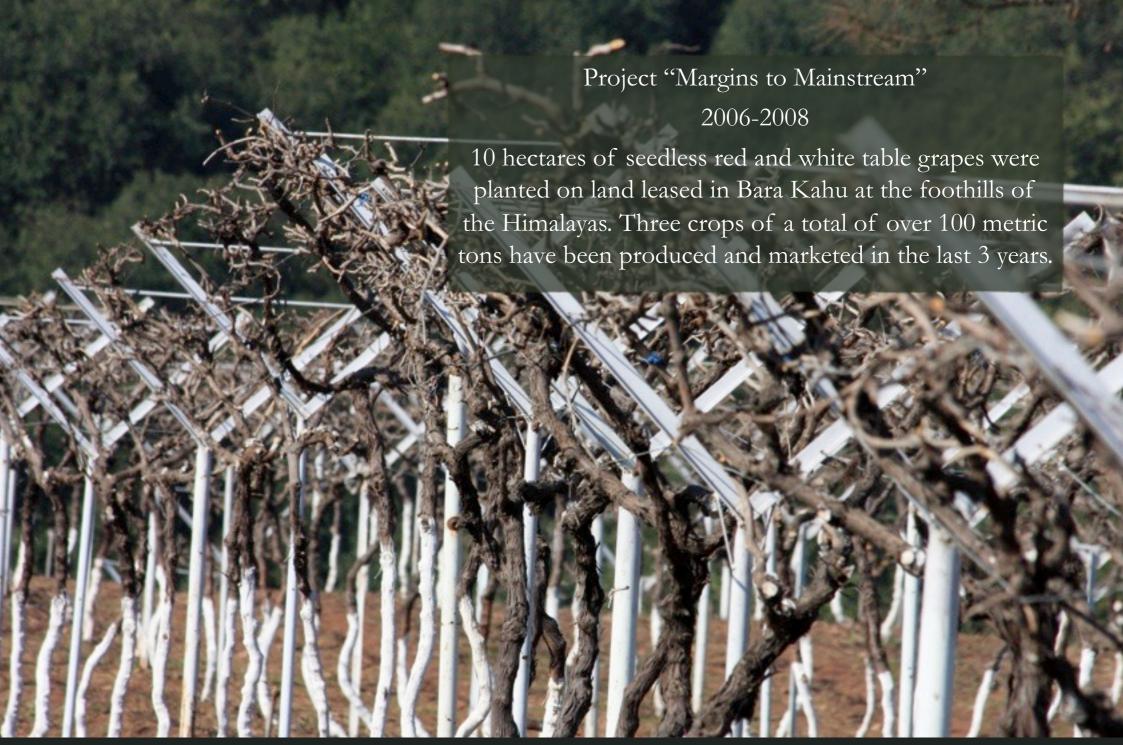
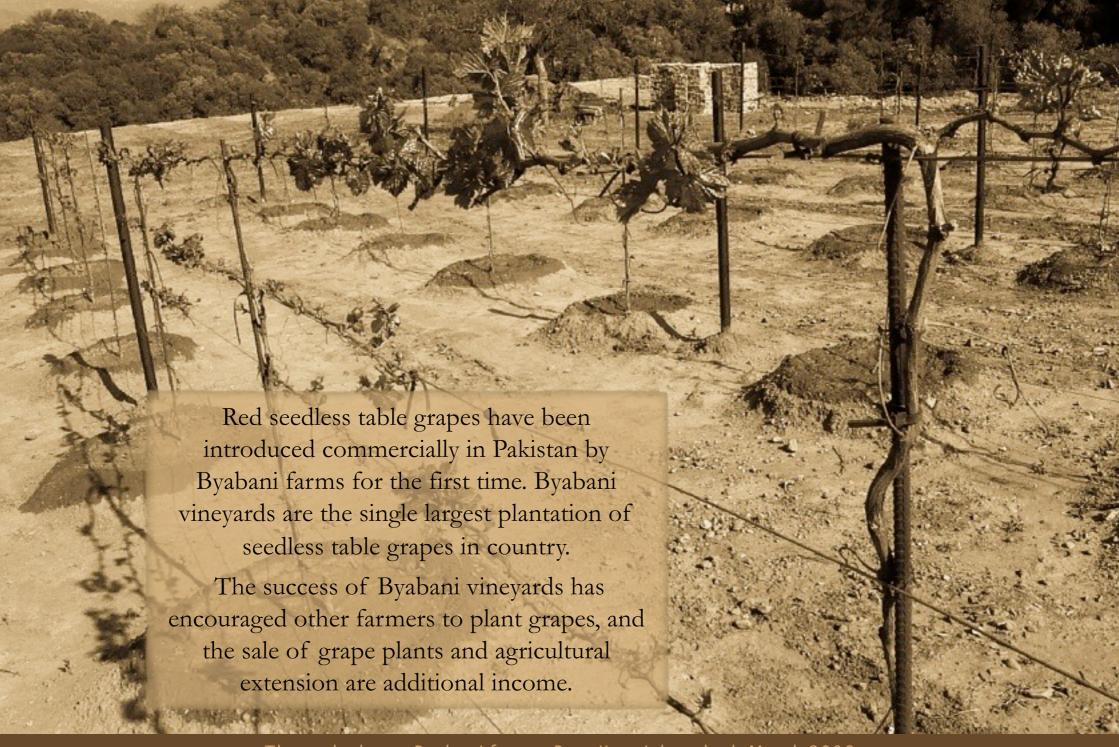


