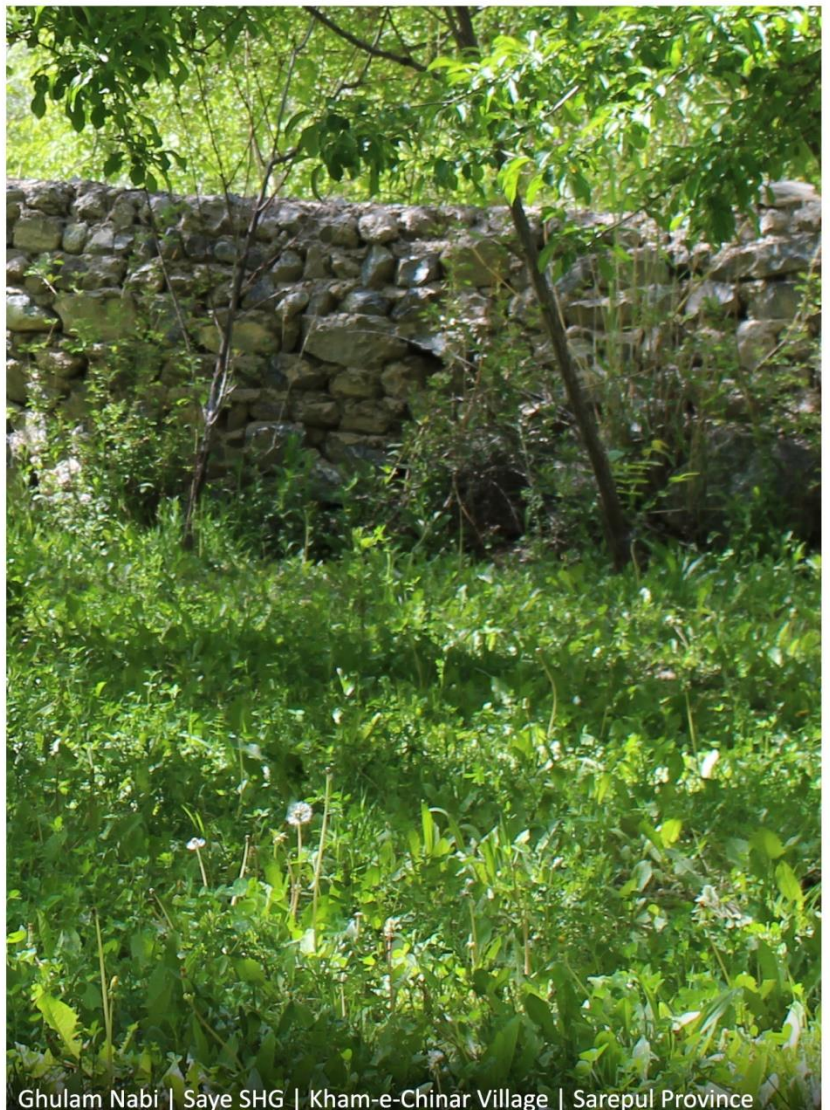
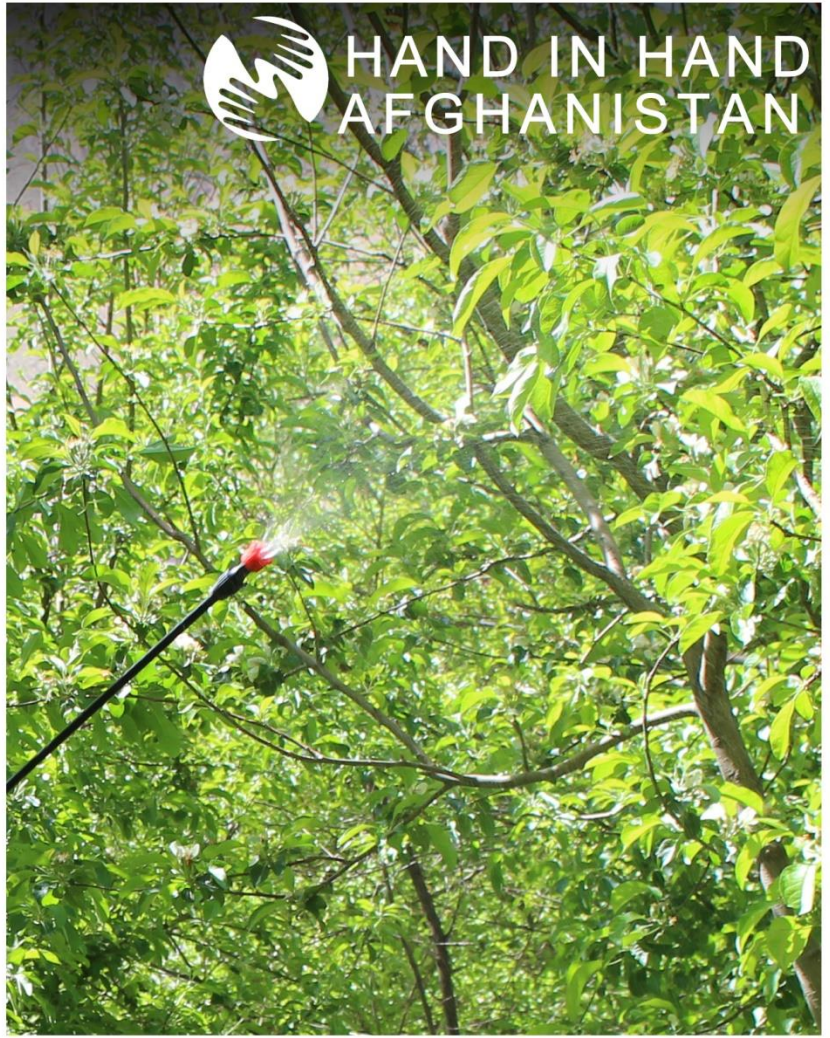


