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Mr. Mohammad Akbar Sarwari as Executive Director joined Afghanistan Microfinance Association (AMA)



Mohammad Akbar Sarwari currently serves as Executive Director of AMA. Previously he worked as Rural Finance Specialist with the Microfinance Investment Support Facility for Afghanistan (MISFA). He has also worked with different International NGOs in different capacities as regional manager, chief finance officer and field manager.

He has over 15 years of working experience in the field of development projects and management and out of which 7 years in development finance sector of Afghanistan.

Mohammad Akbar Sarwari obtained his Master degree in public policy and administration from Washington State and Kabul University joint program in 2010 and his B.Sc. degree in Agriculture from Kabul University in the year 1999.

Hand in Hand Afghanistan Expands its Operation to More Provinces



Hand in Hand Afghanistan with financial support from GIZ, The Hilti Foundation, Australian Embassy in Kabul and Hand in Hand International, has started new projects to expand its operations and reach more vulnerable people covering Kabul, Parwan, Herat, Balkh and Bamyán provinces. These projects will support a total of 3,750 poor and marginalized people including returnees and IDPs where majority of the beneficiaries are women.

- Creating Future Economic Prospects for Reintegration of Returnees and IDPs in Herat and Bamyán provinces of Afghanistan through the Layers Poultry Value Chain:

The project aims to improve skills and capacity of 2,250 (90% female) returnees and IDPs to create 2,250 stable and income-generating layer poultry enterprises and enhance their access to market through the creation of sustainable layer poultry value chain. This project is funded by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH through the Hand in Hand International.

- Reducing poverty through entrepreneurship and female empowerment:

The project aims to support 250 women in Sholgara district of Balkh province in establishing eco-friendly beekeeping enterprises. These women will be mobilized in Self-Help Groups, trained in group management, micro-finances, business development and practical beekeeping and will

be supported to establish beekeeping micro-enterprises. This project is funded by Hand in Hand International.

- Empowering Women in Afghanistan:

The objective of this project is to economically empower and strengthen the socio-economic rights of poor rural women in Kabul, Parwan and Balkh provinces. The project targets 1,100 women whom to be trained in entrepreneurship, skills and provide support for micro-enterprise development and market linkages.

This project is implemented in partnership with Every Voice Counts (EVC) and is funded by Hilti Foundation through Hand in Hand International.

- Promoting Women's Socio-Economic Empowerment through Layer Poultry Farming:

The ultimate goal of this project is to support 150 women in establishing backyard layers poultry farms in Shaikh Abul Qader Jilani village of Nahr-e-Shahi district, Balkh province. The project is funded by Australian Embassy Kabul.



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