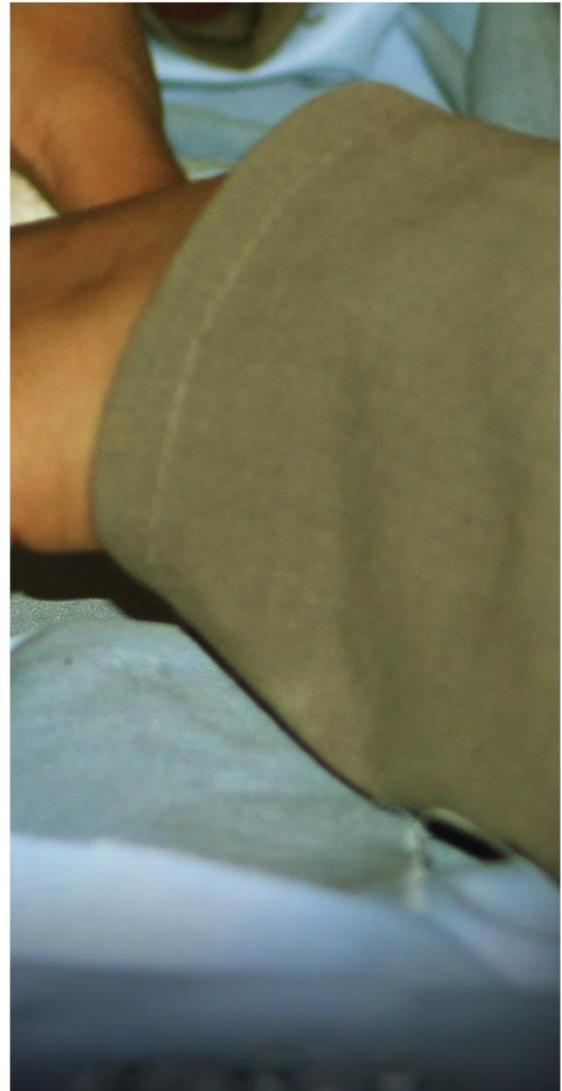
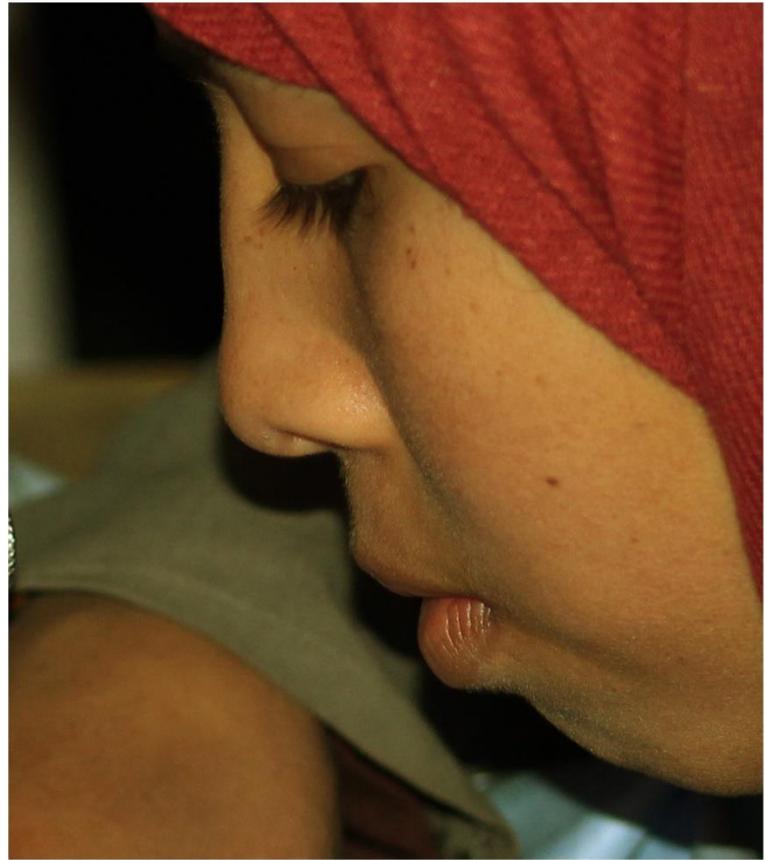


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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

The highlights of activities taken place during December 2017 in Balkh and Sarepul Provinces under below mentioned projects:

1. 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.
2. Socio-Economic Empowerment of Women and Men in Chintal District of Balkh Province. The project is funded by CAFOD and Hand in Hand International.
3. Village Uplift Program in Faqir Abad village of Mazar-i-Sharif, Balkh Province. This project is funded by Hand in Hand International.
4. Creating Future Economic Prospects for Reintegration of Refugees and IDPs in Balkh Province of Afghanistan through the Layers Poultry Value Chain. This project is funded by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.

BRINGING POULTRY FARMERS TOGETHER TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY

Under “*Creating Future Economic Prospect for Reintegration of Refugees and IDPs through the Layer Poultry Value Chain*” project in Balkh province, 4 associations have been established in Mahajir Qeshlaq village of Sholgara district and Shahrak Qaleen Bafan and Bala-e-Shahrak Hamdard villages of Nahr-e-Shahi district.

