



ABOUT WEERDP:

Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEERDP), under leadership of Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) and in view of National Unity Government (NUG) goals and WEE-NPP objectives, was initiated in 2018 in continuation of Afghanistan Rural Enterprise Development Program (AREDP) for the purpose of social and economic empowerment of women in rural areas of all 34 provinces of Afghanistan with the financial aid of World Bank.

Through this program Self Help Groups (SHG), Enterprise Groups (EG), Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA) and Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) will be established to develop local economy, and create income generation and job opportunities for program beneficiaries (80% female) in rural areas of Afghanistan.

WEERDP/MRRD

**MAKING VILLAGES
PRODUCTIVE**

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WEERDP FORMED SHGS &VSLAS IN URUZGAN PROVINCE



6 MILLION AFN INJECTED TO SHGS & VSLAS IN KHOST PROVINCE



WOMEN'S HANDICRAFT EXHIBITION HELD IN JAWZJAN PROVINCE



Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) established 669 Self Help Groups (SHGs) with 5250 members, and 18 Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) in Trinkot the center of Uruzgan province.

These SHGs have been able to save over AFN 957,000 and issue nearly AFN 679,000 in loans to group members.

In the meantime, training on initial membership was conducted besides the distribution of saving boxes and stationery to 1693 members on 218 SHGs.

Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) of Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) continues the process of distributing seed capital to Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs), this time the program injected 5 million AFN to 17 villages in the center and one million AFN to 9 villages in Esmail Khail Mandozi district of Khost province.

The beneficiaries are grateful for the assistance they received, and more than 80 % of assistance recipients are seeking to set up small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in their villages.

Several beneficiaries of the Women Economic Empowerment and Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) participated in a grand exhibition of women's handicrafts, which was held in Jawzjan province to commemorate the 17th anniversary of adopting Afghanistan's Constitution.

In this exhibition, which was held in one of the halls in Sheberghan city, 40 Enterprise Groups (EGs) members and 5 Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) members took part and sold their handmade products.

VILLAGE CHAMPION

Farima is a 24 year old married women. Three months ago, she joined one of the Self Help Groups and took a loan of 600 AFN loan. She bought sheepskin; made children coats with the help of her father and sold them for AFN 2500 in Qarabagh district bazaar. Farima and her father make 6 sets of kids wear (Coat, Hat and Shoes) daily. They send the ready products to the city markets end of the week. Now, she generate ten thousand AFN income monthly.

Farima, resident of Postin Dozan Village, Istalif district, Kabul.



Women Economic Empowerment and Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) of Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) formed 43 Self Help Groups (SHGs) with 514 members in the center and Gosfandi district of Sar – e- Pul province and 89 SHGs with 933 members in Aybak and Hazrat Sultan districts of Samangan province.

During the monitoring process of SHGs’ weekly meetings, 83 savings boxes and complete stationery packages were distributed to SHGs as well.

In a joint meeting, the senior management and the technical teams of the Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) and Afghanistan Sustainable Energy for Rural Development (ASERD) agreed to expand future cooperation between the two programs.

To begin the collaboration, a solar device for drying fruits and vegetables was provided to WEERDP as a sample, to familiarize the female Enterprise Groups (EGs) with renewable energy technology. Also, ASERD will hand over some solar devices for drying fruits and vegetables to the female EGs of WEERDP soon so that the EGs could use the solar devices to dry fruits and other agricultural products to help them to boost their income.



PROGRAM'S ACTIVITIES PROGRESS IN KABUL



Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) formed 7 Enterprise Groups (EGs) and 30 Self Help Groups (SHGs) that consists 250 members in the Istalif district of Kabul province.

In the meantime, the program injected the first tranche of seed capital to various SHGs and VSLAs in 5 community Development Councils (CDCs) in the aforementioned district.

WEE-RDP INJECTED SEED CAPITAL TO VSLAS IN BAMYAN



Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) injected over AFN 3 million as the first and second tranche of seed capital to some of the Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) in Shibar district of Bamyan province.

The purpose of seed capital is to provide access to finance, create opportunities, and start-up Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the villages.

WEE-RDP INJECTED SEED CAPITAL TO SHGS IN KAPISA PROVINCE



Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) injected more than 60,000 AFN as the first tranche of seed capital to 8 female Self Help Groups (FSHGs) and 2 Self Help Groups (SHGs) in the center of Kapisa province.

It is noteworthy that the transferred cash assistance will be distributed among program beneficiaries to assist them in the start up of micro-businesses in their communities.

VSLAS FORMED IN TAKHAR PROVINCE



Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) this time established Village Savings and Loan associations (VSLAs) in Taluqan district of Takhar province.

