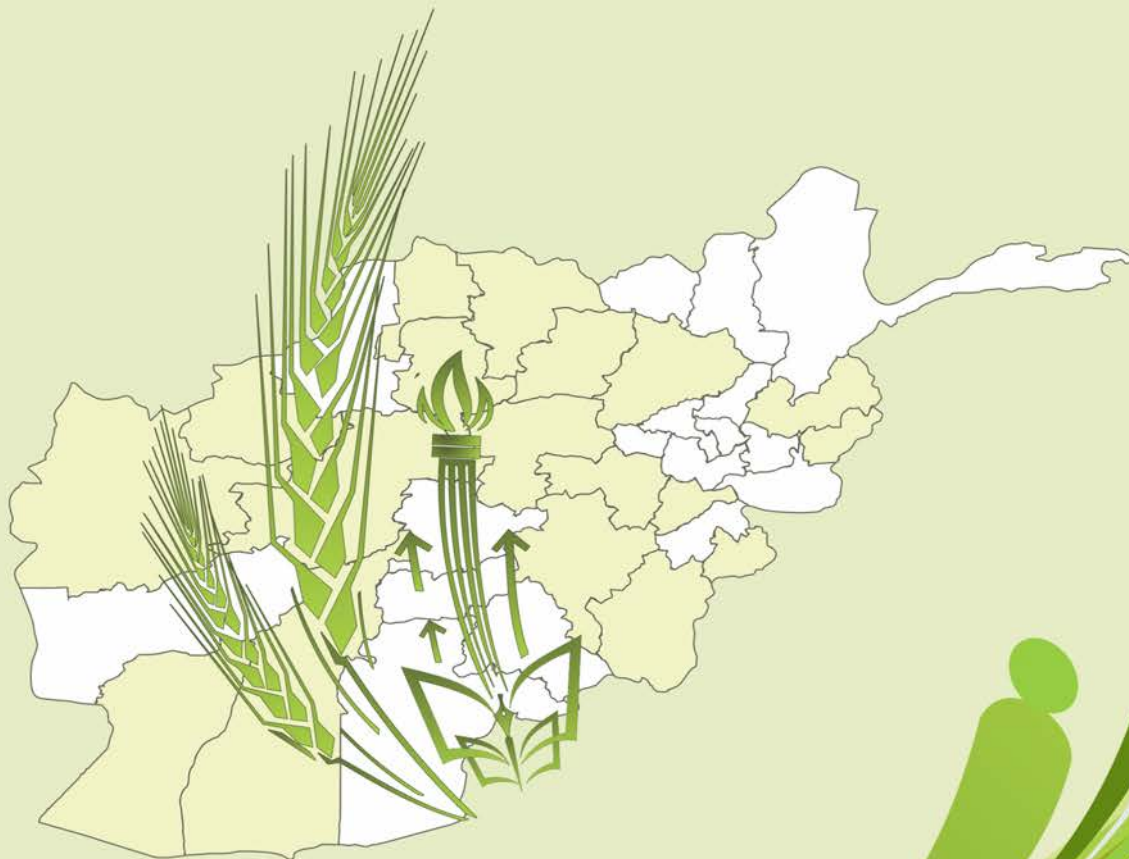




**MONITORING REPORT OF**  
IMPROVED BACKYARD POULTRY PROJECT, BAHARAK  
DISTRICT OF TAKHAR PROVINCE

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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 quarterly bases. According to this plan, a monitoring mission had been carried out to monitor the Improved Backyard Poultry Project (IBPP) being implemented in Baharak district of Takhar province.

