

Sustainable Livelihoods for Afghanistan's **Most Vulnerable**



WHAT WE DO

World Vision Afghanistan (WVA) is working to strengthen the economic situation of vulnerable families. Our livelihoods projects focus on improving household income and resilience in the three target provinces of Herat, Badghis and Ghor.

HOW WE DO IT

WVA has targeted vulnerable families in these provinces through interventions such as improved agriculture methods and diversification of seeds, provision of livelihood assets such as poultry and beehives, vocational and skill training for youth, and rehabilitating and constructing irrigation infrastructure.

ACHIEVEMENTS

In Water Infrastructure, the program has established 10 solar powered water wells and more than 30 tube wells in dry areas of Badghis to provide clean drinking water for 2,170 Households and water for 1,030 farmers to use for cultivation. As a result it is estimated that 500 additional hectares of land is now irrigable.

In Income Generation and Literacy, 1200 youth, both male and female have been trained in vocational skills such as carpet weaving, mobile phone repair and dress making among other skills of their choice. These young men and women are now active contributors to their local economy and are encouraging fellow young women and men to do the same.

FAST FACTS



44% of the population in Ghor province is severely food insecure, and **78%** either **severe or moderately insecure** (National SFSA 2015)



3.2 million children live in **poverty**

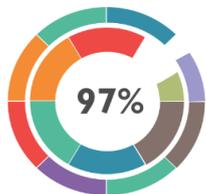


19.3% of employable youth are unemployed



A Youth and Economic and Livelihoods Project beneficiary.

Beekeeping is an ideal economic activity for widows, female-headed households, people living with disabilities and other people with little or no land to earn income. 240 females who are now beekeepers have stated that the income enables them to meet costs of their children's education and health care. In 2015 alone 6,274Kgs of honey was produced by women beekeepers.



Of women beekeepers trained by WVA have reported an increase in their incomes.

“Now, I believe in my own abilities. Through the beekeeping project I have an income that can support my family, especially my children. And, now I have income that I can use to buy anything I need for myself or my children. There is no need to hide myself from society anymore.” says Sadgul, a beekeeping project beneficiary



A World Vision Agriculture extension trainer while teaching the female farmers about planting methods.

Food Security. In the 2015 year 7,432 male farmers benefitted from agricultural production support involving multiple trainings in utilization of organic fertilizers, new planting methods such as grafting, composting and produce storage methods. They have also engaged in knowledge sharing across villages by visiting other's demonstration plots and thus enhancing their practical knowledge of new fruits and vegetables, as well as improved wheat varieties.

The increased harvest and sales of nutritious food products through the WVA livelihoods program interventions have not only improved food security and nutritional intake, but have increased caregivers' abilities to better provide for their children's other needs. More than 3,000 women have benefitted from support for vegetable gardening, coupled with training on marketing, branding and pesticide control.

Disaster Management. The livelihoods program has integrated Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and emergency response into each of the running projects. The sector has assisted 2,352 families affected by flash floods in Badghis by providing sources for drinking water and irrigation system rehabilitation.

SUSTAINABILITY

Our livelihoods sector supports sustainability by enhancing community ownership of program activities, avoiding the creation of parallel decision-making structures, and community organization capacity building that strengthens existing community structures.

The expansion of links between community structures and key actors, such as government and the private sector also supports sustainability by creating a network for ongoing interaction.

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