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Background:

New Consultancy and Relief Organization (NCRO) is a registered Non Governmental Organization (NGO) with the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. It was established under the name of Narcotic Control and Rehabilitation of Afghanistan in 1993; the name was changed in 2005 into National Consultancy and Relief Association. In 2012 the name of NGO changed to New Consultancy and Relief Organization.

(NCRO) is involved in providing basic humanitarian services in the following sectors:

- In health, NCRO organized hygiene awareness raising campaigns for women in a number of villages in Nangarhar and Nangrahar Provinces
- In Agriculture, NCRO distributed Improved Wheat Seeds to farmers in different provinces; established fruit and non fruit nurseries; trained women on maintaining kitchen Garden;
- In livestock, NCRO distributed UNHCR donated cows, goats and poultries to returnees and IDPs, this in addition to creating fish ponds in certain suitable returnee focused areas
- In irrigation sector, NCRO constructed water intakes, canal rehabilitations, construction of siphons, kariz cleanings and protection walls
- In water supply, NCRO established pip schemes, dug potable water wells and provided hygiene education as a component to the aforementioned projects;
- In the infrastructure sectors, NCRO constructed school buildings, clinics, micro hydro powers and resurfaced tertiary roads in a number of villages



- NCRO has been engaged in shelter construction program of UNHCR for the past 3 years and is still working in this field;
- In sanitation NCRO constructed latrines and improved waste water drainage systems and created garbage bins
- In capacity building NCRO provided income generation trainings for returnees and IDPs' families
- In consultancy NCRO provided need assessment of Returnee and IDP by implementation remote monitoring and women right advocacy project under UNHCR fund and referred a number of cases to UNHCR and other relevant agencies through UNHCR Jalalabad.

INTRODUCTION:

NCRO implemented eight projects with different parts for IDPs and returnees in eastern Afghanistan in 2012.

Summary of NCRO Annual Budget

No	Project Title	Budget (US \$)	Beneficiary	Funding Source
1	Kass Aziz khan Wash(Tube Well Project	162,280.00	Returnee	UNHCR
2	Fateh Abad Road Project	159,930.00	Returnee	UNHCR
3	Bella MHP Project	63,231.00	Returnee	UNHCR
4	Feroz Abad MHP Project	40,446.00	Returnee	UNHCR
5	Traffic Singpost and awareness training	14,492.00	Returnee	UNHCR
6	Solar light Project	100,310.00	Returnee	UNHCR
7	Provision of drinking Water	116,485.00	IDPs	UNHCR
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Total		657,174.00		

Part (A): Pillar 3 (Returnee)

Project Title: Assistance to Returnees in Reintegration site, Eastern Region Water, Electricity, access road rehabilitation, solar lighting, and road traffic safety awareness

Location: Returnees sites in Nangrahar and Laghman provinces

Duration: Seven months (20 June to 31 Dec 2012)

Changes in Population targeted by the Project in Fatehabad, Shiekh Misry and Kas Aziz Khan Returnee reintegration sites

- No major changes occurred in the population profile
- Demographic data pertaining to the populations targeted by this project

Population Planning Group:		Afghan Returnees				
Age Group	Male		Female		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
0-4	1,476	8.2	1,476	8.2	2,952	16.4
05-17	3,870	21.5	3,744	20.8	7,614	42.3
18-59	3,456	19.2	3,564	19.8	7,020	39.0
60 and >	288	1.6	126	0.7	414	2.3
Total:	9,090	50.5	8,910	49.5	18,000	100
Major locations:		Kas Aziz Khan village, Qarghai district, Laghman province				

Population Planning Group:			Afghan Returnees			
Age Group	Male		Female		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
0-4	2,460	8.2	2,460	8.2	4,920	16.4
05-17	6,450	21.5	6,240	20.8	12,690	42.3
18-59	5,760	19.2	5,940	19.8	11,700	39.0
60 and >	480	1.6	210	0.7	690	2.3
Total:	15,150	50.5	14,850	49.5	30,000	100
Major locations:	Fatiah Abad, Surkhrod district, Nangrahar province					

