



**FLASH REPORT
MONTHLY
APRIL
2017**

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

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

STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT AND FEEDBACK

A committee assigned by the Sarepul Province Governor consisting representatives from Provincial Economy Department, Labor, Social Affairs, Martyrs and Disabled (DoLSAMD) and Women Affairs department monitored HiH Af project in this province. They visited Self-Help Group, existing enterprises and on-going training in Sancharak, Gosfandi and Balkhab districts. HiH Af continuously engages with stakeholders throughout projects implementation and government officials regularly monitor HiH Af's projects.

The committee was very impressed by observing project progress, they encouraged beneficiaries and provided feedback and also expressed their commitments and promised their continuous support towards the project.

HiH Af is currently implementing "Reducing Poverty and Gender Inequality by Improving Household Income and Financial Resilience for Rural Women through Enterprise and Job Creation" project in Sancharak, Gosfandi and Balkhab districts of Sarepul province funded by DFID and HIHI.



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د افغانستان خاری او فخر که صنایع
صنایعات
په داسې دستانه د افغانستان در
فخر او طریق تطبیق برنامه های خود
نظری که درآمد بیشتر داشته باشند، در
بازار، مخصوص زنان سرزدهات، کر
بهره و برنامه های حمایتی و آموزش
مستلزم و رفاهیان بوده تا به منابع
دیده باشند.

په داسې دستانه د افغانستان خاری
و د کشف داسې و معطقت است
تد اقتصاد کشور و کاهش فقر ایا یا
و د جامع دلیل به ترکیب چهار عنصر
شیر کنیدی را ایا می نماید.



دستانه دستانه



HiH Af supported Efaf Handicraft Association to participate in Balkh Second Exhibition, which was held in Mazar-e-Sharif. In this exhibition members show cased their products, interacted with other entrepreneurs, customers and raw material suppliers in other to better understand the market demand and competitors.

1,000 SHG MEMBERS COMPLETE LSTE TRAINING

Under DFID funded project in Sarepul province **1,000** (70% female) members in **37** separate classes successfully completed six months of Life Skills Training for Entrepreneurs (LSTE) in Balkhab, Sancharak and Gosfandi districts as follow:

- Balkhab district **653** (467 female)
- Gosfandi district **260** (200 female)
- Sancharak district **87** (32 female)

In these training, members learned basic writing, reading and numeracy skills which helps them record their income, expenses and calculate their profitability. Also in these training members learnt different types of enterprises and increased their awareness about hygiene, health, environment and social responsibilities.



LSTE Class | Gosfandi District

INTERNAL SAVINGS AND LOANS

In this reporting period total of **AFN 1,098,725** have been saved by SHG members and **AFN 1,119,900** have been internally lent to SHG members.

The internal loans and enterprise startup kits have resulted in establishment of **141** microenterprises and enhancement of **104**.

Both the formation and enhancement of microenterprises have resulted in creation of **347** jobs for the community members.



SHG Group Meeting | Chimtal District

ENTREPRENEURS EXCHANGE KNOWLEDGE

As part of capacity building, Hand in Hand Afghanistan facilitated exposure visit for Self-Help Group members at district level. Beekeeping entrepreneurs from Gosfandi district visited successful Beekeeping entrepreneurs at Char Ruh Village in Sancharak district and Poultry entrepreneurs of Sancharak district visited the same sector entrepreneurs of Malikan Village in Gosfandi district. During these exposure visits members interacted and learnt about each other's success and challenges. They also discussed about markets and asked questions from each other.

These members will share learning from the visit with other members of their SHGs in their respective communities.



Exposure Visit | Sancharak District

MEMBERS RECEIVE SKILLS TRAINING

During this reporting period **415** (342 female) members successfully completed vocational skills training in Balkhab, Sancharak and Gosfandi districts of Sarepul province in Tailoring, Beekeeping, Livestock, Agriculture, Carpentry, Blacksmith, Motorbike Repairing and Poultry sectors.

Additionally **112** members received enterprise start-up kits following the completion of their training in order to establish or enhance their micro-enterprises.



Vocational Skills Training | Balkhab District

SOMAYA CONTRIBUTES IN FAMILY EXPENSES

Somaya is married and lives in Khalar village of Balkhab district, her husband is agricultural farmer and his earnings were never enough for the family. Somaya had basic tailoring skills but due to lack of business information and assets she never had the courage to start a business.

She joined “Portalash (Hardworking)” Self-Help Group and attended regular bi-weekly group meetings, and received group management, microfinance, business development services and poultry vocational skills training. She also received enterprise startup kit and established her poultry micro-enterprise. She says *“I was always interested to have my own source of income and help my husband by contributing in family expenses rather than asking him for money”*.

Now Somaya collects around 15 eggs from her poultry farm every day, she has a contract with a

local shop where she sells eggs on daily basis. She says *“I have invested my own income in to tailoring business and now I stitch clothes for women, I didn’t have the confidence and resources to start this business before attending BDS training”*.

Somaya earns around AFN 2,000 from tailoring and around AFN 2,500 from poultry business per month. She says *“My poultry business has encouraged other women in my neighborhood to think of having their own business”*. She added *“Now I have the knowledge and resources to expand my business, but the weather is not suitable so I am waiting until next month to expand my poultry business”*.

Somaya has been supporting her husband in family expenses and plans to take a loan from the SHG and buy agro-chemicals for her husband in order to increase harvest.



CUMULATIVE RESULTS AS OF APRIL 2017



37,130

+0

Members Mobilized
(64 % female)



2,291

+0

SHGs Created
(63% female)



37,130

+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)



24,451

+415

Members Trained in
Vocational Trainings
(57% female)



5,928

+98

Members Trained in
Life Skills
(73% female)



19,592

+112

Members Received
Enterprise Startup Kits
(79% female)



70,304,869 AFN

+1,098,725 AFN

Internally Saved by SHG
Members
(67% female)



48,097,010 AFN

+1,119,900 AFN

Internally Lent by
SHG Members
(68% female)



27,484

+257

Micro-Enterprises
Created/ Enhanced
(71% female)



32,389

+347

Jobs Created
(71% female)

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