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Weapons handed over by illegal armed groups at a Peace District announcement ceremony on 11 August 2008 in Onaba District of Panjshir Province. Over 350 community elders, district administrators, police officials, representatives from DIAG and ANBP and the media attended the DIAG ceremony.

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I. Implementation progress

Output 1 – Implementation of weapon collection and disbandment of illegal armed groups fully supported.

Activity 1.1 – Enhance the capacity of Government to ensure community security through weapons reduction.

National lead in DIAG

As part of the transition process from ANBP to the Government, this quarter saw a continuation of high level government actively engaged in the Disbandment of Illegal Armed Groups (DIAG). In August Mr. Masoom Stanekzai returned from sabbatical to his position as Vice Chairman of the Disarmament & Reintegration (D&R) Commission and Special Advisor to the President. Soon after, HE Vice President M. Karim Khalili chaired the DIAG Steering Committee on 3 September, where several issues were discussed, including the transition of DIAG to the Ministry of Interior (Mol), DIAG development projects, remapping procedures and efforts to re-focus the work of DIAG. The Government will continue to assume more responsibilities for DIAG over the coming months to ensure that it has full capacity to continue with DIAG after ANBP's mandate has ended.

Private security companies

ANBP continued its work during the third quarter to progress the registration of private security companies (PSC), resulting in the Government having greater oversight of PSCs and their weapons. Twenty-three new PSCs requested registration, while a total 36 PSCs from the previous quarter were registered and issued temporary licenses. Although the High Coordinating Board (HCB) was due to either reject or accept the first round of PSC registrations by 16 July, it invoked a clause allowing the process to be extended an additional 60 days. HCB was scheduled to meet on 8 October to sign off documents recommending all 36 PSCs be approved for licenses. Documents will then be passed on to the relevant council of ministers for final approval. While all relevant information was entered, the PSC database has not yet been utilized owing to a lack of staff capacity in Mol. Additionally, it should be noted that designated funding from UNDP's Law and Order Trust Fund for Afghanistan (LOTFA) to purchase the hardware for the Mol remains unavailable for spending by ANBP. It is envisaged that the equipment required for the PSC – Weapons Registration and Operations departments will be fully in place towards the end of the fourth quarter.

Weapons registration

Having been trained by ANBP in the first quarter on operating Weapons Registration software, Mol staff continued to use the database through the third quarter. Since the beginning of operations, a total of 14,014 firearms have been entered into the system, as well as concurrent issuing of weapons registration cards. Additionally, interpreters from the Joint Secretariat began work on translating the database into Dari language, which will enhance the Mol's capacity for using the system. The translation is due to be completed in the fourth quarter and will be installed at the Mol Weapons Registration and Licensing (WR&L) office.

In the second quarter, ANBP's mentor on Weapons Registration began work on a draft Standard Operating Procedures in order to improve the procedures based on the current legislation. The draft was revised by the Mol Legal Advisor and now sits with Mol to be signed by His Excellency Minister Zarar Ahmad Moqbel.

Support efforts aimed at promoting interagency cooperation to facilitate a national approach to the control of firearms and to minimize legal access to firearms for illicit activity continued during the

third quarter and saw ANBP building on its work with the Police Department, Police Intelligence Department and the Criminal Investigation Department (CID). The Mol WR&L office and the laboratory unit of the CID drafted an agreement to support improving the content of the database. Based on the agreement, CID lab experts will inspect firearms and assist applicants in completing sections of registration forms relating to the weapon's identifiable information (such as make, model, serial number, magazine capacity, etc.).

Government Officials Linked to Illegal Armed Groups (GOLIAGs)

While the complex issue of removing Government Officials Linked to Illegal Armed Groups (GOLIAGs) remained challenging, progress occurred in the third quarter. ANBP continued to put pressure on Mol to take up the issue and further encourage line ministries, including the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG), to pursue the issue. During the third quarter, an additional seven GOLIAGs were either terminated or compliant, lowering the number of GOLIAGs retaining their positions down to 20 out of the original 72 GOLIAGs targeted at the provincial level. Additionally, DIAG has contributed to the Presidential Senior Appointment Board (PSAB) of the IDLG. In partnership with UNAMA, the Joint Secretariat screened a list of 20 nominees for high level government positions sent through the PSAB. As a result, seven were found to be listed in the DIAG database. A report was sent to the PSAB, with negotiations on eligibility commencing through the D&R Commission.

Remapping procedure

The D&R Commission continued its efforts on a remapping procedure, whereby districts will be re-assessed for current IAG data based on updated information concerning their strength, weapons quantity and activities. The Second Vice President's Office signed a presidential decree in early September. By 30 November, all provincial governors will be responsible for the delivery of completed IAG surveys and submission to the D&R Commission. The expected outcome of the remapping procedure is more credible, precise, and unbiased information about IAGs in each province.

