

AFGHANISTAN

Strengthened Approach for the Integration of Sustainable Environmental Management in Afghanistan (MDGF-1713)



Environment and Climate Change

Total Budget:	USD 5,000,000		
Budget by Agency:	UNDP:	2,500,000	
	FAO:	2,500,000	
	UNEP:	0	
Participating Gov. Entities:	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, National Environmental Protection Agency		
Start Date:	6 November 2008	Approval Date:	8 May 2008
Est. End Date:	6 November 2011	Signature Date:	27 July 2008
Disbursements:	First Disbursement:	6 November 2008	USD 1,595,214
	Second Disbursement:	3 June 2010	USD 2,430,108
	Third Disbursement:		
In Brief:	<p>This Joint Programme aims to promote a strengthened approach for the integration of sustainable environmental management into Afghanistan National Development Strategy (ANDS) and the MDGs to result in environmentally sustainable growth. As such it directly contributes to the achievement of Environment and Natural Resource goals included in the 2006-2008 UNDAF. It also directly responds to the environment and natural resources benchmarks as articulated in the interim ANDS. The Programme will promote formulation of suitable policy frameworks, ensure institutional capacity building to lead the effective implementation of the policies, directly mainstream environmental considerations in national and sub-national planning and development frameworks which is currently being initiated in all 34 provinces of the country; and pilot and upscale community-based natural resources management interventions in 5 selected agro-climatic zones impacting about 7% of the NRM base in 30+ communities.</p>		

Outcomes:

- Environmental issues mainstreamed in national and sub-national policy, planning and investment frameworks;
- Local management of environmental resources improved and services delivery enhanced.



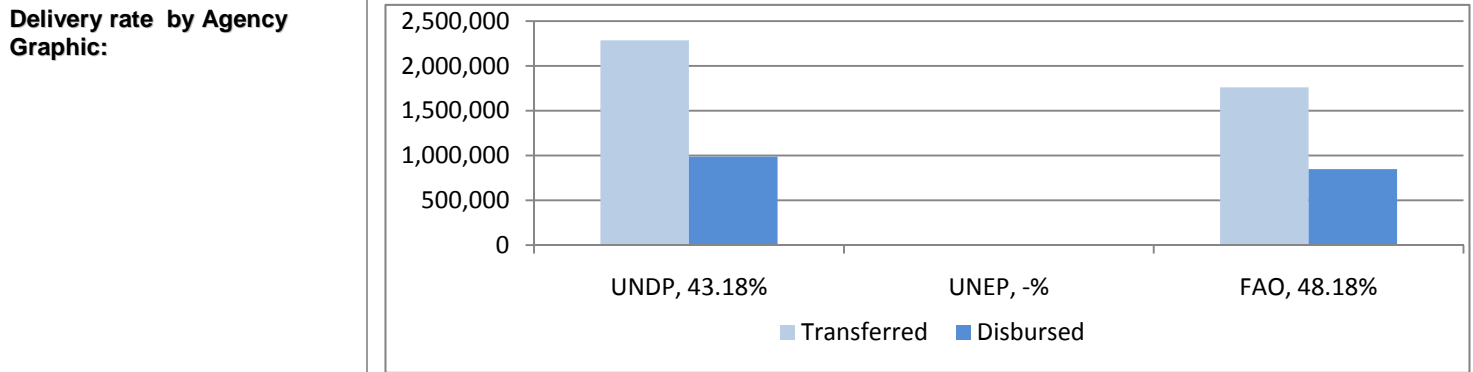
Regions of Intervention:	National level, and Badghis, Herat, and Ghor.	
MDGs	MDG 7, T 7A, 7B	
Beneficiaries	Direct	Indirect
• No. Institutions	11	33
• No. Women	1,093	8,509
• No. Men	3,817	64,120
• No. ethnic groups	12	0

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Status The programme has experienced some delays due to security, and management coordination issues.

Estimated financial execution status as of the June 30, 2010 semi-annual report:

Disbursed Budget:	Committed Budget:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36.69 % over the Total approved budget • 45.35 % over transferred budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 47.70 % over the Total approved budget • 58.96 % over transferred budget



Main Achievements:

Outcome 1:

- Environment has been incorporated into the revised MRRD Strategic Intent as an important cross-cutting issue requiring attention of all MRRD rural development programmes. This will enable MRRD to contribute to ANDS pillar 3 on environment and natural resources management.
- A manual for mainstreaming environment management into the training curriculum for the Afghanistan Institute for Rural Development (AIRD) has been developed. This is aimed at capacity development for community and rural extension workers to incorporate environment management into the overall processes for local community sustainable rural development.

Outcome 2

- Establishment of kitchen gardens in Herat and Ghor provinces, production facility for seed multiplication, community mobilization including training, preparation of technical maps, needs assessment and selection of rangeland are key milestones achieved

Other important achievements

- Development of the national guideline for environmental mainstreaming into the various sectors was initiated. A National Taskforce is proposed to champion the process for developing the national environment mainstreaming guideline as a strategy for sustainability of environment mainstreaming within the institutional processes.
- The project provided in-put into the national environmental education and awareness strategy is under-process (second draft submitted) led by UNEP in support of NEPA. the project intends to produce environment awareness and education material in line with the mentioned strategy to avoid duplication of efforts and ensure uniformity.

Does the JP incorporate gender considerations in the **activities/outputs/outcomes**? (example)

Does the JP include gender specific **indicators** in the monitoring plan?(example)

Does the JP mention gender relationships as part of the **challenges** analyzed? (specify)