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**BASIC EDUCATION AND EMPLOYABLE SKILL
TRAINING**

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LIST OF ABBREVIATION

M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MIS	Management Information System
FATA	Federally Administered Tribal Area
I-PACS	Initiative to Promote Afghan Civil Society
SMC	School Management Committee
ARs	Afghan Refugees
IP	Implementing Partner
GPEP	Girls Primary Education Program
PTA	Parent Teachers Association
VRC	Village Reconstruction Committee
IDP	Internally Displaced Persons
ANBP	Afghanistan New Beginning Program
DDR	Disarming, Demobilization and Reintegration
CSO	Civil Society Organization

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

Dear Readers and Friends,

It is my privilege and great pleasure to present to our valuable Readers, Partners and Friends our Annual Report 2007. We have made all our endeavors and have encompassed all projects executed and field operations carried out by BEST, in East, South-east and Central Highland of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan operations, in close collaboration and cooperation with our valuable partners.

BEST is a non-governmental, non-political and non-profit organization, aiming to contribute to poverty alleviation through provision of Basic Education, Employable vocational and business development Skills, Human Resource & Enterprises development and Community Development leading to improved living conditions of the poor, disadvantaged and neglected class of the afghan society.

The Main Focus of BEST during 2007 remained on its services delivery in the sectors of Primary Education, Vocational & Entrepreneurial Skills Development Training, Small Business Creation, to the most vulnerable, needy population of the Afghan citizens.

I sincerely acknowledge and appreciate the endeavors and commendable achievements of the BEST Teams. Successful completion of all projects in an efficient and effective manner was only possible due to commitment and devotion of each team member of the organization.

BEST also accomplished a number of projects in the target provinces and effectively contributed in the area of Civil Society Promotion and capacity building of partner organizations. The accomplishment and dedicated efforts made by our colleagues of BEST in the field of reconstruction, rehabilitation and restoration of peaceful and prosperous civil society in war ravaged Afghanistan, are commendable and highly appreciated.

It would be unfair not to mention the effective cooperation and cordial relationships with donor agencies, UN agencies, government departments, international and national NGOs and the target community who made our interventions a great success. I am indeed, extremely grateful to all our partners, officials of the government departments and dear colleagues of various Donor agencies and NGOs and I hope that their cooperation and support will continue in future as well.

ABBREVIATIONS

E.Q	Earth Quake
WES	Water and Environmental Sanitation
VT	Vocational Training
TW	Tube Well
HRD	Human Resource Development
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MIS	Management Information System
FATA	Federally Administered Tribal Area
PRRO	Protected Relief and Recovery Operation
RHR	Rural Housing Reconstruction
I-PACS	Initiative to Promote Afghan Civil Society
WMC	Water Management Committee
DW	Dug Well
PVC	Poly Vinyl Chloride
IP	Implementing Partner
GPEP	Girls Primary Education Program
CTC	Child-To-Child
PTA	Parent Teachers Association
CDC	Community Development Council
CP	Child Protection
CSO	Civil Society Organization
SDP	School Development Plan
GTZ	German Technical Cooperation
BEPA	Basic Education Program for Afghanistan

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BEST (Basic Education and Employable Skill Training) is a non-profit, non-governmental, non-political and development oriented organization registered with the Ministry of Economy and working as an Implementing Partner of UNDP, CPI, GTZ-BEPA, BRAC, DAI, ARD, CARE International, Preston University and JICA.

During the year of 2007, BEST focused its service delivery in the sector of Primary Education, Community Services, Vocational Trainings and Small Business Creation, Rehabilitation, needy population of all Afghan citizens.

BEST successfully completed various projects east, northeast, south east and central highland in close collaboration with our national and international partners such as UNDP/ANBP, CPI, GTZ-BEPA, DAI, ARD, CARE International, Preston University and JICA

BEST Afghanistan successfully completed a number of projects with close collaboration of international Donor Agencies and the local community in Afghanistan.

- Vocational Training in various trades.
- Designed, developed and implemented Skills development Training program and Job Placement for ex-Combatants in the Eastern region.
- School Legal Education and Capacity Building Program.
- Initiative to Promote Afghan Civil Society (I-PACS) Project.

