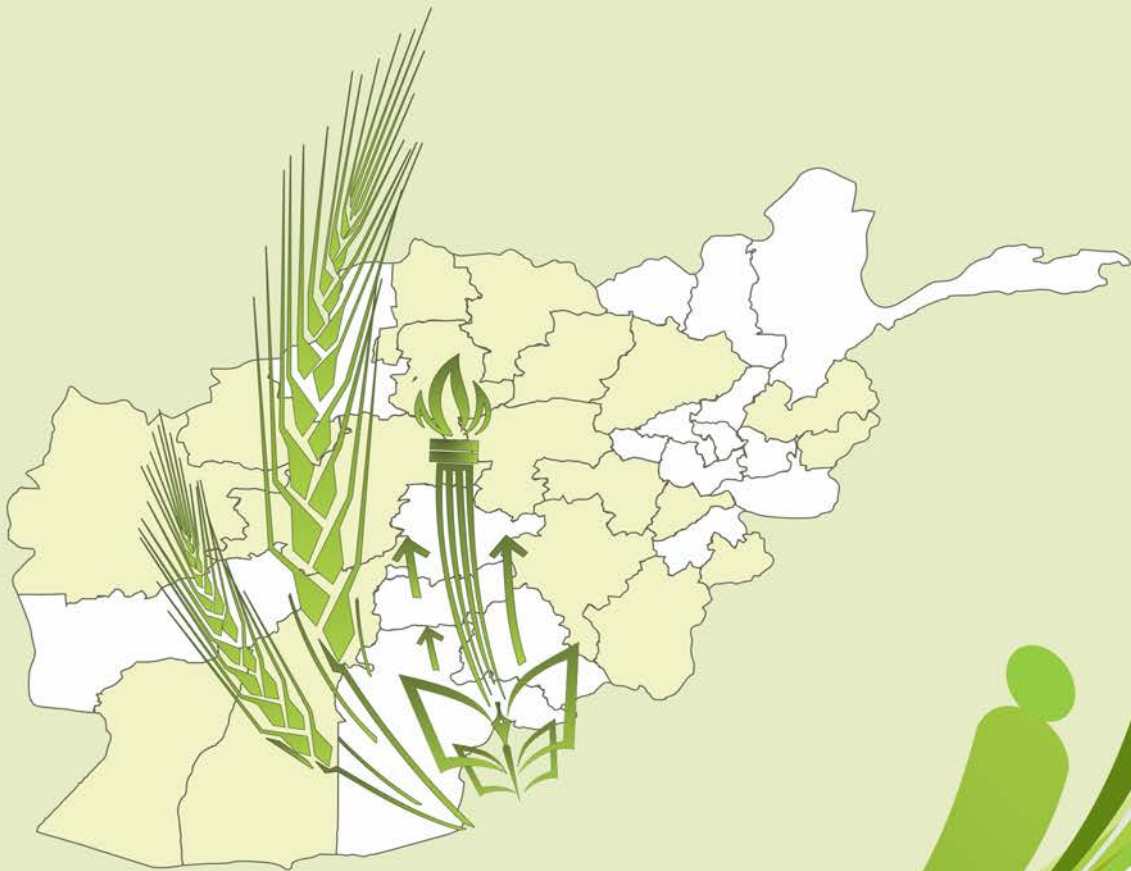




**MONITORING REPORT OF**  
COMMUNITY RIGHTS, MOBILIZATION AND RESPONSE THROUGH  
ECONOMIC WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND LEGAL SUPPORT  
(CRMREWELS)

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### **Introduction:**

The Afghan Development Association (ADA), M&E and Internal Audit Unit planned to monitor all ongoing projects across the target provinces during 2015 on regular bases. According to this plan, a mission had been carried out to monitor the Community Rights, Mobilization and Response through Economic Women Empowerment and Legal support project being implemented in Faryab province.

### **Monitoring Team:**

The monitoring team consisted of the following staff:

- Mr. A. Malik Rahmani; Monitoring, Evaluation and Internal Audit Unit Head
- Mr. Saifullah Saifi; Capacity Building and Trainings Sector Head

### **Objectives of the Mission:**

The main objective of the mission was:

1. To observe the progress of Community Rights, Mobilization and Response through Economic Women Empowerment and Legal support project

### **Methodology of Monitoring:**

The following steps were followed during the monitoring mission:

1. Desk study (review of relevant documents); project contract and action plan
2. Site visit and observation
3. Individual meetings/interviews with officials and beneficiaries

### **Summary of the Mission:**

The mission started from Kabul on 04<sup>th</sup> April 2015 to Jawzjan and Faryab provinces by road and completed on 07<sup>th</sup> April 2015. According to the plan at 07:00am of the first day of the mission a meeting was held with Provincial Manager (Mr. Qazi Dayan) to share the monitoring objective and finalize the plan for site visit, meetings and other related activities.

