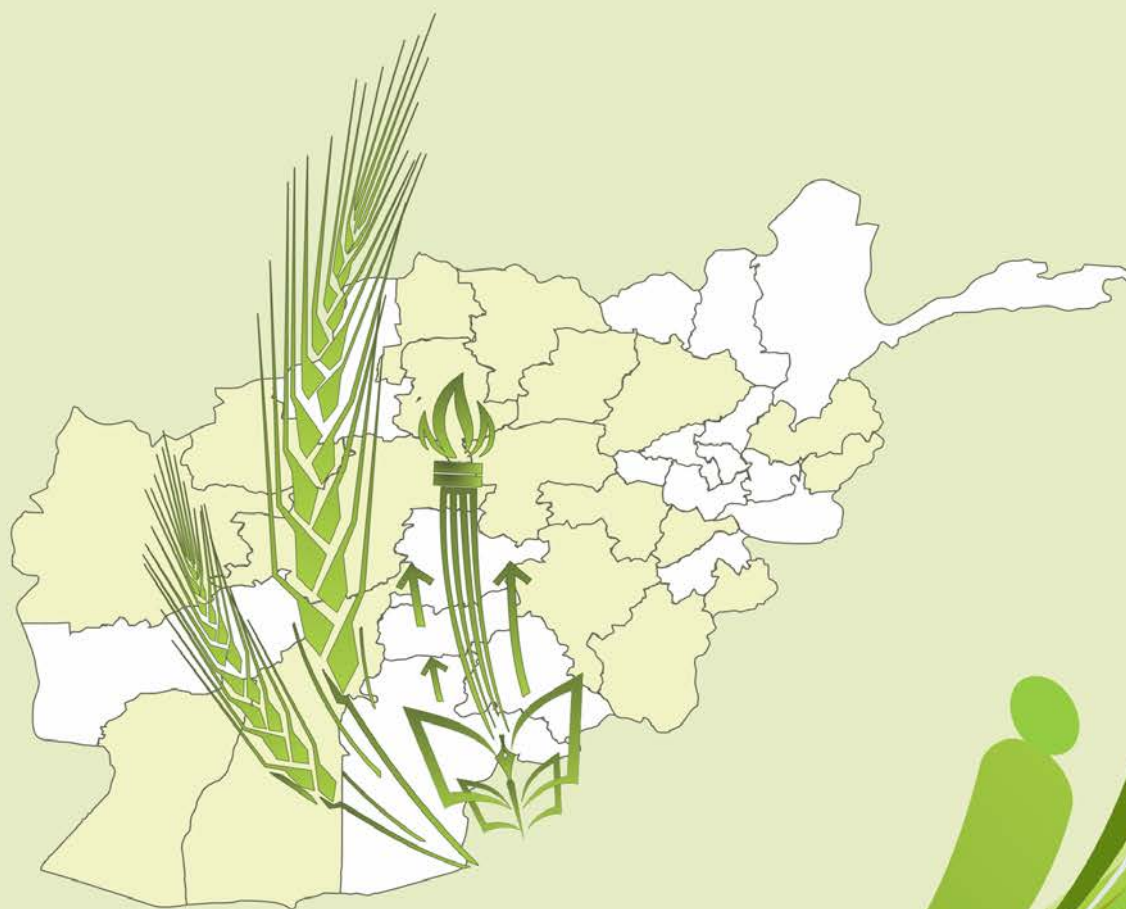




MONITORING REPORT OF
SMALL SCALE COMMERCIAL LAYER POULTRY
PROJECT, RUSTAQ DISTRICT OF TAKHAR
PROVINCE

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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 Small Scale Commercial Layer Poultry Project (SSCLPP) being implemented in Rustaq district of Takhar province, which started on 10th December 2015 and will be completed on 10th June 2016.

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 Small Scale Commercial Layer Poultry Project (SSCLPP) at the area noted above.

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 two small scale commercial Poultry Projects; one in Taluqan and another in Rustaq districts of Takhar province. Both projects are in initial stage, thus, according to ADA monitoring policy the monitoring unit has planned to monitor these projects at the initial stage.

