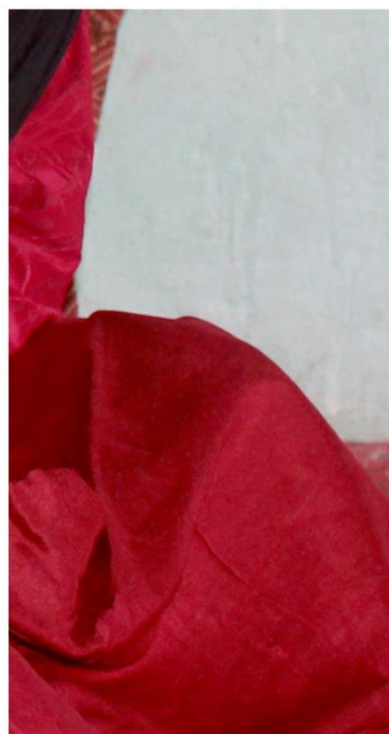
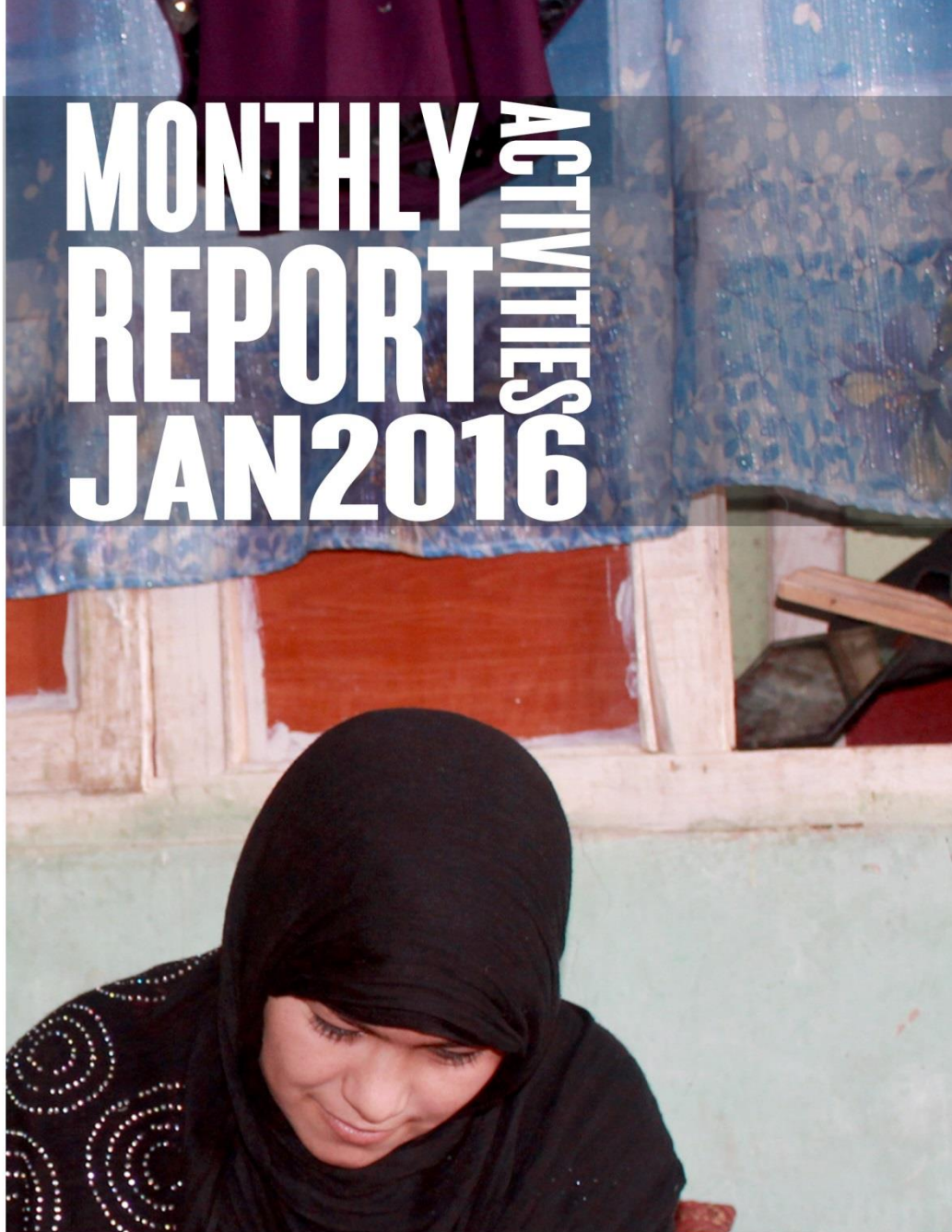




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# MONTHLY REPORT JAN 2016

ACTIVITIES



Zarifa | Tailoring | Kishindeh District | Balkh Province

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Bellows are summary of the major activities taken place during January 2016 in Shortepa and Kishindeh districts of Balkh<sup>1</sup> province, Balkhab, Sancharak and Gosfandi districts of Sarepul<sup>2</sup> Province and Dar-e-Suf Bala and Dar-e-Suf Payeen districts of Samangan<sup>3</sup> province:

