

NEWSLETTER

Future Generations Afghanistan

Empowering Vulnerable Communities to Shape Their Futures



SUPPORTING AFGHANISTAN'S VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES AMIDST MULTIPLE HUMANITARIAN CHALLENGES

Afghanistan continues to experience significant humanitarian challenges due to multiple overlapping factors, including recent floods in some parts of the country, worsening drought conditions, and forced returnees from neighboring countries. In 2024 Approximately 23.7 million Afghans require humanitarian assistance. In June, our team remained steadfast in their commitment to supporting the most vulnerable communities in Afghanistan, and we have continued to provide emergency food and cash assistance, agriculture and livestock assistance, and livelihood support packages to 32,623 households in four of the most populous and important regions of Afghanistan.

SUPPORTING FARMERS

Wheat cultivation is critical for Afghanistan due to its vital role in national food security, dietary patterns, and economic stability. Wheat is a staple crop that provides much of the country's calories and is consumed widely by both rural and urban populations. As such, its production plays an essential role in ensuring the food and income security of many Afghans. In recent years, Afghanistan has been facing climate-related disasters that have significantly impacted wheat production.

Since 2017 Future Generations Afghanistan has worked with Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to support farmers in 10 provinces of the country. In June FGA selected over 1000 farmers in Logar, Badghis and Nimruz provinces to provide them with improved wheat seed, urea and fertilizer and technical trainings

IMPROVING FARMERS' KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Farmer Field Schools (FFS) are designed to provide practical training to the local farmers and are critical for improving the knowledge and skills of farmers, as they provide them with the opportunity to receive training in a variety of agricultural topics. The training provided in these schools covers a wide range of subjects, including sustainable farming practices, crop management, irrigation, and use of agricultural inputs. In June FGA provided FFS for 307 farmers in Badghis and Nuristan provinces.



PROMOTING SUMMER CROP CULTIVATION FOR FOOD SECURITY

The summer months are a time to sow and harvest crops that can be grown within a short time. Maize, one of the most important crops in Afghanistan, is ideally suited for growth during the summer months as it requires a lot of sunlight and heat. The crop can be used for both human consumption and as livestock feed. Mung bean, is another important summer crop in Afghanistan and is commonly used for human consumption. The beans are rich in proteins and fibers, making them a valuable source of food for both humans and animals alike. Beans are an essential part of the Afghan diet. They are also known for their nutritional benefits, such as providing protein for those who eat limited amounts of meat and fiber for gut health and reducing cholesterol levels. As summer approached, the FGA team in Badghis, Nimruz, and Nuristan provinces distributed beans, mung beans, and maize to over 17,315 farmers in these provinces to support the cultivation of summer crops. The beneficiaries also received technical trainings on cultivating these crops, which guided them to use best practices for cultivation.

PROMOTING RESILIENCE AND IMPROVING FOOD SYSTEMS

To enhance communities' resilience and improve their food systems, Future Generations Afghanistan conducted Food for Asset creation and Food for Training activities in Laghman and Nangarhar province. These efforts resulted in the distribution of 9,303,116 Afghani to over 1497 families. All participating families received compensation for the activities they carried out for their communities. Additionally, the FFT component provided vocational trainings to women, including literacy education and carpet weaving, empowering them with the skills needed to build their own livelihoods. As part of the FFA, the beneficiaries worked on the construction of wing walls, intakes, karez, canals, check dams, and trench excavations. These efforts aimed to provide local communities with long-term solutions to improve their food systems and resilience.

GENERAL FOOD ASSISTANCE

As part of FGA's emergency programs, in June, FGA distributed 121 metric tons of food to 1977 families in three districts of Nangarhar province.

EMPOWERING WOMEN

To empower women in Nuristan province, FGA distributed beekeeping packages to 100 women beneficiaries.

ASSISTING AFGHANISTAN'S LIVESTOCK OWNERS

75 percent of Afghanistan's rural population depends on livestock for livelihood, as it provides a significant source of food security for the rural populations. The livestock sector has been traditionally important in the country's history and culture, as animals are used not only for meat and dairy production but also for wool, and skins, as well as for transportation. In recent years the major challenges facing the livestock owners in Afghanistan have been the lack of access to affordable and high-quality livestock feed, for the animals which is crucial for maintaining the health and productivity of animals. Additionally, livestock sector has been impacted by the frequent presence of diseases, climate change, and natural disasters such as droughts and floods, which can cause significant losses of livestock. As livestock is a major source of livelihood and income for communities in Afghanistan, FGA in partnership with FAO and WFP has been working to provide assistance to the livestock owners in the form of animal feed. Fodder seed, deworming vaccination to the livestock and direct cash assistance. In June, 2602 livestock owners received livestock protection packages consisting of animal feed, fodder seed, mineral blocks in Badghis and Nimruz provinces. Additionally 181 livestock owners were selected to receive the assistance and 3273 livestock owners received training on livestock management best practices in Badghis, Nimruz and Nuristan provinces. In Nimruz province, our team provided deworming vaccination to 1770 livestock owners as part of the livestock protection packages.