Consolidation of IAG database for the Joint Secretariat

During the third quarter, the IAG database underwent final revisions and testing, including translation into Dari language. The database will go into full operation in the fourth quarter, capturing the results of the remapping procedure and eventually being transferred to the Mol DIAG unit at the end of the ANBP programme.

Activity 1.2 – Disarm targeted illegal armed groups, collect weapons and transfer weapons to Government control.

Statistics on weapons collected

At the end of the third quarter alone, ANBP, in support of the Ministry of Defense, verified 1,355 weapons (920 light weapons and 435 heavy weapons), increasing the overall total to 41,611 weapons (36,888 light weapons and 4,723 heavy weapons).

District DIAG implementation

The fourth round of District DIAG Implementation (DDI) was launched in July, including 12 new districts approved by the Joint Secretariat. Building on momentum gained since the initial launch of DDI in the first quarter, ANBP continued supporting and coordinating many negotiations between targeted districts and the government. Of the 82 DDI districts targeted, 43 districts are in compliance, and 4,489 weapons (3,678 operational) have been deposited under the DDI process

since its inception, of which 685 weapons (546 operational) were collected in the third quarter of 2008.

By the end of the third quarter, a total of 375 IAG commanders since Programme inception had signed a DIAG Statement of Declaration and announced that they have disbanded their groups and handed over their weapons. Their activities will continue to be monitored by the government and the international community.

ANBP, through the Joint Secretariat, continued working with the Ministry of Interior's Focused District Development (FDD)¹, which provides police reform by retraining police forces in targeted districts, including training on the role of police in promoting and supporting programmatic aspects of DIAG at the provincial level. ANBP regularly participates in working meetings, as well as being an active partner in the selection of identified districts for FDD cycles seven and eight. Additionally, the selection criteria of districts for FDD were modified, resulting in the selection of more secure districts compared to before. This shift will allow for better coordination and stronger synergies between FDD and DIAG than previously possible.

Activity 1.3 – Change general public perceptions, values and behaviour regarding illicit weapons possession and misuses through a public awareness campaign.

Building on the positive momentum and public support generated by the first regional conclave with religious scholars in Kabul organized in the second quarter, ANBP's central office Public Information section liaised with the Ministry of Islamic Affairs (MoIA) to host on 20 August a national level 'training-of-trainers' workshop for 34 top religious scholars from all over the country. This one day workshop further cemented a pro-DIAG partnership with influential leaders and led to a commitment on the part of the MoIA to intensify national efforts in support of DIAG. A press conference arranged at the conclusion of the workshop was followed by a one-hour prime time discussion on DIAG on Tolo TV's *Guftman* programme, one of the most-watched current affairs programmes in Afghanistan. Moreover, the MoIA's Directorate of Mosques continues to follow up on promoting the frequency and efficacy with which religious scholars' Friday sermons are used as a platform to deliver messages on DIAG, peace and security in Afghanistan.

ANBP led a large-scale observance of International Peace Day (21 September) by organising the Peace Day School Symposium through a partnership with the Ministry of Education and provincial chiefs of education. Across the country, over 250 students directly participated in competitions while more than 6,000 students directly witnessed the competitions in 21 participating schools. Large sections of media covered the ANBP-sponsored school symposium competitions in Kabul and carried news inputs from similar events organised in different parts of the country.

In Herat, Takhar, Kunduz and Jalalabad, selected media outlets marked the International Day of Peace observance by organising special media round-table discussions focusing on the need for widening public support for destruction of illegal weapons and DIAG. Participants of the round-table included eminent education experts, outstanding students, youth representatives and provincial chiefs of education.

Day-long broadcasts were held in partnership with Radio Television Afghanistan (RTA) to cover ANBP related Peace Day events. A special 30-minute coverage based on 'man-on-the-street' interviews was broadcast showing different people's opinion on how large-scale presence of illegal weapons is affecting growth and development. Additionally, ANBP held events to publicize the

¹ The MoI is supported by Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (CSTC-A).

official announcement of Ali Abad in Kunduz, Yakawlang in Bamiyan, Khiwa in Jalalabad as peace districts. The strong collaborative efforts of ANBP central and regional offices successfully contributed to UN-wide efforts to focus public attention throughout the country on the need for peace, stability and development in Afghanistan.

During the third quarter, ANBP hired temporary services of a national web-designer to re-design the DIAG and ANBP websites and make them consistent with UNDP corporate website standards. The objective of re-designing the websites is to maximize the public outreach potential of ANBP and DIAG. The websites were officially re-launched on Peace Day. Additionally, ANBP initiated a recruitment process for three pending vacancies for Public Information Associates for regional offices in Kunduz, Jalalabad and Bamiyan.