MONTHLY FLASH REPORT JUN 2017



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

The highlights of activities taken place during June 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.

SHG MEMBERS EQUIPPED WITH BUSINESS SKILLS IN CHIMTAL DISTRICT

Under “Socio Economic Empowerment of Women and Men project in Chimtal district of Balkh province” 602 Self Help Group (SHG) members including 474 female members successfully completed Business Development Services (BDS) training over a period of three months.

This training covered topics on Unlocking of Entrepreneurial Individual Strength, Basics of Enterprise Development, Selection of Sample Enterprise, Basics of Marketing, Demand and Supply Management, Market Survey, Seasonal Calendar and Financial Statement.

This training will be followed with a series of other training including microfinance, vocational skills training, on the job training and mentoring in order to capacitate and strengthen members and help them establish or enhance sustainable micro-enterprises.

BDS training is the second step of HiH Af’s four step integrated job creation model and is followed by Access to Credit and Resources and Market Linkage and Value Addition.

All SHG members receive BDS training to strengthen their entrepreneurial skills.



SPEAKD CLIMATE: FROM SCIENCE TO ACTION

Without a Sustainable environment we can't end poverty or build prosperity. Considering the importance of sustainable environment and its relation with reducing poverty HiH Af's Regional Program Manager, Dr. Ahmad Kamran Hekmati conducted an orientation session on climate change and global warming for all HiH Af regional staff on occasion of 'World Environment Day'.

In this session a series of topics including Sustainable Development Goals, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation were discussed.



SHG MEMBERS PRODUCE 570 KG HONEY

Beekeeping and honey production offers high potential returns to rural entrepreneurs and households with minimal cost and space required.

HiH Af as part of skills development promotes and teaches SHG members to establish beekeeping enterprises.

During this month a total of 570 KGs of honey has been produced by 78 beekeepers under DFID funded project in Sarepul province. Produced honey is 100% natural, organic and pure and being sold to AFN 1,000 per KG.



INTERNAL SAVINGS AND LOANS

In this reporting period total of **AFN 826,679** have been saved by SHG members and **AFN 658,800** have been internally lent to SHG members.

The internal loans and enterprise startup kits have resulted in establishment of **305** microenterprises and enhancement of **57**.

Both the formation and enhancement of microenterprises have resulted in creation of **486** jobs for the community members.



A HELPING HAND: ENTERPRISE STARTUP KITS

During this reporting period total **270 (196 female)** Self Help Group members who previously completed their vocational skills training received enterprise startup kits in Poultry, Beekeeping, Mobile Repairing, Embroidery, Handicraft, Motorbike Repairing and Livestock sectors.

Additionally during this month **12** female members completed vocational skills training in Balkhab district of Sarepul province.



AZIZA: THE FAMOUS TAILOR

Aziza is 32 years old and mother of four kids. She lives in Qotan Mast village of Gosfandi district, Sarepul province and her husband is a farmer. She says *“like majority of other women in my village, I did not have any skills and never had the opportunity to attend school. My husband had to borrow from relatives because my eldest daughter was sick, she is 10 years now and attends school. I always wanted to provide a helping hand to overcome financial challenges and my husband’s income is not enough for all our needs and emergencies. We were in depth and life was difficult”.*

Aziza joined Baran Self Help Group and attended regular group meetings, received Group Management, Microfinance and Business Development Services (BDS) training. She chose to join tailoring vocational skills training and received enterprise startup kit upon successful completion of the training.

