

Annual Report





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Message

Mohammad Zaman Safi
Director, OAWCK

As we reflect on 2025, I feel profound gratitude and pride in OAWCK's achievements amid Afghanistan's pressing humanitarian challenges. This Annual Report testifies to our commitment to empowering women and communities, transforming adversity into opportunity through seven strategic projects reaching over 100,000 individuals across eastern and northern provinces.

From the Kunar earthquake rubble to drought-stricken Jawzjan and Balkh, and returnee needs in Laghman, our teams delivered life-saving WASH infrastructure, emergency relief, DRR protections, and sustainable livelihoods. We achieved 100% of targets—constructing water systems and latrines, distributing thousands of hygiene kits, forming WASH committees, and conducting awareness sessions—prioritizing women, children, people with disabilities, and the elderly to build enduring resilience.

This success reflects the trust of our partners—AHF, UNDP, UNICEF, Mission East, ZOA, World Relief, and Terre des Hommes—alongside national authorities and communities, ensuring transparency via PDM and FCRM, and true ownership.

To our courageous staff, who overcame access restrictions, cultural barriers, and logistical hurdles, you embody our 2009 mission: ending violence, combating poverty, and elevating Afghan women as reconstruction leaders.

Looking to the coming year, we remain resolute in scaling successes, strengthening partnerships, and innovating for deeper impact. Together, we build a resilient, empowered Afghanistan.

With deepest appreciation,



MESSAGE FROM

Farida Akhonzada

Deputy Director, OAWCK

As Deputy Director, I am profoundly moved by the resilience and unwavering spirit of the women of Afghanistan. Our achievements, from delivering numerous efficient projects, are not merely statistics; they are stories of women overcoming immense challenges, reclaiming their dignity, and building a brighter future for their families and communities.

OAWCK, as a women-led organization, stands in solidarity with every Afghan woman. We are committed to fostering environments where their voices are heard, their rights are protected, and their potential is fully realized. Our dedicated teams have navigated complex landscapes to ensure that our inclusive solutions reach those who need them most—women, children, and people with disabilities.

With immense gratitude to our partners and the communities we serve, we look forward to continuing this vital work, empowering more women to lead, innovate, and shape the future of Afghanistan.



The Organization for Afghan Women Capacity & Knowledge (OAWCK) is an Afghan, independent, nonpolitical, nonsectarian, nonprofit organization established in 2009 with registration number 1888 from the Ministry of Economy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. Initially focused on improving the capacity of Afghan women, ending violence against women and children, raising societal awareness of women and children's rights, combating child labor, alleviating mental and economic pressures caused by violence, war, and poverty, and promoting women's active participation in civil society activism, elections, and self-defense, OAWCK has evolved into a leading force in humanitarian and development programming.

With over a decade of specialized expertise in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL), and emergency response—including Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)—our operational philosophy remains rooted in community participation, inclusivity, and accountability. We ensure interventions are effective, culturally sensitive, and sustainable, empowering local communities to drive their own development and foster long-term resilience.



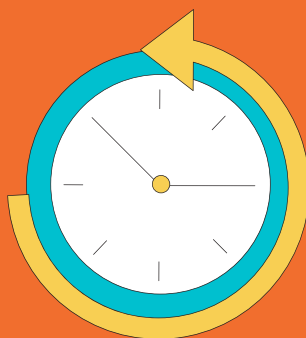
Vision

To Protect, and Promote Women's & Child Rights through Achieving Sustainable Development Goals 2030.



Mission

A gender inclusive, equitable, hunger free and healthy society through women social, economic and political empowerment, child rights protection, capacity building, WASH, Agri support & environmental protection, humanitarian assistance and renewable energy interventions



Past Experience

OAWCK has implemented more than 60 projects since its establishment in 2010 and thus served thousands of Afghans over the past 15 years in many provinces of Afghanistan.

Executive Summary

The Organization for Afghan Women Capacity & Knowledge (OAWCK) presents its 2025 Annual Report, highlighting our pivotal role in delivering humanitarian relief and sustainable development across Afghanistan's eastern and northern provinces. As a women-led local NGO with over a decade of expertise in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL), Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), and emergency response, OAWCK implemented seven strategic projects addressing the devastating 6.0-magnitude earthquake in Kunar, returnee crises, severe drought, and protracted conflict in regions including Kunar, Nangarhar, Balkh, Jawzjan, and Laghman. Through participatory needs assessments and robust coordination with UN agencies such as UNDP, UNOCHA, and UNICEF, alongside authorities like MRRD, DoE, and PRRD, our community-centered initiatives prioritized vulnerable populations—women, children, the elderly, and people with disabilities—while upholding accountability through Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM) and Feedback/Complaint Response Mechanisms (FCRM).

In eastern Afghanistan, OAWCK's UNDP-supported post-earthquake DRR and irrigation restoration rehabilitated critical infrastructure and constructed protective gabion walls in Dare Noor District via Cash-for-Work, mitigating flood risks and enhancing resilience. Rapid responses to the August 2025 earthquake—which destroyed shelters, roads, clinics, and agriculture—delivered blankets, food packages, hygiene and solar kits, and multipurpose cash to thousands of displaced households across Khas Kunar, Sawkai, Nurgal, and Chapa Dara districts, achieving high PDM satisfaction.

OAWCK's WASH portfolio strengthened public health in Balkh, Jawzjan, and Laghman through three targeted interventions. In Balkh Province, initiatives constructed solar-powered and gravity-fed water systems

plus accessible communal latrines in schools and health centers across Charkent, Keshendeh, and Dawlatabad, complemented by hygiene kits and awareness sessions on Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD) prevention, Gender-Based Violence (GBV), and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA); trained WASH Technical Committees with maintenance toolkits ensured sustainability. Parallel efforts in Balkh and Jawzjan rehabilitated water networks and public sanitation facilities, while the WASH Initiative in Laghman, Jawzjan, and Balkh addressed returnees in Alingar and Qarghayi plus drought-affected Shiberghan, Khanaqa, and Chemtal through repaired handwashing facilities and pipe schemes, hygiene/psychosocial sessions, radio messages, and supplementary cluster aid.

In Nangarhar's conflict-impacted Kot, Batikot, and Spinghar districts, the Afghanistan Joint Response advanced FSL and protection via transparent Beneficiary Selection Committees, providing Income Generation Activities, multipurpose cash for ultra-poor households, case management, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), and Psychosocial Support (PSS) for at-risk children, alongside awareness sessions and Arzakht Radio campaigns combating exploitation and promoting hygiene.

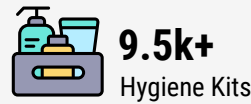
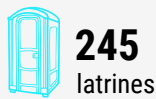
These initiatives rehabilitated infrastructure, empowered communities through local committees, and drove behavioral change via awareness efforts, navigating access restrictions, cultural barriers, and logistical challenges with adaptive, gender-sensitive strategies. OAWCK's commitment to inclusivity, transparency, and ownership underscores our essential contributions to Afghanistan's humanitarian ecosystem, laying foundations for expanded resilience and partnerships.

Introduction

For over a decade, the Organization for Afghan Women Capacity & Knowledge (OAWCK) has been a leading force in humanitarian and development efforts across Afghanistan. Our foundational mission is to empower Afghan women and communities by enhancing their capacities and knowledge, enabling them to actively participate in and lead the reconstruction and development of their nation.



This 2025 Annual Report meticulously outlines the outcomes and impacts of our seven strategic projects, reflecting our steadfast dedication to transparency, effectiveness, and sustainable change. In a context marked by natural disasters like the devastating Kunar earthquake, returnee crises, drought, persistent economic hardship, and profound humanitarian needs in provinces including Kunar, Nangarhar, Balkh, Jawzjan, and Laghman, Amid access constraints and cultural complexities, OAWCK's adaptive strategies not only met urgent humanitarian demands but also built long-term capacities for health, economic security, and protection—empowering Afghan communities to thrive against adversity.



Infrastructure & Systems:

Constructed/rehabilitated 11 water facilities (including 2 solar-powered, 1 gravity-fed), 245 latrines/handwashing facilities (150 household, 45 communal, 50 public, 18 handwashing), and 10 pipe schemes/gabion walls over 20 districts, directly serving tens of thousands with sustainable access to clean water and sanitation.

Direct Distributions

Provided 9,500+ hygiene kits, 295 food packages, 110 solar lighting systems, thousands of blankets, and multipurpose cash (across 9600+ households), plus supplementary cluster Aqua Tabs reaching 2,500+ extra beneficiaries.



Community Empowerment

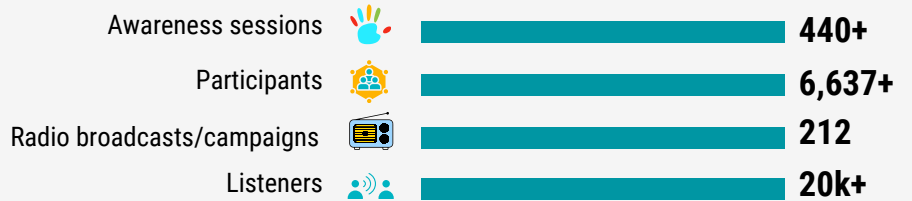


- Established and trained 8 WASH committees (totaling 40+ members) with maintenance toolkits.
- Empowered 245 families through Income Generation Activities and 65 ultra-vulnerable households with cash assistance.



