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The USAID strategy is grounded in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL), with an emphasis on self-reliance and building ministry capacity to deliver services to farmers and promote private-sector agribusiness to further strengthen food security and economic growth

Strategic Areas of Implementation

- Increase Agricultural Productivity and Food Security
- Regenerate Agribusinesses
- Improve Irrigation Infrastructure and Rehabilitate Watersheds
- Alternative Development in Support of Counternarcotics Objectives
- Increase Government of Afghanistan Capacity to Deliver Services to Farmers
- Gender Integration

• Key Programs

- *Irrigation and Watershed Management Program (IWMP)* **IN PROCUREMENT**
 - *Incentives Driving Economic Alternatives in the North, East and West (IDEA-NEW)*
 - *Regional Agricultural Development Programs (RADPs South, North, West, Central)*
IN PROCUREMENT
 - *Agricultural Research and Extension Development (AGRED)*
 - *Commercial Horticulture and Agricultural Marketing Project (CHAMP)*
 - *Agricultural Development Fund (ADF) and Agricultural Credit Enhancement (ACE)*
 - *Integrated Livelihoods and Governance NRM (ILG-NRM)*
- **Focus – Management for Results Using Impact-Oriented Monitoring and Evaluation Systems and Better Data Management to Analyze and Understand Impact of Programming.**



RADP SOL-306-12-000089 (RADP-South)
RADP-North Pre-Solicitation Notification

Regional Agricultural Development Program (RADP)

BACKGROUND

The RADP is a five-year program designed to improve food and economic security for rural Afghans, through strengthening key agricultural value chains and an improve the policy and regulatory environment. Focus will be on wheat, livestock, and two to three high value crops in each region.

Implementation Plan

- 3 contracts will be awarded to implement programs in south, north, and east regions. 1 contract will be awarded to work centrally with MAIL.
- The RADP-South RFP is currently released with a question period ending October 18 and a proposal due date of November 27, 2012.
- The RADP-North pre-award solicitation is currently available. The period for questions ends on October 24, 2012.

Geographic Targeting (Map Next Slide)

- Regional programs target high agricultural production areas of Afghanistan including the Arghandab-Helmand River Basins, the Hari Rud Basin, and the Kunduz and Balkh Basins.
- Proposed region-specific provinces are shown in the map on the next slide and are noted in the RFP documents.
- District level targeting will be proposed by the contractor.

PROJECT COMPONENTS: wheat, livestock and high value crop value chains

EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

- Increased Farmer Productivity and Production
- Private Sector Growth
- Alternative Development mainstreamed alongside other counter-narcotic objectives.
- Gender Equity required participation of women to at least 15 percent of all program beneficiaries.
- Improve the Enabling Environment in support of agribusiness

Partnership with Afghan Organizations and Professionals

The RADP programs to the greatest extent possible must partner and support Afghan organizations (private and public) and promote the leadership of Afghan professionals within the contract staffing structure.

- Grants Under Contract in the amount of \$10,000,000 have been designated for each regional contract (south, north and west)
- RADP South RFP, Section C6 encourages contractors to ensure a minimum of 15% of activities be implemented through Afghan organizations and entities.

Managing for Results

Each RADP contract is required to have a plan for baseline collection and monitoring and evaluation within 45 days of award. The final PMP should be submitted within 90 days.

Contractors are expected to present plans for monitoring and evaluation systems that are impact-oriented and designed to be utilized as decision making tools in order to manage for results. Monitoring and evaluation approaches should be aligned to the greatest extent possible with USAID’s Evaluation Policy and Project Design Guidance.

