



FLASH REPORT
MONTHLY JAN 2017



Tayeba | Taraqi SHG | Balkhab District | Sarepul Province

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

The highlights of activities taken place during January 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 Chimtal District of Balkh Province. The project is funded by CAFOD and Hand in Hand International.

KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE SHARING THROUGH EXPOSURE VISIT

As part of capacity building efforts, Hand in Hand Afghanistan facilitated exposure visits for rural entrepreneurs and Self Help Group members in Gosfandi, Sancharak and Balkhab districts of Sarepul province.

In these exposure visits 66 members (35 female) visited well-functioning SHGs and enterprises of other villages within their respective districts. The SHG members visited poultry, tailoring, handicraft, beekeeping, and dairy enterprises.

During the exposure visits members interacted and learnt about each other's success and challenges.

Exposure visits help rural entrepreneurs to understand and adapt best practices in their enterprises and these members will share learning from the visit with other members of their SHGs in their respective communities.



HIH AF EXPANDS TO CHIMTAL DISTRICT

HiH Af started a two year project named “Socio-Economic Empowerment of Women and Men in Chimtal District of Balkh Province”.

The goal of this project is to economically empower and strengthen the socio-economic rights of poor rural women and men with particular focus on women. The project targets 600 women and men to be mobilized in to Self-help groups and receive Group Management, Microfinance and Business Development Services (BDS), Vocational Skills and Life Skills Training and will receive support for micro-enterprise development and market linkages.

This project is co-funded by CAFOD and Hand in Hand international.



Community Mobilization | Chimtal District

SHG MONTHLY SAVINGS AND LOAN SUMMARY

During this month total **AFN 936,809** have been saved by SHG members and **AFN 1,145,250** have been internally lent to SHG members. Moreover **36** members received enterprise startup toolkits.

During this month a total of **36** microenterprises established and **69** enhanced and both the formation and enhancement of microenterprises have resulted in creation of **141 jobs** for the community members.



SHG Group Meeting | Sancharak District

ASSOCIATION TRAINING

Balkhab District project team received ToT on association formation manual.

In this training 18 (13 female) Village Enterprise Facilitators (VEFs) and 3 other district staff participated. This training enables the VEFs to form and train association members and the main topics covered during this training are as follow

- Association Management and Administration
- Accounting and Book Keeping
- Marketing Management
- Basics of Supply Chain Management
- Associations Social Responsibilities



Association Training | Balkhab District

305 MEMBERS EQUIPPED WITH SKILLS

HiH Af as part of its ongoing capacity building in order to create sustainable enterprises and jobs conducts vocational skills training for members of SHGs.

In this reporting period **305 (70% female)** SHG members successfully completed vocational skills training in tailoring, embroidery, handicraft, livestock rearing, agriculture and poultry in Sancharak district of Sarepul province.



Tailoring Apprenticeships | Sancharak District

QAMARGUL ENCOURAGES WOMEN TO LEARN SKILLS AND HELP THEIR FAMILY

Qamargul, mother of 6 kids lives in Shaikhan village of Gosfandi district. Her husband was an agricultural farmer but due to climate change and drought he was in loss therefore, traveled to Iran to earn a living for his family. *“I was not able to go to school because during Taliban regime girls were not allowed to study and I didn’t have any other skills. Life was getting difficult everyday”* Said Qamargul. Her husband borrowed from relatives to migrate to Iran therefore they were in debt too.

She joined Hand in Hand Afghanistan’s Self Help Group named Sulh (Peace) 18 months ago and has been saving on regular basis. She attended Group Management, Microfinance and Business Development Services (BDS) Training. She was very interested to learn a skill that can help her generate income so she attended tailoring vocational skills training. After successful completion of skills training, she received tailoring enterprise startup kit from HiH Af as a helping hand to establish her enterprise and she also received AFN 5,000 loan from the group to purchase raw material.

Qamargul now runs her own tailoring microenterprise, earning around AFN 5,000 per month. She has already repaid the loan. Her main customers are neighbors and relatives; in addition HiH Af’s Village Enterprise Facilitator helps her in finding new customers.

Qamargul says *“the prospective of society toward me and women like me who can generate income and help their families has changed. I am now taking part in family decisions and social activities. After I attended HiH Af’s training and started my enterprise, I was able to convince my husband to send my daughter to school. I am confident that I can improve my family’s condition because I have learnt a lot and I have income.”*

Qamargul has planned to bring her husband back from Iran. She wants to open a shop for her husband in district center where he will be able to sell her products. She says *“I encourage women to learn skills and help their family, which is how we can improve our lives.”*



CUMULATIVE RESULTS AS OF JANUARY 2017



36,507

+0

Members Mobilized
(64 % Female)



2,252

+0

SHGs/CIGs Created
(63% Female)



36,507

+0

Members Trained in
Group Management
(63 % Female)



35,525

+0

Members Trained in
Microfinance
(65% Female)



30,346

+0

Members Trained in BDS
(67% Female)



23,274

+305

Members Trained in
Vocational Trainings
(57% Female)



5,830

+0

Members Trained in
Life Skills
(73% Female)



19,346

+36

Members Received
Enterprise Startup Kits
(79% Female)



67,553,774 AFN

+936,809 AFN

Internally Saved by SHG
Members
(67% Female)



45,412,760 AFN

+1,145,250 AFN

Internally Lent by
SHG Members
(67% Female)



26,880

+141

Micro-Enterprises
Created/ Enhanced
(71% Female)



31,536

+139

Jobs Created
(71% Female)

PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

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PAST





Association Training | Balkhab District | Sarepul Province

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