Awareness & Protection

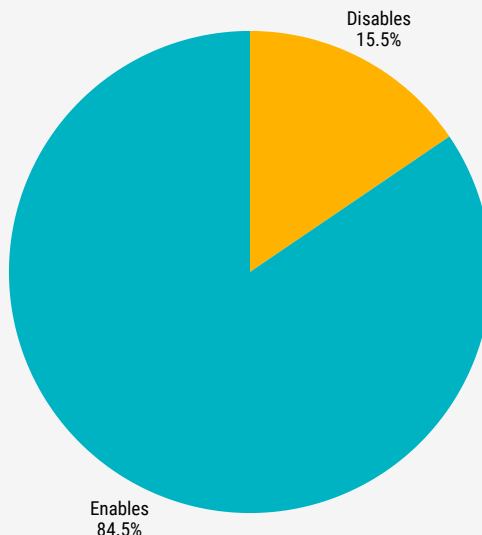
Conducted 440+ awareness sessions reaching 6,637+ participants (including 2,100 from hygiene education, 2,537 from child protection/hygiene) on AWD prevention, GBV, PSEA, child rights; delivered 212 radio broadcasts/campaigns reaching ~20,000+ listeners; provided case management/MHPSS/PSS to 42 at-risk children.



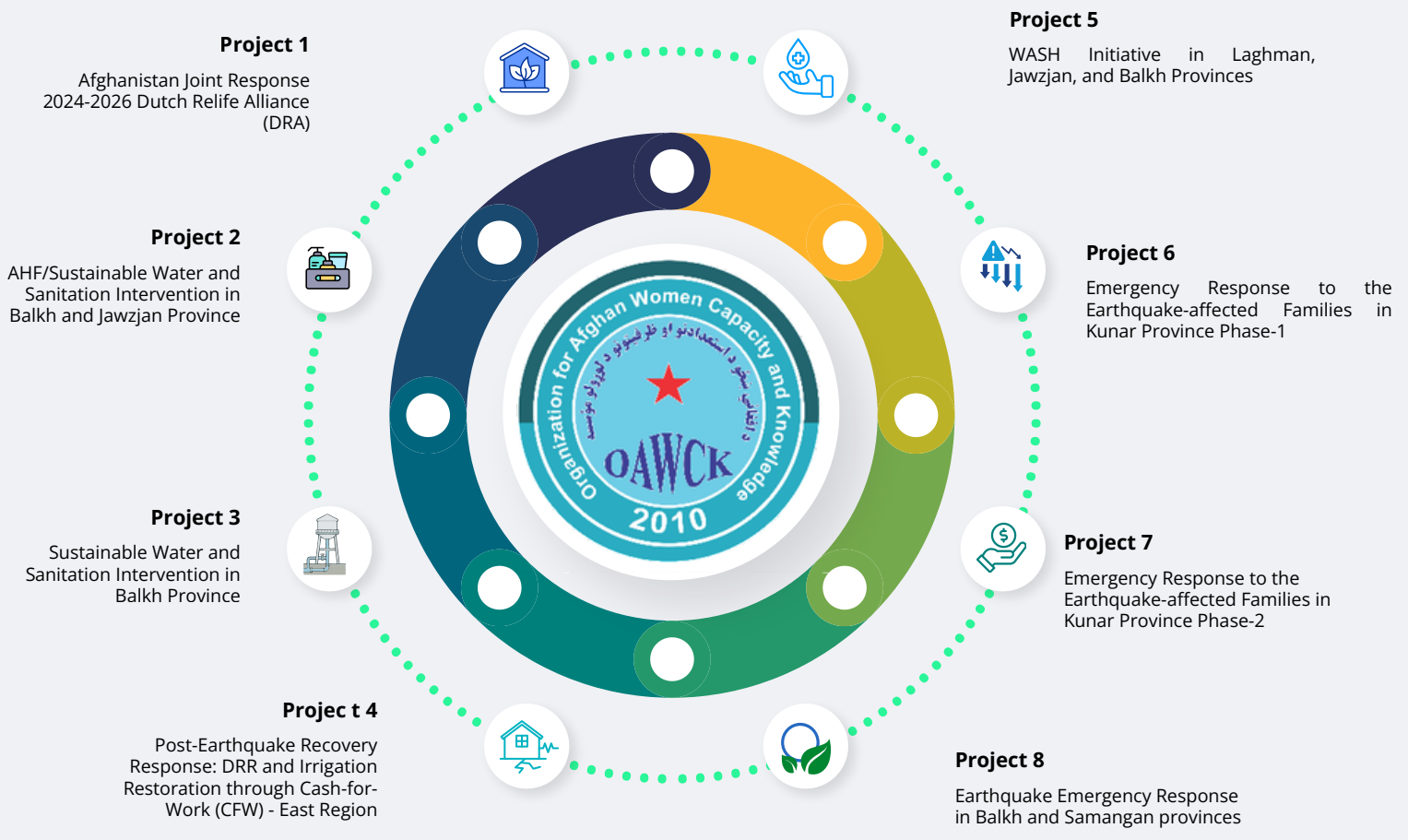
Inclusivity

Reached over 100,000 total beneficiaries, with 5,926+ people with disabilities across projects (15-16% in WASH initiatives, 2-8% in emergency response) –

Prioritizing women, children, elderly through accessible designs and transparent Beneficiary Selection Committees.



Projects Implemented in 2025



Programmatic Achievements: Detailed Project Reports

This section provides an in-depth analysis of the seven key projects undertaken by OAWCK during the reporting period, highlighting their objectives, methodologies, achievements, and the tangible impact on beneficiary communities.



Afghanistan Joint Response (AFJR) 2024–2026

Project Start Date

1-Jul-24

Budget

919000 EURO

Donor

DRA

Project End Date

31-Dec-26

Project Overview and Context

This multi-year initiative represents a comprehensive effort to address the critical economic and protection needs of communities in Nangarhar Province, which have been severely impacted by decades of conflict. Moreover, these districts (Kot, Batikoot, Spinghar) have been heavily impacted by conflicts involving the Taliban, ISIS, and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIROA)/government. The residents of these districts have suffered significant losses and casualties across various aspects of their lives. The communities in these regions have lost their means of livelihood, leaving the majority without any sources of income and making them severely vulnerable.

In addition, these communities were in desperate and urgent need of economic assistance, particularly from the international community and donors. The current levels of joblessness and the lack of business opportunities, specifically in these districts, have further intensified the plight of the poor and vulnerable populations. At present, the targeted communities are dealing with numerous economic challenges and require support from international communities and other donors in both emergency and developmental contexts.

As a women-led organization, OAWCK's involvement in the AFJR reflects its commitment to gender-sensitive programming in Food Security & Livelihood (FSL), Multi-Purpose Cash (MPC), and **Child Protection** to build long-term resilience and foster sustainable development.



Key Objectives

01

Restore livelihoods

02

Provide immediate economic relief.

03

Protect vulnerable children from exploitation and abuse.

04

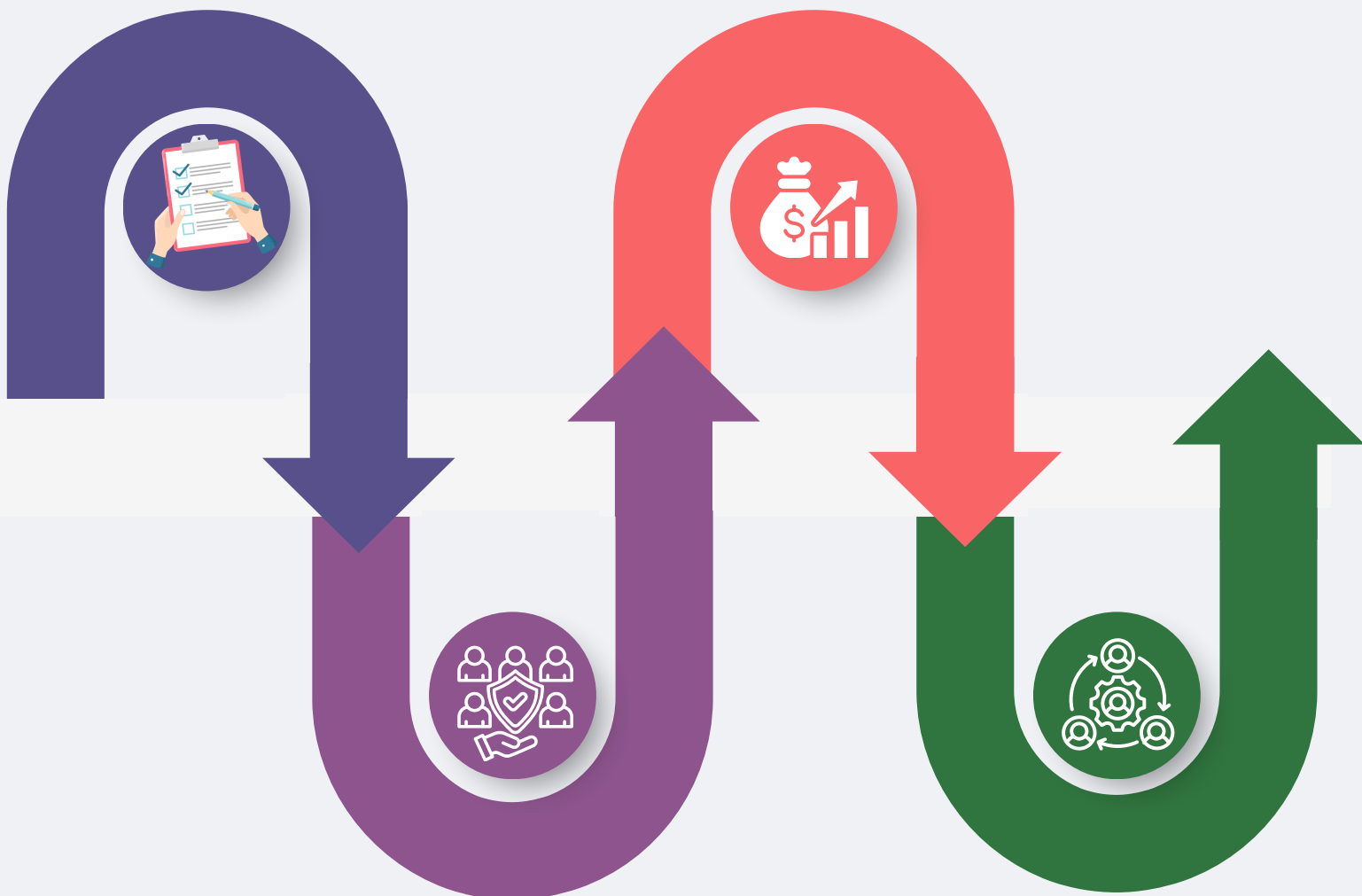
Raise community awareness on critical social and health issues.

