



Success Story on Fodder Crops Guazara District of Herat Province



Mr. Haji Sadudin Khan is a farmer and is living in Urdo Bagh village of Guzara district. He has 12 children (6 sons and 6 daughters) and own 12000m² agriculture lands, his main activity is fodder crop production and have two crossbred milking cows, prior 2008 he usually used local fodder crops seeds for production of Lucerne, Berseem forages and its seeds. In 2008 he got membership of milk producer cooperative of Herat dairy union under supervision of integrated dairy scheme project. He cultivated improved seed of Lucerne in 4000m² for selling forage and seed his income increased from 58,000–102,000Afs due to on high production of the improved Lucerne seed. As well he cultivated Berseem seed in 4000m² land for seed multiplication purpose and increased his annual income from 16,500-37,000Afs per2000m². He is one of the big suppliers of the improved fodder crop seeds of the dairy union and also he is selling the improved fodder crop seed to his neighbors in villages level, and 30% of the income is directly goes to wife. The wife of him mainly spends the income for food stuffs, medicines for treatment of family members, school material and traditional purpose.



Also has benefit of:

- ✓ Fresh forage for milking cows,
- ✓ Milk quantity and its supplying to the milk collection center is increased based on high quality of fodder crops
- ✓ Making hay for winter season
- ✓ Increase annual income and balance then cultivation of other plants
- ✓ Cost and expenditures are decreased the prior time



Mr. Haji Sadu din Khan said, prior 2008 we were busy with cultivation of local plants, we spent more energy by its cultivation and had very low income, but now we using improved seed for Lucerne once in every 6 years, our balance from every 2000m² land is almost doubled.

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