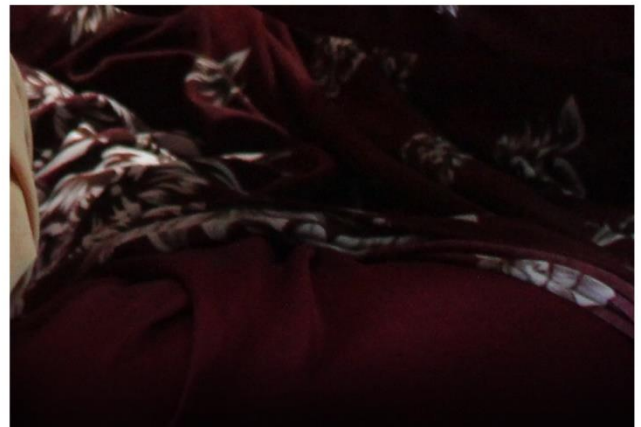


# MONTHLY FLASH REPORT SEP 2017



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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

The highlights of activities taken place during September 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.
4. Creating Future Economic Prospects for Reintegration of Refugees and IDPs in Balkh Province of Afghanistan through the Layers Poultry Value Chain. This project is funded by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.

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### HIH AF LAUNCHES LAYER POULTRY VALUE CHAIN PROJECT

Hand in Hand Afghanistan launched the new project “Creating Future Economic Prospects for Reintegration of Refugees and IDPs in Balkh Province of Afghanistan through the Layers Poultry Value Chain”.

The project aims to improve skills and capacity of 500 returnees and IDPs to create 500 stable and income-generating layer poultry enterprises and enhance their access to market through the creation of sustainable layer poultry value chain.

The project beneficiaries are 70% women and will be implemented in Mahajir Qeshlaq Village of Sholgara district, Bala-e-Shaharak Hamdard and Shahrak Qaleen Bafa of Nahr-i-Shahi district, Balkh province.

The project is funded by “Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH” and will be completed by end of December 2017.



## ASSOCIATION MEMBERS RECEIVE TRAINING

Elected board of central association at Sancharak district of Sarepul province received training on management and administration of associations.

The training included topics on association management, accounting and book keeping, basics of marketing management, basics of supply chain management and association's social responsibilities.

After receiving these training the board of directors of central association's capacity were built to properly administer and manage their associations.



Association Training | Sancharak District

## MEMBERS RECEIVE GROUP MANAGEMENT TRAINING

### TRAINING

Self Help Group members under "Village Uplift Program" received group management training in Faqir Abad village of Mazar e Sharif, Balkh province

Under this training, topics such as HiH Af's introduction, definition and purpose of self-help groups, role and responsibility of group leaders and bookkeeping are covered.

Total of **111** members (all female) attended and the training will be followed by Micro Finance Training.



Group Management Training | Faqir Abad

## INTERNAL SAVINGS AND LOANS

This reporting period total of **AFN 1,025,912** has been saved by SHG members, and **AFN 875,450** has been internally lent to SHG members. The internal loans and enterprise startup kits have resulted in establishment of **185 (183 female)** micro enterprises and enhancement of **50 (36 female)** existing ones.

The internal loans, enterprise startup kits, formation and enhancement of micro enterprises have resulted in creation of **215 (203 female)** jobs for the community members.



SHG Group Meeting | Chimtal District

## MEMBERS EQUIPPED WITH SKILLS AND ASSETS

During this reporting period **180 (147 female)** Self Help Group members completed vocational skills training on livestock rearing, handicraft and poultry.

Additionally, another **200 (186 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.



Enterprise Startup Kits Provision | Gosrandi District

## IBRAHIM'S INCOME INCREASES DAY BY DAY

Ibrahim is 45 years, father of 7 children, lives in Chaila village of Balkhab district, Sarepul province.

His eldest son has just completed high school, he says "I was a tailor but because of lack of skills and resources I was not able to earn enough, therefore I was struggling in generating enough income for my family. As my son was getting close to his last year of school, I was very worried of his future because I was not able to finance his higher education. My income was hardly around AFN 4,000 per month".

