

SMALL-SCALE POULTRY PRODUCTION AND MANAGEMENT

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Tradition dictates that even though Afghan women are involved in backyard poultry, they don't sell poultry produce in the market. UNODC's Alternative Development Programme provided them with an opportunity to sell their poultry produce and earn an income. Poultry production and management support is a significant avenue through which the programme contributed to women's economic empowerment in communities across Afghanistan.

Since the project's inception, 4990 backyard poultry farms, all for women beneficiaries, have been established with each farm having the capacity to breed 30 chickens. Over a period of 3 years, 149,700 chickens were distributed to 4,990 women across 12 provinces. Additionally, 13 broiler chicken farms, all owned by individuals, with the capacity for 500-1500 chickens, have been established. Further, women are linked to the local market through 16 eggs collection and selling centers established at, both, community and district levels. Eggs are collected daily by the community eggs collection centers and supplied further to the district centers. Sales happen at both levels.

Each woman was provided with 30 4-month old pullets; 100 kgs of quality concentrate, medicine; 3 feeders; 3 drinkers Bio-security kit (gloves, mask and soap; Door, window and limestone for coop construction.

Women were trained on all aspects of poultry farm management, feeding, watering, breeding, vaccination and nutrition. Eggs collection centers were established at community and district levels to facilitate women's market access. Poultry production groups were formed in each community and district, and they were linked the eggs collection centers.



Achievements*

The initiative provided rural households with better income; nutritionally rich food sources such as eggs; and has boosted women's employment.

Net income of AFN 349,600,000 (USD 4.6 million) from selling eggs.

16 egg collection centres established

Each backyard poultry farm produced an average of 15 eggs per day, out of which 10 are sold at 8 AFN per egg.

Women were now earning 3000 AFN (39.48 USD) per month, as compared to earlier when all the produce was used for home consumption.

Around 80% of women have increased the number of chickens from 30 to 36-39 in a year through a local breeding method

99% of the chickens survived, and high mortality was not detected even in the cold provinces such as Bamyan and Badakhshan.

Broiler chicken farms yielded results in 45 days, allowing earnings of around AFN 100,000 (USD 1315.79) per quarter.

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*Based on the endline and evaluation studies conducted by some of the implementing partners