



“Protect the livelihoods of vulnerable livestock holders in flood-affected and conflict areas of Afghanistan through the provision of animal feed”

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Objective:

To protect the livelihoods of vulnerable livestock holders in flood-affected and conflict areas through the provision of animal feed and veterinary supplies, as well as improve production capacity by supporting four small-scale feed processing dairy union facilities in Afghanistan.

Key partners:

Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL), Provincial Directorate of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (PAIL) and national and international Non-governmental Organizations.

Beneficiaries reached:

42 665 households.

Activities implemented:

- Distributed 6 746 tonnes of animal feed and 49 777 de-wormer kits to 42 665 households (37 040 households received both animal feed and de-wormers, 85 households received only animal feed and 5 540 households received only de-wormers).
- Appropriately disposed of 2 880 tonnes of spoiled feed to two compost making sites.
- Trained 80 service providers, PAIL extension workers and MAIL staff on post-distribution survey.
- Carried out a first round of training on effective animal feed usage and de-wormer administration for 42 665 farmers. Of which, 24 754 farmers received a fresher training.
- Conducted a training of trainers on livestock husbandry for 173 PAIL extension workers.
- Collected socio-economic survey, post-distribution and impact data.
- Held coordination meetings with MAIL on its drought response plan and implementation of animal feed distribution.

Results:

- Improved families, community members and neighbouring communities' access to animal feed.
- Created 68 jobs through the animal feed processing facilities.
- Multiplied dairy union's production by 12 (from 7 tonnes to 92 tonnes per day).
- Increased dairy unions' working capital (USD 42 500 to USD 524 371).
- Dairy unions' total production reached 12 113 tonnes since their instalment.
- Improved farmers' access to animal feed, particularly during the lean season.
- Extended/increased milk production and livestock's lactation periods.
- Increased livestock tolerance to diseases and improved oestrus and reproductive efficiency.
- Prevented placenta retention, dystocia and abortion as well as metabolic diseases especially ketosis and acidosis of livestock.