





Afghanistan Agricultural Extension Project

Building capacity in Afghanistan to provide demand-driven extension services to farmers















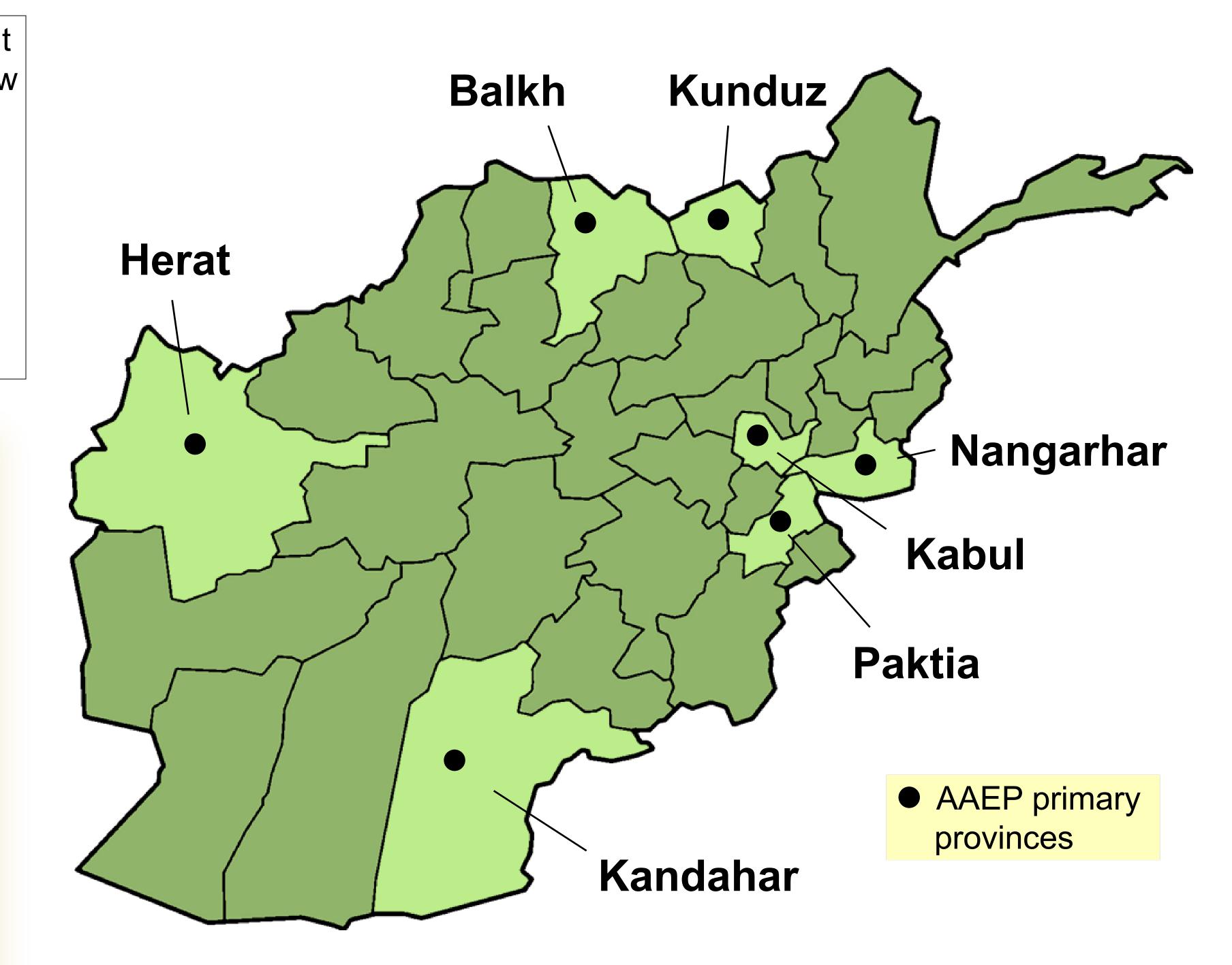


Afghanistan is poor and rural - More than 70% of Afghans are dependent on farming and, on average, they earn just \$1.50 per day. In addition, few can read - with only 18% of woman and 50% of men being literate.

Although wheat is the primary staple, Afghan agriculture is remarkably diverse—grapes, almonds, pomegranate, citrus, apples, rice and many other crops, as well as, sheep, goats and cattle. UC Davis is leading a consortium of land-grant universities to help farmers by rebuilding Afghanistan's extension system.

Our Objectives:

- Strengthen technical skills of extension workers
- Teach demand-driven extension methods
- Elevate the role of women in agriculture
- Rehabilitate agricultural research stations
- Establish workgroups focused around priority commodities and livestock
- Initiate a mini-grant system to encourage agricultural innovation and technology transfer



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