

MONTHLY FLASH REPORT JUL 2017



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

The highlights of activities taken place during July 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.
3. Village Uplift Program in Faqir Abad village of Mazar-i-Sharif, Balkh Province. This project is funded by Hand in Hand International

HIH AF STARTS VILLAGE UPLIFT PROGRAM

Hand in Hand Afghanistan officially launched a new project named “Village Uplift Program” in Faqir Abad village of Mazar-i-Sharif, Balkh Province. The project is funded by Hand in Hand International.

Under this project 110 women were mobilized in seven Self Help Groups and will go through Hand in Hand Afghanistan’s four step job creation model which include, 1) community

mobilization, 2) training and capacity building, 3) access to credit and tools 4) market linkages and value addition; to enable them establish or enhance micro-enterprises and create 154 job opportunities for the community members. The project started in July 2017 and will be completed by June 2019



CHIMTAL PROJECT TEAM RECEIVES TOT

Hand in Hand Afghanistan's regional office organized two separate sessions of Training of Trainers (ToT) for poultry and livestock vocational skills trainers. In this training 10 trainers including 8 female of "Socio Economic Empowerment of Women and Men Project" participated and each session was completed in 3 days. The topics on cattle management and livestock rearing, diseases and treatment of animals were covered under livestock vocational skills ToT and topics on layers and broilers chicken farms, diseases and treatment were covered under poultry vocational skills ToT. These trainers will further train SHG members at community level.



ToT | Chimtal Project Team | HiH Af Regional Office

INTERNAL SAVINGS AND LOANS

This reporting period total of **AFN 1,321,136** has been saved by SHG members, and **AFN 872,689** has been internally lent to SHG members.

The internal loans and enterprise startup kits have resulted in establishment of **186** microenterprises and enhancement of **109**.

The internal loans, formation and enhancement of microenterprises have resulted in creation of **263** jobs for the community members.



SHG Group Meeting | Sancharak District

SHG MEMBERS INCREASE HONEY PRODUCTION

Beekeeping and honey producing micro-enterprises are one of the newly introduced sectors in rural communities through HiH Af's "Reducing Poverty and Gender Inequality" project in Sarepul province. HiH Af has been supporting formation of 451 beekeeping enterprises in this project.

Since April this year, 1,528 KGs of honey has been produced which is worth a total of AFN 1,528,000 in revenue.

Produced honey is 100% organic and pure, being sold to AFN 1,000 per KG.



Entrepreneur Collected Honey | Sancharak District

SKILLS FOR FUTURE ENTREPRENEURS

During this reporting period **158 (113 female)** Self Help Group members completed vocational skills training in livestock rearing, tailoring, handicraft, poultry and beekeeping.

Additionally during this month **161 (110 female)** members who previously completed their vocational skills training received enterprise startup kits in Balkh and Sarepul provinces in order to establish or enhance their micro-enterprises.



Tailoring Vocational Skills Training | Chimtal District

MEET RAHIMA, A YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR

Rahima is 19 years old and lives in Kelkaba village of Balkhab district of Sarepul province. Her father is a farmer and mother is house wife. She has two elder brothers and they all live together. Her father used to be the only income earner in the family. She says “ My brothers & I were going to school and we could never ask our father for stationery and books, because we knew he wasn’t able to afford. We were facing serious financial problems. My brother wanted to leave school and to do some work in order to help the family but since it was his last year of high school, we encouraged him to continue”.

Rahima joined Etifaq Self Help Group (SHG) two years ago and attended regular group meetings, since she was student in high school at that time; She was elected as bookkeeper of the SHG. She received series of training from HiH Af including Group Management, Book Keeping, Microfinance and Business Development Services (BDS). She says “after attending BDS training, I was encouraged to have a business and generate income. At first it seemed difficult or even impossible, but then HiH Af village enterprise facilitator motivated me to believe in myself. I chose beekeeping because I knew there

is market for honey, it doesn’t require much space and also it requires less time.”

Rahima received beekeeping vocational skills training from HiH Af and upon completion of the training last year she received one box of honey bees in order to establish her micro-enterprise.

Now she owns 3 boxes of bees, she has produced 15 KGs of honey and sold 12KGs for AFN 12,000. She said “we had never bought honey at home because we could never afford, this season we have used 3 KGs of honey at home, my family is so happy and my father is proud of me.”

She has also reproduced 3 additional bee boxes and selling each for AFN 3,000. She says “this year I completed high school and I already have a business. I have my own saving, I am helping my brother to continue his education.”

She also says “I have always wanted to become a teacher, now that I have a business I am confident I will achieve all my goals.” She plans to further expand her business and join teacher training center in her district next year.



Rahima | Etifaq SHG | Balkhab District | Sarepul Province

CUMULATIVE RESULTS AS OF JULY 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)



30,948
+0

Members Trained in BDS
(67% female)



24,705
+158

Members Trained in
Vocational Trainings
(57% female)



5,928
+0

Members Trained in
Life Skills
(73% female)



20,586
+161

Members Received
Enterprise Startup Kits
(78% female)



73,273,071 AFN
+1,321,136 AFN

Internally Saved by SHG
Members
(68% female)



50,562,399 AFN
+872,689 AFN

Internally Lent by
SHG Members
(68% female)



28,787
+295

Micro-Enterprises
Created/ Enhanced
(71% female)



34,044
+263

Jobs Created
(71% female)

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

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