Methodology

The project commenced with a comprehensive baseline door-to-door survey to identify deprived and vulnerable residents and assess community needs. A Beneficiary Selection Committee (BSC), comprising representatives from government departments, community elders, and partners, ensured transparent and accountable beneficiary identification. Income Generation Activities (IGA) were selected based on marketability, profitability, and sustainability. The project also emphasized strong coordination with relevant directorates, district authorities, and community representatives, alongside continuous risk assessment and mitigation.

door-to-door survey

Selected Income Generation Activities



Beneficiary Selection Committee

coordination with stakeholders

Key Achievements

The project achieved significant milestones in Food Security & Livelihood (FSL), 245 vulnerable families received Income Generation Activities (IGA) tailored to their choices and market feasibility, ensuring sustainable livelihoods. Concurrently, 65 ultra-vulnerable households, including those headed by elderly individuals, widows, or orphans, received unconditional cash assistance (MPC) to meet their urgent needs. In the realm of Child Protection, 42 children identified as being at risk of exploitation and harm received specialized case management, including Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) and Psychosocial Support (PSS). Furthermore, 2,537 community members (comprising 900 females and 1,637 males) actively participated in awareness-raising sessions focused on child protection, hygiene promotion, and broader community engagement. The activities undertaken have significantly contributed to the resilience of communities by promoting self-sufficiency and economic stability. By providing agricultural inputs, vocational training, and support for income-generating activities, families are better equipped to produce their own food and generate sustainable income, reducing their dependence on external aid. The multipurpose cash transfers have given beneficiaries the financial flexibility to address their immediate needs, enhancing their ability to cope with unforeseen challenges. Overall, these interventions have fostered a sense of empowerment and strengthened the social and economic fabric of the communities, making them more resilient to future shocks and stresses.

245 vulnerable households received Income Generation Activities IGA.



65 ultra-vulnerable households, including those headed by elderly individuals, widows, or orphans, received unconditional cash



42 children identified as being at risk of exploitation and harm received specialized case management



2,537 community members (comprising 900 females and 1,637 males) participated in awareness-raising sessions focused on child protection and hygiene promotion.





Distribution of food & livelihood (IGA), in Kot Districts, Nangarhar Province

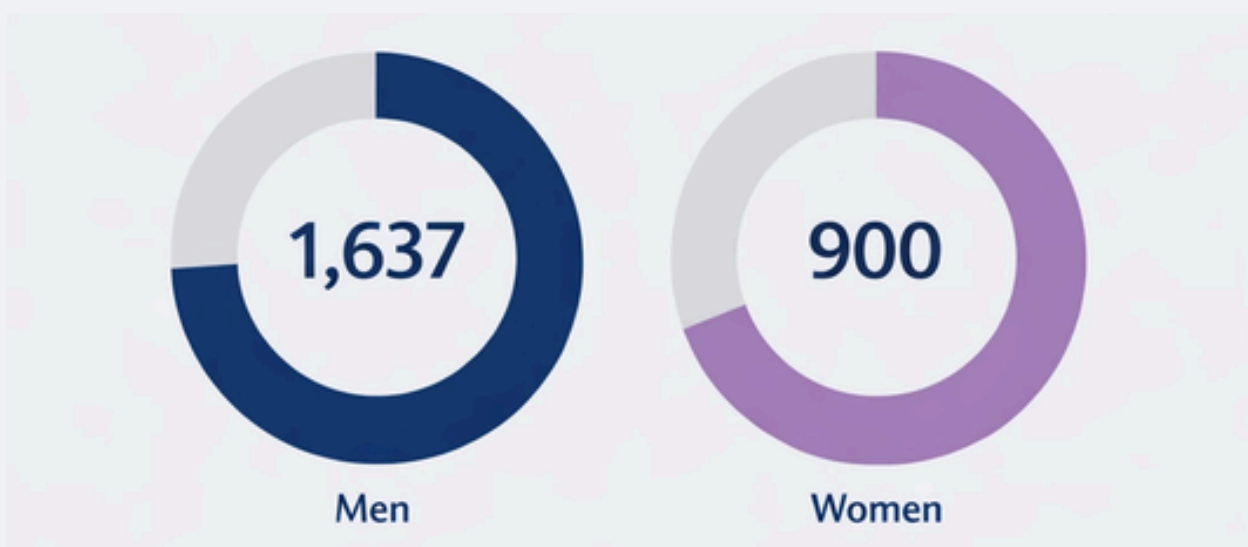


A Disabled man receives cash as part of the MCP program

Impact and Coordination

The project fostered significant community empowerment through the establishment of a Beneficiary Selection Committee (BSC) that actively involved local authorities and elders, ensuring local ownership and relevance. The selection of IGAs based on marketability and profitability was crucial for ensuring long-term economic stability and sustainability. OAWCK's leadership role as the provincial co-lead for AFJR facilitated monthly coordination meetings and promoted the sharing of best practices among partners, enhancing overall program effectiveness. Despite facing challenges such as restrictions on female staff's work and logistical delays due to late contract signing and fund receipt, the project successfully navigated these obstacles to achieve 100% of its planned targets for the reporting period, demonstrating remarkable resilience and adaptability.

Awareness-raising sessions focused on child protection and hygiene promotion.





Sustainable Water and Sanitation Intervention in Balkh and Jawzjan Provinces

Project Start Date

1-Oct-25

Budget

697,601 USD

Donor

AHF

Project End Date

31-May-25



Project Overview and Context

This vital project was designed to address critical gaps in access to safe drinking water, adequate sanitation facilities, and essential hygiene services for vulnerable communities residing in northern Afghanistan. The project's design was meticulously informed by a participatory needs assessment conducted by OAWCK, in close consultation with local communities, including people with disabilities, to ensure maximum inclusivity, ownership, and long-term sustainability.



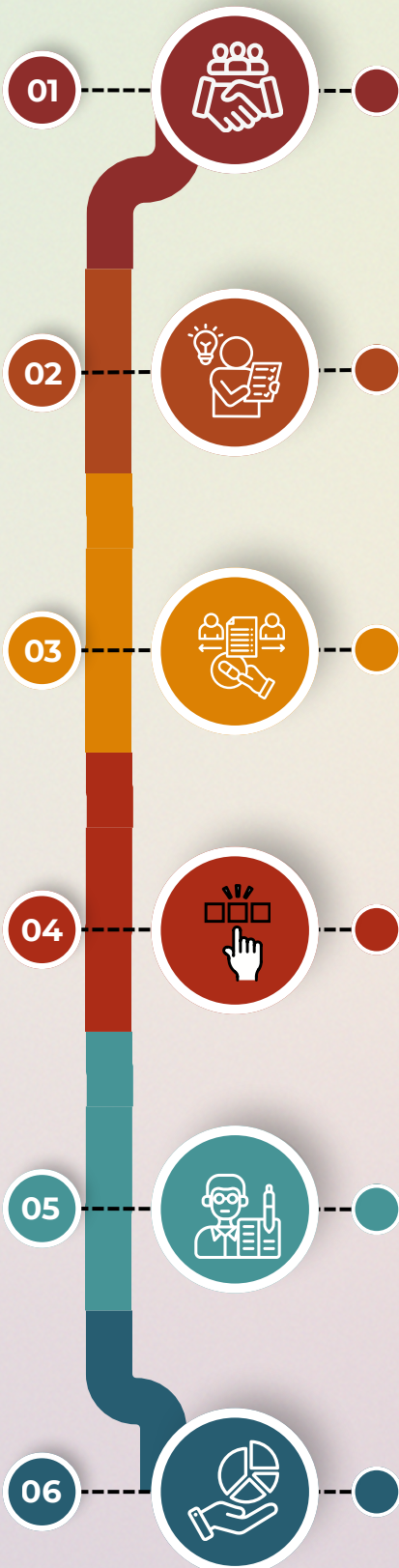


■ Key Objectives

The overarching goal was to improve public health and living conditions by enhancing access to WASH services, reducing the incidence of waterborne diseases, and promoting sustainable hygiene practices within the targeted districts.

Methodology

OAWCK's approach emphasized community engagement and a thorough needs assessment process. This ensured that interventions were tailored to specific local contexts and needs. The selection of districts was based on critical WASH needs and recommendations from relevant provincial authorities, ensuring strategic allocation of resources.