It is worthwhile to mention that the saved money will be given as a loan to villagers to start their small businesses.

PROGRAM INJECTED SEED CAPITAL TO SHGS IN SAR-E-PUL PROVINCE



Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) injected more than 1 million AFN as the first tranche of seed capital to 145 Self Help Groups (SHGs) and more than 3 million AFN as the second tranche of seed capital to 15 Village Saving and Loan Associations (VSLAs) and more than 2 million as the third tranche of seed capital to 86 (SHGs) in the center of Sar -e-Pul province.

It is noteworthy that the transferred cash assistance will be distributed among beneficiaries of the program to assist them to start up small businesses. In the meantime, 124 SHGs consisting of 1346 members were newly established in this district.



Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) already has 929 Self Help Groups (SHGs) with 10,000 members in Zaranj city and Chahar Burjak district of Nimroz province.

These groups were able to save nearly AFN 800,000, and facilitate the conducive environment for small businesses to blossom in their villages.

It is noteworthy that 34 Village Saving and Loan Associations (VSLAs) have been formed from the mentioned groups so far, and most of them have obtained saving boxes and necessary stationery to carry out their daily activities.



Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) established 38 Self Help Groups (FSHGs & SHGs) with 431 members in Aybak and Hazrat Sultan districts of Samangan province.

The program also distributed saving boxes to 46 SHGs in 4 Community Development Councils (CDCs) in Badakhshan province.



Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) recently formed 6 Self Help Groups (SHGs) that have 80 members in the center of Sar-e-Pul province.



Additionally, the field staff distributed stationery packages, savings boxes, and books of records to 34 SHGs in 3 Community Development Councils (CDCs).

WEE-RDP INJECTED SEED CAPITAL INTO SHGS/VSLAS IN DAYKUNDI

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONVENED IN BADAKHSHAN

WEE-RDP FORMED ENTERPRISE GROUPS IN KHOST

WEE-RDP INJECTED SEED CAPITAL TO SHGS IN BALKH PROVINCE



Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) injected more than one million AFN as seed capital to various Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) in 12 Community Development Councils (CDCs) in Nili district of Daykundi province.

1321 beneficiaries, 80% of whom are women, will benefit from the transferred seed capital in their groups.



The Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEERDP) field staff organized four training sessions on leadership and accounting for 48 Self Help Groups (SHGs) in 4 Community Development Council (CDCs) in Faiz Abad city of Badakhshan province.

In the training sessions, 144 beneficiaries participated and were trained on the aforementioned subjects.



Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) formed 17 Enterprise Groups (EGs) in the center and Mandozai Esmail Khail districts of Khost province.

In the meantime, the activities of Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) and Self Help Groups (SHGs) were also monitored in the mentioned districts.



Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) of Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) injected more than AFN 300,000 as the first tranche of seed capital to 435 Self Help Groups (SHGs), nearly AFN 100,000 AFN as the second tranche of seed capital to some of Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs), and more than AFN 100,000 as the third tranche of seed capital to 82 other SHGs' in Dehdadi district of Balkh province.

It is noteworthy that the transferred cash assistance will be distributed among beneficiaries of the program to assist them to set up small businesses.



Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) injected more than 2 million AFN to 124 Self Help Groups (SHGs) and 6 Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) as the first tranche of seed capital in Balkh district of Balkh province.

In a separate ceremony, more than AFN 300,000 was injected into 4 VSLAs as the first tranche, nearly 2 million AFN to 8 VSLAs as the second tranche, and more than AFN 700,000 to 3 VSLAs as the third tranche of seed capital in Naher Shahi district of Balkh province.

In the meantime, an amount of AFN 300,000 was injected into 9 SHGs as the first tranche of seed capital in the Dehdadi district of Balkh province. The transferred cash assistance will be used to start up small businesses or help existing businesses grow and boost the local economy.



WEERDP/MRRD injected more than 6 million AFN as the first tranche of seed capital to 73 Villages Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs), nearly 8 million AFN as the second tranche to 24 VSLAs, and more than 300 thousand AFN as the third tranche of seed capital to 82 other VSLAs in Herat province.

It is worth mentioning that the cash assistance will be used to start up small businesses or help the existing businesses of the beneficiaries to grow.

IMF TRAINING HELD IN BAGHLAN PROVINCE



SEED CAPITAL DISTRIBUTION PROCESS BEGIN IN NANGARHAR



SELF HELP GROUPS FORMED IN SAMANGAN PROVINCE



WEERDP FORMED SHGS IN NIMROZ PROVINCE



Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) of Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) conducted a training on Initial membership, leadership and Islamic Micro Finance (IMF) to 50 beneficiaries of the program in Pul Khomri district of Baghlan province.