Now she earns around AFN 5,000 per month. She says *“now I am a very popular business*

woman in the society, women come from far villages because they prefer my work. My customers are satisfied with my work and that makes me happy. Now I am able to contribute in family expenses so that my husband can pay the loan.”

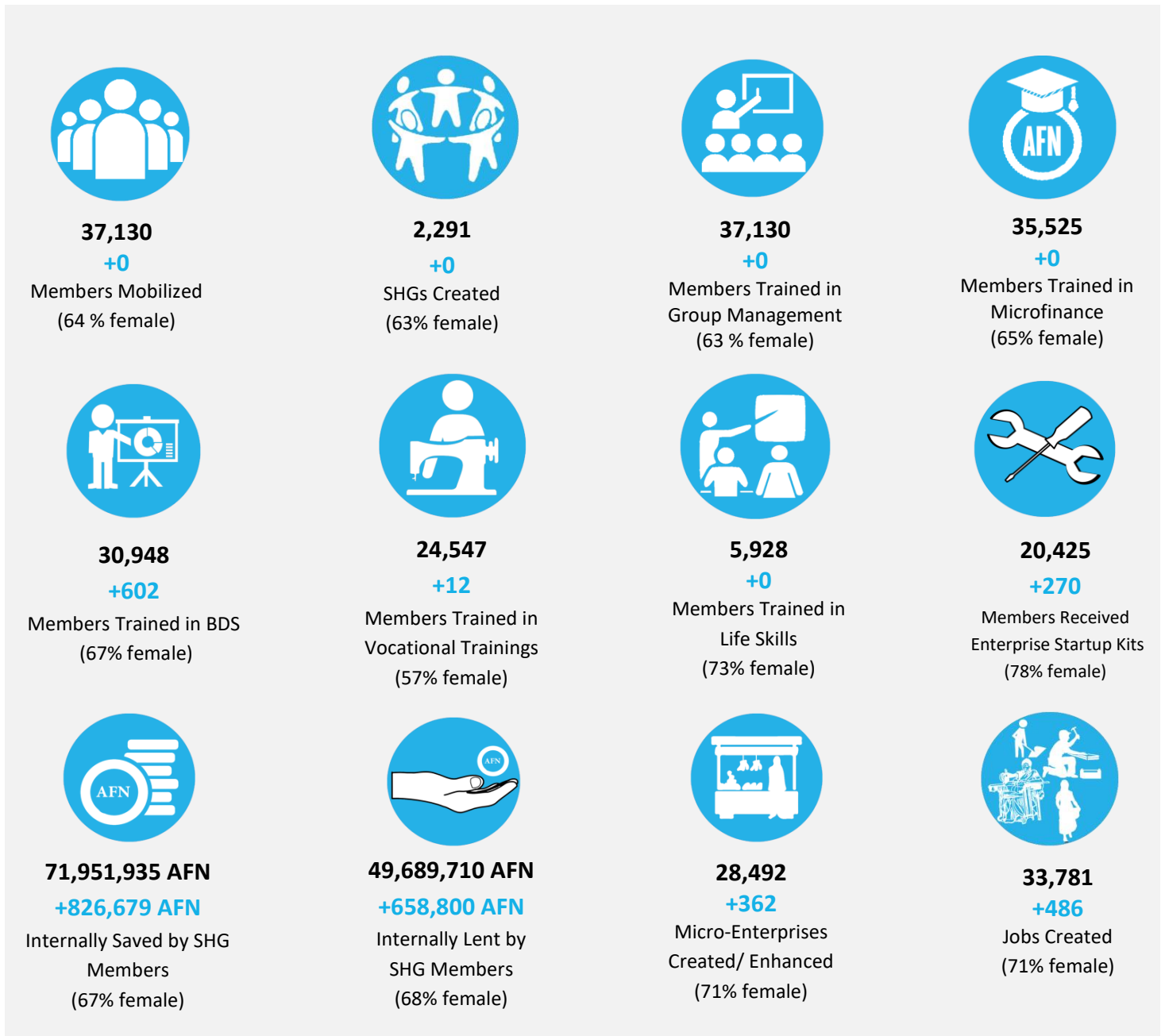
Aziza has also learnt the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic calculations through HiH Af’s Life skills training for entrepreneurs which helps her in recording income and expenses.

She Says *“I am very thankful to HiH Af for the support and training. HiH Af helps women like me so we can have a job and generate income to help our families.”*

Aziza is planning to buy another swing machine so that she can have someone as assistant, she says *“the assistant will help me generate more income as well as it will help assistant to learn tailoring and have a business in the future.”*



CUMULATIVE RESULTS AS OF JUNE 2017



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

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