Engage the community to understand local priorities and conditions.

Conduct a thorough needs assessment to identify the most pressing WASH gaps.

Tailor interventions to local context so the response fits specific district needs.

Select districts based on critical WASH needs rather than using a general approach.

Incorporate recommendations from provincial authorities in the selection process.

Allocate resources strategically to the most vulnerable and high-need areas.

Specific Activities and Outputs

The project successfully rehabilitated five water systems and networks, directly benefiting 4,550 individuals by providing improved access to safe drinking water. In parallel, 50 basic sanitation facilities were constructed in public spaces, serving an estimated 5,000 people and improving public health standards. To promote hygiene, 2,500 hygiene kits were distributed to 2,500 households, reaching a total of 17,500 individuals. Complementing these distributions, 125 hygiene promotion sessions were delivered, focusing on critical topics such as general hygiene practices, Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD) prevention, Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) prevention.

Key Activities



01

Rehabilitation of five water systems and networks to improve access to safe drinking water.



02

Construction of 50 basic sanitation facilities in public spaces.



03

Distribution of 2,500 hygiene kits to 2,500 households.



04

Delivery of 125 hygiene promotion sessions.



05

Awareness-raising on hygiene practices, AWD prevention, PSEA, and GBV prevention.



Impact and Beneficiaries:

The project directly benefited a total of 27,050 individuals. Notably, 4,328 people with disabilities, constituting 16% of the total beneficiaries, received equitable and inclusive access to WASH services, underscoring the project's commitment to leaving no one behind. OAWCK's extensive experience in WASH programming and its strong partnerships with UNOCHA/AHF and UNICEF were pivotal in ensuring the effective and sustainable delivery of these crucial services.

This project directly benefited a total of **27050** Individuals.



Notably, **4328** people with disabilities constituting 16% of the total beneficiaries



The picture shows the OAWCK team distributing hygiene kits in Uzbakia Afghanistan-Kolabaf village, Aqcha District, Jawzjan Province.



Sustainable Water and Sanitation Intervention in Balkh Province

Project Start Date

1-Aug-25

Budget

499,681.44 USD

Donor

AHF

Project End Date

31-Mar-26

Project Overview and Context

This intervention was specifically designed to improve access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene within three districts of Balkh Province. The project distinguished itself by achieving 100% of its planned targets, a testament to timely mobilization and robust coordination with local authorities and community leaders, ensuring efficient and effective implementation.



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A child receives a hygiene kit in Charkent district, Balkh province

Key Objectives

The project aimed to enhance public health and living standards by providing sustainable WASH infrastructure and promoting healthy hygiene behaviors, with a particular emphasis on accessibility for people with disabilities.

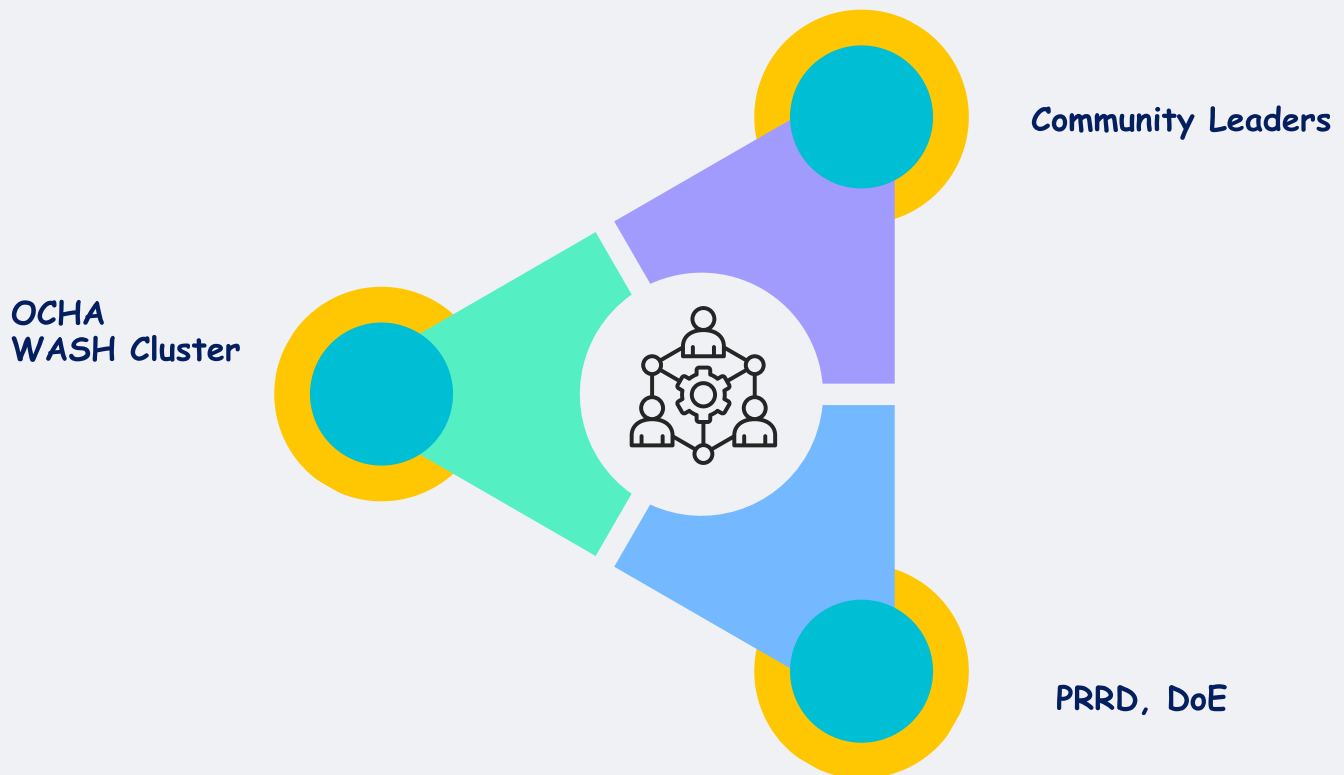


A woman with a disability receives a hygiene kit.

Methodology

The project's success was underpinned by strong coordination and stakeholder engagement. This included regular meetings with OCHA, the WASH Cluster, PRRD, DoE, district authorities, and community leaders. Beneficiary selection and site identification were completed based on vulnerability criteria and approvals from relevant government departments, ensuring that assistance reached those most in need.

Strong coordination with stakeholders



Specific Activities and Outputs

Three water supply systems were constructed and operationalized, achieving 100% completion. This included two solar-powered systems in Dawlatabad and Keshendeh, and one gravity-fed system in Charkent, all of which are now fully functional and providing reliable water access. In terms of sanitation, 45 communal latrines were constructed in schools and healthcare centers, with 15 latrines in use in each district. These facilities were designed with consideration for accessibility to people with disabilities. Furthermore, 2,100 households (700 per district) received hygiene kits.

Hygiene promotion activities were successfully implemented through 105 awareness sessions (35 per district), conducted by trained male and female mobilizers. These sessions educated 2,100 participants on hygiene practices, AWD control, PSEA, and GBV prevention. To ensure long-term sustainability, three WASH Technical Committees, each comprising five members, were established, trained, and equipped with toolkits for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the facilities.



Solar Powered water System, Constructed in Dawlat Abad District, Balkh Province

Three water supply systems were constructed

**two solar-powered
one gravity-fed**

45 communal latrines were constructed

**15 latrines in use
in each district.**



This Photo shows a newly constructed household laterine





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105 awareness sessions conducted by trained male and female mobilizers, covering hygiene practices, GBV, safeguarding, and AWD prevention, 35 sessions in each district



During Hygiene promotion Awareness Session in Balkh Province



Awareness sessions were conducted in targeted communities to promote hygiene practices, safeguarding, GBV prevention, and AWD prevention.





