

# 2007 Rebuild Afghanistan Summit

Organization			
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Organization's Mission/Objective			
<p>The Global Partnership for Afghanistan works for the re-greening of Afghanistan. From forests to farms, we aim to help people who are reviving croplands, orchards, vineyards, rural villages, their country and their economy. We also support environmental renewal for the public good through restoring lost forests and planting new ones in areas of great need. Our projects aim for sustainable employment and development. Through loans and other incentives, training, new methodologies, materials and technical expertise, we support all who work the land in projects that will be self-perpetuating.</p>			
List the organization's past accomplishments in helping the people in Afghanistan. Be sure to include start and completion dates.			
<p>Since 2004, when we created our first model farmer-owned businesses, almost 1,600 Afghan families have joined our programs, including a growing number of women. GPFA is revitalizing 600 farmer-owned orchards and vineyards and assisting farmers develop nurseries to make them more profitable. Our programs encompass nearly 1.7 million trees which are providing huge benefits to the environment and increasing farmers' income and food supplies. Projected income from mature trees rivals profits from the cultivation of poppies. GPFA farmers' businesses, together with fruit nurseries established in partnership with GPFA and the project's own nursery, are expected to produce more than 500,000 fruit and timber saplings for sale within the next few years. In 2007, GPFA also supplied 500,000 high quality budwoods of native fruit trees to commercial nurseries.</p>			
What is your organization planning on doing to help the people in Afghanistan?			
<p>To replicate the same to other parts of the country. GPFA launched its tree related projects in Guldara District, Kabul Province in March 2004. These were expanded in 2006 to Logar, Wardak and Paktya Provinces. In response to community demands, GPFA plans to expand its activities to 3 more provinces (Parwan, Panjsher and Kapisa) in 2008.</p>			
How can the Bay Area community get involved in helping your organizations?			
<p>Contributing funds. RAQIM foundation based in San Ramon is already donating money and raising funds for establishing wood lots, fruit orchards, and family gardens for 93 very poor households headed by widows in Pule Alam of Logar Province.</p>			