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### **AMA Completes the First Round of Women Internship Program**

AMA successfully completed the first of the three rounds of Women Internship Program through which 75 women interns completed nine months of internship in Microfinance Institutions (MFIs).

With the completion of internship period, 35 of the women interns secured permanent jobs in MFIs where they received their internship. It is hoped that the concerned MFIs will hire the remaining interns as soon as there are employment vacancies.

The project provides opportunities for female young fresh graduates to learn the essential skills and knowledge to be able to secure jobs to start their careers in their field of expertise/interest. Similarly, the project helps MFIs to recruit young female talents who are ready to utilize their theory into practice. To celebrate the success and distribute the certificates to these graduates, a graduation ceremony was organized on September 27, 2017 in Kabul. The Deputy Chief of

Party of WIE-Promote and the Executive Director of AMA spoke about the importance of the project and encouraged the graduated interns to take active part in serving poor people of the country and their economic growth. The event was widely covered through media. AMA, through financial support of USAID's WIE-Promote project, implements the project aiming to enhance the technical and managerial skills of nearly 200 women interns in their selected fields and increase their employment in the microfinance institutions.



### **OXUS Afghanistan Launches Green Technology Product**

OXUS Afghanistan recently developed and launched a unique product, entirely for the students and academic staff of Afghanistan Universities. Supporting the academic community of Afghanistan is a new idea created by OXUS Afghanistan.

The product is designed based on Sharia principals and loans are provided through Murabea. Through this product, students and professional staff of the selected universities, in the pilot phase, will be provided loans to purchase Tablets and Laptops based on easy installments with three to nine months duration.

The main purpose of the product is to contribute in Afghanistan's higher education system development, help students have access to online learning opportunities/materials/libraries and minimize utilization of photocopied notes and papers in order to protect the environment, through provision of Laptops and Tablets.

For the time being, the product is offered in a tripartite partnership agreement with Blue Sonic and Karwan University. Upon successful completion of the pilot phase, OXUS Afghanistan is committed to implement the product in partnership with other universities.



### **AMA Conducts Agriculture Credit Risk Management Training**

Through financial support of USAID's Agriculture Credit Enhancement Support Program (ACE-II), Afghanistan Microfinance Association (AMA) organized a five-day training on Agriculture Credit Risk Management during September 24 –28, 2017 in Kabul. The training aimed to build the capacity of member organizations' employees, in particular, those who are involved in agricultural credit. 17 participants from AMA member organizations' staff attended the training. Important topics; Agriculture Credit Risks and its Categories, Agriculture Value Chain Analysis and Mapping, Key Policies for Risk Management, Procedures for Effective delivery of Agriculture based loans at Minimal Risks, Loan Portfolio and Delinquency Management in Agriculture Credit and Institutional Capacity to mitigate Risks, were covered during the training. The training was delivered through an international trainer.

The participants were happy about the training and 92% of them stated that their goals and expectations are met. Certificates of participation were awarded to the participants.

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