WASH Initiative in Laghman, Jawzjan, and Balkh Provinces

Project Start Date

1-Jul-24

Budget

498,533 USD

Donor

AHF

Project End Date

28-Feb-26

Project Overview and Context

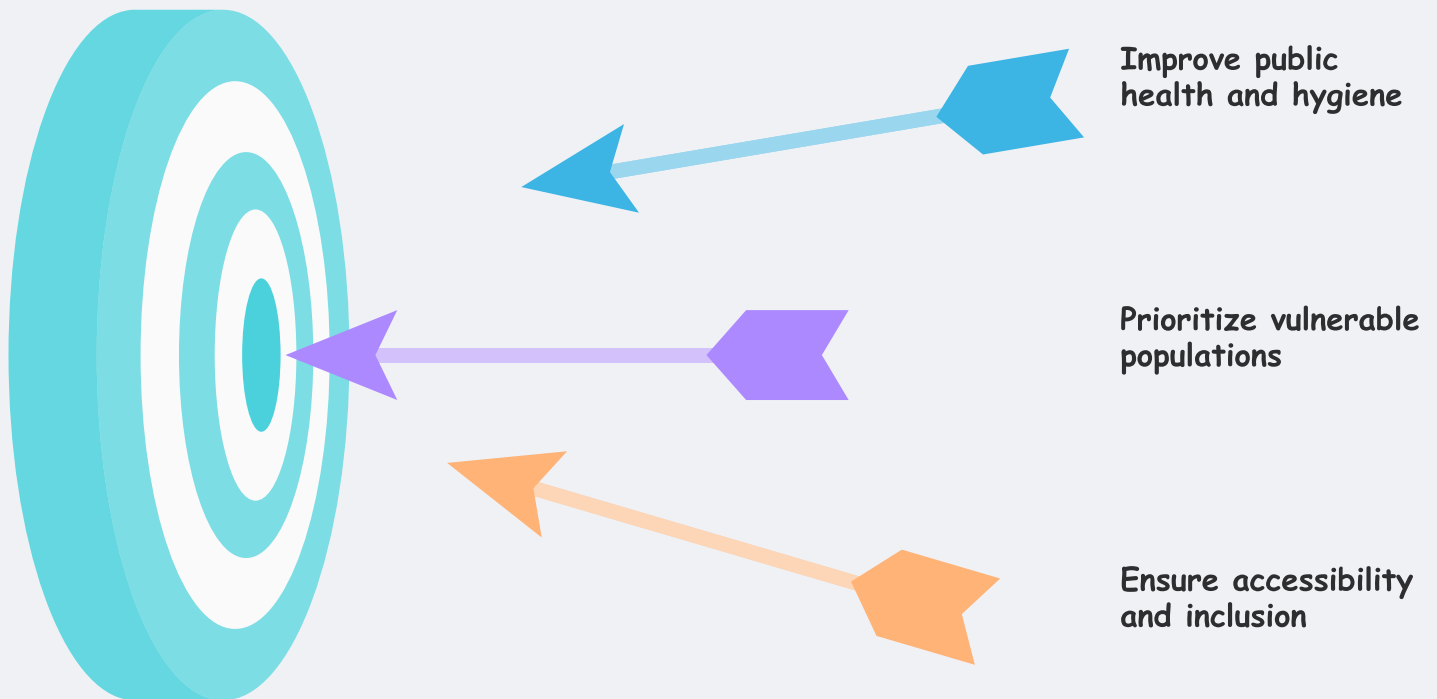
The WASH Initiative in Laghman, Jawzjan, and Balkh Provinces is a comprehensive project designed to significantly enhance the WASH infrastructure and services in these regions. This project serves as a proactive measure to mitigate the risk of Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD) outbreaks, ensuring that communities have reliable access to essential sanitation facilities and clean water. It represents a joint response addressing the needs of returnees in Laghman province and the drought response in Jawzjan and Balkh provinces.



A newly constructed water tap in the Baba Ali Village Shiberghan District, Jawzjan Province

Key Objectives

The primary objective is to improve public health and hygiene through targeted WASH interventions, focusing on vulnerable populations including returnees and those in drought-affected areas, while ensuring accessibility for people with disabilities.

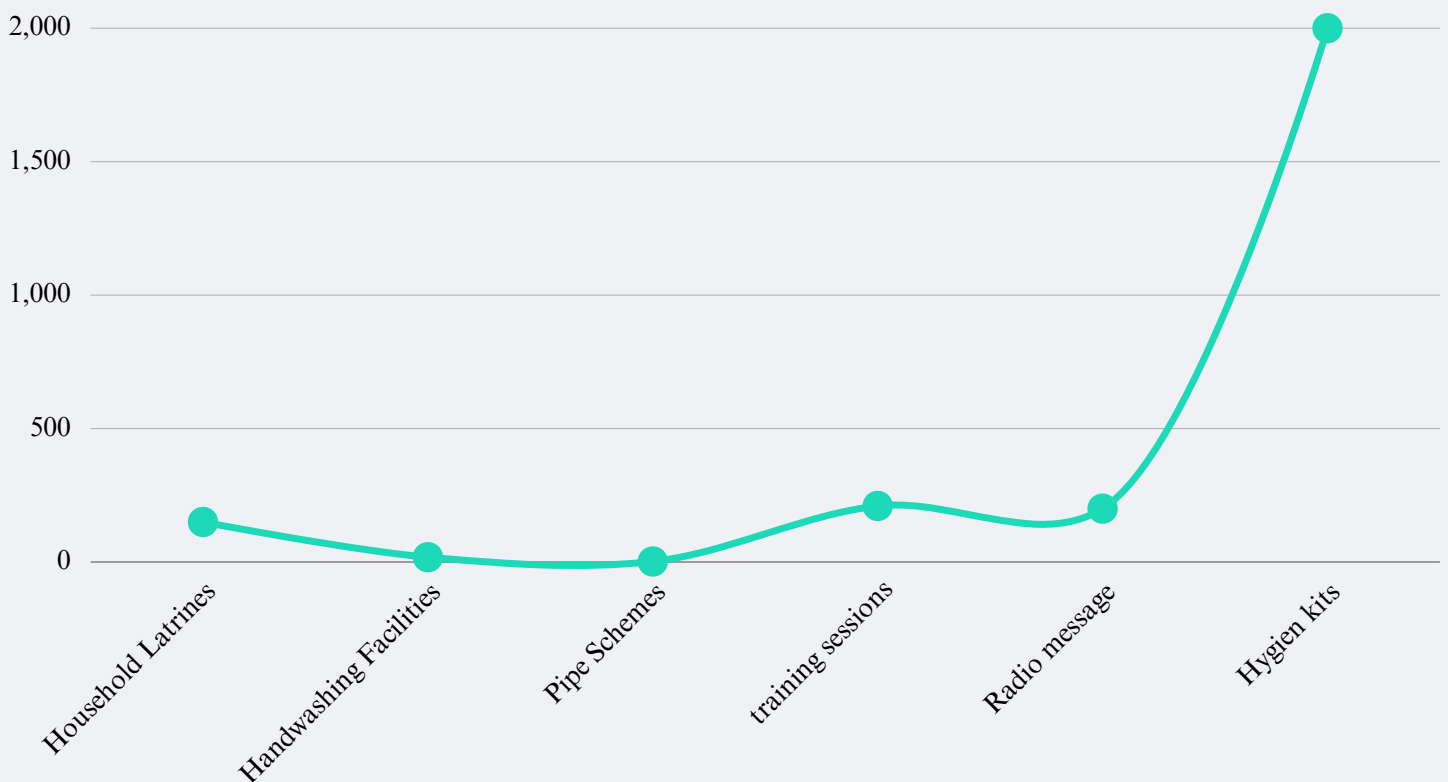


Methodology

The project design was governed by a comprehensive **needs assessment** where OAWCK **consulted with target communities**, including people with disabilities, to ensure the project responds to the most pressing needs and fosters ownership and sustainability. The implementation involved **robust coordination** with provincial and district **authorities**, ensuring effective collaboration. **Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM)** and regular project oversight were conducted to maintain progress and **ensure impact**.

Specific Activities and Outputs

The project successfully completed the construction of 150 household latrines across all targeted districts, providing better access to safe and hygienic sanitation. Additionally, 18 handwashing facilities were rehabilitated to encourage proper hygiene and reduce disease spread. Two critical pipe schemes were restored to operational status, ensuring a reliable supply of clean water. To support sustainability, two WASH committees were established, trained, and provided with maintenance toolkits. The project also conducted 210 hygiene and psychosocial support sessions and broadcast 200 radio messages to raise awareness on hygiene, AWD prevention, and general health practices.





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These pictures show hygiene kit distribution and hygiene promotion sessions during the project.



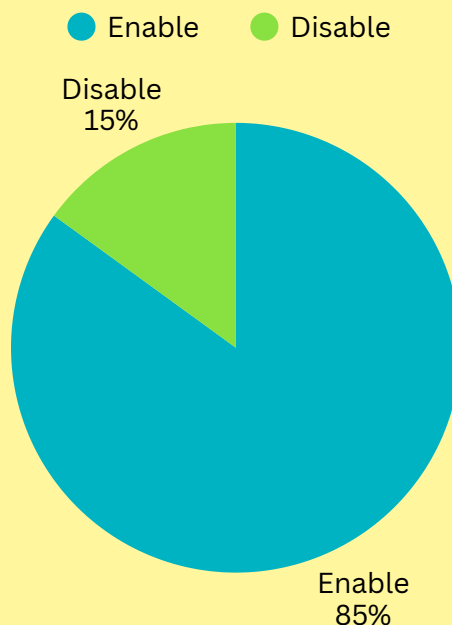


The Picture Shows: disabled beneficiary feeling happy after receive his hygiene kit from OAWCK Organization in Shiberghan District of Jawzjan Province.

Impact and Beneficiaries

The project directly benefited a total of 17,900 individuals, including 15% people with disabilities, ensuring a far-reaching impact on the health and well-being of the target communities. The establishment of WASH committees and the provision of toolkits empowered local community members to manage and oversee water supply systems effectively, promoting long-term sustainability.

Beneficiaries





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This photo shows a newly constructed stand tap for a solar-powered piped water system.



Post-Earthquake Recovery Response: DRR and Irrigation Restoration through Cash-for-Work (CFW) - East Region

Project Start Date
15-Oct-25

Budget
230,000 USD

Donor
UNDP

Project End Date
15-Jun-26

Project Overview and Context

Following the devastating earthquake impacts in the eastern region, this project was strategically designed to support early recovery efforts. It focused on critical Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) interventions and the rehabilitation of essential irrigation infrastructure. The project adopted a Cash-for-Work (CFW) modality, which not only facilitated infrastructure development but also provided immediate economic relief to affected households.



Women working on gabion fence Preparation under the Cash-for-Work program.

One of the objectives was to provide short-term employment opportunities to earthquake-affected populations.



Key Objectives

The primary objectives included restoring critical community infrastructure, significantly reducing vulnerability to future natural hazards, providing short-term employment opportunities to earthquake-affected populations, and strengthening the long-term resilience of these communities against environmental shocks.



