

Beekeeping Training and Honey Production Afghanistan



LOCATION

Laghman Province, Abdian village of Beshud district, Nangarhar province.

DURATION

6 months

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

local NGO Afghan Agency for Integrated Development (AAID).

BUDGET

US \$600.00

OVERVIEW

Most returning refugees face the lack of an income. Some returnees are obliged to go back to the country of asylum to seek employment opportunities. UNHCR and other agencies have been undertaking income generation activities to address livelihood problems of returnees and support their reintegration and sustainable return.

AIM OF PROJECT

In 2006, UNHCR launched an income generation project of beekeeping training and honey production. As the project was very successful, UNHCR implemented similar projects in 2008, however this time targeting different areas.

PROJECT OUTPUTS/RESULTS

UNHCR, DoRR (EVI focal points), Women Affairs, elders of the community and AAID jointly selected the beneficiary selection (200 vulnerable individuals, priority given to EVIs and female headed-households).

100 beneficiaries have been selected in Mehterlam districts and are currently attending the training in two centers

Center 1: 50 female beneficiaries from Koti Torr village, Nank Zai sub village, and Omerzai village.
Center 2: 50 beneficiaries (25 females and 25 males) from Sheikhan village and Chal Mati sub village.

100 beneficiaries have been selected in Qarghai districts and are currently attending the training two centers

Center 1: 50 beneficiaries (25 females and 25 males) from Charbage village.
Center 2: 50 female beneficiaries from Mansoor Kali village and Mandawara villages (Kandi and Kala Kot).

There are two regular shift trainings in each of the centers (between 8am-10am and between 2pm- 4pm pm). At the end of the project, each beneficiary will receive beekeeping kits, four bee boxes, and each village will have one honey production machine.

IMPACTS

After the completion of the project, AAID will continue to follow up the monitoring and supervision to ensure that the beneficiaries can sustain proper honey production. AAID will also support the beneficiaries for the marketing of their production.

According to the AAID estimate, the beneficiaries will be able get 10- 15 kg of honey per month form each bee boxes. After completion of the project, they could also receive four bee boxes (40-60 Kg honey per month) which will be provide income of \$120-180 per month.

The project not only helps vulnerable returnee families to have a regular source of income and to improve their livelihoods, but it also contributes to the economy of the village as a whole. In turn, this positively impacts the sustainable reintegration of returnees in the community.