The third quarter also saw activities relating to the production of six radio and six TV public service announcement (PSAs) that are geared to complement efforts at changing perceptions towards DIAG, widening both public support and greater DIAG compliance. Having hired a production company to make the PSAs in late September, it is expected the PSAs will be ready for nation-wide broadcast by the end of October 2008.

The central office Public Information section continued with regular activities such as arranging press visits and events, monitoring the media and issuing press releases. Special field-based coverage and interviews were organized for the *Newsnight* programme of *BBC World Service News* and interviews were conducted with the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General, Chris Alexander, and Mr. Stanekzai for a story in *Time* magazine. The Regional Offices continued implementing public information activities at the provincial and district levels. Overall, the output of the ANBP's Public Information work during the third quarter, especially considering the massive national coordination of Peace Day events, continued to reflect the development of activities growing not only in scale but also in substance and creativity. These efforts facilitate greater awareness and support of the public towards DIAG. Annex 1 provides a provincial breakdown of activities that took place.

Activity 1.4 – Handover of all responsibilities from ANBP (DIAG) to the GoA.

Transition to the Government

One key issue raised at the Steering Committee meeting was the need to increase the capacity of Mol, specifically related to the transition of DIAG. It was decided that a joint high ranking team comprised of Mol, D&RC, UNAMA and ANBP shall assess the current transition process as well as seek alternative solutions to improve the pace. By mid-September, ANBP developed an Mol transition plan. The updated strategy document with corresponding timelines has been submitted to the D&R Commission and the Minister of Interior following a full assessment of the problems faced so far. The document has been endorsed by UNAMA and Mr. Stanekzai. It is anticipated that the transition plan will be fully sanctioned early in the fourth quarter.

In the third quarter, long-awaited funding through UNDP's Law and Order Trust Fund for Afghanistan (LOTFA) for the establishment of the DIAG unit within Mol was released from the Ministry of Finance to LOTFA, but it has not yet been made available for spending by ANBP. As a result, purchasing office equipment and furniture has been put on hold until the Mol transition plan is fully sanctioned. Additionally, His Excellency Minister Zarar Ahmad Moqbel approved the selection of the Mol appointments panel of 24 police staff for the central unit and 10 support staff,

primarily to work in the DIAG section under the Counter-Terrorism Unit. However, training will begin according to the revised timeline of the Mol transition plan once it is approved.

On a related note, ANBP finalized a ToR for an external DIAG evaluation, with the aim of objectively assessing ANBP's progress and future plans prior to program termination (tentatively in March 2009). The work of the evaluators will also pay attention to the current and alternative approaches in building Mol capacity related to DIAG transition.

Output 2 – Identification and monitoring of socio-economic community development and governance interventions fully supported.

Activity 2.1 -- Development consultative mechanisms established in each of the 34 Provinces to cover up to up to 365 districts.

This activity was subsumed under Activity 1.1 in 2007.

Activity 2.2 – Deliver socio-economic community development projects; improve governance structures; involve disbanded group members in the participation of community development and social affairs.

In the third quarter, contracts were issued for four engineers and one Mol DIAG coordinator through the National Area Based Development Programme (NABDP) of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD). Upon completion of training in July of the selected personnel, project design and the identification process have progressed significantly, which should speed up the implementation of the development projects. Moreover, a high level meeting occurred on 1 July among ANBP, NABDP, and the Joint Secretariat with the UNDP country director to discuss development issues. It was decided that a development officer/strategic advisor would be hired for additional support to accelerate DIAG development activities. This new advisor will enable DIAG and MRRD to focus more attention on delivering development projects to the compliant districts.

During the third quarter the Joint Secretariat worked with 50 districts on DIAG development projects, which is seven more than the previous two quarters. Of note, the construction of the three development projects was completed: veterinary clinics in both Kohistan District of Kapisa Province and Shortepa District of Balkh Province, and a 16-room girls' school in Cha-Ab District of Takhar Province. In addition to previously completed projects, a total of five DIAG development projects have been completed in compliant districts.

At the end of the third quarter, physical construction of DIAG community development projects commenced in nine new districts: Jawand District (Badkhis Province), Obeh District (Herat Province), Qala-e Zal District (Kunduz Province), Faizabad District (Jawzjan Province), Farza District (Kabul Province), Suzma-qala District (Sar-e-Pul Province), Dulina District (Ghor Province), Sahghan District (Bamiyan Province) and Farkhar District (Takhar Province). A total of 13 districts are receiving construction efforts.

The Joint Secretariat worked with 32 additional districts in the third quarter to identify and select potential projects, conduct feasibility studies and technical surveys, announce and receive bids for implementation, and coordinate with the relevant stakeholders. In its coordination efforts with the 50 districts, the Joint Secretariat engaged primarily with the MRRD and the UNDP/MRRD NABDP's Community Empowerment teams, along with the NABDP District Development Assemblies (explained in further detail below). Other stakeholders in the process included the Provincial Development Committees, NGOs and donors.