Detailed description of all planned activities and achievements has been explicitly elaborated under each relevant sectoral project.

The commendable achievements of BEST in various sectors in Afghanistan were due to the effective cooperation and networking held with donor agencies, government departments, international and national NGOs and the target community.

BEST - PROFILE

INTRODUCTION

BEST (Basic Education and Employable Skill Training) is a registered non-for-profit development oriented Afghan Non-Governmental Organization established in 27th of April 2001. The Organization has a regional coverage through undertaking various Developmental, Relief and Emergency Projects in different sectors for Afghan Returnees and local communities in Afghanistan.

Best's Main Office is located in Kabul, while it has established a chain of regional offices in Nangrahar, Ghazni, Bamyan, Khost, Gardez and Kandahar.

At present the Organization is working in almost all regions of Afghanistan and has entered into partnership with Unicef, Counterpart International, GTZ-BEPA, UNDP, Preston University, JICA and DAI.

VISSION

Creation of a peaceful and developed Afghans civil society, where developed human resources and economic opportunities are available in an enabling environment.

MISSION STATEMENT

“To contribute to poverty alleviation through provision of basic education, employable skill training, micro / small enterprise and community development training leading to behaviour change, local capacity building, income generation and employment opportunities in a sustainable manner”

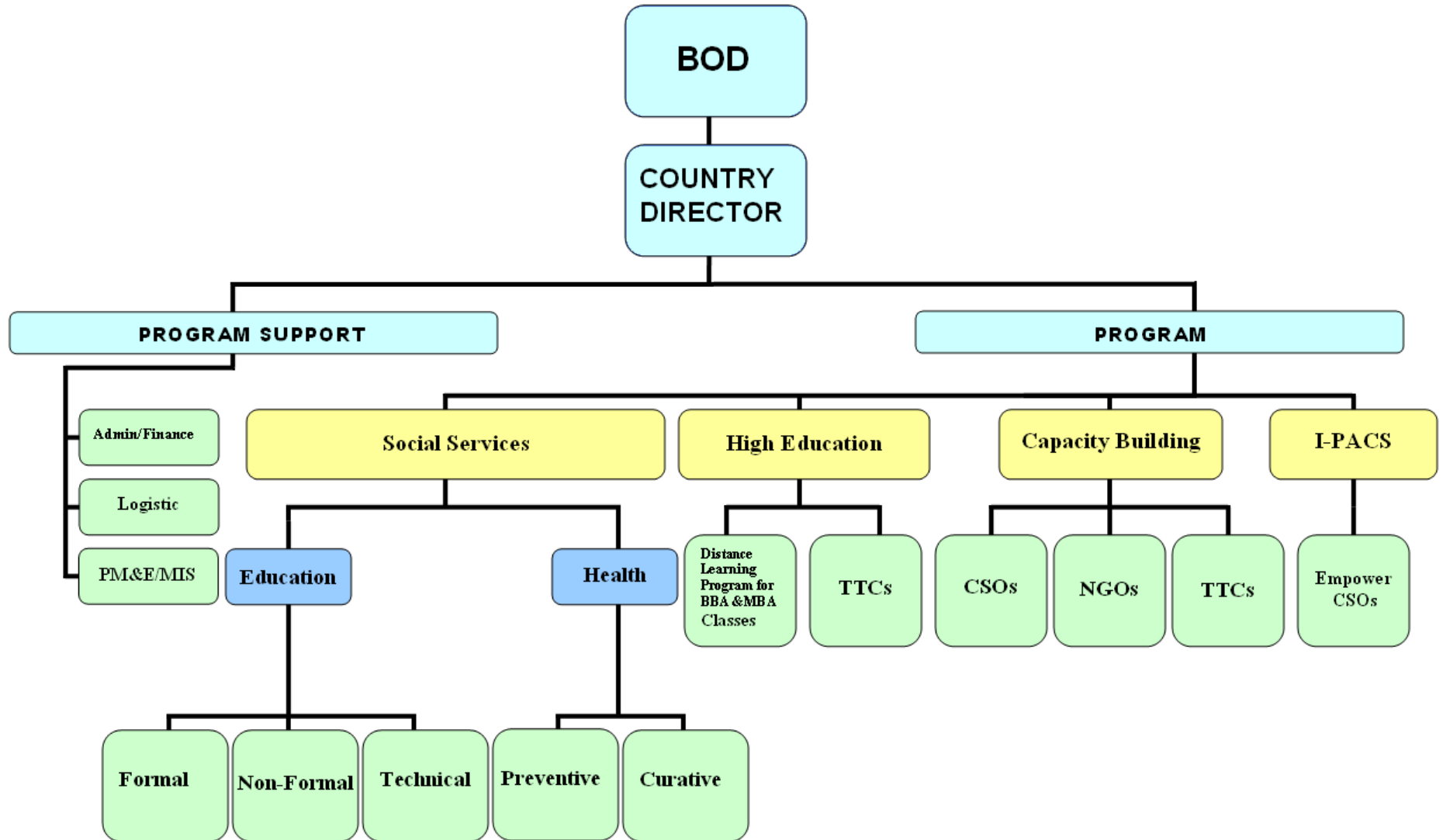
BEST VALUES

- ✍ Respect for human dignity
- ✍ Transparency
- ✍ Accountability
- ✍ Efficiency & Effectiveness
- ✍ Creativity
- ✍ Commitment
- ✍ Participation
- ✍ Honesty and Integrity
- ✍ Mutual Respect & Trust.

BEST OBJECTIVES

- ▶ To provide the means for people (male/female) to obtain Basic Education (formal and non-formal) through BEST facilities.
- ▶ To provide the means for livelihood for people (male, female) to acquire a vocational technical or other skill facilitated by BEST.
- ▶ To support, assist or be in any way helpful to an individual or a group of people who is intending to start a business, trade or commercial activities in any way, which is in the mandate of the organization or approved by the Board of Directors.
- ▶ To engage in any other development and capacity building activities which are conducive to the uplift of the poorest and neglected sectors of the society.