Ibrahim planned to travel abroad in search of a job two years ago, but his family never agreed then he heard about Hand in Hand Afghanistan's "Reducing Poverty and Gender Inequality Project", he joined Muntazeran Self-Help Group and started attending group meetings. He attended regular group meetings, received Group Management, Microfinance and Business Development Services (BDS) training. He was very interested to further improve his skills in

tailoring so he chose to join tailoring vocational skills training and received enterprise startup kit. He says *"After learning new designs and receiving tools from the HiH Af, I expanded my business and opened a shop in district center, Now I earn around AFN 9,000 per month and I am optimist about future, my income is increasing day by day because my customers are getting increased."*

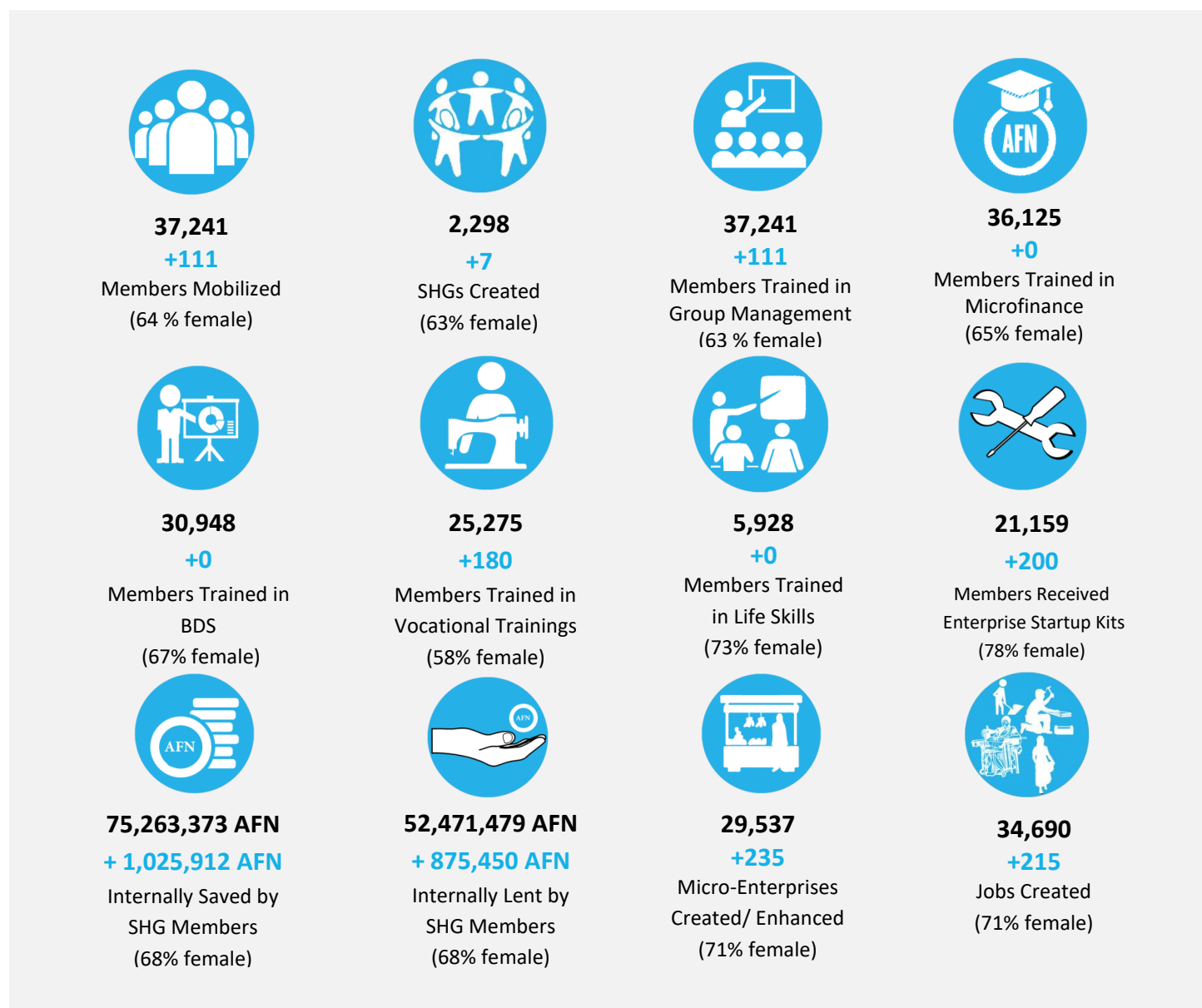
Ibrahim added that "I have also attended life skills training for entrepreneurs conducted by HiH Af which enabled me to record my income and cost; this helps me to understand the pricing as well as, I am now able to manage my business and personal expenses".

He Says *"I am planning to recruit two apprentices in my tailoring shop within next season which will result besides increasing my income; they will get jobs."*

Ibrahim is planning to send his son for higher education to Mazar-i-Sharif so that he can join a private university.



# CUMULATIVE RESULTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 2017



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

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