Empowered lives. Resilient nations.

Duration: 11/2016 to 12/2020

Budget: US$ 46,000,000

Implementing Partner: Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL)

Other Key Partners: Ministry of Counter Narcotics, UN Office on Drugs and Crime, District Development Assemblies, Community Development Councils, NGOs, private sector SMEs and cooperatives

Donor: Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement

Project Areas: Nangarhar, Farah, Badghis

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**THE ISSUE**

**NO QUICK FIXES**

long-term community-based alternatives to opium production

1. 80% of the world’s heroin still comes from Afghanistan opium

2. It grows in poor soil and yields a high-value-low-weight product with proven demand

3. Poor infrastructure and lack of market access prevent farmers changing to high-value legal crops

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**High-value crops as alternatives to poppy cultivation**

CBARD aims to introduce and strengthen local production and marketing of high-value crops as alternatives to poppy cultivation. The selection of districts was based on the high incidence of poppy cultivation. CBARD projects are designed to be sustainable, replicable, and expandable.

### Research and awareness
- Studying the socioeconomic and environmental causes of opium cultivation
- Raising awareness on the dangers of opium farming

### Inspiration
- Demonstrating that income from fruit, nuts, grapes and other orchard crops can earn as much, or even more, than poppies

### Education
- Training farmers to ensure product quality through better sorting, grading, processing and use of simple technologies that are cheap, readily available and easy to maintain

### Infrastructure
- Rehabilitating infrastructure for transport, storing, processing and selling products in local and national markets

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**The difference we will make**

- **2,460 farmers** (483 women) know how to set up an agribusiness
- **2,286 hectares of land** provided with improved irrigation or protective infrastructure
- **1,899 people** (557 women) trained on post-harvest activities such as processing and packing
- **10%** of community contribution to infrastructure rehabilitation
- **US$ 23.00** of income per hectare across 15 hectares of land under greenhouses
- **330 hectares** of land previously available for opium converted to legal high-value crop orchards

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**UNDP experience in Afghanistan**

CBARD builds on 16 years of experience in bringing local people together for long-term rural development

### Rural development
- UNDP has delivered projects on agricultural productivity, economic development, transportation, irrigation, market access, energy and food storage
- Worked successfully in every Afghan province

### Livelihoods
- UNDP has created 1 million labour days
- Supported SME access to finance
- Boosted income for female-led households

### Skills training
- UNDP has trained 12,000 DDA members on project management, conflict resolution, gender equality and local governance
- Trained 1,500 female household heads on tailoring, embroidery, food processing and literacy