

PAKISTAN AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT (PAD)

The PAD project works with growers of tomatoes, red chilis, bananas, and dates in the Punjab and Sindh provinces of Pakistan to increase their incomes through a combination of strategic interventions that include the introduction of modern technologies, access to higher value markets, and increased availability of financial services.

PROJECT GOAL/OBJECTIVES

- Increase agricultural productivity by building the capacity of producers in improved productivity and profitability; train producers in improved production techniques; post-harvest handling, marketing, sanitary and phytosanitary practices; and provide grants and loans for equipment and agriculture inputs.
- Expand trade of agricultural products by developing both domestic and export market

linkages; facilitate trade relationships and research export opportunities; promote a coordinated and strategic approach to building market share by associations and promote food safety issues and requirements.

ACTIVITIES

- Provide farmers with better access to credit through innovative loan products.
- Provide in-kind grants that enable agroprocessors, middlemen, and farmers' groups to purchase equipment and improve infrastructure for safe and product-conserving handling, processing and on-farm uses.

- PROJECT GOALS -



39,192 individuals trained on

individuals trained on food security and production



76,850 MT of commodities sold by projectassisted agriculture producers



6,448
hectares of land under improved technique and technology



FAST FACTS

DONOR: United States Department of Agriculture TIMEFRAME: September 2016 – September 2021

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FUNDING LEVEL: \$20,394,375

LOCATION: Pakistan

TARGET BENEFICIARIES: chili, date, banana and

tomato producers

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- Facilitate buyer-seller relationships and private partnerships to create strong links to markets that will give rural producers incentives to increase agricultural production.
- Disperse improved market information.
- Improve agricultural production techniques through targeted trainings provided by local resources.
- Reduce post-harvest losses and improve processing practices focusing on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) training.
- Assist farmers in forming producer groups, cooperatives and trade associations and strengthen existing associations to capitalize on economies of scale, improved competitiveness and enforced quality standards.

Utilize in-kind grants and training of trainers to build the capacity of agro dealers, input suppliers and equipment suppliers.

EXPECTED RESULTS

As a result of the proposed activities, the following are anticipated accomplishments:

- Increased capacity of government institutions
- Improved policy and regulatory framework
- Increased access to improved market information
- Improved capacity of key groups in the agriculture production sector
- Increased leverage of private-sector resources
- Increased availability of improved inputs
- Improved operational and farm management techniques
- Increased use of improved agricultural techniques and technologies
- Improved quality of land and water resources
- Expanded trade of agricultural products
- Increased value added to post-production agricultural products
- Increased use of financial services
- Improved marketing of agricultural products
- Increased access to markets for rural farmers
- Improved market and trade infrastructure
- Increased adoption of industry standards

