

## Regional Agricultural Development Program - North

Donor	USAID
Contractor	Development Alternatives Inc.
Period	August 28th, 2014 – May 20th, 2019
Area	Jowzjan, Balk, Kunduz, Badakhshan, Samangan, and Baghlan provinces

The Regional Agricultural Development Program (RADP) is an Afghanistan-wide programme, funded by USAID, to assist the country in its efforts to improve food and economic security for rural Afghans. The programme works in four regions: North, South, East, and West. In February 2014, DCA was already awarded a subcontract for the RADP programme in the Southern region. In October 2014, the subcontract of the RADP-North project was signed, followed by the RADP-West project in March 2015. The prime contractor of RADP-South and RADP-West is Chemonics International Inc. The prime contractor of RADP-N on the other hand is Development Alternatives Inc. (DAI).

The RADP-North project focusses on the provinces of Jowzjan, Balkh, Kunduz, Badakhshan, Samangan, and Baghlan. The RADP-North project operates through a value chain approach. In the project three overall value chains are included:

- Wheat
- High value crops
- Livestock



In the targeted provinces, DCA has been active in the following specialized livestock value chains:

- Meat value chain, training butchers in hygienic meat processing
- Cashmere value chain, organizing campaigns using special combs to increase the quantity and quality of the cashmere harvest
- Karakul value chain, introducing a new, innovative method of drying of Karakul skins
- Lamb fattening chain, distributing lambs and training women on lamb rearing

DCA strengthens the livestock value chain by creating new VFUs, and by providing livestock extension to farmers in the targeted provinces.

The RADP-N project ended according to the contract in May 2019.