3 year old vines of Flame Red seedless grapes - March 2008

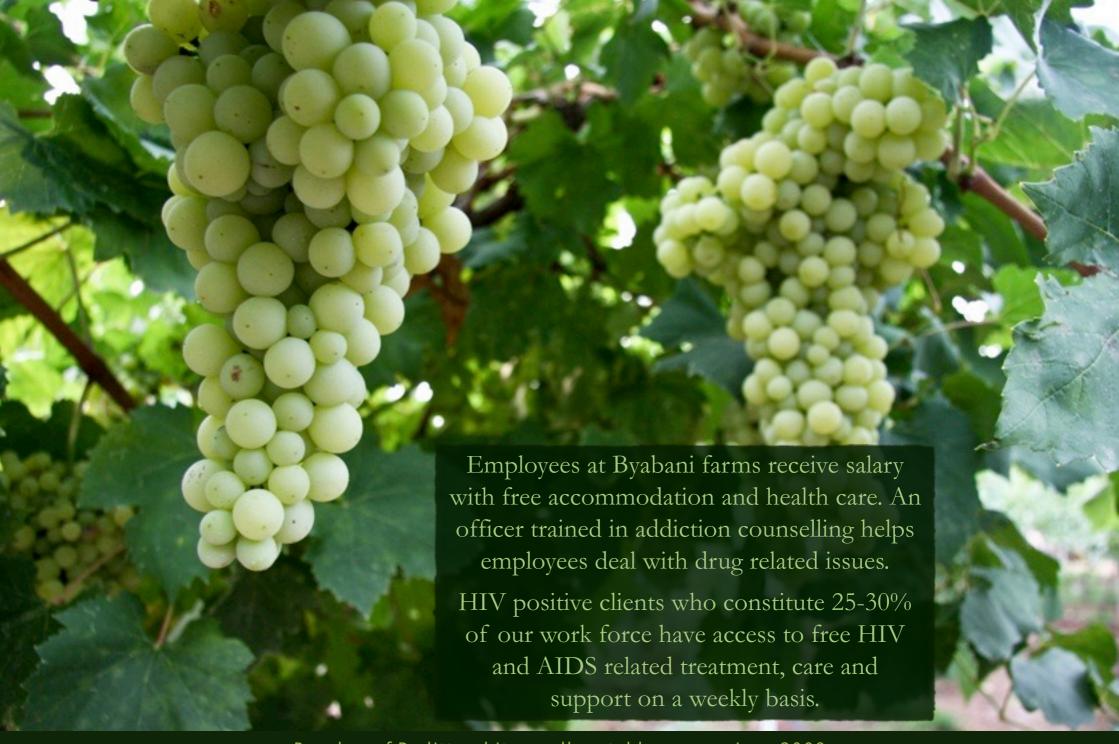


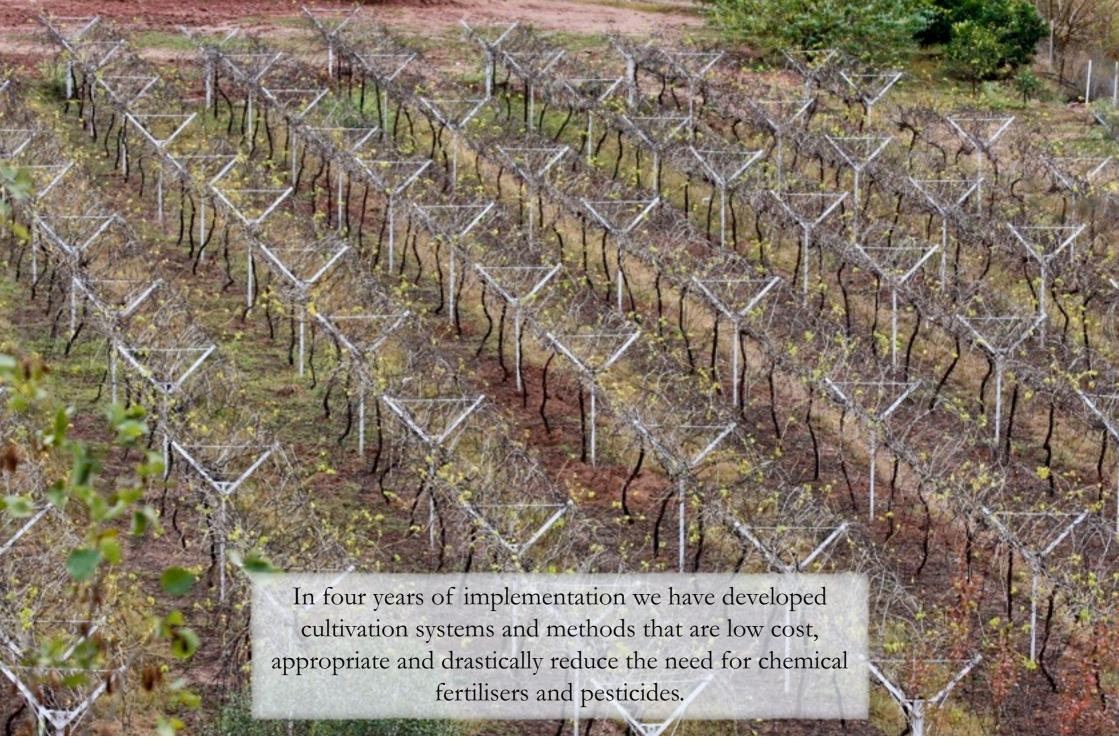
4 year old vines of Perlite white seedless grapes - January 2009