Population Planning Group:			Afghan Returnees			
Age Group	Male		Female		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
0-4	1,230	8.2	1,230	8.2	2,460	16.4
05-17	3,225	21.5	3,120	20.8	6,345	42.3
18-59	2,880	19.2	2,970	19.8	5,850	39.0
60 and >	240	1.6	105	0.7	345	2.3
Total:	7,575	50.5	7,425	49.5	15,000	100
Major locations:	Sheikh Mesri New Township, Surkhrod Dist, Nangrahar province					

Implementation Arrangements

There were no changes in the implementation arrangements and purpose of projects. The activities achieved were as the following:

1. Project Name: Provision of Drinking Water for Returnee

Location: Kas Aziz Khan Village of Qarghai district of Laghman province.

Duration: 4 months (20 June 2012 to 19 October 2012)

NCRO constructed 40 water points in Kas Aziz Khan Village of Qarghai district of Laghman province. The exact locations of wells identified in close consultation with DoRRD, DoRR, UNHCR and community elders for most vulnerable families in such locations where each person of all the people living around is able to get for use a minimum of 20 Liters of potable water in a day.

Project Performance:

The main activities achieved as ensuing:

- Mobilization and sensitization of the respective returnee communities on hygiene and sanitation;
- Field coordination with the provincial DoRR, DoRRD, community Shura, district authorities and their involvement and contribution in the projects;
- Establishment of water committees and district mechanics;
- Site selection for new tube wells with the concerned government departments and communities;

- Construction of 40 new tube wells quipped with hand pump;
- Implementation of Hygiene education programs, training of water committees and caretakers and district mechanics,
- Monitoring and supervision of the project activities on regular basis;
- Submitting of regular progress reports to funding agency;
- Submitting of final, financial , and narrative report to UNHCR
- Official hand over of the facility to the community

With the achievement of above listed activities, the following objectives were obtained and facilitated easy access to save drinking water for returnee in their locations:

- Save drinking water provided for 800 returnee family.
- Women and children who fetch water will spend less time in search of potable water.
- Improved health condition of the beneficiary population (reduced cases of water-related and water-borne diseases).

UNHCR funded the mentioned project and total amount of project was US\$ 162,280.00

Project No	Project Title	Project Start date	Project End date	Project Amount USD	Estimated Amount of expenditure incurred (USD)
1001148/515	Provision of Drinking Water	20 June 2012	19 October 2012	162,280.00	162,280.00

Photos of project



A visit of UNHCR from Water supply project for returnee in Kas Aziz Khan village ,Qarghaee district of Laghman province

2. Project Name: Feroz Abad Micro Hydro Power (MHP) for Returnee
Location: Kas Aziz Khan Village of Qarghai district of Laghman province.
Duration: 3 months (01 September 2012 to 30 November 2012)

NCRO constructed a MHP (20KW) in the village of Feroz Abad in Kas Aziz Khan Village of Qarghai district of Laghman province in close consultation with DoRRD, DoRR, UNHCR and community elders to address the energy and electricity needs of the most vulnerable families between September and November of 2012. It was assumed that each family would be able to use a minimum of 50 W electric powers and this shall benefit a total of 400 families.

Project Performance:

The main activities of Ferozabad MHP was as ensuing:

- Mobilization for the project and set up of site office in the village.
- Mobilization and sensitization of the respective returnee communities for project implementation.
- Obtaining of all land related documentation before project commencement.
- Construction of Stone masonry for the base
- Construction of Power house 4 x 5 meters
- Construction of 20 Cm thick RCC slab over 50 Cm stone as foundation under for by and power house due to poor base
- Installation of 4 water Control Gates
- Installation of coupling turbine
- Installation of a control Value for turbine
- Installation of 20 KW Power Generator
- Installation of a Flouring Mill
- Extension of 350 m electrical wires and pillars
- Construction of a spillway for water over flow from the canal
- Installation of lightening protection system over MHP plant
- Installation of I beam and T beam over for bay for safety of children
- Monitoring and supervision of the project activities on regular basis;
- Submitting of regular progress reports to funding agency;
- Submitting of final, financial , and narrative report to UNHCR
- Official hand over of the facility to the community