Methodology

The CFW approach was central to the project's implementation. This methodology ensured that recovery efforts were inclusive and economically impactful by providing immediate income support to vulnerable households. It also fostered a strong sense of community ownership and participation in the reconstruction process, while simultaneously developing practical skills among participants through hands-on engagement in infrastructure works. All works were implemented in line with approved engineering designs and quality standards and norms, ensuring durability and sustainability.

Since 2010



OAWCK conducted OHS and PSEA training for 40 male Cash-for-Work beneficiaries and Female DRR training in Sutan Village, Dari Noor District.



Specific Activities and Outputs

The project achieved 100% completion of all planned infrastructure activities. In Dare Noor District, gabion wall construction was successfully completed at all targeted sites, including the Sutan Lamatak Bridge, Bulbul China, and Bamba Kot. These protective structures were strategically constructed to reduce flood risks and safeguard key infrastructure, enhancing environmental stability. Concurrently, in Noorgal District, the canal rehabilitation component was fully completed, specifically for the Masood Jarando and Wader Watan canals. These interventions significantly improved irrigation systems vital for local livelihoods, contributing to increased agricultural productivity and efficient water management. Furthermore, a Female DRR training was conducted in Sutan Village in November 2025, empowering women with essential disaster preparedness knowledge.

100%





Gabion wall construction and canal rehabilitation have significantly improved irrigation systems, supporting local livelihoods, increasing agricultural productivity, and enhancing water management.

Impact and Outcomes

The successful delivery of this project resulted in enhanced protection of communities against floods and erosion, significantly improved agricultural conditions through reliable irrigation, and crucial economic recovery support via the Cash-for-Work opportunities. These outcomes collectively increased community confidence in their ability to recover and build resilience against future disasters.



Emergency Response to the Earthquake-affected Families in Kunar Province Phase-1

Project Start Date

20-Sep-25

Budget

35,000 EUR

Donor

Mission East/ZOA

Project End Date

19-Oct-25

Project Overview and Context

This emergency intervention was a rapid and critical response initiated following a 6.0-magnitude earthquake on August 31, 2025, which inflicted significant casualties and widespread infrastructure damage across Kunar Province. The project's immediate objective was to deliver life-saving humanitarian assistance to the most vulnerable households affected by the disaster.



Blankets are distributed to earthquake-affected households in Khas Kunar district, Kunar province, as part of humanitarian assistance.

Key Objectives

The primary goals were to provide immediate relief in the form of essential non-food items, food assistance, and hygiene support, thereby reducing further vulnerability and supporting early recovery in the earthquake-affected areas.



Verification is underway in Nurgal district, Kunar province, to ensure accurate support for earthquake-affected households.

Methodology

OAWCK played an active role in joint assessment teams to identify the most urgent needs. Following these assessments and coordination meetings, funding support was secured. The intervention prioritized vulnerable categories such as women, children, elderly persons, and people with disabilities, ensuring inclusiveness and addressing specific needs. Coordination was maintained with local authorities, humanitarian clusters, and other organizations to avoid duplication and maximize impact.



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Methodology



Specific Activities and Distributions

The project successfully distributed essential relief items to targeted beneficiaries. This included 185 vulnerable households (identified as having 7–9 members and living in tents during winter) who each received three double-size blankets (200cm x 240cm, 4 kg, double layer, 100% polyester) to protect against cold weather. Concurrently, 185 households received comprehensive food packages, which included wheat flour (89 kg), domestic rice (21 kg), vegetable oil (7 liters), pulses (9 kg), salt (1 kg), and BP5 biscuits for children, supporting household food security. Furthermore, 290 households received hygiene kits, comprising soap, sanitary items, jerry cans, and other cluster standard items, distributed across AndarLachak camp, Lamkanda village, and Damishgal camp, improving personal and household hygiene and reducing health risks.

185 vulnerable households received Blankets.



290 households received hygiene kits



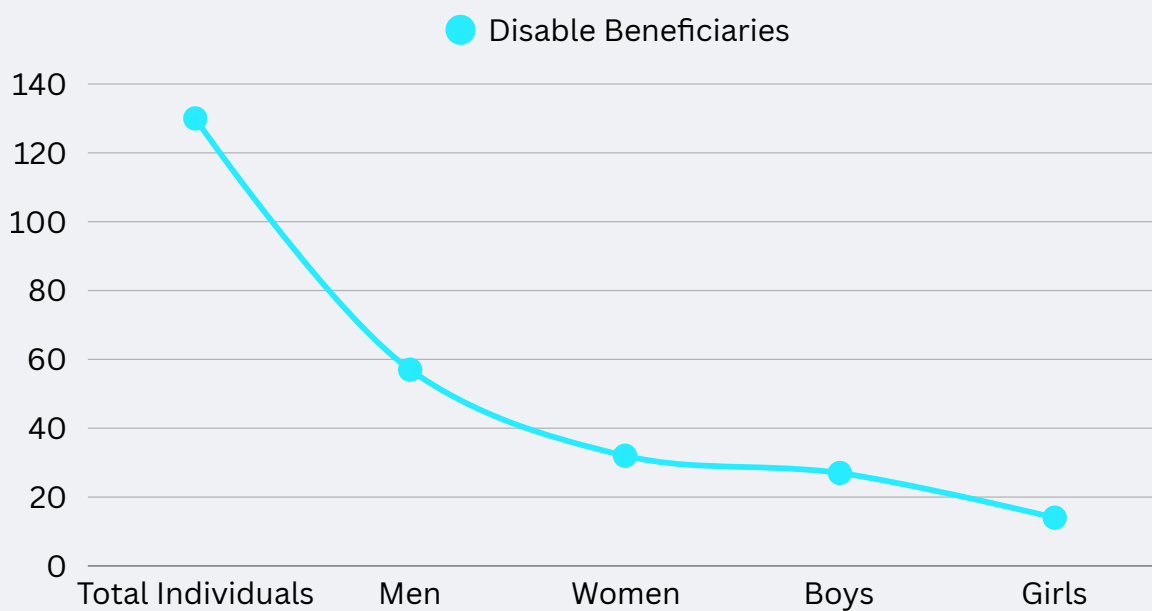
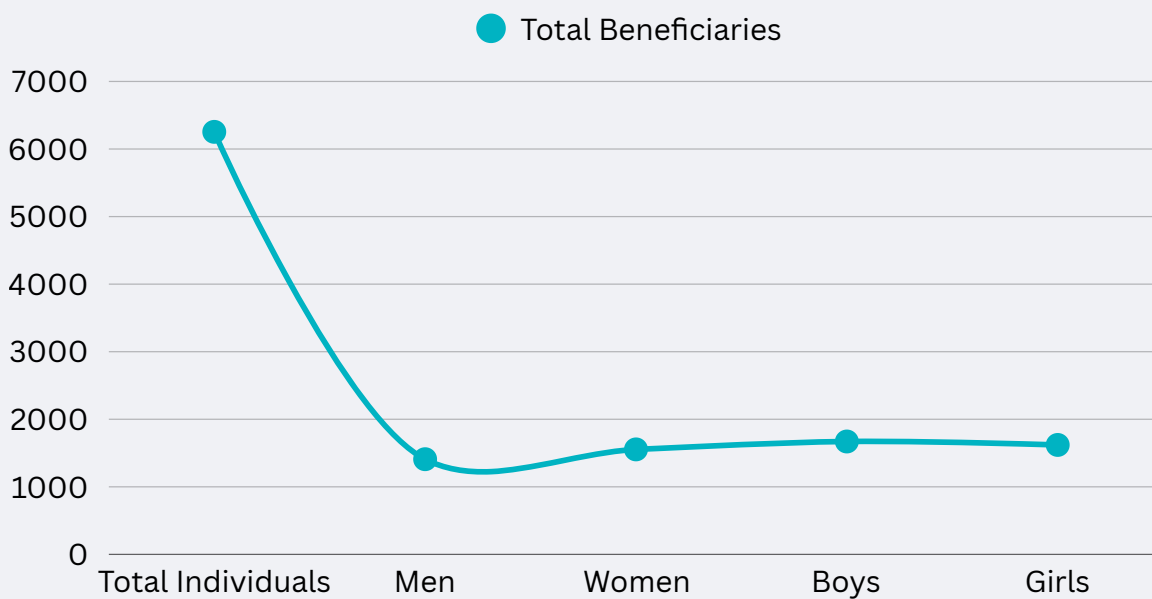
185 vulnerable households receiving standard food package

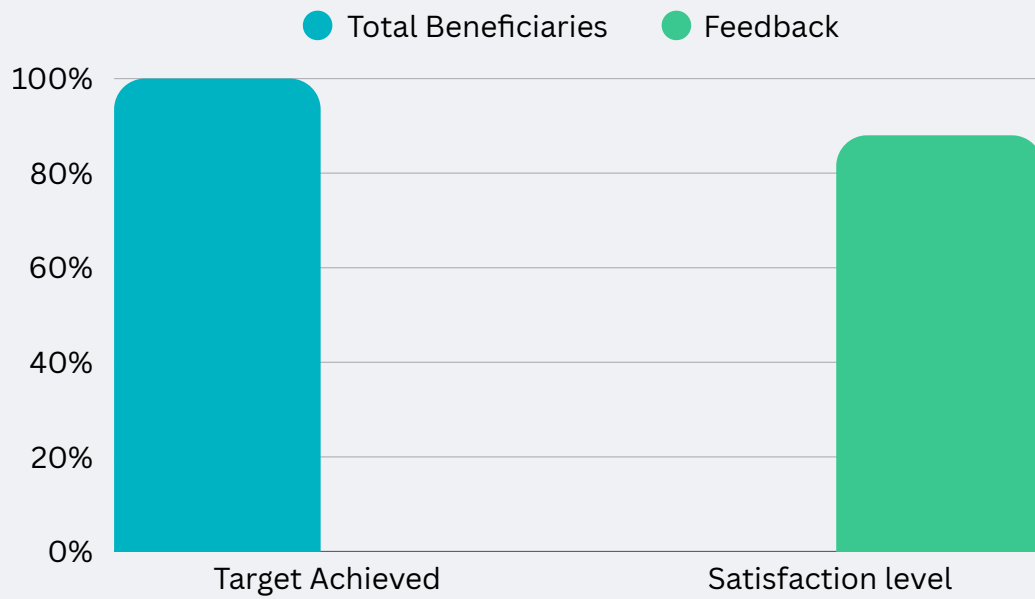


A young boy receives a food package in Chapa Dara district, Kunar province, as part of humanitarian assistance for earthquake-affected households.

