efforts through civic education training and dialogue sessions with mullahs and sharia teachers
- Provided training to the provincial council, which improved professionalism, knowledge, and skills, resulting in more effective and transparent leadership
- Supported the 2008 voter registration exercise, assisted domestic and international observation missions, trained political parties and independent poll agents, conducted a series of poll surveys ahead of the elections, and ultimately helped conduct the 2009/2010 elections
- Provided capacity building training to eight civil-society organizations
- Supported one radio stations
- Awarded 21 grants
- Trained 481 civil servants in the Afghanistan National Development Strategy

### ECONOMIC GROWTH

**Goal:** Create a developed business climate that enables private investment, job creation, and financial independence.

**Summary:** USAID's economic growth program helps the Afghan government develop sound economic governance and works with the private sector to stimulate investment and business opportunities. USAID partners with Afghans and the Afghan government to attract investment, generate sustainable employment, and expand market linkages. USAID promotes a lawful economy in Jawzjan Province through expanding access to telecommunications, loan distribution, and modern banking services.

### Current Activities:

- Support a community-owned and managed Islamic investment and finance cooperative, which provides financial services to members
- Provide provincial budgeting support to select line ministries and providing training to provincial officials through the establishment of regional provincial budgeting training hubs

### Accomplishments:



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- Built a cut and wash facility for carpet weavers allowing association members to save time and money, ultimately shifting all stages of carpet production from Pakistan to Afghanistan and allowing producers to export directly from Afghanistan (estimated increased income in the first year is \$58,000 and \$93,000 in the second)
- Established two Islamic investment and finance cooperatives with 1,115 members (4.5 percent women)
- Disbursed more than \$10.6 million in sharia-compliant loans
- Installed communications technology, trained staff, and established the Core Banking System in the provincial branch of Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) that operate as the paying agent for the government, disbursing all social, payroll, and procurement payments (services such as these increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the social and economic infrastructure of Afghanistan, contributing to the development of the public and private-sectors)
- Installed four district communications network centers, operated by Afghan Telecom, that provide telephones, internet, and photocopying services to district government officials and the public
- Installed the revenue reconciliation and accounting database in the Jawzjan Mustofiat, which has dramatically reduced processing times of Afghan government revenue receipts, production on revenue reports, and uploading into the consolidated Ministry of Finance Financial Management System
- Promoted economic expansion and private-sector development through lending to a variety of businesses in the micro, small, and medium enterprise sector
- Disbursed more than \$7.3 million in microfinance loans through USAID-funded financial institutions
- Provided marketplace development grants in Aqcha and Sheberghan to improve the quality and quality of local commercial activity
- Trained customs staff on exemptions, valuation, tariffs, certificates of origin, smuggling, penalties, and preparation of trade statistics to build a professional, modern customs authority
- Supported 103 small to medium enterprises and four business associations in the carpet production and agribusiness sectors, the two biggest drivers of provincial economic activity
- Supported Aqcha District Municipality through a marketplace development grant
- Supported the Jawzjan Province Municipality through a marketplace development grant
- Trained radio, television, and print journalists on the value of trade and trade issues in order to encourage more and better coverage of trade-related issues
- Supported the revenue reconciliation team of the Jawzjan Mustofiat centered on accurate revenue collection posting and reporting to center
- Promoted improved cash management operations with regard to availability and quality of bank notes in circulation

### EDUCATION

**Goal:** Improve the quality of basic and higher education systems through improved teacher quality and increased availability of primary school textbooks; and improve the livelihoods of urban and rural communities through increased literacy and employability instruction.

**Summary:** USAID supports educational improvements in Jawzjan Province through three national education projects. USAID has provided in-service teacher training (INSET), developed in-school teacher support activities, provided radio-based teacher support programs, provided literacy and vocational skills training, printed textbooks, trained education faculty professors, provided accelerated learning and remedial education, and constructed and/or refurbished schools.



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### Current Activities:

- Conduct INSET 2 training for teachers
- Develop accelerated learning materials and train trainers
- Conduct school management training 2
- Implement INSET 3 focused on literacy and numeracy for primary teachers
- Provide face-to-face training and capacity building for more than 3,700 school teachers
- Work with the faculty of education to improve the teaching skills of professors through training in pedagogy, subject knowledge, computer literacy, English, institutional development, leadership, management, administration, professional attitudes, and teacher standards
- Sponsor continuing education opportunities in Afghanistan and abroad for professors (one faculty is earning a master's degree in the United States and two faculty will participate in study tours on university administrative systems)
- Offer the 18-month program in literacy and productive skills to youth and adults in 48 communities through 192 literacy centers (including 112 centers for women)
- Construct a Faculty of Education at the university
- Continue textbook support
- Provide accelerated learning and remedial education for girls

### Accomplishments:

- Established 192 literacy centers (including 112 centers for women) for more than 4,425 youth and adults in 48 communities
- Trained approximately 7,000 teachers and 400 trainers in INSET training
- Established more than 408 Teacher Learning Circles in 220 schools
- Developed school improvement plans in 206 schools
- Established 172 school management committees
- Completed 16,067 teacher observations during the project life
- Printed more than 1.3 million textbooks
- Established 32 school manager practicum groups for 206 school principals
- Constructed 18 schools
- Established a Professional Development Center at the university
- Introduced a teacher standards program and a standards working committee for assessment and validation at the university
- **Sponsored continuing education opportunities in Afghanistan and abroad for professors (five teachers were sent on study tours to the United States, Vietnam, Bangladesh, and Singapore)**

## HEALTH

**Goal:** Improve the access to and quality of health services and increase the abilities of individuals, families, and communities to protect their health.

