

A young poultry farmer is happy in supporting her family through a backyard poultry farm

Under BADILL project funded by UNODC, which focuses on value chain development - mainly dairy, and backyard poultry farms, around 600 female farmers were selected to benefit from the backyard poultry rearing, production, collecting, and selling. One of the beneficiaries of this project is Ms Sabzpari, a 25-year old poultry farmer. She is a high school graduate and the elder daughter of the family. Her father passed away and she is living with her mother, two sisters, and three small brothers. Her farm is located in Panjshir province, Rukha district, Qabezán village. She started the intervention as an entrepreneur in August 2018 with the small-scale business of backyard poultry farming. Through this project she has received packages including 30 pullets, 180 kgs improved poultry feed, feeders, drinkers and other necessary coop equipment, such as a poultry hygiene kit, door, window, and ventilator. She was trained by experienced project master trainers in poultry basic management and linked with the nearby market and Milk and Egg collection center. These have been facilitated and established under the BADILL project of UNODC. She has increased the number of her pullets from 30 to 40 by buying 10 more pullets using the knowledge and skills she has gained regarding the basic management of poultry. She earns around 2000 AFN monthly and can spend 25% of her family expenses on income she gets from her backyard poultry farm.

She quotes "In the past, I had a bad experience of poultry rearing because of the high mortality rate, but fortunately due to the application of good training, management and timely vaccination, prevention and treatment, my 40 pullets are in a good healthy condition with

excellent production and no cases of mortality"



Furthermore, she adds that she had the skill of weaving jackets, socks, hats etc. but because of her poor economic situation, she was not able to purchase raw material for the continuation of this occupation. Now from selling eggs she has once again started weaving various items in her free time.



Ms Sabzpari is now acting as a lead farmer in her village. She helps and motivates other villagers to invest in poultry farming which is a good and worthwhile source of sustainable income to support their families.