



MONTHLY REPORT APRIL

ACTIVITIES 2016

Gulian | Tailoring | Dara-i-Suf Bala | Samangan Province



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Below are highlights of activities taken place during April 2016 in Shortepa and Kishindeh districts of Balkh¹ province, Balkhab, Sancharak and Gosfandi districts of Sarepul² Province and Dara-i-Suf Bala and Dara-i-Suf Payan districts of Samangan³ province:



Community Elders Engagement for Better Impact

In April 2016, a series of community stakeholders meeting were conducted by Hand in Hand Afghanistan district office in Shortepa district of Balkh province to provide brief on activities of HiH Af and the current achievements in the district. Participants were district governor, members of Community Development councils (CDCs) and influential residents of the district. At the end participants thanked HiH Af and donors for their efforts on reducing poverty and creating job opportunities in the district. The participants demanded increase in target groups of beneficiaries calling it a serious need of residents in Shortepa district.



Potential SHG Members Receive Toolkits to Start Microenterprises

During this reporting period, HiH Af in Sancharak district has distributed different toolkits for those SHG members who are shown to have skills for establishment/expansion of micro-enterprises. Considering the seasonal conditions, poultry toolkits (chicken) were distributed for the members in targeted villages. SHG members in other targeted district have also received toolkits.

¹ "Sustainable Livelihood Program", a project funded by Hand in Hand International and Maitri Trust

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", a project funded by DFID, Hand in Hand International and Maitri Trust.

³ "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



Learning How to Read and Write for Successful Entrepreneurship

During this reporting period, Hand in Hand Afghanistan's district office in Sancharak district of Sarepul province begin LSTE classes for male and female members of SHG. The new LSTE classes are opened for new SHG members who have been pursuing HiH Af model.



Building Entrepreneurs Capacity by Providing Vocational Trainings

Vocational trainings on poultry, tailoring, agricultural, horticulture and livestock have been continuing in all targeted districts. The HiH Af district office in Gosfandi conducted beekeeping vocational training during this reporting period. 22 members are now learning skills on how to perform beekeeping and produce quality honey.

Summary of achievements during April 2016 in targeted districts:

- **During this reporting period, 1,061 (1,017 female) toolkits distributed for SHG members**
 - **1,678,904 AFN have been internally saved with SHG members**
 - **2,254,550 AFN were internally lent to SHG members**
 - **1,257 enterprises are formed (1182 female)**
 - **115 enterprises are enhanced (91 female)**
 - **1,806 jobs are created (1683 female)**
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ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR A BETTER LIFE

Ziagul, 42 year old, is living with her husband and four children – three daughters and one son – in Taqchi village of Dara-i-Suf Bala of Samangan province. Although the husband is responsible for family's expenses but Ziagul knew that the unstable job of her husband is not adequate to have a better life. She couldn't afford to buy proper clothes and stationery for her two school-going children. As a responsible mother, Ziagul was also thinking on how to have saving for emergencies.

After she joined *Aftab Parast* Self Help Group, she took 5,000 AFN as internal loan and used the loan to buy chicken for producing and selling eggs. At the meantime, she regularly participates in business training sessions which have helped her to understand how to do poultry and deal with costumers.

Ziagul can make a monthly income of 2,500 AFN while a few months ago she had zero income. She plans to expand her small poultry to produce and sell more eggs. She says she now can help with her husband on her house expenses, buy new clothes for children and save for emergencies.



CUMULATIVE RESULTS AS OF APRIL 2016



36,507 Members
Mobilized into
SHGs (64 % 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)



26,846 SHG Members
Trained in BDS
(67% female)



14,552 SHG Members
Trained in Vocational
Trainings

(52% female)



3,960 SHG Members
Trained in Life Skill
(73% female)



11,584 SHG Members
Received Enterprise
Startup Kits

(84 % female)



55,309,975 AFN
Internally Saved
by SHG Members
(67% female)



32,682,550 AFN
Internally Lent by
SHG Members (67%
female)



19,080 Micro-
Enterprises
Created/ Enhanced
(71% female)



23,834 Jobs
Created
(71% female)

Partners and Supporters





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