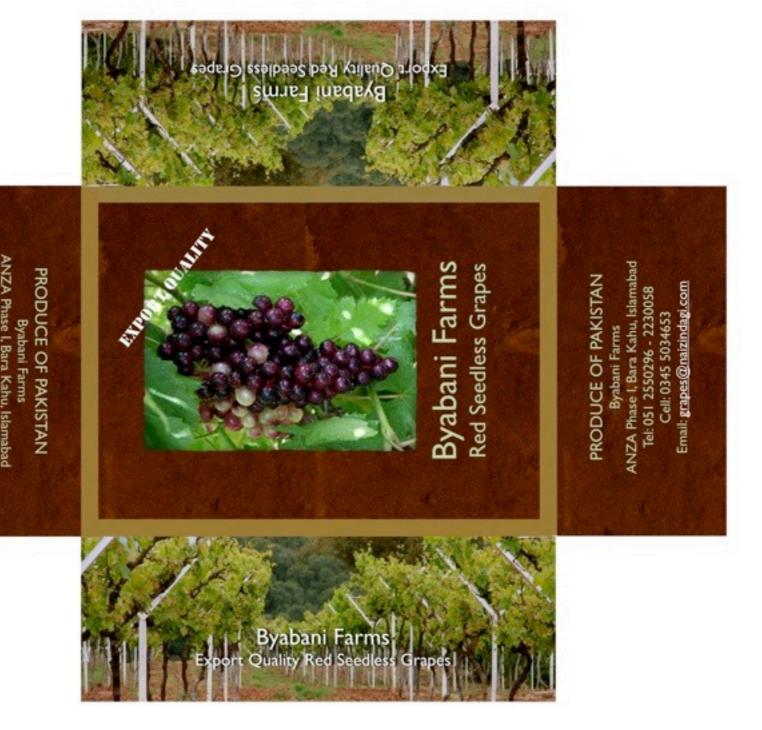


A flowering grape bunch - February 2009





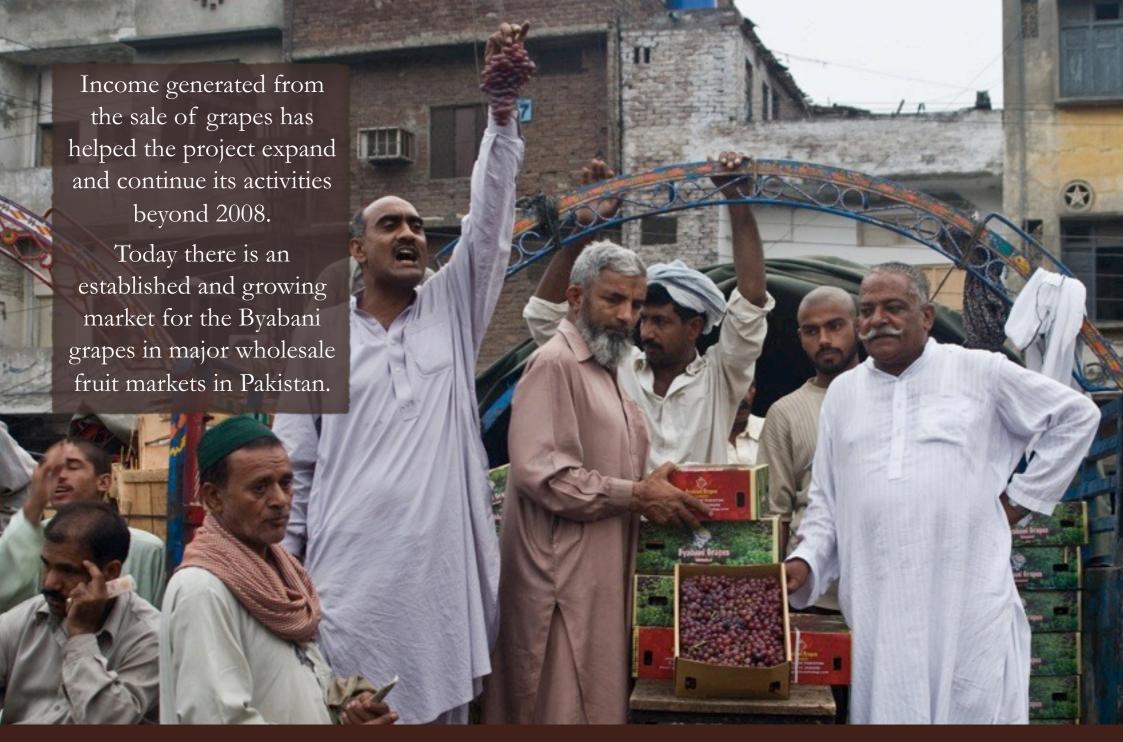
The "Y" trellis has been developed to improve quality of fruit during rains _ December 2008



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'To promote Byabani
grapes among consumers
each bunch is carefully
selected for color and
sweetness and individually
tagged with a sticker
before it is removed from
the vine for packing'









Steaming compost heaps - do not waste carbon - recycle it - Lahore December 2008



Gourd and radishes on trial plots for estimating per square foot yields - start small do your homework first



