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Honey and Hope: Afghan Women Thrive Through Beekeeping

In Khamard District, Bamiyan Province, ActionAid Afghanistan supported by FAO—has empowered nearly 200 women through small-scale beekeeping. Each woman received six beehives, tools, and training to start her own honey business.

Hasina, once a housewife struggling with poverty, is now a proud entrepreneur. With her beekeeping income, she supports her family, pays for her children's education, and plans to grow her business further.

"This project changed my life. I never imagined I could earn an income and support my family. Now, I dream of turning my honey into a national brand," says Hasina.

Her story reflects the power of economic empowerment, showing how access to skills and resources can transform lives and inspire entire communities.



Country Director's Visit to Italy and Spain

Srikanta Misra, Country Director (CD) of ActionAid Afghanistan, visited Milan, Italy from 16th to 19th June, at the invitation of ActionAid Italy (AAIT). He participated in a Business Development Workshop alongside representatives from four other countries. During his visit, Mr. Misra presented an overview of ActionAid Afghanistan's work to AAIT staff and supporters. He also engaged in bilateral meetings with various AAIT teams to explore opportunities for strategic partnerships and resource mobilization.

Following the Milan visit, the CD traveled to Seville, Spain from 21st to 26th June to attend the ActionAid General Assembly and Country Directors' Forum. This global gathering, titled "Road to Seville", brought together ActionAid leaders from around the world in a powerful show of unity against rising global injustices.

The Forum focused on reconnecting and strengthening the leadership community across the federation. It also aimed to identify key strategic actions to increase income through a renewed fundraising approach, while enhancing the visibility, influence, and global relevance of ActionAid's collective voice.

During the Forum, Mr. Misra also held a series of bilateral meetings with affiliate organizations and Global Secretariat colleagues to explore collaboration opportunities and align on shared priorities.

ActionAid Completes Retaining Wall Project to Protect Homes and Farmlands in Ghor Province

ActionAid, with support from UNDP, has completed a 140-meter retaining wall in Madrasa Village, Firozkoh District of Ghor province. This newly built structure is designed to protect approximately 500 homes, as well as agricultural lands and essential local infrastructure, from recurring flood damage. These flash floods have posed a critical threat to the livelihoods and safety of the local population.

The project also created short-term jobs, employing about 15 skilled and unskilled workers daily, with unskilled labor sourced locally. Residents have welcomed the effort and called for more cash-for-work programs to improve infrastructure and resilience.

This retaining wall project is part of a larger flood response initiative in Ghor Province. The broader plan also includes four major construction projects, the provision of 100 shelters, and the establishment of 9 community kitchens to assist flood-affected populations across the districts of Ghor province.



Cash Assistance Reaches 1,020 Families in Paghman

ActionAid distributed emergency cash assistance to 1,020 vulnerable households in Paghman District under its AHF Winterization Project. Each family received 19,140 Afghanis, as per cluster guidelines, with 268 women headed and 114 HH of persons with disabilities headed households also availed the assistance.



ActionAid Distributes Hygiene Kits in Ghor Province

ActionAid Afghanistan has completed its second-round distribution of Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) kits in Lal & Sarjangal districts of Ghor province under the DAWAM project. The initiative provided 45 kits—containing shampoo, sanitary pads, soap, towels, and other essentials—to vulnerable groups, including adolescents, pregnant women, and persons with disabilities.

The distribution was accompanied by hygiene awareness sessions, where participants learned proper kit usage and community feedback mechanisms. A loudspeaker system helped amplify key messages, improving community understanding of health practices. This effort reflects ActionAid's commitment to strengthening hygiene standards and overall well-being in underserved communities.

Kamenj Bridge Reconstruction Brings Life-Changing Impact to Ghor Province

Reconstruction of the flood-damaged Kamenj Bridge in Shahrak district of Ghor province is restoring vital access for thousands of residents. Led by ActionAid Afghanistan and funded by UNDP, the 38-meter bridge connects communities divided by the Harirod River, easing access to schools, healthcare, and markets.

The project employs 140 local workers and involves community contributions, creating jobs and boosting morale. Once completed, the bridge will reduce travel time, improve safety, and support long-term recovery in one of Afghanistan's hardest-hit flood regions



ActionAid Supports 250 Households with Vegetable Gardening Packages in Paktia and Paktika

ActionAid, Afghanistan provided vegetable seeds and fertilizers to 250 households in Paktia and Paktika on June 18-19, targeting women and returnees to support home gardening and food security.

In Said Karam and Khoshamand districts, 125 households in each received complete packages. Beneficiaries were briefed on seed and fertilizer use, and all documentation was completed in advance to ensure transparency.

Community representatives welcomed the support, and ActionAid reaffirmed its commitment to promoting sustainable agriculture in the region.



ActionAid Afghanistan Enhances Staff Skills Through Online Procurement Training

The Procurement Department of ActionAid Afghanistan recently completed a successful online training program designed to strengthen staff capabilities in key operational areas. The comprehensive session provided valuable insights into procurement processes, warehouse management, and rental vehicle management, equipping participants with practical knowledge to improve daily operations.

By focusing on the complete procurement cycle, the training enabled staff to better understand each stage of the process, from initial requests to final delivery. The warehouse management component covered the best practices for inventory control and storage, while the vehicle rental segment clarified procedures for efficient transportation logistics. Participants gained clearer understanding of compliance standards and operational protocols that will help streamline workflows across the organization.

This initiative reflects ActionAid Afghanistan's ongoing commitment to building staff capacity through continuous learning opportunities. By investing in such training programs, the organization reinforces its dedication to operational transparency, accountability, and excellence. The Procurement Department plans to build on this success with follow-up sessions to address emerging needs and further strengthen institutional processes.