Activity 2.3 – Establish District Development Assemblies (DDAs) in DIAG targeted districts (if not already established). DDAs are used for DIAG project identification and implementation.

One DDA was established in the third quarter in Koshke-Robate Sangi District of Herat Province. Created by MRRD / NABDP, District Development Assemblies conduct needs-assessments for district level development projects. The Joint Secretariat assists the MRRD in creating DDAs in DIAG-targeted districts. At present, approximately 75% of the districts in Afghanistan have functioning DDAs, and the outcome is that far greater community participation is occurring in district development compared to before DIAG and NABDP.

II. Project implementation challenges

Updated project risks and actions

Security

Based on planning from the second quarter, ANBP took efforts to strengthen all warden systems, restocking trauma kits, and ensuring all national staff completed SSAFE security and communication trainings. The security situation in some regions precludes efforts to carry out surveys and the transport of ammunition - especially in the East, South and parts of western Afghanistan. In August, operations in Logar and Gardez provinces were suspended, while the main route used by ANBP to travel from Kabul to Bamiyan, the Shibar pass, was closed on 27 August after IED attacks. This is a major constraint, as the only other remaining route to Bamiyan through Wardak Province was previously closed off as well, while the route through the Salang Pass is very circuitous.

Up to 90 civilians were killed in an air strike by coalition forces in Shindan District of Herat Province in late August. Field staff reported that the bombing had an effect on maintaining support and cooperation with DIAG, as many in the population perceived that UN programmes are directly linked to international military forces. On 14 September 2008 a suicide attack occurred in Spin Boldak District in Kandahar Province, where a UN-marked vehicle was targeted, killing the UNAMA driver and two passengers. It not only heightened concerns regarding the ability to deliver outputs in the southern region, but additionally raised concerns regarding the safety of UN staff members.

Political will

Initially, political will continued to weaken in the third quarter, with many key government officials either remaining passive or actively not cooperating in the transparent transition of DIAG to the government. However, towards the end of August and into September, a shift in re-engagement was sensed, notably by Vice President Khalili. This surge of participation, as well as the return of Mr. Stanekzai and continued encouragement for ANBP by the international community, should result in positive changes on this level.

Government capacity

The overall ability of government to uphold the rule of law remains weak in much of the country. Too many security vacuums still exist as a direct consequence of this, whereby Mol cannot enforce disbandment. Additionally, IAG commanders feel less obliged to comply and therefore continue to rule with impunity. In response, the government and ANBP worked to address the critical issue of government capacity, including increasing ANBP's direct support to relevant government bodies to more efficiently carry out decisions made by the D&R Commission. As describe in earlier sections,

ANBP took major steps in responding to the weak capacity of Mol to independently operate the DIAG process by developing a new Mol transition strategy.

Updated project issues and actions

Relocation of the Joint Secretariat

In July, the Joint Secretariat vacated its offices located in the Vice Presidential compound, Sedarat, following a letter of instruction addressed to the UNDP Country Director. The removal was based on the perception that the Joint Secretariat's base in Sedarat posed a security threat to others; however it may have been a greater result of internal power dynamics within the compound. The Joint Secretariat relocated to the central ANBP office in the UNOCA compound, with supporting elements of the D&R Commission operating in offices loaned by other government institutions. However, this has not been ideal, as the D&R Commission staff do not have access to regular power supply and internet. Overall, the relocation has hampered the ability of the D&R Commission to implement DIAG not only technically but of even greater concern politically. However, the Second Vice President's office is currently looking for an alternative location suitable for the Joint Secretariat.

Funding

ANBP's extension of the DIAG mandate to 31 March 2009, in line with its capacity building efforts, resulted in additional funding requirements to approximately \$9.1 million. Some donors have indicated a willingness to donate, but thus far no new commitments have been signed. ANBP is also waiting for decisions regarding the transfer of surplus DDR funds to DIAG. Concerns remain that should requisite funding not be forthcoming, ANBP will have to close the project early.

Recruitment

Four international field officers were hired during the third quarter for duty stations in Mazaar, Herat, Jalalabad and Kabul regional offices. One development assistant was hired, and this person is currently in training at the ANBP central office. Mol database, finance and translations officers are due to start training at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Finally, it should be noted that on 26 August, ANBP Programme Director, Sir David Wilson, resigned after two years of service. The post opened for recruitment on 24 September.