With the achievement of above listed activities, Population has access to cheap alternative renewable/green energy

UNHCR funded the mentioned project and total amount of project was US\$ 40,446.00

Project No	Project Title	Project Start date	Project End date	Project Amount USD	Estimated Amount of expenditure incurred (USD)
1001148/515	Ferozabad MHP	01 September 2012	30 November 2012	40,446.00	40,446.00

Photos of project



Ferozabad MHP during the project implementation stage

3. Project Name: Bela Micro Hydro Power (MHP) for Returnee

Location: Kas Aziz Khan Village of Qarghai district of Laghman province.

Duration: 3 months (01 September 2012 to 30 November 2012)

Similarly NCRO constructed a **Micro Hydro Power (MHP)** in the village of Bela in Kas Aziz Khan Village of Qarghai district of Laghman province, in close consultation with DoRRD, DoRR, UNHCR and community elders to address the energy and electricity needs of the most vulnerable families between September and November of 2012. It was assumed that each family would be able to use a minimum of 50 Watt energy and this shall benefit a total of 600 families.

Project Performance:

The main activities for Bela MHPs included:

- Mobilization for the project and set up of site office in the village.

- Mobilization and sensitization of the respective returnee communities for project implementation.
- Obtaining of all land related documentation before project commencement.
- Construction of Stone masonry for bay
- Construction of Power house 4 x 6 m.
- Construction of RCC stair for first floor
- Construction of 20 Cm thick RCC slab over 50 Cm stone as foundation under for bay and power house due to poor base
- Installation of I beam and T beam over for bay for safety of children.
- Installation of 4 water Control Gates.
- Installation of coupling turbine.
- Installation of a control Valve for turbine
- Installation of 30 KW Power Generator
- Installation of a Flouring Mill.
- Installation of grain cleaning treasure
- Installation of Cotton cleaning machine
- Installation of I beam and T beam over for bay for safety of children.
- Extension of 1500 m electrical wires and pillars.
- Extension of upper canal height 0.5 to 0.9 m for (92+67) long stone masonry Canal (Upper Canal)
- Construction of 4 m water over flow (Spillway).
- Construction of downstream canals collector as per drawing
- Installation of lightening protection system over MHP plant.
- Monitoring and supervision of the project activities on regular basis;
- Submitting of regular progress reports to funding agency;
- Submitting of final, financial , and narrative report to UNHCR
- Official hand over of the facility to the community

With the achievement of above listed activities, the following objectives were obtained

Population has access to cheap alternative renewable/green energy

UNHCR funded the mentioned project and total amount of project was US\$ 63,231.00

Project No	Project Title	Project Start date	Project End date	Project Amount USD	Estimated Amount of expenditure incurred (USD)
1001148/515	Bela MHP	01 September 2012	30 November 2012	63,231.00	63,231.00

Photos of Project



4. Project Name: Fatehabad Road for Returnee

Location: Fatiah Abad village in Suhkrod District of Nangarhar province

Duration: 4 months (01 September 2012 to 31 December 2012)

NCRO rehabilitated 3.6 Km of community access road with the aim to link up the village to the main road and temporarily created jobs targeting mainly the most vulnerable returnee families and households in Fatiah Abad village in Suhkrod District of Nangarhar province between September and December 2012. This project was implemented in a close consultation with DoEC, DoRR, UNHCR and community elders. By implementation of this project temporary employment was created for 80 vulnerable individuals earning 5 USD daily for a period of four months. The project benefited a total of 600 families.

