# **NEWSLETTER** Future Generations Afghanistan

Empowering Vulnerable Communities to Shape Their Futures



## FGA'S SUPPORT IN OCTOBER

In October, Future Generations Afghanistan collaborated with partners and communities to empower local populations across 8 provinces. Through multisectoral efforts, FGA provided direct support to 189,966 individuals, while over 1,329,762 people benefited indirectly. This collective effort underscores FGA's commitment to fostering sustainable development and empowering local populations in the hard to reach regions of Afghanistan.

### ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY

Food insecurity in Afghanistan has severe and far-reaching negative impacts on the population. It leads to malnutrition, especially among children, which can cause stunted growth, weakened immune systems, and longterm developmental challenges. Approximately 32% of Afghans are facing high levels of food insecurity. The situation is even more dire for households livina in rural areas and particularly for female-headed households. These groups are often more vulnerable due the impacts of climate change and limited access to resources, support services, and economic opportunities.

In October, FGA emergency and livelihood support projects to mitigate the impacts of food insecurity on local communities in Afghanistan. In Nuristan province, where a significant portion of the population faces acute food insecurity, FGA started the implementation of winterization project to provide cash assistance to the most vulnerable families. According to recent reports, approximately 35% of the population in this province is experiencing high levels of acute food insecurity (IPC Phase 3 and Phase 4). This means that a huge percentages of people in the province are struggling to access sufficient food to meet their basic needs.

In partnership with Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund, FGA will provide emergency Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) to 5,845 households in hard-to-reach areas of Nuristan Province. The project will continue for six months to support these families during winter months with cash assistance.

## Supporting The Education and Nutrition of Children

As a result of the combined impact of prolonged emergencies, such as conflict, drought, and political instability, child malnutrition has become a major issue throughout Afghanistan. The multiple facets of these emergencies have significantly affected the development and education of children.



Since 2019, Future Generations Afghanistan has been working with World Food Programme to support the nutrition and education of children in eastern Afghanistan. In October, FGA distributed high energy biscuits along with notebooks to over 117,693 school students in Nangarhar province. Through this project, FGA aims to support the education of children while at the same time address the nutritional needs of these children as well.

#### **EMPOWERING WOMEN**

The situation for women in Afghanistan remains dire and challenging. Due to restrictions on employment, education and social participation, women are the most vulnerable population group in Afghanistan. In October, FGA worked with, WFP, FAO, UNDP and AHF to support women and girls in Afghanistan. in Partnership with UNDP, FGA employed 30 women in a cash for work project in Bamyan province. Under The WFP's school feeding project, 61206 school girls received nutrition meals and notebooks in Nangarhar province. Through partnership with AHF, FGA will select more than 2000 vulnerable women and girls in Nuristan province to receive cash assistance. Under the FAO funded projects, 400 women received training on beekeeping in Badghis province. Additionally, 336 women in Badghis, Nimruz, Kunar and Laghman were selected to work on asset creation projects in their respective communities.

October FGA, distributed home In gardening tools and seeds, along with technical training to 1,317 women in Nuristan and Nimruz provinces. 640 received women mushroom production/cultivation packages in Nuristan and Badghis provinces. Additionally, 400 women in Badghis received technical training on beekeeping and 1,500 women received poultry packages in Nimruz province.



#### **EMPOWERING LOCAL FARMERS**

In October, FGA supported farmers in five provinces of Afghanistan with wheat cultivation packages. Through the distribution of wheat cultivation packages to 26,135 farmers in Badghis, Nuristan, Logar

Laghman and Kunar, FGA aims to boost agriculture and support the livelihoods of the local communities in these regions. Additionally, 9,442 farmers in Badghis, Nimruz, Nuristan, Laghman and Kunar were selected to receive wheat cultivation packages.

#### ENHANCING LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

In October, FGA organized and supported community based livestock farmer field schools in Badghis, Nimruz and Nuristan provinces, through which 3,688 livestock owners received training as well as live demonstration of livestock management and livestock vaccination.

## ENHANCING SUSTAINABLE FARMING

In October, FGA set up greenhouses for 154 farming households in Nimruz province to boost agricultural productivity and promote sustainable farming methods. In addition, 376 farmers were selected to receive mini silos and 480 farmers were selected to receive nursery cultivation packages.