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Empowering Communities | Strengthening Livelihoods | Building Resilience

EmpowerED Project – Vocational Training for Youth & Women

Empowering SMEs and Vocational Trainers in Kabul, Herat & Parwan

Direct Beneficiaries: 300 (150 Female / 150 Male)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 2,000 trainees (registration ongoing)

Key Highlights – July 2025

Training Expansion

- 50 women enrolled in new vocational classes: (Herat: Bag-Making, Parwan: Curtain & Sheet Sewing)
- Male training continued in Kabul
- Home-based classes launched in Herat & Parwan

Trainer & Curriculum Development

- Refresher ToT for 50 Master Trainers
- Agricultural Machinery Repair curriculum finalized
- Updated materials distributed to all centers

Peer Learning & Mentorship

- Peer-learning groups formed
- Mentorship program in development



Success Story:

- In Herat, 25 women in the Bag-Making class produced over 150 market-ready bags, sparking interest from NGOs and businesses exploring bulk orders.

Looking Ahead August 2025:

- Finalize course modules and continue practical sessions
- Advance curriculum for new trades
- Prepare equipment lists for 33 centers
- Expand women's vocational classes
- Launch mentorship initiatives

MSMEs-BBKS Project – Enterprise & Skills Training in Kunduz & Takhar

Empowering Micro-Entrepreneurs Through Practical Training

Direct Beneficiaries: 150 (80 Female / 70 Male)

MSMEs Supported: 66 enterprises

Key Achievements – July 2025:

Vocational Training Progress

- Bag-Making: 108 of 216 hours completed
- Modules on Protection & Safety and Leather Processing finalized
- Shoemaking trainees producing sale-ready item

Enterprise Development

- Online Marketing module 69.2% complete
- Business planning and financial literacy integrated
- Technical visits conducted to improve MSME production quality

Market Linkages & Impact

- Networking events held to connect MSMEs with buyers
- Participants reporting increased confidence and initial market engagement

Success Story

- In Takhar, 10 shoemaking trainees produced 50 leather shoes, securing an advance order for another 50 pairs. This success led to the formation of a cooperative, enhancing production and market access.



Looking Ahead – August 2025

- Complete Bag-Making training hours
- Finalize Enterprise Development module
- Provide follow-up technical support to MSMEs
- Organize market fair to showcase participant products



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- To empower local capacities
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