During the mission separate and joint meetings held with project staff such as, Project Manager, Legal Advisor and Organizer. The main objective of the meetings was to hear about the progress of project activities, coordination and challenges against the project.

### **Project Background:**

Afghan Development Association (ADA) has been implementing Rights Education and Women Empowerment projects funded by CAID in Faryab province with a long history, the current Community Rights, Mobilization and Response through Economic Women Empowerment and Legal Support project has been started from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014, which covers three different parts: Rights Education, Skill Training and Legal Support of inmates women in jail.

The overall objective of the project is **“to provide legal and economical sustainability to marginalized and vulnerable women in three community of Pashtoon Koot district of Faryab province and providing legal service to inmates in Faryab central women prison and provide them training on cross-cutting issues.”** which is planned to be achieved through the proper implementation of underlined activities mentioned in the project proposal.

### **Meetings Held:**

A meeting was held with Project Manager Mr. Ahmad Shah, Ms. Parea Leqa, Legal Advisor, Ms. Halima, Community Organizer and Mr. Qazi Dayan, Provincial Manager. The plan of the mission was shared with them at the same time, the progress of program discussed too.

### **Project Progress:**

During the meeting, Mr. Ahmad Shah shared the overall information about project progress and challenges against the project implementation as well as Ms. Parea Leqa explained the

progress and benefits of the project to the inmates in Maymana Women Jail. Also Ms. Halima in her turn pointed out the progress of project activities in three villages of Pashtoon Koot district.

**Project Introduction:**

Project Name	Community Rights, Mobilization and Response through Economic Women Empowerment and Legal Support
Project Location	Pashtoon Koot district + Maimana central prison of Faryab province
Project Sector	Capacity Building and Trainings
Source of Funding	Christian Aid (CAID)
Approved Budget	US\$ 49,944
Start Date	01 <sup>st</sup> October 2014
End Date	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2015

**Project Goal:**

To provide legal and economical sustainability to marginalized and vulnerable women in three community of Pashtoon Koot district of Faryab province and providing legal services to inmates in Faryab central women prison and provide them training on cross-cutting issues
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**Project Specific Objectives/Outputs/Outcomes:**

**Specific objectives:**

- Establishment of 3 CBOs/alliances of poor, marginalized and vulnerable women (one CBO/village)
- Follow legal cases and provide any other legal services to inmates to minimize their time in prison
- Increase awareness of inmates in cross-cutting issues such as, human rights, women rights, children rights, peace building, conflict resolution, and hygiene in order to help them realize and fight for their rights
- Increase awareness of prison staff about gender based violence and enable them support inmates in having happy and peace full life
- Develop and deliver a comprehensive package of rights education, empowerment using reflect and awareness raising of prevention of gender-based violence (GBV) to the focal communities/3 formulated CBOs and 25 identified inmates.
- Providing income opportunity for 75 women through provision of skill training and working kits

Expected Output/key results	Achievement	Remark
Established 3 women CBOs and priority mapping and issue	3 CBOs were established in the three villages: Chak Aab Qasem,	

discussion with the established CBOs	Chak Aab Abdurahman and Shah Polad	
Capacity Building of 3 CBOs and 25 inmates in rights education		
75 women trained in income generation trade	Total 87 women were selected for skill training in two skills and the training was in progress. 25 women (members of Chak Aab Qasem CBOs) and 12 inmates were selected for tailoring training and 50 women (members of Chak Aab Abdurahman and Sha Polad CBOs) were selected for Gilam weaving training.	The skill training for 12 inmates was not in plan, but due to the request of inmates and jail authority the skill training was included and now the training is going on
75 women will have skills and linkage with the local market to exchange their finished products and generate income for their families	Skill training in two skills was in progress for 87 trainees and training kits and training materials were provided to all trainees.	
25 inmates are supported in their legal cases and their imprisonment sentences have been reduced to the minimum possible	The total numbers of inmates in Maymana jail were 17 at the start of project. 5 inmates were released according to Afghanistan president decree and facilitation of ADA legal advisor, but during these last two months two more women jailed. Nowadays, the no. of inmates are 14. According to the inmates, the behavior of the jailers and other prison staff changed and is better with inmates after the support and awareness of ADA legal advisor.	The cases of inmates were under review of the advisor and she was in close contact with inmates, their advocates and government support the inmates
Providing training to 10 prison administrative staff on gender-based violence.	Gender based violence orientation session was conducted for three staff. Also regular communication with local authority and prison administrators effectively changed the behavior of staff with inmates.	