## **Monitoring Team**

The monitoring team was 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 to observe the progress of poultry projects at the final stage

## **Methodology of Monitoring**

The following steps were followed during the monitoring mission:

- Desk study (review of relevant documents) and site observation
- Individual interviews with project staff and beneficiaries

## **Summary of the Mission**

Afghan Development Association (ADA) has been implementing three Improved Backyard Poultry Projects; one in Kunduz and two in Takhar province. All the three projects are in their final stage and will be completed by 11<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

The mission started from ADA Kunduz office on 08<sup>th</sup> April 2015 to Takhar province for the monitoring of Improved Backyard Poultry Project (IBPP). As per plan before the meeting with project staff the team went to project site observed some coops at village and had brief interviews with beneficiaries. Also the monitoring team held meeting with project staff to know the progress and completion of the project.

According to the information of Provincial Manager and project staff the project completed successfully without any major gap and shortage. The whole beneficiaries (417 female) were trained for three months with additional refresher training and all of them received full package of project running materials and equipment including (30 pullets with 2drinkers, 2 feeders, 3m wire mash, 250kg feed and vaccine). The beneficiaries were happy with new method of constructed coops.

During this mission the team held meeting with project staff at ADA Takhar office and observed some coops in Aaq Masjed village. According to the information obtained during the interview with beneficiaries; all of them knew how to keep pullets and how to increase them, they also knew the importance of vaccine and improved feed for pullets. The beneficiaries created linkage with VFUs and market. During the observation, most of them told us that they collect 20-25 eggs/day and sell them in Taluqan city. The price of one egg in Taluqan city is 7 to 8 AFA, daily income of each beneficiaries is around 150 AFA/day in average.

In addition, two types of comprehensive kits were provided by NHLP for each beneficiary and for each team leader to be distributed at the end of project through ADA. The kits will have a vital role in sustainability and effective implementation of project through the beneficiaries without external support. The kits were stored in ADA Kunduz office and were ready for distribution.

## Improvement Backyard Poultry project (Baharak, Takhar)

### Project Introduction:

Project Name	Improved Backyard Poultry Project (IBPP)
Project Location	Baharak district of Takhar province
Project Sector	Agriculture and Livestock
Source of Funding	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock MAIL
Approved Budget	US\$ 278,763
Start Date	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2013
End Date	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2015

### Project Goal:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sustainable growth and pro-poor livestock production</li> <li>- Increase poultry production and improve the socio- economic status of targeted poor women by creating sustainable income generation activities</li> </ul>
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### Project Specific Objectives, Outputs and Results:

Expected output/Results	Achievement	Remark
417 selected village women will receive three months training and support to improve their poultry production and they are expected to continue with the improved backyard poultry management practice.	All 417 selected beneficiaries were trained and they understood how to manage poultries and its production.	
The trained village women have been organized in village poultry production groups (VPPG) by IP. Continuation of these producer groups is important for the sustainability of the project results after the NHLP support winds down.	Total of 16 VPPG were existed in Baharak district. Group leader of each group was collecting eggs from the group members for selling in market	A group leader was purchasing an egg at 7 AFs and was selling for 8 or 9 AFA in the market.
Training will allow the beneficiaries to manage their backyard poultry production and link the VPPGs with VFUs and other poultry inputs suppliers.	The egg production rate was showing that the beneficiaries learnt the management of their backyard poultry production. A linkage was also established between VPPG and VFUs and market	
Participants have gained sufficient knowledge to be able to continue (and expand if they desire) the backyard poultry production.	All beneficiaries understood how to keep poultries and increase them	
It is expected that the improved backyard poultry will result an additional production of = 3.2 million eggs and 25 tons of chicken meat by the end of these sub projects (Per production cycle.)	According to the beneficiaries each of them collected 21-25 eggs on daily bases from the coops	The total production of 417 beneficiaries in Baharak district was $417 * 22 = 9,174$ eggs on daily bases, $9,174 * 30 = 275,220$ on monthly base and $275,220 * 12 = 3,302,640$ on yearly

