









HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

The highlights of activities taken place during November 2016 in Balkh, Samangan and Sarepul Provinces under below mentioned projects

- 1. Sustainable Livelihood Program. The project is implemented in Kishindeh and Shortepa districts of Balkh province and funded by Hand in Hand International.
- 2. 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. The project is implemented in Sancharak, Gosfandi and Balkhab districts of Sarepul province and funded by DFID and Hand in Hand International.
- 3. Supporting Rural Entrepreneurship and Promoting Women's Socio-Economic Empowerment in Dara-i-Suf Bala and Dara-i-Suf Payan districts of Samangan province. The project is funded by EU, J&J CCT and Hand in Hand International

ASSOCIATIONS' MEMBERS TRAINED ON MANAGEMENT OF ASSOCIATIONS

Associations' members from Dare-i-Suf Payan and Dara-i-Suf Bala districts of Samangan province, Shortepa and Kishindeh districts of Balkh province received training on management and administration of associations. This training was completed in 15 days and 51 associations' members including 21 female trained in 3 separate classes.

Main topics covered during these trainings are:

- Association Management and Administration
- Accounting and Book keeping
- Marketing Management
- Basics of Supply Chain Management
- Association's Social Responsibilities

After receiving these trainings, association members' capacity was built to properly administer and manage their association's activities according to law and regulation and also they better understood the role of association as well as association's social responsibilities.







ENTREPRENEURS RECEIVED STARTUP KITS

Hand in Hand Afghanistan as part of its capacity development in order to create sustainable enterprises and jobs; conducts vocational skills training for members of SHGs and provides enterprise startup kits to help rural men and women to start or enhance their microenterprises.

During this reporting period, **715** members of SHGs (**78%** Female) received enterprise startup kits as following:

Balkhab District: 526
Kishindeh District: 139
Gosfandi District: 44
Sancharak District: 6



SHG MONTHLY SAVINGS AND LOAN SUMMARY

During this reporting period total **AFN 1,254,593** have been saved internally by SHG members supported by HiH Af, and **AFN 1,696,350** have been internally lent by SHG members for the enterprise creation/enhancement.

Enterprise startup toolkits and internal loans have resulted in creation of **1,060 jobs** (**79%** Female) through microenterprises run by SHG members.

SHG MEMBERS STARTED RECEIVING LIFE SKILLS TRAINING

Self Help Group members are trained on basic literacy and numeracy to help them run their microenterprises.

During the month of November second phase of Life Skills Training for Entrepreneurs (LSTE) started in all three districts of Sarepul province. LSTE classes are conducted over a period of 6 months and this phase will be completed by April 2017.

Total 35 LSTE classes have been established in below mentioned districts of Sarepul province which covers total 902 (70% Female) rural entrepreneurs as following:

District	# of Female Members	# of Male Members	Total
Balkhab	461	145	606
Gosfandi	142	67	209
Sancharak	32	55	87

During these training members learn basic reading, writing and numeracy skills which help them to record their business income and expenditures and calculate their profit and loss. Members also receive information about different types of enterprises and increased awareness about their social responsibilities.



ASGHAR HAS NO WILLING TO MIGRATE AGAIN

Asghar is father of two children and lives in Qalacha village of Gosfandi district of Sarepul province. He comes from a poor family and before getting married, he was working as wage laborer whenever he found a job. To get married he had to borrow money from his family and friends which made his life difficult. After getting married, he wasn't able to find a stable job therefore he had to travel abroad in search of a job. He Says "I was working in Iran to send money home and I could only visit my family once in a year".

Asghar joined HiH Af's SHG named Muntazeran after he was deported from Iran. He says "I was motivated with the vision of HiH Af which is poverty reduction through job creation" He attended Group Management, Microfinance and Business Development Services (BDS) Trainings. After talking with HiH Af field staff and trainers he developed a business plan and he secured an internal loan of AFN 7,000 to start his own business of selling fuel and gas.

Now, he has his own business within his village. He says "Since I have attended the BDS training I have better knowledge of the business than my competitors, hence my business is running better". His shop is not only helping him as an enterprise, but also provides fuel and gas for villagers within their village which people appreciate. Asghar sells the items in lower price than other competitors because he buys the fuel and gas directly from whole sellers.

Now Asghar is earning around AFN 6,000 per month and he is sure his business will grow this winter. He is also planning to extend his services and start selling wood and other needs of villager during the coming season. He said "I am very happy to be with my family and children and I am confident that my business will grow bigger soon".



CUMULATIVE RESULTS AS OF NOVEMBER 2016



+0

36,507Members Mobilized (64 % Female)



+0

30,346

Members Trained in BDS (67% Female)



+1,254,593 AFN

65,467,523 AFN

Internally Saved by SHG Members (67% Female)



+0

2,252 SHGS/CIGs Created

(63% Female)



+271

22,946

Members Trained in Vocational Trainings (57% Female)



+1,696,350 AFN

43,430,710 AFN

Internally Lent by SHG Members (67% Female)



+0

36,507

Members Trained in Group Management (63 % Female)



+902

5,830

Members Trained in Life Skills (73% Female)



+971

26,195

Micro-Enterprises Created/ Enhanced (71% Female)



+0

35,525

Members Trained in Microfinance (65% Female)



+715

18,861

Members Received Enterprise Startup Kits (80 % Female)



+1,060

30,751

Jobs Created (71% Female)

Partners and Supporters













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