- 31 (female) members completed the four modules of the Microfinance Training Package
- 5378 (3,777 female and 1,601 male) members were trained in eight modules of Business Development Services (BDS) training package.
- 1,205 (751 female and 454 male) members are under the vocational training on different occupations while 391 members (186 female and 205 male ) received vocational training and were enabled to start and/or expand their micro-enterprise
- 1,446 (1,122 female and 324 male) members are under the Life Skills Training, including basic literacy and numeracy to understand how to read and write.
- A total value of 1,654,077 AFN was saved in the SHGs by the group members. Also total value of 1,470,984 AFN was lent to 255 (191 female and 64 male) group members as internal loans.
- During this reporting period, 151 (113 female and 38 male) micro-enterprise formed and 119 (97 female and 22 male) micro-enterprise expanded which has resulted in creation of 378 (294 female and 84 male) jobs.
- HiH Af management also conducted Stakeholders Meeting for “Supporting Rural Entrepreneurship and Promoting Women’s Socio-economic Empowerment” project that is implementing in Dar-e-Suf Bala and Dar-e-Suf Payeen districts of Samangan province. The purpose of the meeting was to give stakeholders a brief of current achievements in the province, present 2016 action plan and receive feedback and suggestions for HiH AF operations in Samangan province. At the end of the event, the participants were invited to visit the exhibition of HiH AF’s Self Help Groups products.
- A big challenge ahead of young graduates is to secure employment in public and private sector. To address this problem, HiH Af provided internship opportunities for fresh college and university graduates to work with HiH Af different department to get the needed experience. Currently there are 21 interns introduced by the ASCFO and other institutions and are working in HiH Af Mazar Regional office.

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<sup>1</sup> “Sustainable Livelihood Program”, a project funded by Hand in Hand International and Maitri Trust

<sup>2</sup> “Reducing Poverty and Gender Inequality in Sarepul province of Afghanistan by Improving Household Income and Financial Resilience for Rural Women through Enterprise and Job Creation”, a project funded by DFID, Hand in Hand International and Maitri Trust.

<sup>3</sup> “Supporting Rural Entrepreneurship and Promoting Women’s Socio-Economic Empowerment in Dar-i-Suf Bala and Dar-i-Suf Payan districts of Samangan province”, a project funded by EU, J&J CCT and Hand in Hand International





1  
Women members during an Internal Saving Discussion | Sancharak District | Sarepul Province



3  
Community Members Meeting | Gosfandi District | Sarepul Province



SHG Members Completed BDS Training Module | DSB | Samangan Province



Livestock Training in | Sancharaki District | Sarepul Province



Stakeholders Meeting | Samangan Province



SHGs Products Exhibition at the end of Stakeholders Meeting | Samangan



## SUCCESS STORY

### Meet the First Successful Female Entrepreneur in Kamarlalmi Village

Raised in a poor farmer family and then married to a farmer, 47 year old Romia – mother of 4 children - was never given a chance to go to school and learn how to read and write. But, she decided that her children must not face the same experience she did. She knew from the beginning that the dream she had for her children would not come true until her family has a good economic condition. A year ago, she didn't have any idea on how and what to do for making her family's economy better at her home village *Kamarlalmi* of *Kishendeh* district of Balkh province. Pursuing to give her family a helping hand, she was introduced to services of Hand in Hand Afghanistan in her home district. She eagerly joined Hadia Self Help Group (SHG) after knowing how changes can be brought to her life through understanding the basics of micro-entrepreneurship.

So far she has saved AFN 900 within her SHG. She is also a regular trainee for Business Development, Vocational Skills and Life Skills trainings. Understanding people's need in her home village, she started up a small shop to sale mobile top-up cards by allocating a single room of her house for this purpose. Now, she is also selling women and children's clothes in her shop that contribute to her income generation. She receives clothes from other members of her Self Help Group and takes 10% profit while selling their products

She also travels to neighborhood villages where costumers mostly deal with her by exchanging products than giving her cash. She then brings exchanged materials in to district's Market and sells them with in good rates. Before joining HiH Af Self Help Group, she had no income but she has now an average net profit of AFN 1,700 per month.



"Now that I have a shop I can take care of my children in a good manner so that they become active members of their society in future." Said Romia.

## CUMULATIVE RESULTS



36,410 Members  
Mobilized into  
SHGs (63 % female)



2,252 SHGs/  
CIGs Created  
(63% female)



36,645 SHG Members  
Trained in Group  
Management  
(63 % female)



35,525 SHG Members  
Trained in Microfinance  
(65% female)



25,585 SHG Members  
Trained in BDS  
(63% female)



14,508 SHG Members  
Trained in Vocational  
Trainings  
(52% female)



2,447 SHG Members  
Trained in Life Skill  
(69% female)



9,446 SHG Members  
Received Enterprise  
Startup Kits  
(76 % female)



50,228,247 AFN  
Internally Saved  
by SHG Members  
(63% female)



26,798,618 AFN  
Internally Lent by  
SHG Members (61%  
female)



15,060 Micro-  
Enterprises  
Created/ Enhanced  
(69% female)



20,035 Jobs  
Created  
(68% female)

## Partners and Supporters







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