Spraying compost tea - a low cost high value organic fertilizer



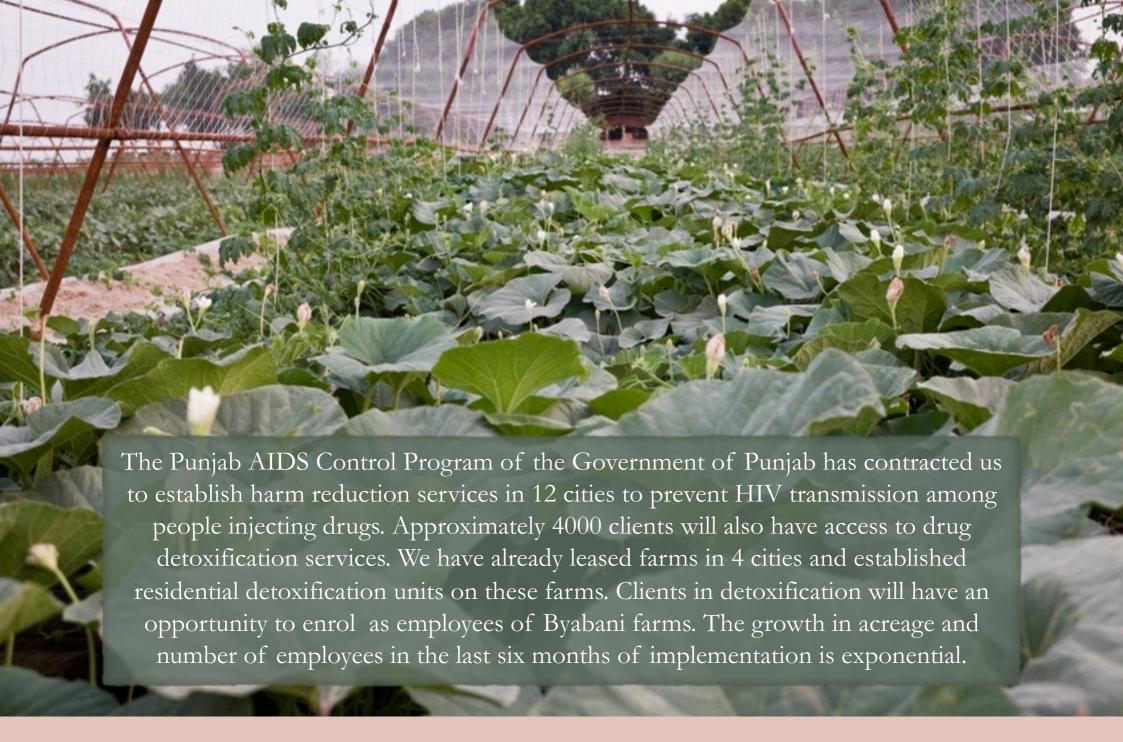


Off season production of gourds under plastic in tunnels _ Islamabad February 2009



Green Gold - off season coriander - Islamabad July 2009

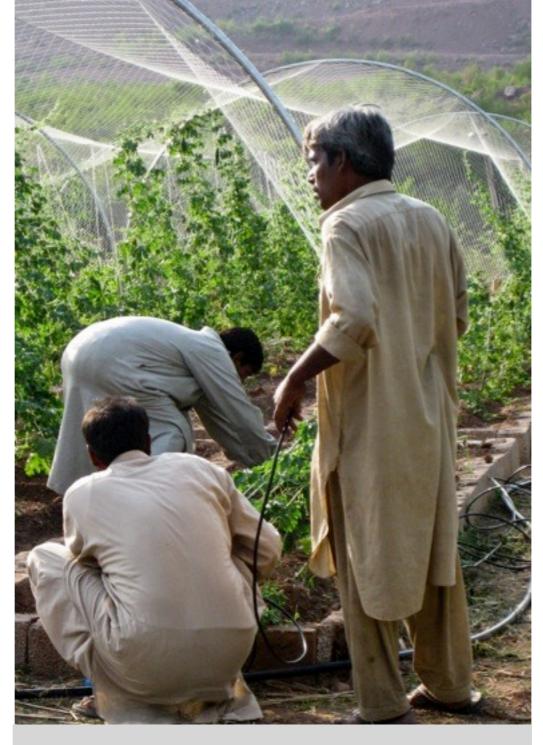




Water is essential for vegetable production. Drip irrigation systems for 20 acres have been purchased with income from the sale of Byabani grapes in 2009.

This, along with the established composting system will save water and improve yields and quality of produce.

In addition it will free workforce to focus on other essential practices of vegetable production.



Installation of drip irrigation - June 2009



A group of women farmers at Byabani farms learning about square foot farming $_$ June 2009

Context and facts

- Poverty, unemployment and lack of access to opportunities for development are precursors and drivers of drug use and HIV vulnerability in Pakistan.
- Most people using drugs want to quit, find work and live productive and healthy lives. They require support to achieve this objective.
- A brief 15 days detoxification programme is sufficient to ensure that over 80% of people using drugs can be gainfully employed and remain employed.

Improved programming

- Disease control intervention models need to address the underlying context of poverty and unemployment. Integrated approaches which combine employment and harm reduction principles have proven most effective in our context.
- Employment is the prime means of ensuring a stable lifestyle. This life stability is essential for HIV Positive persons to guarantee their capacity to adhere to Anti Retroviral Treatment (ART).

Replicable and Sustainable

- The knowledge and expertise being created at Byabani farms is both transferable and sought by other farmers and enterprises in Pakistan. This is providing a unique position where previously marginalised people (drug users) are now making a significant contribution to the development.
- The Byabani farms experience is replicable and applicable in most parts of Asia, where poverty, drug use, HIV and AIDS are linked and intertwined.
- A similar farming initiative is being pioneered by SHARAN in New Delhi, India, in close collaboration with Nai Zindagi.
- Byabani Farms is the only part of Nai Zindagi's services that is financially sustainable and through its financial surplus can subsidise other essential yet costly interventions services based on harm reduction principles, detoxification, etc.

Future

The potential for expansion is immense. Byabani farms has proven the acceptability of this form of employment for street-based drug users from poor backgrounds. This has changed the paradigm and acknowledges that people using drugs are a valuable human resource rather than an inveterate problem.

Marginalised people have moved from being a "problem" to becoming a solution for their own problems.



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We invite any and all who may wish to collaborate or contribute to our program to contact us.

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