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### Domestic Support and Export Subsidies in the Agricultural Sector

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**DOMESTIC SUPPORT: AFGHANISTAN**  
**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar years 2009-2011**

*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment "Green Box"*

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture	Year	Monetary value of measure in year in question (AF)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5
<b>Paragraph 2: General Services</b>				
Para 2 a: Research, including general research	Establishment of a comprehensive Natural Resource Management monitoring and surveillance scheme; Evidence-based policy formulation and establishment of regulatory framework for natural resources management	2009	23,352,500	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Operating budget data
		2010	94,955,127	
		2011	109,839,240	
		2009-2011 Average	76,048,956	
Para 2 b: Pest and disease control	Prevention and control of animal, rodent and insect diseases; Improve of capacity of state veterinary service	2009	167,182,668	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Operating budget data
		2010	431,614,216	
		2011	343,918,402	
		2009-2011 Average	314,238,429	
Para 2 d: Extension and advisory services, including the provision of means to facilitate the transfer of information and the results of research to producers and consumers	Dissemination of best practices and strengthening the technical skills of community based natural resource management	2009	29,190,624	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Operating budget data
		2010	67,825,091	
		2011	36,613,080	
		2009-2011 Average	44,542,932	
Para 2 e: Inspection services, including general inspection services, and inspection of particular products	Veterinary and plant health inspection; Food safety inspection; Managing the quality control, inspection and certification system; Supporting private sector compliance with quality control and food safety regulations	2009	26,749,227	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Operating budget data
		2010	71,031,368	
		2011	171,959,201	
		2009-2011 Average	89,913,265	

Para 2 f: Marketing and

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2 of the Agreement on Agriculture	Year	Monetary value of measure in year in question (AF)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5
Para 2 g: Infrastructural services, including electricity reticulation, roads and other means of transport, market and port facilities, dams and drainage schemes, and infrastructural work associated with environmental programmes	Design and implementation of watering systems; Providing the surveys and advise	2009	55,727,556	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan, Operating budget data
		2010	129,484,264	
		2011	263,670,777	
		2009-2011 Average	149,627,532	
Para 3: Public stockholding for food security purposes	Contingency Fund for Purchase of Wheat	2009	4,750,000,000	Ministry of Finance of Afghanistan, Operating budget data, Afghanistan Statistical Yearbook
		2010	1,500,000,000	
		2011	0	
		2009-2011 Average	2,083,333,333	
Para 8: Payments for relief from natural disaster	Payments to farmers in the Northern regions, for relief from severe drought in 2011	2009	0	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan; Operating budget data
		2010	0	
		2011	776,000,000	
		2009-2011 Average	258,666,667	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>5,210,362,686</b>	
		<b>2010</b>	<b>2,623,676,780</b>	
		<b>2011</b>	<b>2,470,085,132</b>	
		<b>2009-2011 Average</b>	<b>3,434,708,199</b>	

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*Measures exempt from the reduction commitment - Special and Differential Treatment - "Development Programmes"*

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Article 6.2 of the Agreement on Agriculture	Monetary value of measure in year in question (AF)	Data sources
1	2	3	4
NIL			

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*Calculation of the Total Aggregate Measurement of Support*

Description of basic products (including non-product-specific AMS)	Product-specific AMS (from Supporting Tables DS:5 to DS:7 below) (AF)	Product-specific equivalent measurements of support (from Supporting Table DS:8 below) (AF)	Current Total AMS (aggregate) (AF)
1	2	3	4
NIL			

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*Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Market Price Support*

Description of basic products	Calendar/marketing year	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price (AF/tonne)	External reference price (AF/tonne)	Eligible production (tonnes)	Associated fees/levies (AF)	Total market price support (AF)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
NIL								

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*Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Non-Exempt Direct Payments*

Description of basic products	Calendar/marketing year	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	External reference price	Eligible production (tonnes)	Total price-related direct payments (AF)	Other non-exempt direct payments (AF)	Associated fees/levies	Total direct payments (AF)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
NIL										



