Grape Value Chain Project which is designed in Agriculture sector of CHA, implementing in Enjil and Guzara districts of Herat province, funded by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in term of MAIL national objectives. The life span of the project starts from 1st April 2014 and will end by 31st March 2015. The project goal is improvement of the economy of grape and raisin producers in Enjil and Guzara districts of Herat province. The project beneficiary is 500 vineyard owners in 20 target villages (10 villages in each district). The project is successfully going on in accordance with its work plan along with close coordination with involved stakeholders in provincial and districts levels including governmental and nongovernmental departments.

**Project objectives:**

1. To improve the productivity and quality of grape and raisin and improve grape/raisin value chain in Guzara and Enjil districts of Herat province,
2. To collect information about grape and raisin value chain in the view of promotion of farmer’s livelihood and socio-economy in Herat province,
3. To establish model of collaboration between DAIL and NGOs in implementing of development projects,
4. The established Cooperatives are empowered financially and new members applied for membership,
5. Grape and raisin producers are directly linked with merchants, and
6. Vineyard owners are producing and offering market demand grape and raisin products in higher quality and quantity.
A trellised vineyard established for demonstration in Enjil district of Herat province that used for practical training of VOC members (beneficiaries) too.
A trellised vineyard established for demonstration in Enjil district of Herat province, that according to the beneficiary, the yield increased to almost 75% compare to traditional vineyards in the same agro climatic area.
Two demonstrative raisin houses constructed in Enjil and Guzara districts. The construction designed after reviewing other stakeholder’s experiences on raisin house constructions in Gazni, Kandahar, Shamali plain and as well as the model brought from India in 2008. The study extended to fit the construction in accordance to agro-climatic condition of Herat province, considering 120 days sever wind and higher temperature. The result was significantly appropriate and most welcomed by the farmers. Hence it is recommending that other stakeholders consider the design when they have planned to construct raisin houses.
Practical training of Beneficiaries on IPM in Enjil and Guzara districts of Herat province; the result was cascading the earned knowledge to the farming community, significant decrease in pest and increase quality and quantity of grapes.
Distribution of IPM toolkits to the beneficiaries, that being used for reduction of pests and diseases of vineyards, which resulted enhancement of grapes quality and quantity.
In 2014, two marketing agency established in the Herat fruit market for farmer beneficiaries (VOCs members) to link them directly to the local and national markets. The Idea has been created in the agriculture sector of CHA. 

Advantages:
- Farmers are daily aware of market status in case of price and demands,
- Farmers are fully aware of required packaging standards for national and international markets,
- Farmers are controlling markets,
- Farmers are directly dealing with wholesalers, omitting middle men adding to net income of farmers, since they before were selling their products at farm gates, ...

(Now VOCs are self-sustained and themselves running the marketing agencies even without project’s support, utilizing VOCs’ income.)
Beneficiaries trained about proper and market demand packaging of grapes and raisin,
Practical training of beneficiaries on sorting and packaging grapes and raisin in Enjil district of Herat province,
Now VOC members (beneficiaries) are able to sale their products with VOC brands in accordance with the traders demand; it is planned that the VOC products exporting with the brand of VOCs to abroad
It was indicated to sell at least 30% of grapes and raisin produced by VOC members via marketing agencies, but we reached to almost 65% percent which is almost double. View of selling green raisin via marketing agencies of VOCs.
This chart shows the amount of grape and raisin which is sold via marketing agencies of VOCs in September, 2014.

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<th>No</th>
<th>VOC/Districts</th>
<th>Amount of grape which is sold by agencies (in Kg)</th>
<th>Amount of raisin which is sold by agencies</th>
<th>Number of beneficiaries which sold their grape via the agencies</th>
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<th>Percentage of beneficiaries which is sold their products via the agencies</th>
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<td>Amount of grape/kg</td>
<td>Amount of money/AF</td>
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In 2014, two assemblies held between, grape and raisin producers (VOC members), governmental and non-governmental stakeholders, fruit trading companies, traders and packaging material producing companies, The assemblies resulted in direct linkage of producers with market actors; and several contracts of selling grapes and raisin signed between producers and market actors of grapes and raisin