



**Success Story**

**Says Mohammad Wali** – “There were two paths for me, one is to be swept away by my problems and sink and the other was to stand-up and find way of over-coming my problems and I have to take the initiative ourselves. God also helps those who help themselves we need to remember this always”.

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Mohammad Wali is from Koch-e-Kazak village of Kunduz province. He has studied up to grade nine at school. He is the only supporter of his family which has 12 members. He used to work as daily labor and was hardly able to provide basic needs for his family from the little income he was receiving.

**Says Wali – “There used to be days when my wife and I had to go without meals so that our children could eat ”.**

3 years ago I was a daily wage laborer working in Kunduz. At times I had to go days without work and my economic conditions were so miserable. My children were out of school because of poverty and were sometimes engaged in local labor to earn bread. I was always thinking about changing my life. When I used to see other people's children going to school, I prayed to Allah that when would I be able to send my children to school? I was under matric and due to my engagement in labour I was not able to complete my education but I wanted my children to be educated.

My fate changed when I was introduced to a technical training conducted by NSDO poultry farming. I was trained in poultry farming, nutrition, diseases, vaccination and marketing skills. Following receiving the technical and professional training, I was encouraged to start a small poultry business. At the beginning, I was afraid to start but with the backing and encouragement of SEDEP staff I took off my first flight. I borrowed some money from my relatives and bought 50 broiler chickens. NSDO helped provide me with necessary inputs for my farm.

Miracle happened. I was able to raise all of those 50 chickens without a single loss. I continued to do so, and gradually my small poultry farm turned into a large farm. During the pandemic, NSDO provided me with required equipment including disinfectants, special clothes and necessary training to mitigate the outbreak of virus during the marketing job. I am so glad now I have expanded my poultry farm business from Kunduz to Takhar and Badakhshan provinces and provided job opportunities to 5 other people.

I am thankful to NSDO for giving me courage, knowledge, skills and inputs to transform me from an unskilled laborer to an entrepreneur.