#### Project Progress:

Activities to be done for achievement of the outputs	Activities completed	Remark
Appointment of project staff	Project Manager (male), Legal Advisor (female) and Community Organizer (female) were appointed for the project implementation	The staff appointment completed

Orientation of project staff on project activities and action plan	Two hours orientation session conducted by capacity building and trainings sector head to project staff	
Meetings with local authority and community elders and signing of MoU with relevant departments	The community elder and local authority were mobilized through regular meetings and Signed MoU with Women Affairs Department and CID	
Baseline survey of target villages and demographic mapping	Not yet carried out, but was in pipeline	
Establishment of 3 CBOs one/village	Three CBOs were established in three villages: Chak Aab Qasim, Chak Aab Abdurahman and Shah Polad. Each CBO has 25 members per Village	
Providing functional literacy for 75 member of 3 CBOs	Functional literacy started for 14 inmates and 75 members of three CBOs'. The progress of literacy was good and for all classes the lesson were taught to page no. 190 <sup>th</sup> and arithmetic up to 1,000	The literacy program for inmates was not planned in proposal, but due to the request of inmates and jail authority, they were also included since the inception of project.
Awareness raising of 75 CBOs member in cross-cutting issues (human rights, women rights, gender, hygiene and politics)	N/A	Still this part was not started and is in pipeline
Collection of full information regarding the 25 inmates about their cases	The information about 19 inmates collected	Five inmates were released
Conducting training workshop for 25 inmates and 10 prison staff in gender base violence and cross-cutting issues	N/A	The training was in pipeline
Providing legal support to inmates through provision of legal advices and coordination between inmates and the prison staff	Legal support and coordination between inmates and prison staff was effectively going on	
Provision of skill training to 75 CBOs members (50 in carpet weaving and 25 in embroidery)	Skill training for 25 women in tailoring in Chak Aab Qasim CBOs and for 50 women in Gilam weaving in Chak Aab Abdurahman and Shah Polad village CBOs were going on. The tailoring training for 12 inmates was in progress too.	The skill training for 12 inmates was not in the project initial plan
Provision of 75 working kits for trained members	Working kits were provided to all 75 trainees (CBOs members) and 12 inmates  Total 87 kits were provided and distributed to the targeted beneficiaries	The tailoring kit comprised of; One tailoring machine, One scissor, one tailoring table, a dozen of thread, and five meters cloths. While, the Gilam weaving kit was; Weaving broom and

		6kg weaving yarn
Establishment of linkage between skilled trainees and the market	N/A	
Coordination meeting with stakeholders	Meetings held with local government authorities and community elders on regular bases	
Monitoring of project activities by project manager and head office staff	So far two monitoring visits conducted through ADA head office and the project manager accomplished regular visits.	
Preparation and submission of reports	The first quarterly report submitted to CAID and the second report is in pipeline to be prepared and submitted	

Beneficiary	Male	Female	Total	Remarks
Direct	5	94	99	75 CBOs female members, 14 women inmates and 10 prison staff being directly benefited from the project initiatives
Indirect	500	625	1,125	Family member of the trainees will be benefited indirectly

#### General Checklist:

Project staff hired?	Yes, all project staff appointed.
Project staff present in the site?	The appointed staff were available in the project office (Maimana)
Equipment/Material available?	Necessary office equipment and materials were available
Working relationship between community and the project staff	Relation between ADA project staff and target community was good and the community members looked cooperative
Community participation and contribution	The community representatives participated and cooperated in project activities, selection of beneficiaries, identification and provision of locations for CBOs training.
Working relationship with other stakeholders (Local Government, UN Agencies and NGOs)	Work relation with local government related department was good.

#### Main challenges, problems and shortages observed during the monitoring mission:

1	Security was the main challenge for the implementation of project activities, especially, in the way between Maimana and three villages in Pashtoon Koot district as well as use of NGO vehicle is difficult for project staff in the target area.
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#### Recommendations and Solutions:

1 For minimizing the security risks, it is recommended to change the TEMP vehicle to a rental one until the security situation gets better in Faryab province.



A view of meeting with project staff and head office monitoring delegation, Maimana, Faryab



Project beneficiaries received tailoring machines and other kits, Chak Aab Qasim CBO, Faryab



A beneficiary of Gilam weaving skill training secures Gilam weaving working kits, Faryab



A view of practical work of Gilam weaving skill training in Faryab