- ▶ To undertake any emergency and relief related activities.

BEST
(ORGANOGRAM)



SECTORAL FOCUS

1. Formal Education;
2. Non-formal Education i.e. Community/Home Schools/Adult Literacy, Catch-up Education, accelerating learning and Peace Education;
3. Teacher Training, ToTs, Education Management Training, etc;
4. Vocational Education and Training (VET) / Skill Training;
5. Business Management;
6. Micro and small entrepreneurship promotion & development;
7. Human Resource Development & Management Training;
8. Community Participation & Development;

GTZ-BEPA



United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime



JICA



Counterpart International



Preston University



1. Projects in Afghanistan in 2007:

- 1.1 Initiative to Promote Afghan Civil Society – I-PACS
- 1.2 School Legal Education and Capacity Building Program
- 1.3 Teacher's Education Support project for Paktia, Paktika and Khost
- 1.4 Catch-Up Education for Paktia, Paktika and Khost
- 1.5 Vocational Training/Income Generation combined with Literacy/Numeracy in Khost
- 1.6 Adult Literacy

REGULAR PROJECTS

Initiative to Promote Afghan Civil Society-I-PACS

Project Description:

BEST has entered into partnership with Counterpart International in May 2006 to help as CSSC (Civil Society Support Center) in order to capacitate CSOs (Civil Society Organizations) in Dehkondi, Bamyán and Ghazni Provinces of Afghanistan. Counterpart's aim of the I-PACS (Initiative to Promote Afghan Civil Society) for BEST is provision of Capacity Building and establishment of Support Center for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to build their capacity through providing capacity building trainings.

BEST as a Resource Center had concentrated on training, consultancy, making information available and disseminating it, acted as a bridging stone between different bodies i.e. local/international organizations and communities to help in removing any hindrance stopping them from re-building Afghanistan, monitoring and evaluation, helping and facilitating partnerships, provide expertise of specialized people and additional resources to re-build Afghanistan. To summarize any possible means/resource that could be used for the social development of the region was made available to the aforementioned bodies in BEST's Resource Center.

During the year 2007 BEST acted as a very effective Resource Center available to any one willing to contribute to increase the role and viability of civil society leading towards a prosperous and stable Afghanistan.

