

NSDO MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Advancing Humanitarian & Development Impact in Afghanistan

Empowering Communities | Strengthening Livelihoods | Building Resilience



Newsletter Highlight

- Providing Life-Saving Support to 3,307 Vulnerable Families
- Upskilling 300 Master Trainers to Strengthen Afghanistan's TVET Sector
- Restoring Hope for 200 Families & 567 Children Returning from Pakistan & Iran
- Islamic-Inspired Economic Development for Sustainable Livelihoods
- Strengthening Our Future Through Reflection & Strategy

WFP Seasonal Food Assistance & Hotspot Response Project – Takhar Province

Providing Life-Saving Support to 3,307 Vulnerable Families

Locations: Rustaq & Khwaja Bahauddin
Households Reached: 3,307 of 3,332

NSDO, in partnership with WFP, continues its Winter Food Assistance and Hotspot Response Project, ensuring food security for the most vulnerable.

Key Achievements in Feb 2025:

- **Khaja Bahauddin** (Feb 12-13): 817 of 821 households received food.
- **Rostaq** (Feb 15-18): 2,490 of 2,511 households received food.

What's Next?

- Ongoing monitoring to ensure effective distribution.
- Community awareness sessions to prevent misuse of food rations.



Together, we are securing **food and dignity** for families in crisis!

EmpowerED: Elevating Trainer Expertise in Afghanistan Project

Upskilling 300 Master Trainers to Strengthen Afghanistan's TVET Sector

NSDO, in partnership with Mercy Corps Afghanistan, is transforming vocational education by equipping 300 Master Trainers in Herat, Kabul, and Parwan with advanced skills.

February Highlights:

- Formation of a committee in Parwan & selection of 21 SMEs in food processing & dairy sectors.
- Completion of the full curriculum package, including lesson plans & training manuals.
- Shortlisting of candidates for Master Trainer positions.
- Active participation in curriculum feedback discussions & MoU amendment meetings.

Impact:

Each trained Master Trainer will train **50** more trainers, creating a ripple effect reaching **15,000** beneficiaries!



Confectionary Center, Parwan



Dairy Center, Parwan

KNH's Project: NFIs (Winterization Assistance Packages) & FIs (Nutrition Support Packages) to Returnees

Restoring Hope for Families Returning from Pakistan & Iran



By providing immediate relief, NSDO is ensuring returnee families rebuild their lives with dignity.

With deportations continuing, **thousands of Afghan returnees** face **housing shortages, unemployment, and limited access to basic services.**

NSDO's Response in February:

- Distributed Non-Food Items (**Winter Clothing Kits to 200 families, 100 in Kunduz & 100 in Badakhshan**) & **basic necessities** to newly arrived returnees.
- Provided **nutritional supplements to 567 children**, addressing immediate malnutrition concerns.
- Expanded the **Winter Assistance Program to 300 families** in Kunduz & in Badakhshan.



Advancing Women-led Agribusiness to Reach Economic Empowerment (AWARE) Project

Islamic-Inspired Economic Development for Sustainable Livelihoods

The **AWARE** Project is transforming agricultural livelihoods through Women-led Agro-Business Collectives (WABCs) and Women Self-Help Groups (WSHG).



Key February Activities:

AWARE Annual Regional Conference (Feb 17-18):

- Over two days, stakeholders reflected on achievements & challenges in women's economic empowerment.
- Launched Phase II to scale impact & expand outreach.

Exposure Visits (Feb 11-13):

- Women entrepreneurs from Kunduz & Imam Sahib District exchanged business experiences & best practices.
- Strengthened networks & practical skills in small business development.

Commitment to Impact:

The AWARE Project is dedicated to empowering women, strengthening agricultural livelihoods, and fostering sustainable community development beyond 2025.

● Strategic Vision for Growth: NSDO's SWOT Analysis Workshop

Strengthening Our Future Through Reflection & Strategy



Key Takeaways:

Strengthened community trust, skilled workforce, and rapid emergency response. Tackled capacity gaps, funding stability, and operational challenges. Established a strategic roadmap for workforce development, financial resilience, and efficiency.

Commitment to Excellence:

The workshop reinforced NSDO's strategic direction, ensuring continuous improvement, adaptability, and innovation in humanitarian efforts.