III. Financial Status and Utilization

Table 1: Contribution Overview [February 2005 – March 2009]

DONOR	CONTRIBUTIONS		CONTRIBUTION BALANCE
	Committed	Received	
Japan	10,237,867	10,237,867	-
UK	4,711,770	4,711,770	-
Canada - 78	3,623,544	3,623,544	-
Canada-550	1,472,031	1,472,031	-
Switzerland	1,500,000	1,500,000	-
Denmark	1,362,916	1,362,916	-
Italy	1,317,523	1,317,523	-
Netherlands	1,204,819	1,204,819	-
Norway	722,064	722,064	-
UNDP Core	500,000	500,000	-
USA	200,000	200,000	-
TOTAL	26,852,535	26,852,535	-

Table 2: 2008 Expenditure by Activity [1 January 2008 – 30 September 2008]

Table 2: Quarterly Expenditure by Activity (1 January - 30 September-08)						
Activity	BUDGET [2008]	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (1 Jan - 31 Mar-08)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (1 Apr- 30 Jun-08)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (1Jul- 30 Sep-08)	BALANCE	DELIVERY (%)
Activity 1: Project Management	2,792,086	494,351.28	1,202,109	342,221	753,404.82	73%
Activity 2: Arms and Ammunition Collection	1,290,619	244,217.19	246,557	190,564	609,281.66	53%
Activity 3: Regional Development Capacity	1,667,860	415,473.71	363,399	365,795	523,192.05	69%
Activity 5: Integrated Technology Systems	413,153	189,140.24	158,367	35,712	29,934.34	93%
Activity 7: Public Information	528,033	135,772.47	107,105	133,920	151,234.99	71%
Activity 8: D & R Commission	1,534,098	153,241.33	492,255	354,423	534,178.54	65%
UNDP GMS 5%	103,550	85,905	100,744	37,188	(120,287)	216%
UNDP GMS 7%	360,533	-	49,350	53,898	257,284	29%
Total	8,689,933	1,718,101	2,719,887	1,513,721	2,738,224	68%

Table 3: 2008 Expenditure by Donor [1 January 2008 – 30 September 2008] DIAG

Canada	Activity 3: Regional Development Capacity	448	410	-		38	
	Activity 5: Integrated Technology Systems	0	851	-		(851)	
	Activity 8:D & R Commission	1,911	1,911	93,636	(93,636)	0	
	UNDP GMS 5% - See the Donor Agreement	7,179	1,883	12,435	(2,093)	(5,045)	
Subtotal Canada	143,587	37,659	248,701	(41,867)	(100,906)		170%
Japan	Activity 1: Project Management	1,428,381	216,481	147,976	213,189	850,735	
	Activity 2: Arms and Ammunition Collection	-	-	2,403	5,638	(8,041)	
	Activity 3: Regional Development Capacity	1,497,890	363,359	235,239	363,628	535,663	
	Activity 5: Integrated Technology Systems	386,828	182,689	139,584	35,706	28,849	
	Activity 7: Public Information	500,507	135,617	82,387	131,897	150,605	
	Activity 8:D & R Commission	1,348,272	145,533	300,634	286,287	615,818	
UNDP GMS 5% - See the Donor Agreement	271,678	54,931	47,801	54,544	114,402		
Subtotal Japan	5,433,556	1,098,610	956,024	1,090,889	2,288,032		58%
Netherlands	Activity 2: Arms and Ammunition Collection	1,033	85	(1,648)		2,596	
	Activity 3: Regional Development Capacity	0	617	-	(616.96)	0	
	Activity 8:D & R Commission	467	90	-	-	377	
UNDP GMS 5% - See the Donor Agreement	79	42	(87)	(32)	156		
Subtotal Netherlands	1,579	833	(1,735)	(649)	3,130		-98%
Italy	Activity 1: Project Management	200,017	3,337	167,731	25,213	3,736	
	Activity 2: Arms and Ammunition Collection	152,466	21,760	44,964	19,557	66,184	
	Activity 3: Regional Development Capacity	10,526.91	(23)	4,761	1,542	4,246	
	Activity 5: Integrated Technology Systems	5,600	5,600	5,600		(5,600)	
UNDP GMS 5% - See the Donor Agreement	19,401	1,614	11,740	2,437	3,609		
Subtotal Italy	388,011	32,289	234,797	48,749	72,175		81%
UK	Activity 1: Project Management	184,805	206,912	247,077	(298,803)	29,618	
	Activity 2: Arms and Ammunition Collection	316,725	87,536	12,385	(15,600)	232,404	
	Activity 3: Regional Development Capacity	(934.00)	-	-	-	(934)	
	Activity 8:D & R Commission	5,585	5,585	-	-	0	
UNDP GMS 5% - See the Donor Agreement	26,641	15,791	13,656	(16,548)	13,741		
Subtotal UK	532,822	315,825	273,118	(330,950)	274,830		48%
USA	Activity 1: Project Management	96,057	-	125,223	(29,166)	0	
	Activity 2: Arms and Ammunition Collection	68,601	1,929	159	620	65,893	
	UNDP GMS 5% - See the Donor Agreement	8,666	102	6,599	(1,502)	3,468	
Subtotal USA	173,324	2,030	131,982	(30,049)	69,361		60%
Denmark	Activity 1: Project Management	45,685	(3,315)	24,659		24,342	
	Activity 2: Arms and Ammunition Collection	72,746	-	(13,275)	18,312	67,709	
	Activity 5: Integrated Technology Systems	0	-	(5,600)		5,600	
	UNDP GMS 5% - See the Donor Agreement	6,233	(174)	304	964	5,139	
Subtotal Denmark	124,664	(3,490)	6,088	19,276	102,790		18%
Norway	Activity 1: Project Management	127,346	40,593	58,554	3,304	24,894	
	Activity 2: Arms and Ammunition Collection	214,062	129,712	96,910	(14,369)	1,809	
	Activity 3: Regional Development Capacity	37,944	52,045	2,155		(16,255)	
	Activity 7: Public Information	155	155	-		0	
	Activity 8:D & R Commission	122	122	-		0	
UNDP GMS 5% - See the Donor Agreement	19,980	11,717	8,296	(582)	550		
Subtotal Norway	399,609	234,344	165,915	(11,647)	10,998		97%
Switzerland	Activity 2: Arms and Ammunition Collection	12,825	-	(9)	0	12,835	
	UNDP GMS 5% - See the Donor Agreement	675.02	-	(0)	-	676	
Subtotal Switzerland	13,500.49	-	(10)	-	13,510		0%
CIDA	Activity 1: Project Management	603,138	-	290,012	374,622	(61,496)	
	Activity 2: Arms and Ammunition Collection	424,770	-	102,914	176,406	145,449	
	Activity 3: Regional Development Capacity	121,986	-	121,244	1,242	(500)	
	Activity 5: Integrated Technology Systems	20,725	-	18,783	6	1,938	
	Activity 7: Public Information	27,371	-	24,718	2,023	630	
	Activity 8:D & R Commission	177,741	-	97,986	161,772	(82,017)	
UNDP GMS 7% - See the Donor Agreement	103,550	0	49,350	53,898	301		
Subtotal CIDA	1,479,280	0	705,006	769,970	4,304		100%
Total	8,689,933	1,718,101	2,719,887	1,513,721	2,738,224		68%