Cross-Portfolio Coordination

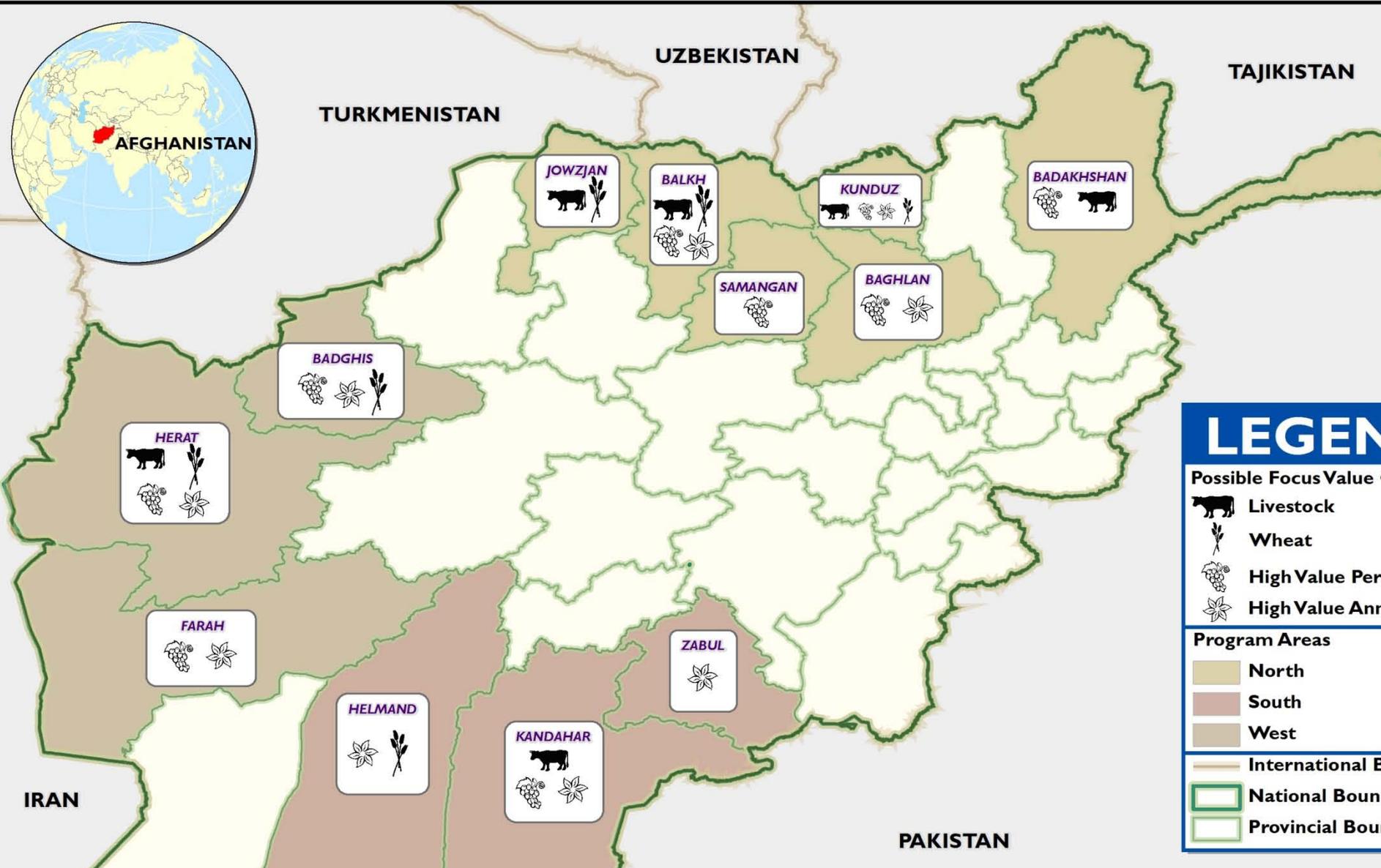
The Office of Agriculture has designed its development strategy looking out through 2017 with a portfolio of programs designed to work in a coordinated fashion. This includes RADPs, the Irrigation and Watershed Management Program (IWMP), and the Agricultural Research and Extension Development (AGRED) program.



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RADP Proposed Value Chains and Work Areas



LEGEND

Possible Focus Value Chains

- Livestock
- Wheat
- High Value Perishables
- High Value Annuals

Program Areas

- North
- South
- West

Boundaries

- International Boundary
- National Boundary
- Provincial Boundary