Description of Target Beneficiaries

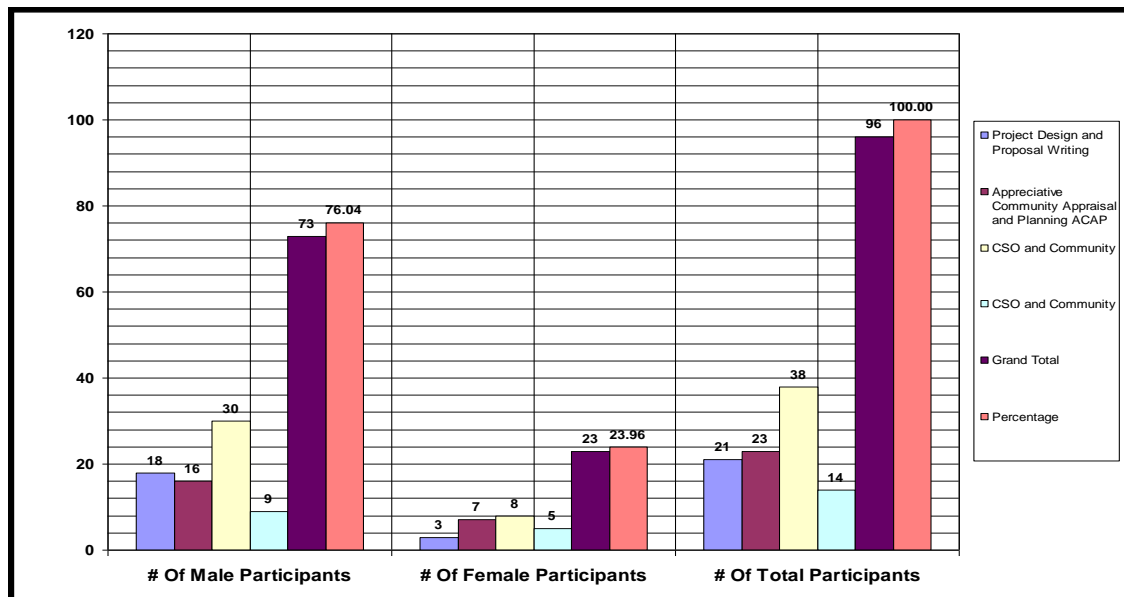
BEST has been committed and determined to provide quality services/trainings and technical assistance to a total of 20 CSOs in Ghazni, Bamyán and Dikundi, comprised of different civil society organizations i.e; NGOs, Association, Shuras, CDCs, Social Organization, and Community Initiative Group CIG.



Project Achievements during the year

BEST's professional and committed teams proved to an asset for the organization specially the I-PACS team that put their hard work to achieve the project objectives and contribute to achieve the I-PACS goal.

During the fiscal year 2007 BEST I-PACS team professionally managed to impart two important trainings to the target CSOs in Ghazni, Bamyan and Dikundi. Besides BEST was open as resource center to provide technical assistances to 20 target CSOs and almost 50 Non I-PACS CSOs and provided them with information useful that can help them achieve their visions and missions. For instance please see the table below.



I-PACS Project Monitoring

I-PACS project is monitored both internally and externally; M&E officer and Project Manager monitor the project on regular basis in order to see the efficiency and effectiveness of the project. The form which is used to monitor and evaluate training activities is specially designed for I-PACS project, besides the I-PACS project is monitored externally by Intermediate Service Organizations ISOs and Counterpart International.

In order to keep the donor agency informed of project activities Project Manager sends monthly and quarterly reports to the particular departments.

School Legal Education and Capacity Building Program

Project Description

BEST has been providing training services to School teachers and CDC members in Ghazni province, with major focus on legal education, human rights, gender, Afghan constitution, and advocacy.

BEST' task was to increase the capacity of the government officials in legal Education that consists of human rights, cross-cutting themes at district levels and provincial levels.

