

# NEWSLETTER

## Future Generations Afghanistan

Empowering Vulnerable Communities to Shape Their Futures



### AGRICULTURAL INTERVENTIONS FOR MITIGATING FOOD INSECURITY AND BUILDING SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS IN AFGHANISTAN

In July 2024, over 12.4 million people experienced high levels of acute food insecurity in Afghanistan contributed by a number of factors such as: high levels of unemployment, high food prices, economic stagnation and climate shocks.

In July, FGA assisted over 13000 direct beneficiaries, providing assistance through various interventions such as summer crop distribution, direct cash distribution, poultry kit distribution and dairy kit distribution. Over the past month, the FGA teams in Kunar, Nuristan, Badghis, Nimruz and Logar provinces selected 9518 beneficiaries for wheat cultivation, livestock protection, nursery cultivation, mushroom cultivation, cash for work and home gardening packages. Through these interventions FGA not only provided emergency support to the affected populations but at the same time, worked with communities and local populations to build a sustainable livelihood for these communities.

#### Establishing and Facilitating Farmer Field Schools and Livestock Farmer Field Schools in Afghanistan

As agriculture and livestock are the most important economic sectors in Afghanistan, building and increasing the capacity

and knowledge of farmers and livestock owners is crucial for sustainable agriculture and livestock production. Under the FAO funded projects, in July FGA helped in establishing and facilitating Farmer Field Schools (FFS) and Livestock Farmer Field Schools (LFFS) for 2250 farmers and livestock owners. Through these schools, farmers and livestock owners learn practical knowledge on their respective fields, hence helping them with the necessary information to build a sustainable livelihood for their families and at the same time contribute to the economic development of the country.

#### Assessing FGA program impacts on local populations in Logar province

In July, FGA program director traveled to Logar province to observe and assess FGA projects' impacts on local populations. Dr. Niamatullah Rahim, FGA program director met with local communities and discussed the effectiveness of the FAO funded projects on local communities, he visited many villages of Pul Alam district and communicated FGA program objects to the local community leaders and gathered their feedback on improving FGA programs.

## FGA BIWEEKLY MEETINGS FOR PROGRAM OPTIMIZATION AND EFFICIENCY

In July, FGA teams held two biweekly meetings in FGA headquarters to discuss the progress of FGA programs, impacts of the projects on communities and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the programs. The meetings will be regularly held on a biweekly basis and will require all FGA departments to present their past week activities, challenges, progress and opportunities and at the same time talk about their next initiatives and plans for the next weeks, this will help the teams to be on the same page regarding program implementation and better communicate the progress, the challenges and the accomplishments of each department.



## BUILDING SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD FOR THE COMMUNITIES

In July, the WFP funded RFS project continued into its third cycle, supporting and empowering local populations through Food for Asset (FFA), Food for Training (FFT) and Small Agriculture Market Support (SAMS) activities. Through the above activities, in July FGA teams in Nangarhar and Laghman provinces distributed 9,551,360 AFN to men and women beneficiaries in exchange for the work they have done for their communities. Through this project over 12 types of constructions will be created in both provinces such as check dams, wing walls and canals under the Food for Asset (FFA) component of the project. Men and women beneficiaries will receive training and support on carpet weaving, handicraft and literacy education through Food for Training initiatives of the project. To create sustainable incomes for the communities, beneficiaries will be provided with the tools and poultry and beekeeping packages under the Small Agriculture Market Support component of the project.

### Empowering Women through Home Gardening

Home gardening is an effective way for women to generate income by cultivating vegetables in their backyards and selling their produce to the local market, women not only make some money, but at the same time learn the skills of producing and marketing their products as well which will help them in the long run. In July FGA Nimruz team selected 26 women to receive home gardening packages and training.

### The Importance of Educating Farmers For Better Impact



Nasrullah, a 49-year-old resident of Merdish village of Kamdish District in Nuristan Province, relies on farming for livelihood, in recent years, the yields from his farm has decreased due high prices of seed and fertilizers and climate changes. In November 2023, FGA started implementing a FAO funded project in Nuristan province and Nasrullah was selected to receive wheat cultivation package along with training on agriculture best practices. Previously Nasrullah has relied on traditional ways of cultivating seeds which wasn't giving him good yields. After receiving the wheat seed cultivation package, he also received training on line cultivation and started cultivating wheat using the line cultivation methods. In July 2024, Nusrullah harvested the yields from his farm and was very satisfied with the results of the improved wheat seed and the line cultivation method he used. The yields from his farm has increased by 50%, showing the impacts of educating the farming communities and providing them with the necessary seeds and fertilizers for sustainable agriculture production.

