



# SUCCESS STORY

## ADDRESSING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS THROUGH THE ABADEI STRATEGY

### Success Story: Improving Livelihood through a Micro Greenhouse in Khost Province:

#### INTRODUCTION

My name is Khiali Zuman, a 50-year-old farmer from Kondi Sahra in Maton Center, Khost province. I rely on my small piece of farmland, cultivate vegetables, and sell them in the market to support my family of 13 members, including my mother and three sisters. Two of my sisters are disabled. However, climate change has severely impacted our village, making farming harder and reducing the availability of Micro Green House, equipments and seeds for my cultivation of vegetables. This has led to a significant drop in my income, making it difficult to provide for my family.

Detailed Information:

Name: Khiali Zuman

Father's Name: Salim Mohammad

Location: Kundi Sahra, Khost Province

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Phone Number: 0773315824

Family Members: 13

Occupation: Farmer/herder

In 2025, Afghanistan's changing climate has severely affected agriculture and livestock, particularly in rural areas such as Khost Province. Khiali Zuman, a farmer from Kundi Sahra village in Khost Maton District, faced significant challenges in providing for his family of thirteen. With limited farmland for vegetable cultivation, he struggled to generate sufficient income and often worried about his family's future.

Recognizing his vulnerability, the project team conducted an assessment under (FAO)-funded initiative aimed at supporting the most at-risk households. Khiali Zuman was identified as one of the most eligible beneficiaries due to his urgent needs and active involvement in his community. His dedication and strong willingness to improve his family's livelihood made him an ideal candidate for support.

After being selected, Khiali Zuman actively participated in all training sessions organized by the project staff. These sessions covered essential topics, including the importance and benefits of micro greenhouses, vegetable production techniques in small greenhouses, hygiene management, proper seed planting and storage, appropriate watering methods, vegetable marketing, drought mitigation techniques, and the effective use of agricultural inputs. His enthusiasm and eagerness to learn were clearly evident throughout the training.

FAO, in collaboration with the Organization for Relief and Development (ORD), provided Khiali Zuman with a Micro Greenhouse package to enhance his farming activities. He received the support with great appreciation and hope for a better future.

Since receiving the Micro Greenhouse, Khiali Zuman has experienced noticeable improvements in his family's situation. His vegetable production has increased, enabling him to provide his children with more nutritious food and earn additional income by

selling surplus produce in the market. This support has brought meaningful relief to his household.

Khiali Zuman shared his happiness about the results he achieved from the Micro Greenhouse. He stated that from the 50-square-meter greenhouse alone, he earned approximately AFN 12,000 in one season from cucumber production. In addition, he was able to grow various other vegetables, which he supplied both to the market and for his family's consumption. He expressed his joy and satisfaction with the support received from FAO and ORD, and requested further assistance in the form of hybrid vegetable seeds, DAP, and Urea. He explained that improved seeds are not readily available in the local markets of Khost, and such support would greatly enhance his productivity and income.

Khiali Zuman expressed his sincere gratitude to ORD and its staff for their professionalism and kindness. However, he also emphasized that the needs of vulnerable farmers like himself remain considerable, and that further support would be essential to ensure long-term stability for families living in such difficult conditions.

Khiali Zuman's story demonstrates the positive impact of FAO and ORD's intervention and highlights the continued need for enhanced assistance. While he is now on a more hopeful path, sustained efforts are still required to help vulnerable farmers achieve sustainable livelihoods in Afghanistan's challenging environment.

Khiali Zuman extends his heartfelt thanks to ORD and remains hopeful for continued support in the future