Negative figures in the expenditures reflect adjustments made by ATLAS.

Annex 1: Summary of public information activities by province

North

Balkh

In honor of Peace Day, a school symposium took place on 17 September at Sulttan Razia High School for girls in Mazaar-e-Sharif. Over 400 people attended the event, including students, teachers, the deputy provincial governor, the head of the provincial Department of Education, the provincial head of the Afghan National Police Forces, and representatives of UNAMA and ANBP. A second Peace Day school symposium was held on 20 September at Bakhter High School for boys in Mazar. The same government authorities and above mentioned organisations attended the symposium, with over 1,000 people in the audience.

Sari Pul

A major provincial-level football tournament was sponsored by DIAG from 3-4 July, attended by over 5,000 people. ANBP took the opportunity to distributed DIAG posters, stickers and calendars, while a large DIAG Banner was posted on the field. DIAG messages were also announced periodically on loud speakers.

Jawzjan

During 21 – 25 July, a DIAG district gathering was held in Kham Aab District with the aim of training provincial religious leaders about DIAG and themes of disarmament and security. The participating 15 mullahs were given DIAG materials, posters and stickers to incorporate into DIAG-themed Friday prayers sermons. On 21 September a Peace Day school symposium was held at Khadija-e-Jawzjani High School for girls in Sheberghan City. Hosted by the Jawzjan Provincial Governor, the event drew over 700 people, including the students, teachers, the provincial head of the Afghan National Police Forces, as well as representatives of UNAMA and ANBP.

Samangan

A DIAG district gathering was conducted from 19 - 22 August in Hazrat Sultan District. The event promoted understanding and support for DIAG. Over 700 rural community members, including targeted IAGs commanders, religious leaders and district officials, attended the gathering. Additionally in August, the ANBP regional office staff continued the work of DIAG “road shows” by conducting a half day training session on DIAG objectives for members of the Samangan Provincial Council.

Northeast

Badakhshan

Two Peace Day school symposiums were held on 21 September in the province of Badakhshan at Kokcha High School for boys and Mukhfi High School for girls, both located in the district of Faizabad. Some 1,000 students in the girls’ high school attended the event, while over 2,000 students in the boys’ high school attended the event. Additionally, highlights were broadcasted on local television, along with extensive coverage by local radio stations.