**Project Progress:**

Planned Activities	Activities completed	Remark
Project staff recruitment	Project Manager, Monitor and four Trainers were appointed for the implementation of project	One Manager (Female) One Monitor (Female) Four Trainers (Female)
Orientation of project staff with project objectives, outputs and activities	Orientation session was conducted for project staff	
Base line survey: IP will conduct base line survey for the selection of deserving beneficiaries and will select the beneficiaries according to the given criteria provided by NHLP poultry section.	Base line survey was completed (a total of 840 families at 8 villages were surveyed and total of 417 beneficiaries were identified in four villages according to the set criteria.	The survey was completed by support of DDA, NHLP and MAIL.
Beneficiary Training: The IP will train 417 selected women farmers in improved backyard poultry for a period of three months in the mentioned district on the agreed subjects.	A total of 417 selected women (beneficiaries) were trained according to the training plan.	
The IP will make groups and will consist of 20 poultry producer women.	Total of 16 groups were prepared based on a class system.	One group was consisted of 20-30 trainees
The IP will provide the training and refresher training to targeted beneficiaries.	All the necessary training for beneficiaries was completed.	
The IP will procure and distribute the 30 layer model poultry to the selected beneficiaries and will be responsible for poultry input quality.	Each beneficiary (total 417) received full package of project running kits including: 30 layer model poultries (3 roosters and 27 hens), with two drinker, two feeders 250 Kg feed, vaccine and 3m wire mash.	
The IP staff will continue the follow up of poultry sub project activities until the end date (March 30, 2015).	The follow up was continuously in progress by the project staff and there was no gap.	
The IP will provide vehicle and other necessary facilities for the female trainers to conduct the poultry training and follow up the selected beneficiaries in target area.	ADA provided vehicle and other facilities for trainers and project staff to follow up the project.	
The IP is responsible for the financial management and the procurement of all goods and services under this IP contract and will prepare all necessary specification according to the NHLP's procurement rules and will be responsible for timely delivery of goods and services.	The entire budgeted item purchased according to the NHLP specification and distributed to the beneficiaries.	

The IP will facilitate NHLP /MAIL field mission team (during any survey, assessment or supervision practices).	There was good coordination between ADA and NHLP staff at field level.	
The IP will make linkage between beneficiaries and VFUs as service providers to take care of bird's health in the form of vaccination and medication in following cycles.	A linkage was established. The beneficiaries understood the importance of on time vaccination and medication.	
Monitoring	The project was monitored on regularly basis by project staff and ADA head office monitoring unit.	
Reporting	ADA submitted all the planned reports to NHLP/MAIL on time.	

**Percentage of work completed, so far:** (100%) of the project activities were completed

**Project Beneficiaries:**

Beneficiary	Male	Female	Total	Remarks
Direct	3	422	425	Staff and trainees
Indirect	6,000	5,000	11,000	Community people

**General Check List:**

Project staff hired?	Yes, technical and support staff appointed
Project staff present in the site?	Yes, the staff was present at field office
Equipment/Material available?	Yes, necessary equipment and materials were available
Working relationship between community & staff	Relationship of communities with ADA staff is very good. Communities' support for the project staff looked satisfactory. Community elders had effective roll in identification and selection of beneficiaries.
Community participation and contribution	Community participation during the project implementation was sufficient, especially regarding the trainees' identification and selection process. Communities contributed training venues and location.
Working relationship with other stakeholders (Local Government, UN Agencies and NGOs)	The working relationship of ADA staff with other stakeholders (NGOs) and governmental departments was very good.

**Challenges, problem and weakness**

1	Sustainability and continuation of the SHG for long time and provision of systematic market for production were the main challenges, which require more time and follow up.
2	Security and fighting between Taliban and government forces will affect the beneficiaries and egg production and market.

**Recommendation:**

1	Follow up of project activities through project team leader and government agriculture and livestock department will have positive role in project sustainability.
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A view of meeting with Improved Backyard Poultry Project staff in provincial office, Takhar



NHLP/MAIL provided equipment and materials stored in ADA provincial office for distribution to beneficiaries



VGI in Aaq Masjed village of Baharak district explains the benefit of project