



# ACTED

Agency for technical cooperation and development.

## Certificate / Letter of Reference

Mr. Stefan Recker, a German national, has been working from January until December 2000 for ACTED as Logistical Coordinator in Northeast and Northern Afghanistan.

ACTED, l'Agence d'Aide à la Coopération Technique et au Développement or the Agency for Technical Co-operation and Development, is an NGO registered in France with operations in Central Asia, Europe, Latin America and Africa. ACTED has been active in Afghanistan since 1993, and is one of the largest NGOs in the country, capitalizing on a continued presence in Afghanistan throughout successive regimes and on established operations throughout Central Asia. ACTED operates mainly in the North, Northeastern and Central areas of Afghanistan.

In October 1999 the area around Khowja Ghar (Northern Takhar Province) was briefly occupied by the Taliban militia; the mainly ethnic Uzbek population of this area was seriously affected, many people got their homes destroyed and were deprived of their sources of agricultural incomes. ACTED, with financial and material support from WFP, UNDP, and the French and Turkish Ministries of Foreign Affairs, assisted these people (approx. 80.000) by providing food and non-food items such as wheat, coal and stoves, as well as construction materials in order to survive the winter and to rebuild their homes.

Mr. Reckers assignment covered all logistical aspects of this large scale operation: cross-border transport of materials from Tajikistan, local procurement, storage, transport to the three distribution stations, supervision of distribution. Also he was involved in the development and implementation of various projects in Badakhshan, Takhar and Balkh Provinces, such as the rehabilitation of irrigation-structures and roads (mainly as Food for Work). He got an insight into ACTED's operations in Tajikistan, too.

He provided a profound knowledge of all technical aspects of the aforementioned tasks, as well as good experience of the special circumstances of working in Afghanistan. Mr. Recker is a dedicated, competent and committed coworker, who is very well appreciated by national and international staff alike. He has a great tolerance regarding the very basic living and working conditions and the prevailing security issues. During a breakout of violence between various Mujaheddin factions in Khowja Ghar Mr. Recker managed to evacuate his team and essential assets in a calm and organized manner without any loss to life and property.

Mr. Recker speaks fluent French and English as well as basic Dari, he is a very organized, effective and efficient colleague, and a pleasant person to live and work with. His great humour kept the spirit of the team up.

In December 2000 Mr. Recker left ACTED in order to start working with a German NGO. We regret his departure, but we wish him good luck for his personal and professional future.

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