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Sustainable Livelihood Program- Factsheet



About Us

The Bureau for Rights-Based Development (BRD) is an Afghan non-profit, non-governmental organization established in 2002. Formerly known as the Bureau for Reconstruction and Development, BRD is committed to promoting rights-based development to foster a strong, inclusive, and pluralistic society in Afghanistan.

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SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM -FACTSHEET

AFGHANISTAN CONTEXT

Afghanistan faces extreme poverty and instability, especially in rural areas where agriculture is the primary livelihood. Decades of conflict have eroded productivity, access to resources, and resilience. The Sustainable Livelihood Program by BRD aims to address these challenges through integrated, community-driven development.

PROGRAM AIM

To build resilient, self-reliant communities by improving agricultural productivity, water management, and economic opportunities—especially for women and youth—through sustainable and participatory approaches.

KEY INTERVENTIONS

IMPROVING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY

Context: Inefficient water use and poor irrigation practices hinder crop yields and sustainability.

Aim: To build community capacity in water law and irrigation management, promoting sustainable and efficient agricultural water use.

- Community-level capacity building on water law and irrigation practices.
- Training in efficient water use and sustainable watershed management.

WATERSHED AND IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT

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WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Context: Women face limited economic opportunities and lack access to business skills and markets.

Aim: To support women entrepreneurs through training, market linkages, and showcasing opportunities, enabling sustainable income generation.

- Training in business planning, marketing, and bookkeeping.
- Support for 400+ women-led small businesses (e.g., embroidery, beekeeping).
- Market linkage development through exhibitions.

WOMEN'S KITCHEN GARDENING

Context: Afghan women need culturally appropriate ways to contribute to household nutrition and income.

Aim: To provide training and inputs for home gardening, improving food security and offering potential income from surplus produce.

- Training and input support for home-based vegetable gardening.
- Promotion of food security and income generation.

PARTICIPATORY IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT (PIM)

Context: Water governance lacks community involvement, limiting effectiveness and sustainability.

Aim: To empower local stakeholders through training and institutional support, enabling active participation in water resource management and infrastructure planning.

- Capacity development for local institutions (NVDA/MAIL, IAs, WUAs).
- Social mobilization, public awareness, and participatory planning.
- Infrastructure development in collaboration with community groups.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR YOUTH

Context: Poverty and unemployment among youth are major challenges, with limited access to practical skills.

Aim: To equip vulnerable youth with vocational skills and business support, enhancing their employment prospects and entrepreneurial potential.

- Skills training in market driven trades
- Business development and marketing support for self-employment.

PROGRAM OUTCOM

- Enhanced agricultural productivity and food security.
- Improved water resource management and community participation.
- Empowered women with sustainable businesses and income.
- Increased household nutrition and income through kitchen gardening.
- Skilled youth with better employment and entrepreneurship opportunities