Impact and Beneficiaries

A total of 6,254 individuals were directly impacted by this intervention, including 1,409 men, 1,554 women, 1,671 boys, and 1,620 girls. The project demonstrated a strong commitment to inclusivity by reaching 130 people with disabilities (57 men, 32 women, 27 boys, 14 girls). Post-distribution monitoring (PDM) confirmed high satisfaction among beneficiaries, with 88% reporting the support as timely and useful. The project achieved 100% delivery of planned assistance, significantly improving access to essential relief items and enhancing protection and well-being for vulnerable groups. No complaints were recorded, indicating effective management and transparent communication.





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An elderly woman receives a hygiene kit in Sawkai district, Kunar province, as part of humanitarian assistance for earthquake-affected households.



The OAWCK female team is conducting a reassessment of earthquake-affected households.





Emergency Response to the Earthquake-affected Households in Kunar Province

Phase- 2

Project Start Date

20-Sep-25

Budget

65,000 USD

Donor

ME/World Relief

Project End Date

19-Oct-25

Project Overview and Context

This second round of emergency assistance built upon the initial response to the earthquake in Kunar Province, providing continued and expanded support to affected households. It was a multi-sectoral intervention designed to address immediate life-saving needs and further reduce vulnerability through a diversified aid package.



OWACK staff distribute solar packages to 55 earthquake-affected households in Sawkai district, Kunar province, in the presence of the ME staff.

Key Objectives

The project aimed to enhance the resilience of earthquake-affected communities by providing essential hygiene items, food security, access to basic energy solutions, and flexible financial support through multipurpose cash assistance.



OAWCK staff distribute 110 food packages to earthquake-affected households in Chappa Dara district, Kunar province, together with Mission East

Methodology

OAWCK, in collaboration with Mission East and World Relief, implemented a coordinated humanitarian response. This involved efficient procurement of essential items, thorough reassessments to identify households most in need, and careful selection of safe and accessible distribution points, particularly for people with disabilities. Transparency and accountability were ensured through stakeholder presence during distributions and the establishment of a feedback and complaint registration mechanism.

Methodology

Select safe and accessible distribution points

with special attention to people with disabilities.

03

Reassess households

To identify which families were most in need.

02

Coordinate The response

Among OAWCK, Mission East, and World Relief.

01



Carry out distributions

in the selected locations.

04

Ensure transparency and accountability

by having stakeholders present during the distributions.

05

Follow-Up

Set up a feedback and complaint mechanism so affected people could register concerns or complaints.

06



A girl receives a hygiene kit from OAWCK, in collaboration with ME, in Sawkai district, Kunar province, funded by World Relief.

Specific Activities and Distributions

The project delivered a comprehensive package of aid. Specifically, 560 households in Damishgal, Aqsa, and Chambil camps received standard hygiene kits, ensuring improved personal and household hygiene. In Chapa Dara district, 110 households received comprehensive food packages, including wheat flour, rice, vegetable oil, pulses, salt, and BP5 biscuits for children, addressing critical food security needs. Furthermore, 110 households in Sawkai and Khas Kunar districts received solar packages, which included a solar panel, battery, bulbs, panel frame, and electrical cables, providing functional and sustainable home lighting. Crucially, 100 vulnerable households in Sawkai and Khas Kunar received Unconditional Multipurpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) of \$156 each, allowing them the flexibility to meet their most pressing and specific urgent needs.

110 vulnerable households received Solar panel and battery system.



560 households received hygiene kits



110 vulnerable households receiving standard food package



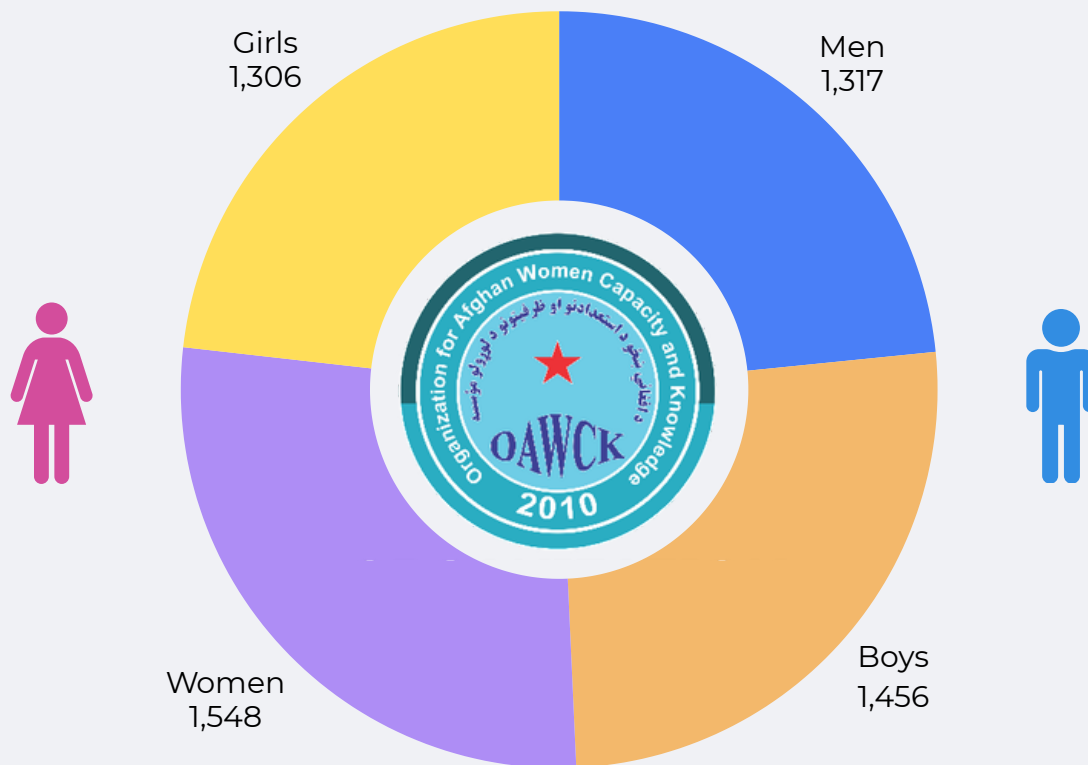
100 vulnerable households receiving Cash through MPCA



OAWCK distributes solar system packages to earthquake-affected households in Sawkai district, Kunar province, in the presence of Middle East staff.

Impact and Beneficiaries

The project directly benefited a total of 5,627 individuals, comprising 1,317 men, 1,456 women, 1,548 boys, and 1,306 girls. Inclusivity was a key feature, with 468 people with disabilities (175 men, 102 women, 91 boys, 100 girls) receiving support. Post-distribution monitoring indicated high satisfaction, with 90% of beneficiaries reporting the support as timely and useful. The robust Feedback and Complaint Response Mechanism (FCRM) ensured transparency and trust, contributing to the successful delivery of life-saving assistance and significant improvements in household security, hygiene, and energy access for the most vulnerable populations.

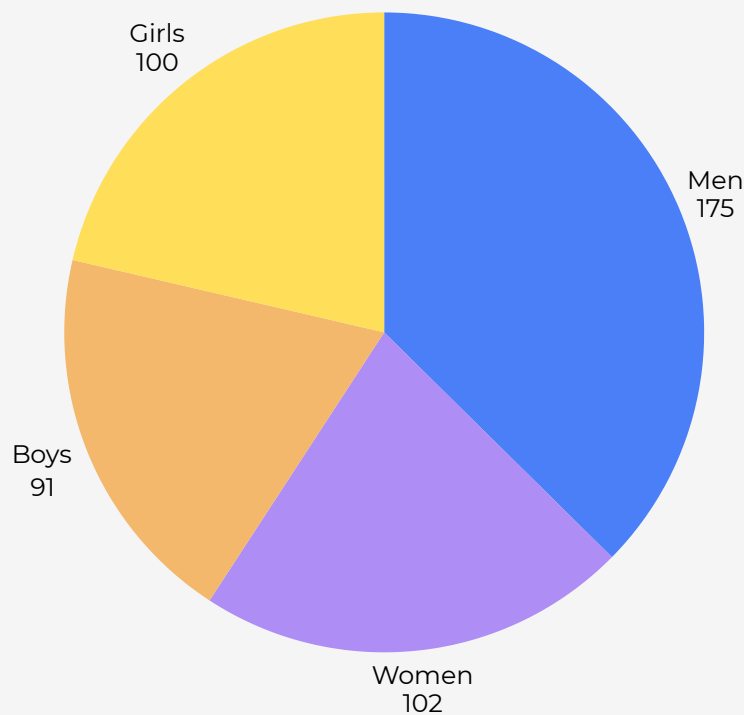


Total Direct Beneficiaries = 5627



Female-headed households receive cash assistance from OAWCK in Khas Kunar district, Kunar province, in the presence of Middle East staff.

