

NEWSLETTER

Advancing Humanitarian & Development Impact in Afghanistan

Empowering Communities | Strengthening Livelihoods | Building Resilience



Newsletter Highlight

- Delivering Lifesaving Food Aid to 1,413 Vulnerable Families
- Accelerating Vocational Training Across Three Provinces
- Gender Integration – Advancing Equity Through All Programs
- Strengthening Vocational Skills & Livelihoods in Takhar and Kunduz

● WFP Seasonal Food Assistance & Hotspot Response – Takhar Province

Delivering Lifesaving Food Aid to 1,413 Vulnerable Families

Districts Covered: Khwaja Bahauddin & Dasht-e-Qala

Total Households Reached in May: 1,413 HHs

In collaboration with WFP, NSDO continued to provide lifesaving food assistance and rapid response in hotspot areas of Takhar.

Key Highlights – May 2025:

1. Hotspot Response – Dasht-e-Qala:

- 592 households assessed via MODA & SCOPE-registered.
- Community awareness sessions conducted with elders & CFACs.
- Strong support received from local authorities.

2. Khwaja Bahauddin Emergency Distribution:

- 821 households targeted | 817 received full rations.
- Reallocation of remaining stock ensured full utilization
- Distributions conducted May 3–7.

3. Community Engagement & Accountability:

- Market spot checks conducted to prevent resale of aid.
- Pre-distribution awareness sessions held with elders, CFACs & mullahs.
- Beneficiaries informed of donor/CRM mechanisms on-site.

Next Steps:

Continued close coordination with FSAC, UNOCHA, DRRD & DoEC to ensure an accountable, dignified response.

● EmpowerED: Elevating Trainer Expertise in Afghanistan Project

Accelerating Vocational Training Across Three Provinces

In May, NSDO and its partners made significant progress toward transforming Afghanistan's TVET system.

Major Milestones – May 2025:

Surveys & Enrollment:

- Completed male surveys in Kabul & Parwan; female survey launched in Herat.
- 300 trainees enrolled across Parwan, Kabul & Herat.

Training Launches & Orientation:

- Training centers launched in Herat & Kabul.
- Official ceremonies held in Parwan (May 18) & Herat (May 21).
- Master Trainer orientation conducted online (May 20–22).

Curriculum Development:

- Development of 10 new curricula began on May 24 in collaboration with MoLSA.
- **Focus areas:** Vehicle Painting, Building Painting, Ornamental Flower Cultivation.

Support to Participants:

- Pre-tests conducted; female tests scheduled for June.
- Stationery & refreshments distributed in Herat & Parwan.
- Home-based training centers launched in Parwan for female trainees.



Female survey launched in Herat



Curricula Development workshop, NSDO & MoLSA, Kabul

Looking Ahead – June 2025:

- Finalization of female targeting in Kabul & Herat.
- Monitoring and evaluation of ongoing classes.
- Continued coordination with DoLSA for scale-up.

● Gender Integration – Advancing Equity Through All Programs

NSDO continued mainstreaming gender equity and awareness across projects and platforms.



Representation: NSDO actively participated in ACBAR Women's Working Group, WFP Gender Focal Meetings & cluster coordination platforms.

May 2025 Gender Highlights:

Capacity Building:

- Gender and GBV trainings conducted in Takhar & Kunduz.
- 15 women and community members engaged.

EmpowerED Project – Herat:

- Female beneficiary mapping initiated.
- DoEC Herat granted approval for female-focused activities.

Advocacy & Messaging:

- Gender messages integrated into MSME and EmpowerED sessions.
- Emphasis placed on culturally sensitive and Islamic-aligned gender inclusion.



MSMEs-BBKS Project – Empowering Home-Based Entrepreneurs

Strengthening Vocational Skills
& Livelihoods in Takhar and
Kunduz

In May 2025, vocational
trainings commenced in full
swing across both provinces.



Key Achievements:

Trainer Recruitment & Orientation:

- Transparent hiring process completed
- Orientation conducted on May 17 covering pedagogy, safeguarding & compliance

Training Implementation:

- Trainings launched in Tailoring, Shoemaking, Bakery, Bag-Making & Enterprise Development.
- Home-based centers ensured easy access for women.
- Trainers follow standardized lesson plans and maintain progress tools.

Commitment to Inclusion:

Online interviews ensured
accessibility for female trainer
candidates amidst mobility
constraints.

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