



Agriculture and Food Security | Gender Equality and Social Inclusion | Inclusive Agricultural Market Systems and Value Chains | Nutrition | Women's Empowerment

## Boosting Food and Economic Security in Afghanistan.

Asia

### Regional Agricultural Development Program-South (RADP-S)

Project Dates: October 2013 - August 2017

In southern Afghanistan, where farmers and businesses have lagged behind in production and sales, interventions to promote better farming and agribusiness practices strengthen the economy.

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More than 80 percent of the people living in southern Afghanistan work in agriculture, and one-third of the region's gross domestic product comes from the production of crops and livestock. However, in recent years, agricultural productivity has fallen significantly behind neighboring countries — in some cases these numbers are historically low. USAID's Regional Agricultural Development Program-South (RADP-S) assists agribusinesses, increases job opportunities and incomes in the region, and increases the amount of affordable and nutritious food available to rural Afghans. The project strengthens agricultural value chains — in each stage of production, from farm to market — so farmers can increase production, connect with agribusinesses, and subsequently market their products.

# 136,378

farmers who have applied improved technologies or management practices

# 190

firms and civil society organizations who are operating more profitably and efficiently

# 62,369

hectares with increased high value crop production

## Project Goals

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- Educate and mentor farmers and agricultural businesses about best practices for increasing crop production and profits
- Teach women and high school girls about starting and operating agricultural businesses and provide the students with business connections
- Work with the government to support policies and regulations that will help farmers and private-sector companies to thrive
- Provide poppy farmers with alternative livelihood options

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