**Summary:** USAID's principal health investments in Jawzjan Province preventative healthcare come through support for the Basic Package of Health Services (BPHS) and the Essential Package of Hospital Services (EPHS), including technical assistance to the Provincial Health Office and implementing non-governmental organizations, pre-service and refresher training for community midwives and community health workers, and the provision of refresher training courses for nurses and physicians.



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### Current Activities:

- Support 24 health facilities to implement BPHS and EPHS
- Support social marketing of health and family planning products (such as contraceptives, water purification agents, and oral rehydration salts for diarrhea) through private sector outlets
- Support the Provincial Public Health Office and the Provincial Public Health Coordination Committee to strengthen the technical, leadership, and management capacity of the provincial health team to support the delivery of BPHS and EPHS
- Procure and distribute high-quality pharmaceuticals and contraceptives
- Fund the Diseases Early Warning System for 14 routine conditions/diseases in five sentinel sites
- Support full implementation of tuberculosis activities including initial and refresher trainings on the treatment of tuberculosis, upgrading lab facilities, strengthening lab microscopy, and introducing or scaling-up community based initiatives such as community awareness of tuberculosis and treatment of tuberculosis by community health workers
- Distribute community awareness materials for tuberculosis, diagnostic, treatment and training packages for tuberculosis including a database information system and maintenance equipment for the database
- Implement a pediatric hospital improvement initiative in Jawzjan Provincial Hospital to improve children's health at the hospital level
- Implement a child survival demonstration project at the community level in Qarqin District, including growth monitoring and promotion, community case management, and newborn care
- Implement the Integrated Child Survival Package at the community level in Khojadoko and Aqcha districts, including growth monitoring and promotion, community case management, and newborn care
- Fund a province-wide community-based midwifery education program to reduce infant and maternal mortality
- Provide on-the-job training to health facilities based on quality assurance findings to ensure skilled healthcare providers
- Expand the community-based prevention of post-partum hemorrhage initiative for births not attended by skilled providers
- Provide training on reproductive health and family planning to enable religious leaders to provide accurate information to communities
- Increase the technical and managerial skills of healthcare workers through refresher training for doctors, nurses, and lab technicians
- Fund province-wide Community Health Worker pre-service and refresher training

### Accomplishments:

- Provided improved access to healthcare through refurbishment of the Qawchin Clinic
- Funded hospital education programs to decrease infant mortality rates and increase basic healthcare services
- Trained 9,750 pharmacists, shura members, and community health workers on safe drinking water, oral rehydration salts, and birth spacing to increase the quality of preventative healthcare
- Improved maternal health and child survival by working with mullahs, community health workers, mothers-in-laws, and new mothers to increase awareness of breastfeeding, immunizations, and nutrition and good health practices
- Established three model tuberculosis learning centers for health providers
- Procured and distributed high-quality pharmaceuticals and contraceptives valued at \$1.2 million
- Graduated 90 midwives from the community-based midwifery training program





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- Trained provincial health officers to develop monthly joint monitoring plans to support the delivery of BPHS and EPHS

### INFRASTRUCTURE

**Goal:** Improve transport and energy infrastructure to create licit economic opportunities, promote freedom of movement, and facilitate delivery of government and social services.

**Summary:** The infrastructure program focuses on the construction and maintenance of roads and the development of the Shibirghan Gas Fields and a power plant.

#### Current Activities:

- Provide technical assistance to the Ministry of Mines to facilitate new and expanded use of gas from the Shibirghan Gas Fields
- Prepare to conduct activities to prove gas reserves and construct gas transmission infrastructure, upgrade the existing gas pipeline, and rehabilitate the existing 48 mw power plant
- Leverage and mobilize other donor investments in Shibirghan to support gas compression, sweetening, power transmission line construction, and power purchase guarantees, as well as private investment in the construction of a 200 mw power plant
- Maintain the road from Shibirghan to Sari Pul in order to keep it passable at all times and to reduce vehicle operating expenses
- Strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Public Works to manage road maintenance by Afghan contractors

#### Accomplishments:

- Rehabilitated the road from Shibirghan to Sari Pul, two district center roads, and 28 culverts, cutting travel time, providing protection from floods and facilitating access to markets, health services, and educational institutions

### STABILIZATION

**Goal:** Improve stability, extend the reach of the Afghan government, and promote stabilization efforts that lay the groundwork for medium- to long-term development activities.

**Summary:** USAID creates linkages and builds confidence between communities and the local government through small-scale infrastructure, training, and community development projects.

#### Current Activities:

- Provide school furniture for the Laycee Onaas Girls High School in Aqcha District

#### Accomplishments:

- Constructed 16 irrigation systems in Jawzjan, providing employment and vocational skills to local workers, and ensuring long-term access to water through training individuals to maintain the irrigation systems
- Constructed vehicle bridges and culverts in the Khan Tepa community
- Provided technical advisors to the provincial governor, the Department of Economy, Department of Labor and Social Affairs, and Department of Women Affairs
- Supported the Provincial Development Council through capacity development training



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- Provided commodities and renovations as needed to provincial government facilities
- Provided a basic literacy and numeracy course, carpet weaving, and small business/work environment training in four districts
- Rehabilitated secondary schools in three districts
- Constructed water reservoirs in two districts
- Constructed community infrastructure, including school buildings, drinking water reservoirs with filter systems, school walls, and a culvert