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*Product-Specific Aggregate Measurements of Support: Other Product-Specific Support and Total Product-Specific AMS*

Description of basic products	Calendar/ marketing year	Measure type(s)	Other product- specific budgetary outlays	Other product- specific support (include calculation details)	Associated fees/levies	Total product- specific support (AF)	Market price support (Supporting Table DS:5) (AF)	Non-exempt direct payments (Supporting Table DS:6) (AF)	Total AMS (AF)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 (4+5-6)	8	9	10 (7+8+9)	11
NIL										

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*Product-Specific Equivalent Measurements of Support*

Description of basic products	Calendar/marketing year	Measure type(s)	Applied administered price	Production eligible to receive applied administered price (tonnes)	Market price support budgetary outlays (AF)	Equivalent measurement of support (include calculation details)	Non-exempt direct payments (AF)	Other product-specific support (AF)	Associated fees/levies (AF)	Total monetary value of equivalent commitment (AF)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
NIL											

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*Non-Product-Specific AMS*

Measure type(s)	Calendar/marketing year	Non-product-specific budgetary outlays (AF)	Other non-product-specific support (include calculation details)	Associated fees/levies (AF)	Total non-product-specific support (AF)	Data sources
1	2	3	4	5	6 (3+4-5)	7
NIL						

**EXPORT SUBSIDIES: AFGHANISTAN**  
**REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar years 2009-2011**

*Export Subsidies: Outlay and Quantity*

Description of products	Direct export subsidies (AF)	Sales of stocks (AF)	Producer financed subsidies (AF)	Cost reduction measures (AF)	Internal transport subsidies (AF)	Total product specific export subsidies (AF)	Quantity of subsidized exports (tonnes)
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## **Explanatory Notes**

### **Note on Funds from International Donors**

International donors play a key role in funding agricultural programmes in Afghanistan. This assistance is very important in improving the viability of the agricultural sector in Afghanistan. The aim of this note is to summarize for transparency purpose the type of activities that are funded by international donors. As it is our understanding that these external sources of funding should not be included in Supporting Tables DS:1-DS:9, the data in Domestic Support Tables exclude the funds provided by international donors.

The main Government body designing and implementing the agricultural policy in Afghanistan is the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL). We should note, however, that a significant portion of the funds provided by international donors for agriculture during recent years were directly incorporated into the Government Budget. The budget of MAIL consists of the operating budget and the development budget. The development budget is funded mainly by

## ANNEX

TABLE 1

Measure	Funding (US\$) 2009-2011 average	Primary international donors
<p><b>Research:</b> Reconstruction of 12 research houses; Provision of the facilities and equipment for research in green house research centre, and in soil laboratory in Badam Bagh; Rice variety selection and research; Development and dissemination of relevant technologies, including for wheat, bean and potato varieties, simple control method of melon fly, affordable countermeasures to address production issues with fruit trees.</p>	1,149,305	National Agricultural Experiment Stations Rehabilitation and Improvement of Rice-based Agriculture in Nangarhar Projects, funded by JICA; EU Perennial Horticulture Development Project; FAO Support to Household Food Security and Livelihood of Vulnerable and Food Insecure Farming Families Project.
<p><b>Pest and disease control:</b> Distribution of veterinary packages, including the vaccine and medicines for treating animals; Vaccination of animals against Foot and Mouth disease, provision of de-worming tablets; Vaccination of poultry; Establishing the Mobile animals' clinics; Construction of veterinary clinic in Jaji Maidan district of Khost; Provision of veterinary clinical tools.</p>	2,074,643	Horticulture and Livestock Project, funded by World Bank; Rural Microfinance and Livestock Support Program, funded by IFAD; Incentives Driving Economic Alternatives - North, East and West Project, funded by USAID; Backyard Poultry Development in Balkh and Jawzjan Provinces Program, funded by IFAD.
<p><b>Training services:</b> Provision of the training of orchard workers; Training in organizational development; Training workshops to the horticulture and livestock extension workers on the safe handling of agrochemicals and water pollution; Training of livestock extension workers, training farmers on improved livestock farming; Training on animal production practices; Training on potato production; Backyard poultry production training; Training on vegetable oil production practices.</p>	1,480,498	Horticulture and Livestock Project, funded by World Bank; Rural Business Support Project, funded by ADB; EU Perennial Horticulture Development Project; Development of Integrated Dairy Schemes Project, funded by IFAD and Italy; Rural Microfinance and Livestock Support Program, funded by IFAD;