Project Performance:

The following activities were performed:

- Project mobilization, meetings and discussions with the community leaders and potential beneficiaries
- Project Mobilization
- Leveling (Cutting and Filling) of 1.6 Km Dedawan Road
- Leveling (Cutting and Filling) of 2 Km Shekhani Road
- Construction of 552 m Road Side Protection wall
- Construction of 5000 m road side ditches
- Construction of 24 - D = 50 cm Pipe culvert

- Construction of 3 culverts 1 x 1 x 4 m
- Construction of 1 culvert 3 x 1.5 x 4 m
- Construction of 1 culvert 2.5 x 5.2 x 4 m with 40 m protection wall.
- Construction of 2 culvert 1.5 x 1 x 4 m
- Monitoring and supervision of the project activities on regular basis;
- Submitting of regular progress reports to funding agency;
- Submitting of final, financial , and narrative report to UNHCR
- Official hand over of the facility to the community
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With the achievement of above listed activities, the following objectives were obtained

- 3.6 Km of community access road rehabilitated
- Vulnerable families participating and earning daily wage as a result of this project implementation.
- All year round access to goods and services through a motor able access road

UNHCR funded the mentioned project and total amount of project was US\$ 159,930.00

Project No	Project Title	Project Start date	Project End date	Project Amount USD	Estimated Amount of expenditure incurred (USD)
1001148/515	Fatehabad Road	01 September 2012	31 December 2012	159,930.00	159,930.00

Photos of Project



Visit of UNHCR from Fatehabad road during the implementation of project



Photo of Fatehabad Road

5. Project Name: Traffic Sign posts and Awareness Rising Training for Returnee
Location: Kas Aziz Khan Village of Qarghai district of Laghman province.
Duration: 2 months (26 September 2012 to 25 November 2012)

NCRO installed 56 road traffic sign posts along the Jalalabad - Kabul highway in Kas Aziz Khan village and in the same time, road traffic safety awareness training was conducted for teachers and pupils in three schools along the highway in the province between September and November 2012. This project was implemented in close consultation with Laghman Traffic, DoRR, UNHCR and community elders.

Project Performance:

The following activities were performed:

- Project Mobilization.
- installation of 56 traffic sign posts
- Training of teachers and road traffic awareness raising (Accident mitigation) for students in 3 schools.

- Distribution of Traffic books and posters.
- Training of community members

With the achievement of above listed activities, the following objectives were obtained
Accident occurrences reduced as a result of the population having access to road safety information and training

UNHCR funded the mentioned project and total amount of project was US\$ 14,492.00

Project No	Project Title	Project Start date	Project End date	Project Amount USD	Estimated Amount of expenditure incurred (USD)
1001148/515	Traffic Sign posts and Awareness Raising Training	26 September 2012	25 November 2012	14,492.00	14,492.00

Photos of Project



NCRO installed light reflective sign posts in the road sides for reduction of accident occurrences in Kas Aziz Khan Village



NCRO trained students, teachers and community of Kas Aziz Khan village in traffic awareness

6. Project Name: Solar Lights for Returnee

Location: Kas Aziz Khan Village of Qarghai district of Laghman province, Sheikh Misry Returnee Township and Fatehabad village of Surkhroad district in Nangrahar province.

Duration: 2 months (26 September 2012 to 25 November 2012)

NCRO commenced on 26 September 2012 and completed 25 November 2012, installation of 100 solar lights in public places in Kas Aziz Khan village, SMNT and Fatiah Abad village to particularly improve physical safety of women in this areas. 100 solar street lights installed as following:

- 20 Solar lights installed in Kas Aziz khan Returnee Township in Qarghaee district of Laghman province.
- 20 Solar lights installed in Kas Aziz khan high returnee village in Qarghaee district of Laghman province.
- 30 Solar lights installed in Shiekh Misry Returnee Township in Surkhroad district of Nangrahar province.
- 30 Solar lights installed in Fatehabad high returnee village in Surkhroad district of Nangrahar province.

