



Success Story

**Says Mah Jabin** – “A woman can work alongside her husband and transform her family if she is skilled and courageous. I had a dream to change the fate of my family. I am not educated but I want to be the mother of educated children. To realize my dream, I always thought and work hard”.

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Mah Jabin is a resident of Atmanzai village in Archi district in Kunduz province. Mah Jabin, currently produces cucumbers and other vegetables on the land that she got from her husband. I have 4 children all of them are currently in school. I got married at a very young age and I always struggled for a better life not for me but for children because from my childhood I have been through so many miseries and hard times that I can not forget but I am struggling to change the fate of my children specially my daughter.

During our 22 years of marriage, I was not allowed to work and gain wealth from the agricultural land owned by my husband. Besides that, I always thought about how I can send my children to school when I do not have money. I started working in the backyard with the permission of my husband and started growing vegetables, but this was not so successful as I did not have any idea of growing good quality and quantity vegetables and selling them to the proper market.

Thanks to the AWARE project that changed my bad fate to good. I enrolled in the multiple trainings offered by the project and got excellent knowledge and skills on how to enhance the yield and how I can process and sell these vegetables to more profitable markets. In the beginning this all was like a dream but as the time passed I saw things were changing in real time, with the improved skills I managed to grow more vegetables on a smaller piece of land that I had enough for my household consumption but for selling to the market. This gave me enough income to support the education expenses of my children.

**I am now proud that I fulfilled my dream, because my children are now studying in school.**



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