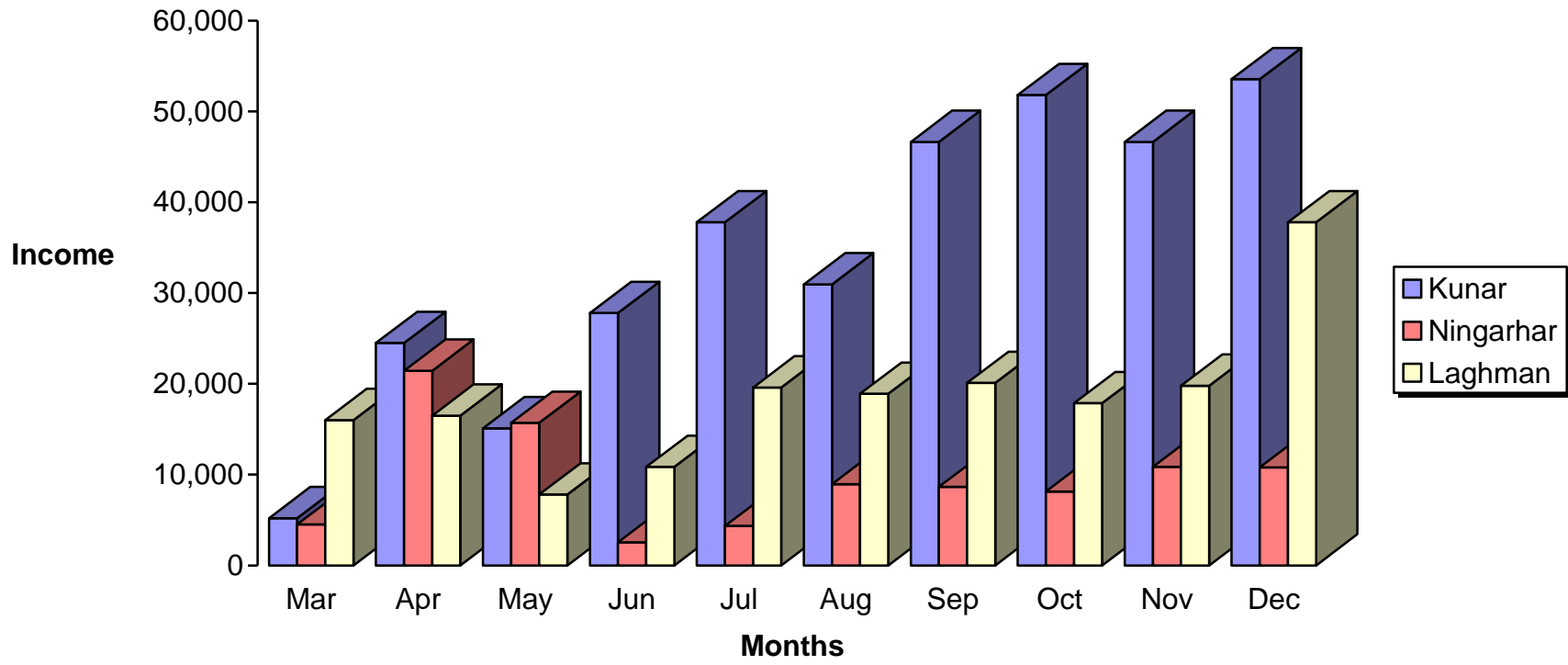
BEST played a vital role in imparting the above mentioned trainings to the target groups, and besides encourage them

Annex
Vocational Training and Income Generation

Income Generated by Graduated Trainees

Province Name	Trades	Months										Total Income (Afg)
		Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Kunar	Electrical Wiring	1,200	7,450	11,500	13,000	16,000	15,500	18,000	20,000	16,000	20,500	139,150
	Carpentry							4,000	6,800	6,000	6,300	23,100
	Hand Embroidery	4,000	17,050	3,600	14,800	21,800	15,450	24,650	25,000	24,650	26,750	177,750
	Total Income Kunar	5,200	24,500	15,100	27,800	37,800	30,950	46,650	51,800	46,650	53,550	340,000
Ningarhar	Carpentry	1,500	18,500	13,500	1,600	1,600	5,800	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	66,500
	Hand Embroidery	3,000	2,950	2,200	950	2,750	3,150	2,650	2,150	4,850	4,800	29,450
	Total Income Ningarhar	4,500	21,450	15,700	2,550	4,350	8,950	8,650	8,150	10,850	10,800	95,950
Laghman	Carpentry	10,000	13,336	5,500	7,500	13,400	11,400	12,000	11,300	11,700	11,600	107,736
	Hand Embroidery	6,000	3,150	2,300	3,350	6,200	7,500	8,100	6,565	8,100	26,200	77,465
	Total Income Laghman	16,000	16,486	7,800	10,850	19,600	18,900	20,100	17,865	19,800	37,800	185,201
Grand Total Income (Afg)		25,700	25,700	38,600	41,200	61,750	58,800	75,400	77,815	77,300	102,150	621,151