Project Performance:

The following activities were performed:

- Mobilization for the project and set up of site office in the village.
- Mobilization and sensitization of the respective returnee communities for project implementation.
- Choice of the sites in close consultation with community leaders especially the women
- Obtaining of all land related documentation before project commencement.
- Training of community members on the management and operation of the solar lights.

- Installation of the solar lights in public places chosen jointly with the community members especially the women.
- Official hand over of the facility.

With the achievement of above listed activities, the following objectives were obtained Public area such as schools, clinics, mosques and water points lightened in 100 deferent points.

UNHCR funded the mentioned project and total amount of project was US\$ 100,310.00

Project No	Project Title	Project Start date	Project End date	Project Amount USD	Estimated Amount of expenditure incurred (USD)
1001148/515	Solar Lights	26 September 2012	25 November 2012	100,310.00	100,310.00

Photos of Project



Solar lights installed in Public Area



Solar lights lightened public areas

Note:

- NCRO assigned a female engineer to the project site. She met with the women shura and elders regarding site selection of wells and solar lights. Traffic awareness rising training was held in girl school in Kas Aziz Khan Village. Women advised to use electricity for lightening of their houses which produced in two MHP projects in Kas Aziz Khan village.
- All projects were implemented as according to the project proposal and documents which were properly in line with the requirements of the respective line ministry.

Related Inputs and Project changes

There were no changes in the availability of resources. AGHCO contributed in hygiene education for water project. NCRO shared the list of wells and its locations to UNHCR shelter IP AGHCO for implementation of hygiene education training program for the beneficiaries of water supply (wells project) in Kas Aziz Khan.

Overall impact of the Project

With the implementation of these projects, the following facilities were provided for the returnees in three reintegration sites:

I- Kas Aziz Khan village and returnee township: Over 3000 returnee families received safe drinking water, lighting in public areas by installation of 40 solar lights, electricity for lightening of their houses by construction of two MHP, Traffic awareness to minimize road accidents by installation of 56 traffic signs and awareness rising by conducting training workshop in three schools.

II- Fatehabad Reintegration site: Over 5000 Returnee families found safe access from village to the main road by rehabilitation of 3.6 Km village road and lightening of public areas by installation of 30 solar lights.

II- Shiekh Misry Returnee Township: Over 2500 Returnee families received safe drinking water, lighting in public areas by installation of 40 solar lights.

Lessons learned and recommendations for the future:

- a) NCRO staff, Community elders and government authorities strongly recommend implementation of similar projects in other parts of the province to facilitate reintegration of returnees in their homeland and bring positive changes in the lives of the respective communities.
- b) NCRO recommends rehabilitation of Bela and Ferozabad canal to increase water flow in the canal for having sufficient water for irrigation to produce sufficient electricity for returnees by two MHP (Bela and Ferozabad MHP) constructed during 2012 in Kas Aziz Khan.
- c) Based on the community request, NCRO recommend installation of more solar lights. Nangrahar province has hot and sunny weather which is good for electricity production by solar panels.
- d) NCRO has constructed culverts and protection walls for Fatehabad village road, community elders and government authorities request gravelling of mentioned road.

Part (B): Pillar 4 (IDP)

1. Project Name: Water Assistance for IDPs, Eastern Region

Location: Khas Kunar, Sarkano and Chauki districts of Kunar province

Duration: 5 months (12 May to 11 October 2013)

Changes in Population targeted by the Project in Tango IDP cluster in Sarkano district and Khas Kuner IDP cluster in Khas Kuner districts of Kuner province

- a) No major changes occurred in the population profile
- b) Demographic data pertaining to the populations targeted by this project

Demographic data pertaining to the population/s targeted by this project

A, Tango IDP Cluster

Population Planning Group:			Internally displaced Afghans			
Age Group	Male		Female		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
0-4	67	8.2	67	8.2	134	16.4
05 - 17	175	21.5	170	20.8	345	42.3
18-59	157	19.2	162	19.8	318	39
60 and >	13	1.6	6	0.7	19	2.3
Total:	412	50.5	404	49.5	816	100
Major locations:	Tango IDP Cluster in Sarkano district of Kuner province					