In the workshop, participants were educated on WEE-RDP's objective, value of saving, getting Islamic loan and repayment on timely basis.

Furthermore, saving boxes and stationary packages were distributed to some of the groups in this province.

Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development injected more than one and half million AFN to 7 Village Saving and Loan Associations (VSLAs) that includes 79 Self Help Groups (SHGs) in Rodat district of Nangarhar province.

It is noteworthy that the seed capital is designed to transfer financial resources to mature SHGs/VSLAs as a catalyst to build institutions, improve livelihoods and start up micro-businesses in their communities.

Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) formed 79 Self Help Groups (SHGs) that consists 834 members in Hazrat Sultan and Aybak districts of Samangan province.

It's worthwhile to mention that stationary packages and saving boxes were also distributed to 217 SHGs.

Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) already has 929 Self Help Groups (SHGs) with 10,000 members in Zaranj city and Chahar Burjak district of Nimroz province.

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The beneficiaries are grateful for the assistance they received, and more than 80 % of assistance recipients are seeking to set up small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in their villages.



Twenty inspiring beneficiaries of the Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) established a Literacy Training Center for females in Taluqan district of Takhar province with the financial assistance of the program.

These beneficiaries borrowed money from their Village Saving and Loan Associations (VSLA) and launched free-of-cost classes for 30 women.

It's worthwhile to mention that besides establishing this center, the group members have saved 100,000 AFN in a couple of weeks which they plan to invest in starting up a small business in the future.

WEE-RDP'S ACTIVITIES PROGRESS STATUS IN FARYAB PROVINCE



PROGRAM INJECTED SEED CAPITAL TO SHGS IN BAMYAN PROVINCE

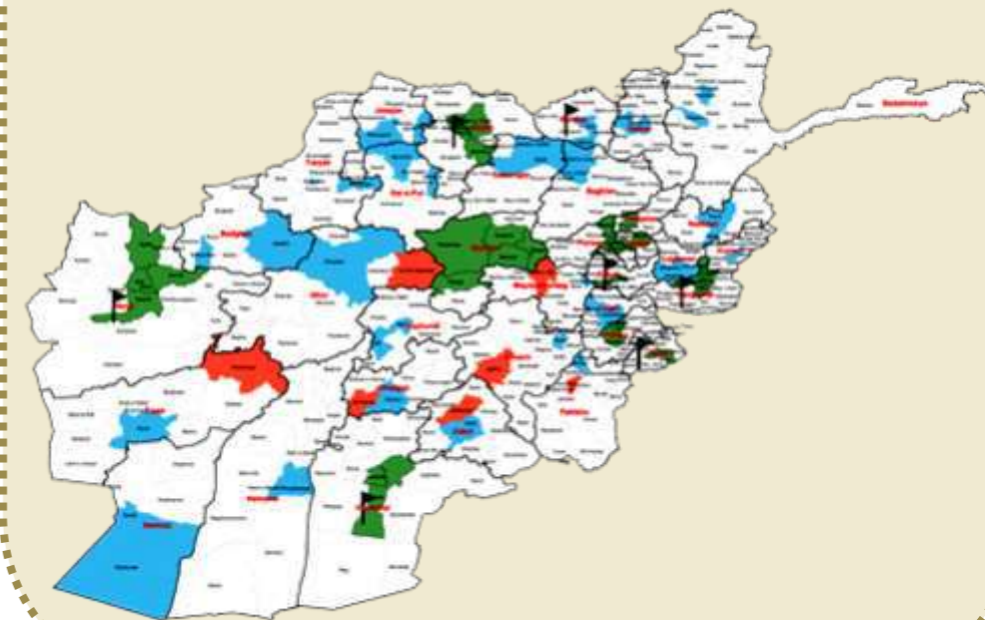


PROGRAM ESTABLISHED SHGS IN BAGHLAN AND TAKHAR PROVINCES



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Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) monitored the loan and repayment process of Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) in the Maimana district of Far-yab province.

During the monitoring process, stationary packages were also distributed to 60 Self Help Groups.

Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) injected more than 3 million AFN as the first and second tranche of seed capital to some of the Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) in Shibar district of Bamyan province.

The purpose of seed capital is to provide access to finance, create opportunities, and start-up Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the vil-lages.

Women Economic Empowerment Rural Development Program (WEE-RDP) of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) recently established 55 Self Help Groups (SHGs) in Baghlan and Takhar provinces.

During a monitoring process, 90 savings boxes and stationery packages were distributed to SHGs in the mentioned provinces as well.