

# NEWSLETTER

## Future Generations Afghanistan

Empowering Vulnerable Communities to Shape Their Futures



Maize training to the 50 farmers of targeted farmer unions under RFP SAMS component in Behsud district

Women receiving training on beekeeping in Qala Naw district of Badghis

### EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES FOR RESILIENCE

Since its establishment, Future Generations Afghanistan's mission has been to strengthen the resourcefulness of communities, ensure community ownership, and promote partnerships with other organizations and the government for a secure, equitable, and sustainable future for the people it serves. By involving and empowering local communities in the design and implementation of program interventions, FGA brings lasting and positive changes into the communities. In the past month, FGA has worked with community councils, head of Shuras and other stakeholders in rural and inaccessible parts of Afghanistan to serve and build the resilience of the local populations, provide emergency support to the needy and impoverished households, implement gender specific interventions for women and assist farming communities in 8 provinces of the country. FGA program areas encompassed 4 important and populous regions of Afghanistan, east, south, west and central region. In May, Future Generations Afghanistan trained over 5,021 livestock and farming men in Kandahar, Nimruz and Badghis provinces. Educating livestock and farming communities will have huge impact in helping them build a sustainable livelihood for their households.

### EMPOWERING WOMEN

Women-headed households have been particularly impacted by recent drought and economic difficulties. For many households living in rural and remote areas of Afghanistan, their only source of income and livelihood is agriculture and livestock, but due to recent drought, many of these households have lost their livelihood and have relied on assistance from aid agencies for survival.

To empower these women, Future Generations Afghanistan focused on three interventions that show promise for rebuilding these women's livelihoods:

**1: Backyard Poultry**, more than 1672 women were selected for backyard poultry package in Badghis province and 1,225 already selected women were mobilized in Nimruz province. With the support of FGA, these women can raise chickens in their backyards, that will provide them with steady supply of eggs and selling the eggs and the chicks in the local market will help them to support their households.



**2: Home Gardening**, more than 850 women were selected in Nimruz province to receive the necessary training and tools to build their livelihoods through home gardening. The women can cultivate small plots near their homes to grow vegetables, fruits and herbs, the women can then sell the surplus of their produce at the local markets and they can also make pickles and jams and sell them to the markets to support their families.



FGA staff providing technical training on wheat seed cultivation to beneficiaries in Zaranj district of Nimruz

## EMPOWERING LIVESTOCK OWNERS

The livestock sector is an essential source of income and food for rural populations in Afghanistan, and milk and dairy products from animals are crucial for meeting the daily dietary needs of many households. Empowering livestock owners can have a positive impact not only on their personal financial situation, but also on the overall economy of Afghanistan. In May, Future Generations Afghanistan supported 6,540 livestock owners in Badghis, Nuristan and Nimruz provinces with livestock management training, distribution of animal feed, cash distribution and vaccination of animals. With a reliable supply of milk and dairy products from their own animals, rural households can improve their food security and nutritional status, which can also contribute to the overall economic development of the country.



Women carpet weaving in Behsoud district of Nangar

**3: Beekeeping:** Success stories from previously implemented beekeeping interventions show that beekeeping could be a very good source of income for women-headed households. The women can keep beehives to produce honey and selling the honey to the market will help them support their households and build a sustainable livelihood. Future Generations Afghanistan will help these women with the necessary trainings and tools on beekeeping, hive management and pest control.

## RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY FOOD INSECURITY

Collaboration between Future Generations Afghanistan and the World Food Programme continues to tackle the severe problem of food insecurity and malnutrition affecting 5.8 million Afghans, particularly in Nangarhar, one of the most densely populated provinces of Afghanistan where over 161,965 people are in dire need of emergency food assistance. In May, Future Generations Afghanistan provided financial assistance to 6400 recently returnees from Pakistan to support their basic needs and nutrition. Malnutrition, especially among children, can lead to physical and cognitive development hurdles, affecting their educational prospects. WFP's school feeding program, designed to address malnutrition in schoolchildren, provides a nutritious diet and supports their overall well-being. In May, Future Generations Afghanistan distributed high energy biscuits to over 240,030 students in seven districts of Nangarhar, ensuring that they receive the necessary nutrients and have an incentive to attend school regularly. Nine million AFN have been distributed to 1502 households in Nangarhar and Laghman provinces under the resilience and food systems project, the project's goal is to improve the resilience of the local communities against natural disasters. The project provides local communities with vocational training, cash for work activities and smallholder agriculture market support (Sams).



Students receiving notebooks in Nangarhar province (School Feeding Project)