



Evaluation of Integrated Rural Livelihood Programme in Afghanistan

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Oxfam is running an rural recovery and food security programme in 40 villages of the districts of Panjao, Waras, Lal o Sarjagal and Ashterlai in Hazarajat and a community based rural livelihood programme in 40 villages of the districts of Yawan and Shar-e Buzurg in Badakhshan province. Oxfam is also implementing the NSP programme in 5 districts of Daykundi.

The Hazarajat and Badakhshan livelihood programmes are ending over in August and September 2006 respectively.

The evaluation was organised internally by Oxfam and carried out by an external consultant during the period 20 July to 31 August 2006.

The objective of the mission is dual:

- To design a [new] integrated rural livelihood development programme:
 - For the same districts and villages in Badakhshan where Oxfam is currently working
 - For one district in Daykundi (to be selected amongst districts where Oxfam is currently working); and
- To make recommendations for a sustainable exit strategy for the current rural development activities being implemented in the districts of Hazarajat (Panjao, Lal, Waras, Ashterlai).

The expected outputs are the following:

- A programme developed and designed for integrated and sustained rural livelihood development in the selected districts of Hazarajat and Badakhshan.
- Recommendations drafted for a sustainable exit strategy for the current activities in Hazarajat.
- A SWOT analysis, context analysis, needs assessment, specific objectives, implementation methodology, activities, inputs, outputs, exit strategy, sustainability, impacts and mainstreaming of gender and good governance.
- Programme log frame developed.
- Programme budgets to be formulated in cooperation with Oxfam staff in field and in Kabul.
- Staff capacity built in the basics of programme designing.

The Terms of reference is attached in annex 1.

The methodology is based on the following activities:

1. Meetings with key people (see annex 2):
 - Oxfam Country Programme representative in Kabul
 - Oxfam programme managers in Kabul
 - Oxfam provincial and districts field staff
 - EC officials in Kabul
 - Officials of FAO and NGOs

2. Field visits to Ashterlāi, Panjao, Yawan and Shar-e Buzurg districts and individual and group meetings with the field staff, project beneficiaries, shuras and NGOs. The itinerary of the consultant is attached in annex 3.
3. Reading project proposals and reports (see bibliography in annex 4).

Findings are reporting in next five sections:

- Section B provides background information on the programme and detailed contextual information on the targeted area.
- Section C is dedicated to a needs assessment.
- Current programme achievement is evaluated in section D.
- Section E offers recommendations for an exit strategy for the current development activities in Hazarajat.

A new livelihood development programme for Hazarajat and Badakhshan is detailed in section F.

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