



Community Investment Program

Project Locations:	Hajigabul, Kurdemir, Ujar, Agdash and Yevlakh
Donor:	BP and its partners in BTC/SCP
Number of Beneficiaries:	159,135 (3,182 IDPs)
Period of Implementation:	July 2003 – August 2005

Project Goal:

To have a positive and sustainable impact on 34 communities along the eastern section of the BTC/SCP pipelines through an integrated community-based development approach.

Objectives:

1. To empower communities to mobilize internal and external resources to improve their living conditions by addressing self-defined socio-economic concerns, working through multi-sectoral, democratically elected community groups and municipal councils.
2. To support access to improved social infrastructure, including drinking water, schools, health care, irrigation systems and roads.
3. To support the development of the agricultural sector in regions crossed by the pipeline.
4. To improve awareness of health and sanitation issues.
5. To improve livelihoods and business opportunities through enterprise development opportunities.

Accomplishments to Date:

- Sensitization and Community Participatory Assessment (CPA) process completed in 33 communities, including the successful election of 33 *Ijma* Groups (IGs) and formation of 145 technical sub-committees in the sectors of health, agriculture, economic development, infrastructure and education.
- Management Training completed in 29 communities.
- Sensitization of 20 Development Resource Center (DRC) target communities in Yevlakh completed and DRC shareholders selected and trained.
- First micro-project begun in Ujar Garadagly and 17 other micro-project proposals are under development and review.
- Local NGO partner Toward Civil Society (MCD) completed first round of training in 26 municipalities.
- Local NGO partners Agro-Information Center (AIM) and Ganja Business Group (GBG) have begun community selection and curriculum preparation.



CPA focus group in Agdash Amirarkh

Planned Activities:

- Continue training for IG members in project management and proposal writing and practice those skills through the design and implementation of two micro-projects each focused on addressing their priority development needs.
- Start implementation of micro-projects in target communities.
- Start Health, Agriculture and Economic Development trainings in required communities.
- Work with the Yevlakh town community to establish one Development Resource Center (DRC) to serve as an information hub for communities.
- MCD will continue to provide training to municipal councilors and IG members in 34 municipalities.
- AIM will conduct agricultural extension training and activities in 25 target communities.
- GBG will provide Business Development Services and training for the DRC and 15 target communities.