Baghlan

In August DIAG calendars and leaflets were distributed to the governmental departments, high schools, DDI targeted districts and other provincial level stakeholders. A Peace Day school symposium was held on 21 September at Khatimulanbia High School in Pulikhumri District. Both male and female students participated in the competition, with over 400 students, teachers,

provincial government department heads, ANBP and UNAMA representatives and community members in attendance. Local radio covered the event.

Kunduz

A Peace Day school symposium was held in the provincial capital at Sher Khan Higher Secondary School for boys. Approximately 200 students attended the event, with teachers, local community leaders, and representatives from ANBP also in attendance. The event was covered by provincial level media. Additionally, ANBP coordinated a ceremony on Peace Day to announce the district of Ali Abad as a Compliant Peace District. With full local media coverage, the ceremony was attended by the Provincial Governor of Kunduz, the Kunduz Deputy Chief of Police, representatives from ANBP and UNAMA, and local IAG commanders.

Takhar

An article was published about DIAG in the July edition of a provincial magazine. On 7 August a weapons collection ceremony was held in the district of Khuaja Bahaddin, where targeted IAGs handed over 34 weapons. A Peace Day school symposium was held on 21 September at Said Hussai Shaheed High School for boys, with over 500 people in attendance.

Southeast

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Although ANBP staff made efforts to coordinate Peace Day school symposiums, the central office decided that events should be cancelled due to the security situation. However, the regional office ensured that the spirit of the day would be marked in the region through alternative activities. Of note, local radio stations and TV broadcasted each night of the week (14-21 September) messages relating to peace as spoken by children and youth and religious scholars across the southeast provinces.

Ghazni

In collaboration with the Ministry of Information and Cultures (MoIC), a round table was held on 21 July, where religious scholars and tribal elders participated and presented their opinions regarding peace and its impacts on a healthy society. The discussion was then broadcasted on local radio. Following this, a second round-table occurred on 22 July between ANBP staff and local religious leaders and scholars. The discussions focused on the role of DIAG in establishing peace and its compatibility with Islamic values. On 7 August and 19 August, DIAG PI conducted campaigns in the districts of Ander and Naw Abad, respectively, in coordination with MoIC. ANBP engaged elders and tribal leaders on the role of DIAG in peace and security as well as the policies and procedures relating to the Gun Law.

Khost

In July, provincial radio station Shelgar Ghag broadcasted a radio drama about DIAG. On 14 July a round-table discussion took place in Khost province center to discuss future DIAG related activities and programme benefits, as well as the Gun Law. The meeting was attended by the provincial heads of the Hajj and Islamic Affairs Department, Public Information Department, as well as the heads of the Khost Provincial Shura and Mujahedina Shura. On August 13, PI campaigns were conducted in the district of Dowamonda through a meeting with elders, tribal and religious leaders, and engaging in topics as discussed above. Following this meeting, participating Shura members were interviewed on local radio about the importance of community support for DIAG. Additionally, the provincial newspaper *Nasehat* published a DIAG related article. Honoring Peace Day on 21 September, the Khost Governor gave a speech broadcasted on radio regarding the importance of peace in the community and the need to support DIAG, which was then followed by a round-table discussion between religious scholars and teachers on the same topic.

Paktiya

On 13-14 July, a similar PI campaign was conducted in Showak district and another campaign took place on 19-20 August in Jaji Aryob district. Additionally, on 6 August a Provincial Council meeting was broadcasted through local radio. The topics of discussion centered on DDI as well as coordination between NDS and the Chief of Police in providing comprehensive information on IAGs in the province. On August 14, a weapons handover ceremony occurred in Gardez District and broadcasted through local media. In honour of Peace Day, ANBP in partnership with the MoIC coordinated a large gathering at the Paktiya Governor's Home. The event was attended by high level government officials, as well as religious and tribal leaders, with Provincial DIAG Coordinators delivering speeches on the relationship between DIAG and peace and stability.

Paktika

DIAG conducted PI campaigns on 20-21 August and 26 August in Yosuf Khail and Surobi districts, respectively. Accompanied by MoIC staff and the provincial head of Hajj and Islamic Affairs, ANBP met with elders, tribal leaders, and other community members to express the objectives of DIAG and explain the policies and procedures of the Gun Law.

South

Southern Provinces

Although the security situation in the south continued to constrain PI efforts, namely in the provinces of Uruzgan, Zabul and Helmand, local radio stations aired DIAG messages in all southern provinces.

Kandahar

In August, DIAG sponsored a volleyball tournament in Kandahar City that received good coverage by local media. A school symposium was held on 20 September at the provincial governor's mansion for Hajji Mirwais Khan Nika High School for boys. Over 150 students attended, as well as teachers, ANBP staff and the provincial deputy director of the Department of Education. The local branch of Radio Television Afghanistan (RTA) covered the event.

