



Success Story of Dairy Karukh District of Herat Province



Mr. Abdul Rasool is a farmer and is living in Dost Mohammad bik village of Karukh district. He has 7 children (2 sons and 5 daughters) and own 4000m² lands, prior to 2009 his main activity was fodder crop production and had one local milking cow with 3.5 liter milk production/day. There was no market for selling milk because the mentioned district is about 35km away from city, it was so difficult for him to feed his seven children additional to his wife, mother and sister. In 2009 he got membership of milk producer cooperative of Herat dairy union under supervision of integrated dairy scheme project. He received AI service for improving genetic potential of local breed and has one crossbred and one local milk cow. Since 2011 he delivers surplus milk around 11L/day from two milk cows to the village milk collection center, and earns 198Afs/day. Mr. Rasool family life has been changed, now he has two crossbred milk cows with one heifer and the family has regular income from selling surplus milk, 100% of income from selling the surplus milk goes directly to his mother and wife and they make the decisions on how to spend the money. Mostly income from selling of milk used for purchasing school material, treatment of children, concentrated feed of animal and some food stuffs.



Mr. Abdul Rasool said, based on more distance from city to Karukh district it was impossible to sell the little amount of our milk, by establishing a milk collection center in our village we found a new market for our surplus milk, selling of crops and milk is my single income that, I am receiving regular income around 1250 Afs on a weekly basis now we have one crossbreed, one local cow and one heifer. Based on the market availability for surplus milk we decided to increase our crossbreed cows up to four in the future, and many thanks from kind support with us.



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