Measure	Funding (US\$) 2009-2011 average	Primary international donors
<p><b><u>Marketing and promotion services:</u></b> Development of seed marketing channels and promotional activities; Provision of market information and market assessment.</p>	4,330,810	FAO Variety and Seed Industry Development Project funded by EU; Commercial Horticulture and Agricultural Marketing Program, funded by USAID.
<p><b><u>Infrastructural services:</u></b> Design and implementation of watering systems; Construction of irrigation system; Improvement of the physical irrigation infrastructure, flood protection, road construction and rehabilitation, cleaning canals.</p>	10,423,924	

**TABLE 2**

<b>Product and measures</b>	<b>Funding 2009-2011 average (US\$)</b>	<b>Primary international donors</b>	<b>10% of</b>
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Product and measures	Funding 2009-2011 average (US\$)	Primary international donors	10% of production value 2009-2011 average (US\$)
<p><b>Fruit:</b> Establishment of new orchards of almond, apricot, grapes, etc.; Distribution of fruit trees; Providing the facilities related to selling of fruits.</p>	<p>5,784,607</p>	<p>Commercial Horticulture and Agricultural Marketing Program, funded by USAID; Incentives Driving Economic Alternatives - North, East and West Project, funded by USAID; Horticulture and Livestock Project, funded by World Bank; Small Farmer Livelihood and Income Enhancement in Baglan Province Project, funded by Germany.</p>	<p>37,081,220</p>

**TABLE 3**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Funding 2009-2011 average (US\$)</b>	<b>Primary international donors</b>
Mechanization: Provision of grants in kind: tractors, trailers, tractor blades, wheat threshers, maize shellers, etc.	11,486,460	Afghanistan Vouchers for Increased Production in Agriculture Project, funded by USAID; Incentives Driving Economic Alternatives - North, East and West Project, funded by USAID; Rural Business Support Project, funded by ADB; Small Farmer Livelihood and Income Enhancement in Baghlan Province, funded by Germany; FAO Expanding Certified Seed Production and Utilization in Afghanistan Project, funded by EU.
Provision and distribution of fertilizers and pesticides	2,064,301	Horticulture and Livestock Project, funded by World Bank; Incentives Driving Economic Alternatives - North, East and West Project, funded by USAID; Seed, Fertilizer and Vegetable Distribution Project, funded by JICA; Small Farmer Livelihood and Income Enhancement in Baglan Province Project, funded by Germany.
Provision to farmers with inputs and tools on a preferential credit basis	259,333	Asian Development Bank
Provision of vegetable seeds and improved vegetable varieties to horticulture producers; Provision of preferential credit for horticulture seeds; Establishment of seed distribution system	4,088,260	Seed, fertilizer and vegetable distribution, funded by JICA; Incentives Driving Economic Alternatives - North, East and West Project, funded by USAID; Small Farmer Livelihood and Income Enhancement in Baglan Province Project, funded by Germany; FAO Variety and Seed Industry Development Project funded by EU; Asian Development Bank.
<b>TOTAL OF ALL MEASURES</b>	<b>17,898,354</b>	<b>10% of agriculture production value 2009-2011 average (US\$)</b>
		<b>453,714,438</b>