These associations encompass total of 500 (409 female) IDPs and Returnees and will work for enhancing their micro-enterprises. The

associations also manage and run the egg collection and incubation centers that are equipped with incubation machines and solar powered chillers to store egg.

Hand in Hand Afghanistan establishes associations in order to bring rural entrepreneurs together and ensure sustainability of micro-enterprises by adding value to their products, linking them to market, conducting training and mentoring visits.



Association's Election | Mahajir Qeshlaq Village | Sholgara District | Balkh Province

ASSOCIATIONS RECEIVE TRAINING

Elected board of 4 associations established under “Creating Future Economic Prospect for Reintegration of Refugees and IDPs through the Layer Poultry Value Chain” project received training on association’s management and administration.

The training included topics on association management, accounting and book keeping, basics of marketing management, basics of supply chain management and association’s social responsibilities and completed in three days.

In this training 16 (4 female) members participated.



TRAINERS RECEIVE REFRESHER TRAINING

Under "Socio-Economic Empowerment of Women and Men" project 5 (3 female) Vocational Trainers received refresher training on Poultry and Livestock.

The training included topics on diseases and vaccination, feeding, hygiene and precautions needed to avoid diseases.

These trainers will be training SHG members on seasonal changes and precautions needed to ensure safety of their livestock and chicken during the winter season.



INTERNAL SAVINGS AND LOANS

This reporting period total of AFN 1,024,551 has been saved, and AFN 1,577,950 has been internally lent by the SHG members. The internal loans and enterprise startup kits have resulted in establishment of 40 (37 female) micro enterprises and enhancement of 80 (59 female) existing ones.

The internal loans, enterprise startup kits, formation and enhancement of micro enterprises have resulted in creation of 59 (55 female) jobs for the community members.



MEMBERS EQUIPPED WITH SKILLS AND ASSETS

During this reporting period 28 (25 female) Self Help Group members completed vocational skills training on livestock rearing and Glim Weaving in Balkhab and Gosfandi districts of Sarepul province and Chintal district of Balkh province.

Additionally, another 37 (20 female) members who previously completed their vocational skills training received enterprise startup kits in Balkhab, Gosfandi and Sancharak districts of Sarepul province in order to establish or enhance their micro-enterprises.



AN ADDITIONAL ENTERPRISE IMPROVES INCOME AND LIFE

Mohammad Qasim is 36 years old, father of 5 kids, lives in Tajik Elatan village of Sholgara district, Balkh province. He says *“I am an agricultural farmer, I used to work very hard and yet my life was not improving because I was not able to earn enough, I was always worried about future of my family, didn’t have any other skill and my earnings were not sufficient. As my kids were getting older, I felt more lost and helpless for building their future”*.

Mohammad Qasim joined Adalat SHG in his home village three years ago when HiH Af started mobilization. He says *“I joined HiH Af to learn a skill and have a business, then I received several training including Business and vocational skills training in beekeeping. I selected beekeeping because it needs fewer tools and man power and I could have a beekeeping farm simultaneously with my agricultural activities”*.

Mohammad Qasim started his enterprise with one box of bees received from HiH Af as enterprise startup kit and then purchased two

boxes of bees from his own money. He says *“In first year I collected 17 Kg of honey and sold each Kg for AFN 1,000. With this money I purchased 5 more boxes of bees and this year I was able to reproduce and increase my bee boxes to 21 and I was able to produce 85 Kg of honey”*.

Mohammad Qasim has earned AFN 85,000 this year by selling honey, now he is a famous honey producer at the district level. He says *“People from city center come to buy honey from me, beekeeping has not only increased my income but also helped me to be a famous business person”*.

Mohammad Qasim is considered a role model for beekeeping entrepreneurs in neighboring districts including Chimtal district who recently came to visit his farm. He says *“It makes me proud when people come here to visit my farm and they learn from me”*.

Mohammad Qasim says *“I am planning to buy honey extraction machine and to reproduce more bee boxes next year so I can sell more honey and bee boxes from next year onward”*.



CUMULATIVE RESULTS AS OF DECEMBER 2017



37,741
+0

Members Mobilized
(64 % female)



2,323
+0

SHGs Created
(63% female)



37,241
+0

Members Trained in
Group Management
(63 % female)



36,125
+0

Members Trained in
Microfinance
(65% female)



30,948
+0

Members Trained in
BDS
(67% female)



26,124
+28

Members Trained in
Vocational Trainings
(59% female)



5,928
+0

Members Trained
in Life Skills
(73% female)



22,726
+37

Members Received
Enterprise Startup Kits
(78% female)



78,281,302 AFN
+ 1,024,551 AFN

Internally Saved by
SHG Members
(68% female)



56,330,579 AFN
+ 1,577,950 AFN

Internally Lent by
SHG Members
(69% female)



31,319
+120

Micro-Enterprises
Created/ Enhanced
(72% female)



36,345
+59

Jobs Created
(72% female)

Figures in black and blue indicate cumulative results and achievements during December 2017 respectively

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