The mission started from ADA Kunduz office on 08th April 2015 to Takhar province for the monitoring of Small Scale Commercial Layer Poultry Project. The monitoring team had plan to visit the project site in Rustaq district and hold meeting with beneficiaries, but due to security concerns in the way between Taluqan and Rustaq and advise from the provincial staff and security in-charge of ADA Takhar office the team did not visit to the said district has been canceled.

Meeting with project manager and project staff:

The monitoring team held a joint meeting with project manager and trainers at ADA Takhar office. According to the information presented by project staff and project manager, the project was going on as per the proposed action plan, project staff were recruited, MoU with relevant departments signed and coordination meetings with community elders, relevant department of local government and NHLP officials have been held.

During the meeting, Project Manager, SSCLPP mentioned that the first component of project such as, field survey, selection of all 50 beneficiaries and establishment of 5 groups (10 women/group) were completed. The survey was conducted in five villages namely, Syab, Beshkan, DahSabz, Khanaqa and Guzer Qala. The villages were selected through consultation and coordination of agriculture department, district governor, DDA and NHLP representatives. In total, 50 women selected based on the set criteria's and 5 classes in five villages established (10 women in each class). Also the TOT for project staff (trainers) conducted completed and training of beneficiary was going on at all targeted villages, which will be continued for three months accordingly.

Small Scale Commercial Layer Poultry Project (SSCLPP); Rustaq, Takhar)

Project Introduction:

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| Project Name | Small Scale Commercial Layer Poultry Project (SSCLPP) |
| Project Location | Rustaq district of Takhar province |
| Project Sector | Agriculture and Livestock (A&L) |
| Source of Funding | Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) |
| Approved Budget | US\$ 167,986 |
| Start Date | 10 th December 2014 |
| End Date | 10 th June 2016 |

Project Progress:

| Planned Activities | Activities completed | Remark |
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| Project staff recruitment (first month) | Project manager and two trainers with support staff appointed for the implementation of project | One Project Manager (Female) Two Trainers (Female) |
| Orientation of project staff on project objectives, outputs and activities (first month) | Orientation session for project staff conducted | |
| 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 (first and second months) | Baseline survey was completed (100 families at 5 villages surveyed and total of 50 beneficiaries were identified in five villages as per set criteria | The survey was completed by support of district governor, DDA, NHLP and MAIL |
| TOT training for Master Trainer (third month) | ToT completed for project staff (project manager and two trainers) | |
| Beneficiary Training: The IP will train 50 selected women farmers in small-scale commercial poultry production for a period of three months in the mentioned district on the agreed subjects. (4,5,6 months) the IP will establish 5 producer groups (one group/10 beneficiaries) | A total of 50 selected women (beneficiaries) were participating in the planned training. The training started on 25 th March 2015 | |
| The IP will give coop design for 100 broiler model and beneficiary will construct the coops as their contribution (4,5,6 months) | The activity was in pipeline and was planned in second week of April | |
| The IP will procure and distribute the 100 model broiler poultry package to the selected beneficiaries and will be responsible for poultry inputs quality (6 and 7 month) | N/A | |

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| The IP staff will continue the follow up of poultry sub project activities until the end date | 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 (stationary /equipment's and office accommodation) 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. | N/A | |
| The IP will be responsible for poultry healthcare (vaccination and medication) at all stage until the end of this poultry sub project | N/A | |
| Mortality within three weeks after distribution will be replaced (100%) by IP within their own money in case of more than 10%(up to 10% acceptable) of bird mortality occur after three weeks starting from the date of distribution the IP will immediately take action to replace these birds without additional funding | N/A | |
| 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. | N/A | |
| Monitoring on regular base | Project staff and head office monitoring unit is conducting the monitoring on regular basis. | |
| Reporting to NHLP on monthly base | ADA submitted inception report to NHLP/MAIL on time. | |

Percentage of work completed, so far: (20%) of the project activities were completed

Project Beneficiaries:

| Beneficiary | Male | Female | Total | Remarks |
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| Direct | 0 | 53 | 53 | 50 trainees and 3 staff |

General Check List:

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| 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. Training venues and location were contributed by communities |
| 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. MOU was signed with MAIL |

Challenges, problem and weakness

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| 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 | Fighting between anti-government elements and government security forces will affect the beneficiaries and movement between Rustaq and Taluqan district. |

Recommendation:

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| 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 Rustaq Small Scale Commercial Layer Poultry Project staff and head office delegation at ADA provincial office, Takhar