B, Khas Kuner IDP Cluster

Population Planning Group:			Internally displaced Afghans			
Age Group	Male		Female		Total	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
0-4	141	8.2	141	8.2	281	16.4
05 -17	369	21.5	357	20.8	726	42.3
18-59	329	19.2	340	19.8	669	39
60 and >	27	1.6	12	0.7	39	2.3
Total:	867	50.5	849	49.5	1716	100
Major locations	Khas Kuner IDP Cluster in Sarkano district of Kuner province					

Implementation Arrangements - changes

During July – October 2012, NCRO constructed a total of 25 water points, in Khas Kunar Village and Tango Cluster of Kunar district in Kunar province (10 wells in Tango and 15 in Khas Kuner). The exact locations were identified in close consultation with DoRRD, DoRR, UNHCR and community elders. So the water points were selected for 422 most vulnerable IDP families.

Project Performance:

The activities achieved as following:

- Mobilization for the project and set up of site office in the village
- Mobilization and sensitization of the respective IDP communities
- Field coordination with the provincial DoRR, DoRRD, community Shura, district authorities and their involvement/contribution in the projects;
- Establishment/Training of water committees and hand pump mechanics;
- Site selection for new tube wells with the line government department and host communities while ensuring maximum involvement of women throughout the project
- Construction of 25 new tube wells quipped with approved hand pump and accessories
- Implementation of Hygiene education programs, training of water committee and caretakers/district mechanics,
- Monitoring and supervision of the project activities on regular basis;
- Submitting of regular progress reports to funding agency;
- Submitting of final, financial, and narrative report to UNHCR

The IP made every effort to ensure AGDM issues were addressed at all stages of the project. A minimum of 50% women representation was a must in all activities at all project stages including not only planning, site selection, trainings, construction, monitoring, evaluation, and utilization of the water source. NCRO was also expected to report on a monthly basis, on progress and status of the project, to the UNHCR focal point for water and sanitation.

NCRO implemented a total of 25 water points equipped with hand pumps including additional (15 in Khas Kunar and 10 in Tango cluster) with above mentioned specification.

With the achievement of above listed activities, the following objectives were obtained and facilitated easy access to save drinking water for returnee in their locations:

- Save drinking water provided for 422 IDP families.
- Women and children who fetch water will spend less time in search of potable water.
- Improved health condition of the beneficiary population (reduced cases of water-related and water-borne diseases).

UNHCR funded the mentioned project and total amount of project was US\$ 116,485.00

Project No	Project Title	Project Start date	Project End date	Project Amount USD	Estimated Amount of expenditure incurred (USD)
1001148/526	Provision of drinking Water	5 July 2012	30 October 2012	116,485.00	116,485.00

Photos of project



Water points for IDP

Note:

- NCRO assigned a female engineer to the project site, she met with the women shura and elders regarding site selection of wells.
- All the projects were implemented as per associated annexes and respective proposal documents which must have been in line with the requirements of the respective line ministry.

Related Inputs and Projects –changes

There were no changes in availability of resources, AGHCO contributed in hygiene education for water project. NCRO shared well list and locations to UNHCR Shelter IP

AGHCO for implementation hygiene education training program for beneficiary of water supply (wells project) in Tango and Khas Kuner IDP clusters.

Overall impact of the Project

With the implementation of these projects the following facilities were provided for IDP in Tango and Khas Kuner Clusters:

I- Khas Kuner IDP Cluster, Over 286 IDP families received safe drinking water with the construction of 15 wells equipped with hand pumps.

II- Tango IDP Cluster, Over 136 IDP families received safe drinking water with the construction of 10 wells equipped with hand pumps.

Recommendations:

NCRO staff, community elders and government authorities strongly recommend implementation of similar projects in other parts of the province to facilitate provision of safe drinking water for IDP and bring positive changes in the lives of the respective communities.

