



# JOINT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES

## *Catalyzing Transformational Development*

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



## Reaping

Reaping frequently represents more than 30% of total wheat production costs. Previous USAID projects that have made reapers available to farmers have demonstrated cost reduction to less than 10% of total costs, which has a major impact on profitability of wheat farming. However, equipment operators have not been fully trained to use the reapers and they are underutilized.

In this activity, importers of spare parts and regional parts suppliers will be linked to operators who will be trained and supported by RADP-N in the development of reaping service contracts and delivery of these services. By the end, micro-contractors will have learned to properly use reapers, to negotiate and contract new clients, and to generate increased revenues from a new enterprise. Farmer clients will experience reduced costs of production and higher wheat returns. Workshops will have increased revenues from sales of spares and services to micro-contractors.

A three-day training is conducted on the enterprise development process and maintenance and safe operating of 2 wheel tractors (2WTs). Training participants include workshop employees of varying levels of experience, field staff and more experienced technicians. This training includes simple presentations, a good deal of classroom discussions and hands on practical work outside. After this three-day training, workshop staff will continue activities in field to train farmers who own 2WTs on basic services, safety operation and proper maintenance of 2WTs. The RADP-N team will be also work with micro-contractor clients on all of the content: developing contractor enterprises, servicing their equipment, and setting clients up with the new enterprise of mechanized reaping. The field activities will be conducted in Balkh, Jawzjan, Samangan and Baghlan provinces.