Investigation of agricultural extension activities in Afghanistan

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Afghanistan is one of the least developed countries. Afghanistan is an agrarian country in which more than three-quarters of the population live in the countryside in scattered towns and villages. More than 20 years of war, a decade of drought and the unsustainable use of natural resources, which could not be checked by weak state institutions, have degraded the Afghan environment. This article reports on the activities of the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) in Afghanistan in recent decades. Seems to be widespread national and international efforts to agricultural extension activities have taken place during the last decade in Afghanistan. Ministry of agriculture, irrigation and livestock in Afghanistan had some project includes internally funded and externally funded projects. The overall goal of these projects was to promote peace through the facilitation of reintegration of the ex-combatants and contribution to the recovery of the communities where they live by creating sustainable socio-economic opportunities. The results of the present study although showed that the continuous agricultural extension efforts to solve the problems in Afghanistan but it is necessary the sustainable rural development project and integrated effort to be solve the agricultural activities problems in Afghanistan.

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