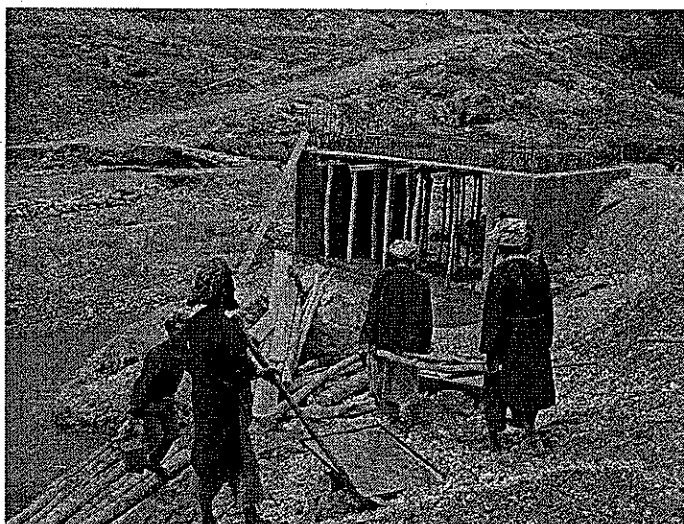


NATIONAL SOLIDARITY PROGRAM (NSP) IN SARIPUL PROVINCE



Sub-project implementation: Villagers constructing a bridge

Introduction:

The National Solidarity Program (NSP) is a country wide program that supports the villagers to establish their own Community Development Council (CDC) through secret and equal voting, to discuss and formulate their own development goals (Community Development Plan), to apply for a block grant and implement their own livelihood improving projects.

The NSP is implemented by the Afghan Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD). More than 23 national and international NGOs support the program through facilitation of the NSP principles to the rural population, capacity training during the process of community mobilization and technical support and advice during proposal writing and implementation of the community owned sub projects. GAA has been Facilitating Partner of NSP of the first day and has been ranked as one of the three best FPs in the evaluation 2004.

The concept of NSP fits perfectly into DWHH/ GAA strategy for Afghanistan: To strengthen communities' self help capacities through training and enhance ownership and self-responsibility in all stages of implementation and all sectors of activities (water, infrastructure, agriculture, capacity building).



Project Objective:

The foundation for a long term strengthening of community inclusive local governance is laid and further assistance for reconstruction and development is provided. Women are fully integrated in the decision process.

Beneficiaries:

NSP Saripul covers a total of 63,868 families – among them many widows, IDPs, retournées and maimed - in the districts Saripul Center (18,217), Kohistanat (15,664), Sayyad (9,045), Sanchorak (10,317) and Balkhab (10,625). Another 23,323 families will be added in Sozma Qala (10,304) and Gosfandi (13,019).

Location:

Saripul province, all districts

Project Period:

Kohistanat and Sayyat Districts started in August 2003 and will phase out during their 3rd year until August 2006. Balkhab was included in June 2004 and started the 2nd cycle in June 2005, whereas Sanchorak and Saripul Centre complete their 1st year of implementation in December 2005. For the new districts (Gosfandi and Sozma Qala), only two years are foreseen as NSP goes into its consolidation phase.

Financed By:

The NSP program is co-financed by the World Bank and other donors, such as USAID, DFID, Denmark, Japan, Norway, Germany, EU and Canada. Without the new districts, the co-funding amounted to US\$ 1,417,917 so far, with own contribution of GAA of US\$ 118,000. The 3rd year of NSP will probably be approved with another US\$ 1,296,818 co-funding for the follow up of the old districts and US\$ 550.680 USD for the new districts.

Project Activities:

District	No. of elected CDCs	No. of male CDC members	No. of female CDC members	No. of projects approved	No. of projects under implementation	Irrigation	Road/ Bridge	Erosion protection	Drinking Water Supply	Other civil works
Kohistanat	70	352	163	157	151	30	42	17	39	23
Sayyad	43	307	137	105	93	2	18	4	45	25
Balkhab	72	440	215	59	46	5	8	-	10	23
Saripul Center*	91	607	250	96	77	7	30	3	33	4
Sanchorak*	40	390	168	17	10	-	-	-	4	6
Total	316	2,096	933	434	377	44	98	24	131	81

*Community Mobilization still going on, last update 08/05

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