Monthly Income Generation (Camp Wise)



List of CSOs that selected for I-PACS Program Intervention in Ghazni, Bamyan and Dehkondi Provinces

S/N	Full Name of CSO	Abbreviation	CSO Code	CSO Mission (brief)	Type of CSO	Establish date	Location			Head of CSO (M or F)	No of staff		Responsible CSSC's Name	Contact Information (Phone/Email)
							Village	District	Province		Male	Female		
1	Shora Mahli Aqasi (men&women)	(S.M.A)	95	Services to people and employment	Shora	2004	Aqasi	khwaja omari	Ghazni	Samiullah	14	14	BEST	799112750
2	Anjuman-e-Mashwarat wa Islahi Ghaznoweyan		93	Coordination in the community and awarness ragarding women rights	Association	2004	plan (3)	Markaz	Ghazni	M.Waris wais mumib	16	4	BEST	799476752
3	Shora -e- mardomi rashedan		94	Contact and relationship with organization,solve the problem between people.	Shora	2004	Rashedan	Rashedan	Ghazni	Gul Baran	18	5	BEST	977239400
4	Afghan country social organization	ACSSO	97	A group of sincere Afghan engineers came together and decide to form the organization feeling the responsibility of assisting afghan national and international community in the process of rehabilitation and development of the country	Organization	2000	Directorate of women	Markaz	Ghazni	Dr Bilal Dr Hamayoon	12	2	BEST	
5	HEWAD	HEWAD	98	Health,social and education services	Organization	1994	Nada-e-Shamir sahib	Markaz	Ghazni	Yahya Nabavi	123	27	BEST	70604649
6	Majama-e- farhangi ershad		90	society.through freedom of speech,expration and decrease vilence of women	Association	1995	Nada-e-Kandahar	Markaz	Ghazni		7	8	BEST	70150040
7	Anjuman-e-Talimi Wa Herfawe Ghazni Bastan		91	Impowerment of civil society, and vocational trainings	Association	2006	Center	Ghazni	Ghazni	Nasrullah Esmati	4	4	BEST	799657400
8	Afghan women education and services organization	AWES	96	Impowerment of education and skill training	Organization	1997	plan (3)	Markaz	Ghazni	Nahida	1	16	BEST	799803717
9	Anjuman-e-farhangi madani mahartaban		92	Impowerment of Peace establishment of women right	Association	2004	plan (3)	Markaz	Ghazni	Asif Amini	7	5	BEST	799323214
10	Humanitaerian convergence organization	HCO	103	Foundation for improving life standard	Organization	2009	Bazar-e-naw	Markaz	Bamyan	Eng Sayed Paysam	8	4	BEST	799348597
11	Afghan women and children partner	AWCP	109	Impowerment of life standard through cultral,economical and sociable activities specially women	Organization	2002	Bazar-e-naw	Markaz	Bamyan	Rasoli	8	4	BEST	977659130
12	Save the women and children of Afghanistan	SWCA	108	Women impowerment	Organization	2002	Shari kona	Markaz	Bamyan	Jawad	5	12	BEST	799811185
13	Khidamati Bashare Baba		104	Strengthen and make women self dependent to improving of Afghan womens thoughts and cultral level	Organization	1995	Bazar-e-naw	Markaz	Bamyan	Fatima kazimi	5	5	BEST	
14	Spring of Constraction Rehabilitation culture and social organization	SCRCSO	106	Continuous development of socioeconomic People life standard	Organization	2003	Tolwara	Markaz	Bamyan	Akber danish	9	4	BEST	799404002
15	Civilization Development Organization	CDO	107	To providing an enabling enviroment of employment for its country men concernig education and public services	Organization	2003	Bazar-e-naw	Markaz	Bamyan	Abdulhameed	9	4	BEST	
	Shura rafa-e-mardum salabate						Bazar-e-naw ner to internet							

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