Disable people Recieving Support



Total Disable Beneficiaries = 468

Impact and Coordination

The project fostered significant community empowerment through the establishment of a Beneficiary Selection Committee (BSC) that actively involved local authorities and elders, ensuring local ownership and relevance. The selection of IGAs based on marketability and profitability was crucial for ensuring long-term economic stability and sustainability. OAWCK's leadership role as the provincial co-lead for AFJR facilitated monthly coordination meetings and promoted the sharing of best practices among partners, enhancing overall program effectiveness. Despite facing challenges such as restrictions on female staff's work and logistical delays due to late contract signing and fund receipt, the project successfully navigated these obstacles to achieve 100% of its planned targets for the reporting period, demonstrating remarkable resilience and adaptability.



Earthquake Emergency Response in Balkh and Samangan provinces

Donor

UNICEF

Implemented by:

OAWCK

OAWCK successfully implemented an earthquake emergency response project in Balkh and Samangan provinces with support from UNICEF. As part of the intervention, family kits were distributed to earthquake-affected households to help meet urgent basic needs and provide immediate relief to vulnerable families.

The project reached a total of 1,058 families across selected districts in both provinces, including Khulm, Feroznakhcher, Marmol, and Mazar-e-Sharif. In addition to family kits, the response also included hygiene kits, winter kits, and blankets, helping affected communities cope with the emergency and recover with greater dignity and protection.

Province	District	Type of support provided	Families reached
Samangan	Khulam & Feroznakhcher	Hygiene kits, winter kits, and blankets	427
Samangan	Khulam	Hygiene kits, winter kits,	405
Balkh	Marmol	Hygiene kits, winter kits, and blankets	24
Balkh	Mazr-e-Sharif	Family Kits	202
Total			1058



Beneficiaries receive humanitarian assistance as part of the project's support to affected families.





Accountability and Transparency

OAWCK upholds the highest standards of accountability and transparency, which are particularly crucial when managing donor funds and working with vulnerable populations in sensitive contexts. This commitment is rigorously evidenced through the implementation of robust Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM), comprehensive Feedback and Complaint Response Mechanisms (FCRM), and continuous, proactive coordination with local authorities, humanitarian clusters, and partner organizations. Project reports consistently highlight a high percentage of beneficiary satisfaction with the assistance received, and the effectiveness of feedback mechanisms in promptly addressing concerns. This meticulous approach ensures that aid reaches its intended recipients efficiently, ethically, and with maximum impact, building trust and credibility with both beneficiaries and donors.

Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM)

The implementation of robust Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM)

Feedback and Complaint Response Mechanisms (FCRM)

Using FCRM feedback system

Coordination with stakeholders

proactive coordination with local authorities, humanitarian clusters, and partner organizations.





Resilience Building and Sustainable Solutions

Beyond providing immediate relief, OAWCK's projects are strategically designed with a forward-looking perspective, aiming to build long-term resilience within communities. This is exemplified by the rehabilitation of critical irrigation systems, which secure agricultural livelihoods; the establishment of WASH

committees responsible for the ongoing maintenance of water and sanitation infrastructure; and the strategic focus on Income Generation Activities (IGA) that empower individuals and families with sustainable economic opportunities. These initiatives collectively contribute to creating sustainable solutions that enable communities to better withstand future shocks and stresses. Furthermore, the emphasis on hygiene education and child protection awareness equips communities with invaluable knowledge and practices that have lasting positive effects on public health, well-being, and social protection.

Financial Summary

OAWCK maintains rigorous financial management practices, ensuring that all project funds are utilized efficiently, transparently, and in strict adherence to donor guidelines. While detailed financial statements are available in separate reports, this overview confirms that all projects were implemented within their approved budgets, with no major cost overruns. Strategic coordination with local authorities and humanitarian clusters played a significant role in preventing duplication of efforts and optimizing logistical costs, thereby enhancing overall cost-efficiency. OAWCK's commitment to value for money is further demonstrated by leveraging existing organizational infrastructure and resources, minimizing reliance on external resources where possible, and maximizing the impact of every dollar invested.



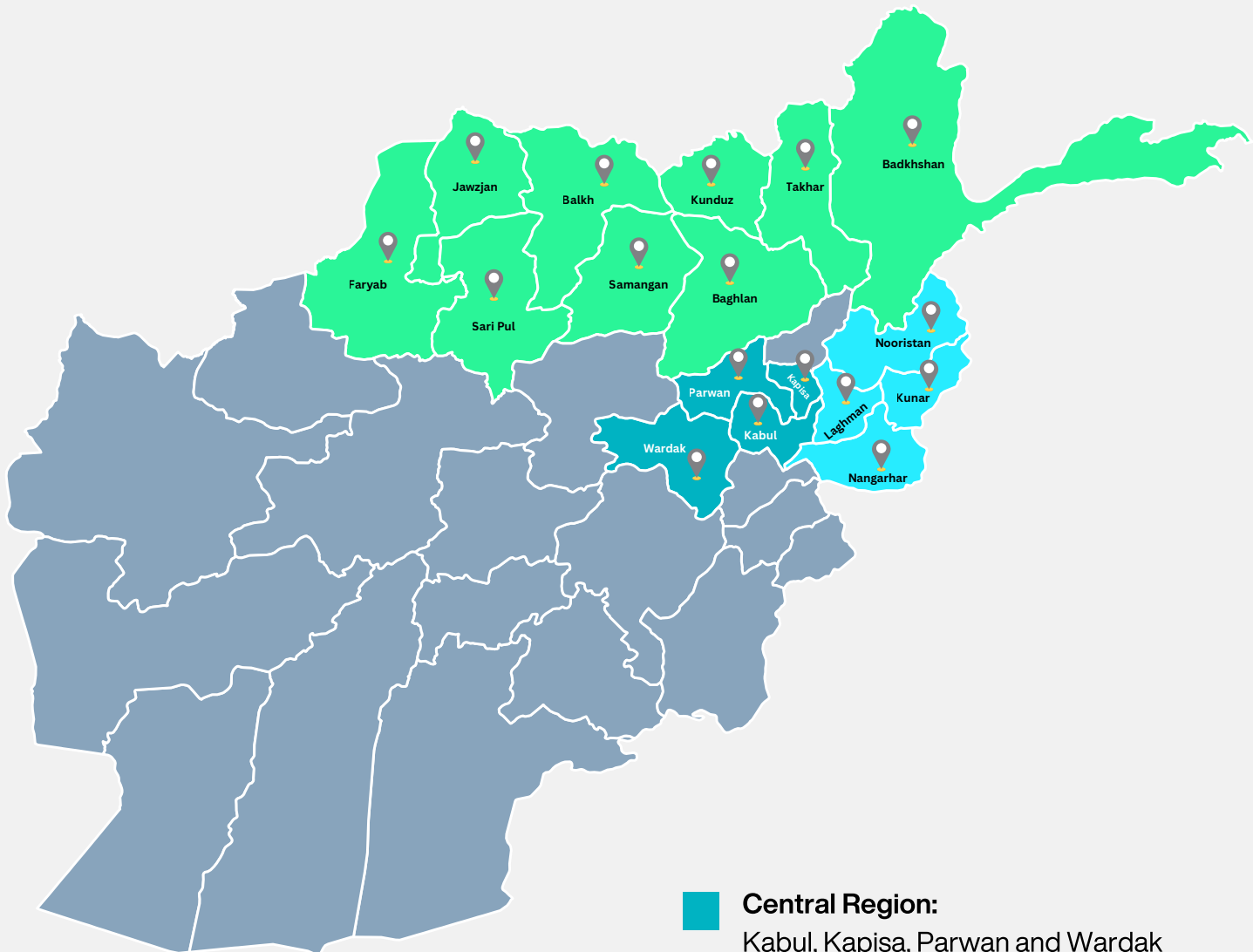


Conclusion and Future Outlook

The 2025 reporting period stands as a testament to OAWCK's profound impact and operational excellence. It was a period marked by successful emergency responses to critical humanitarian crises and the sustained implementation of vital development initiatives. Our proven ability to adapt effectively to complex and dynamic environments, coupled with our unwavering commitment to community-led and inclusive approaches, has enabled us to deliver tangible, measurable, and lasting change in the lives of thousands of Afghans. As we look towards the future, OAWCK remains deeply dedicated to expanding its reach, strengthening its strategic partnerships, and continuing its indispensable work in empowering Afghan women and building resilient, self-sufficient communities. The invaluable lessons learned and best practices identified from these seven projects will continue to inform and refine our strategies, ensuring that our future interventions are even more effective, responsive, and impactful in addressing the evolving needs of the people of Afghanistan.



Provinces Covered



- Central Region:**
Kabul, Kapisa, Parwan and Wardak
- East Region:**
Kunar, Nooristan, Nangarhar and Laghman
- North Region:**
Baghlan, Kunduz, Takhar, Badkshshan, Faryab, Sari Pul, Samangan, Jawzjan and Balkh



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