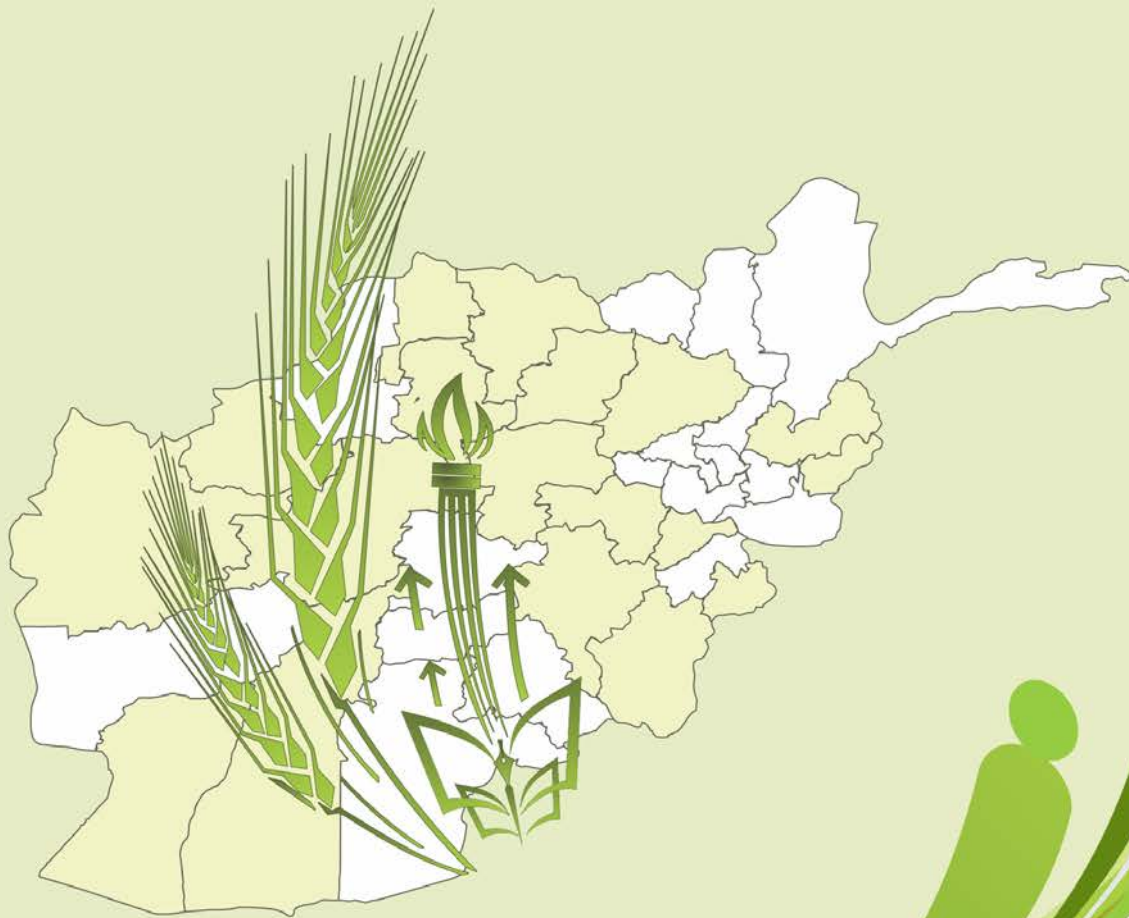




MONITORING REPORT OF
IMPROVED BACKYARD POULTRY PROJECT, BANGI DISTRICT
OF TAKHAR PROVINCE

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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 Bangi 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, three of them are in their final stage and will be completed by 11th April 2015.

The mission started from ADA Kunduz office on 08th 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). All 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 Qul Buraq and Badakhshi Qesglaq villages. According to the information obtained during the interview with beneficiaries; all of them know how to keep pullets and how to increase them, they also know the importance of vaccine and improved feed for pullets.

The beneficiaries created linkage with VFUs and market. During 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 of good 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 (Bangi, Takhar)

Project Introduction:

Project Name	Improved Backyard Poultry Project (IBPP)
Project Location	Bangi 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 th October 2013
End Date	11 th April 2015

Project Goal:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainable growth and pro-poor livestock production - Increase poultry production and improve the socio- economic status of targeted poor women by creating sustainable income generation activities
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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 Bangi district. Group leader of each group collected eggs from the group members for selling in market	A group leader bought an egg at 7 AFA and sold it against 8 AFA in Taluqan city.
Training will allow the beneficiaries to manage their backyard poultry production and link the VPPGs with VFUs and other poultry inputs suppliers.	a linkage was 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 pullets 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 18-22 eggs on daily bases from the coops	The total production of 417 beneficiaries in Bangi district was $417 \times 22 = 9,174$ eggs on daily bases, $9,174 \times 30 = 275,220$ on monthly base and $275,220 \times 12 = 3,302,640$ on yearly bases

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 (male) 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.	Baseline survey was completed (a total of 1,025 families at 8 villages were surveyed and total of 417 beneficiaries 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 and NHLP training manual.	ToT was conducted for all trainers before the beneficiary training.
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 necessary trainings and refresher 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.	In some cases the no. of rooster poultry was 2.
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 to 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 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	Based on ADA rules, it is a continuous process.	
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 of head office delegation with Improved Backyard Poultry Project staff of Bangi and Baharak districts of Takhar province



Equipment and material provided by NHP and will be distributed to the VGLs and beneficiaries



One of the beneficiaries in Qul Burag village of Bangi district expresses the benefits of project