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Catalizing Transformational Development

USAID Regional Agriculture Development Program-North (RADP-N) Activities





Weed Control

Weed control training is done under the project grant of RADP-N in four provinces; Baghlan, Jawzjan, Samangan, and Balkh. The goal of RADP-N training is to increase wheat productivity by 25% for 85,000 farmers. Weed control is one way to increase yields and we train input suppliers and farmers in improved methods and improve linkages between these key stakeholders.

Training

Training is delivered in small groups during three sessions. During these sessions, input suppliers and farmers are led through group discussions of their current perceptions of weed issues and control practices. This gives trainers time to understand their specific level of knowledge. Mechanical and biological control are discussed as well as other learning points tackling the common misconceptions about when weeds should be controlled. The care and management of a shared herbicide backpack sprayer is also discussed. On the last day, participants are moved to the field where weed control is implemented. Participants will later return to the field to observe the impact.

Outcomes

Participants will apply improved weed control which will lead to increased wheat yields. Suppliers of inputs and equipment will develop their credibility through participation in the project. Their businesses will benefit through direct sales of inputs and equipment for weed control.