



Integrated emergency livestock assistance to drought-affected farming families

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Implementation: 31/03/2019 – 30/09/2019

Target areas: Balkh and Jawzjan provinces



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Objective: To increase livestock production and ensure the food security and nutrition of vulnerable pastoral households.

Key partners: Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, Directorates of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (DAIL), Ministry of Economy, Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority, district development assemblies and community development councils

Beneficiaries reached: 7 100 households (49 700 people).

Activities implemented:

- Distributed 100 kg of concentrated animal feed to each household (710 tonnes in total).
- Provided 3 kg of fodder seed to each household (21.3 tonnes in total).
- Trained 17 implementing partner staff and 17 DAIL extension staff on good livestock practices, who then trained all the targeted beneficiaries.
- Trained 7 100 people, of whom 377 were female, on good practices in animal husbandry and livestock management.

Results:

- Protected 50 422 heads of livestock belonging to 7 100 households affected by drought – 60 percent more than planned.
- Cultivated 163 *jeribs* (32.6 ha) of irrigated land and 44 *jeribs* (8.8 ha) of rainfed land with fodder crops, which could produce an estimated 53 250 tonnes of fodder.
- Ensured optimal use of the inputs distributed through trainings.
- Promoted good livestock practices.
- Boosted feed production, which allowed famers to replenish their stocks of animal feed.
- Prevented loss of livestock due to death or distress sale.
- Sustained farmers’ fodder production and medium-term feed availability.
- Increased milk production, animal protein and offspring survival.