Nimroz

Building on efforts from last quarter, the Department of Hajj and Islamic Affairs continued to collaborate with DIAG to ensure that the government encourages IAGs to disband. Government officials conducted numerous trainings with local religious leaders to promote the DIAG values of peace and stability, and DIAG also provided guidance on including DIAG as a topic in Friday sermons to increase public awareness and support. A Peace Day school symposium was held on 20 September at Farokhy High School for boys, with over 100 people in the audience and coverage by local media.

East

Nangarhar

In July PI campaigns were conducted in Batikot, Surkhrod and Dah-e-Bala districts of Nangarhar. Activities targeted district government officials in order to promote understanding and support for DIAG. On 20 September a Peace Day school symposium was held at Nangarhar High School for boys in Jalalabad City. Most major media agencies based in Jalalabad covered the event. Additionally, a ceremony took place on Peace Day in Khewa District to announce it as a DIAG compliant Peace District.

Laghman

In an effort to educate community leaders and gain support for DIAG, ANBP coordinated and hosted a round-table meeting between the Laghman chief of police and other senior provincial politicians to discuss DAIG-related development projects, as well as the programme's localized strengths and

weaknesses. Additionally, a school symposium occurred on 21 September at Rokhan High School in the capital city Mehterlam, with both boys and girls participating and over 300 people in attendance. Local radio covered the event.

Kunar

ANBP continued its PI campaign in Kunar Province, arranging a gathering in July in Marwara District between community elders and IAG members in order to help gain compliance and support for DIAG. In honour of Peace Day, a school symposium was held at Omarakhan High School for boys in the provincial capital, Assadabad. Over 600 students, teachers and provincial government authorities attended the event, with national media as well as Al Jazeera covering the event.

West

Western Provinces

Across the districts of the western provinces, routine DIAG television programmes continued to be broadcasted bi-weekly on local television, as well as the publication of a weekly column on DIAG in the local newspaper, *Etefaq-e Islam*. Additionally, talk shows, interviews, reports and four films (approximately 15 minutes each) were produced on DIAG. Mobile cinemas / road shows continued in the districts of Obeh, Pashtun Zarghun, Koshk Kohne, Robat Sangi, Golran, Kohsan and Adraskan.

Herat

Following the August mullahs' workshop in Kabul, ANBP coordinated mullah gatherings in the districts of Golran, Koshk Robat Sangi, Gozara, Kohsan and Herat City. Two school symposiums were held in honour of Peace Day at Soltan Ghasodin Ghori High School for boys and Mahjoobe Heravi High School for girls, both in Herat City. Over 900 people attended the events, which were covered by local provincial television media.

Central

Kabul

ANBP coordinated a public awareness workshop for more than 100 tribal elders and religious leaders in July. A ceremony held on 28 August in Farza District marked the start of construction on the girls school development project, inaugurated by the Minister of Rural Rehabilitation and Development. In honour of Peace Day, two school symposiums were held in Kabul at Malalai High School for girls and Habibia High School for boys. Due to space and tight security, around 200 people attended, including the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General, Chris Alexander, the Vice-Chairman of the Demobilization and Reintegration Commission, Mr. Masoom Stanekzai, the Acting Minister of Education, Abdul Ghafoor Ghazanawi and ANBP Acting Programme Director, Kavil Mohan. The event was not only covered by national media, but enjoyed coverage from major international media agencies as well.

Panjshir

A Peace District announcement ceremony occurred on 11 August in Onaba District. Over 350 community elders, district administrators, police officials, representatives from DIAG and ANBP and the media attended the DIAG ceremony.

Kapisa

A public awareness workshop was conducted on 30 July in Kapisa for more than 100 tribal elders and religious leaders, representing all districts, as well as representatives from both the upper and lower houses of parliament. ANBP staff discussed the benefits of DIAG and the critical need for high level national and provincial level support and leadership in pushing the process forward.

Wardak

A school symposium was held in Wardak in honour of Peace Day at Khalid bin-e-Walid High School for boys in Maidan Shar District. Over 350 students, teachers, tribal and religious leaders attended the event, which was covered by local radio and printed media.

Central Highlands

Bamiyan

Several events were held to honour Peace Day throughout September. In collaboration with the provincial Department of Youth, ANBP coordinated the "DIAG Impacts on Peace" event on 4 September in Bamiyan City. The event was attended by local government authorities, students, teachers, community elders and Shura leaders, who participated in discussions about the role of DAIG and its impact on establishing peace. Approximately 500 people, comprising students representing three local schools, local religious leaders, government officials and teachers attended a Peace Day school symposium on 21 September at Central High School for boys in Bamiyan City. The event was covered by local, national, and international television news and radio. Additionally on Peace Day, ANBP organized a Peace District announcement ceremony for Yakawlang District.