



Enabling poor rural people
to overcome poverty



Community Livestock and Agriculture Project (CLAP)

Dairy Industry Development in Kabul, Logar and Parwan provinces

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SUCCESS STORY

Poverty in Afghanistan is widespread throughout rural and urban areas. The government estimates that 42 per cent of the country's total population lives below the national poverty line. Another 20 per cent of the people live just above that line and are highly vulnerable to the risk of falling into poverty.

Agriculture (and livestock's) is traditionally the major activity for a large portion of the population, but the sector has suffered from nearly 30 years of conflict, low investments and natural disasters. The average size of landholdings is small, and as a result agriculture is rarely the main source of food or income. The Afghan Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) are funding the Dairy Industry Development Project in Afghanistan. The project is implemented by FAO in Logar, Parwan and Kabul Provinces.

Mrs. Maymoona (41) stays with her 5 children in Elyas Khil village in the north of Kabul Province. Her husband passed away 12 years ago and livestock is the only livelihood and source of income for her. Through the dairy development project she was facilitated to join a milk producers' cooperative in her village.



Before joining the dairy cooperative her animals suffered from various animal diseases, as she had no access to a veterinary clinic and animal health services." "The Dairy project's field trainers introduced to us new technical skills and technology such as modern animal husbandry methods, and artificial insemination services as well better access to veterinary services" she said. As a result her cows' milk production has increased.

Mrs. Maymoona is producing 9-liter milk per day and selling to the milk collection center in daily basis 250AFS per day.