



Says Bibi Nazia -

“My message to the other women beneficiaries of the project is to make good use of the opportunities that NSDO has provided to us so that we can become self-sufficient. I am thankful for the AWARE project that changed my life”.

### Success Story

Project:

## Advancing Women-led Agro businesses To Reach Economic Empowerment (AWARE)

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Bibi Nazia d/o Abdullah resident of Imam Sahib district of Kunduz Province. She has four children (1 Girls, 3 Boys). Says Nazia “I had one hectare of land used for agriculture purposes. I was using traditional agricultural practices, which has not been successful in terms of financial gain. I used to remain in financial trouble until I was introduced to NSDO. One day, a NSDO team visited our village for a survey. Luckily, I was selected along with some other women from our village. After the selection, the AWARE project team enrolled me in quite informative and useful training. I learnt modern techniques on vegetable growing, harvesting, and processing. I also got literacy and numeracy training that further helped me in selling and record keeping of my yield”.

At first, the women who have attended the financial literacy courses did not understand even the smallest arithmetic issues but after completing this four-month training we are fully acquainted with arithmetic numbers and operations, and now I can calculate all my family income and consumption accurately. In addition to the above training AWARE project facilitated us with vegetable seeds, fertilizers, and agricultural assets. It was really new learning for us, especially the agricultural trainers who taught us the cultivation methods, amount, use and type of fertilizer, and the use of agricultural assets that they had distributed after I received this training, I became convinced that I could also help my family to solve financial problems.

I decided to cultivate a part of my land with cucumber, which was a positive change in my life and that of my family, now by growing and selling multiple off-seasons and on –season vegetables I am able to earn 1000 to 1500 AFG a day. This is a big change in my life. Thanks to the AWARE project changing my life and helping me earn good money for my family and me.