

Improve livelihood for women and poor through a sustainable poultry development and management programme

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Budget	€ 410,785
Period	June 2010 – 30 April 2012
Area	Provinces of Kunduz, Baghlan, Badakhshan

Main objective of the GIZ poultry project was to improve livelihoods for poor women through a sustainable poultry development and management programme. This project was implemented in the provinces of Kunduz, Baghlan and Badakhshan. Six hundred women in these provinces benefited directly from the project. In the initial start up phase of this project, poultry and poultry feed were distributed for free to the poorest women in the provinces concerned. In each province, 10 villages were selected and in each village 20 beneficiaries were chosen. Each beneficiary received 20 pullets (18 females and 2 cocks) and 100 kg of poultry feed to start a small backyard poultry breeding.

Through a special management programme the women were trained in poultry husbandry. In each of the 30 villages, village women associations were established and trained to empower and support the beneficiaries. For the necessary animal health care, local VFU staff received refresher courses on poultry health and production, and female poultry BVWs were trained.

The GIZ poultry project resulted in additional income generation for the poorest families, as well as capacity building and empowerment of poor women.

In the extension period from September 2011 through April 2012, the women have received training on the Poultry Herd Health Package to learn all about poultry health and husbandry. They were also trained in business skills, needed for running a poultry farm. All 30 village groups received gas incubators for incubating eggs. During the extension period 3,300 chicks hatched. In 10 villages a special feed mill has been installed for processing of chicken feed.

An evaluation of the poultry project revealed that the beneficiary women invested the money they earned by poultry rearing in the education of their children.