



# SUCCESS STORY

## ADDRESSING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS THROUGH THE ABADAI STRATEGY

### INTRODUCTION

My name is Mohammad Saeed, a 35-year-old farmer from Kundi 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 40 members. 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: Mohammad Saeed

Father's Name: Bahram Jan

Location: Kundi Sahra, Khost Province

National ID (Tazkira): # 25912

Phone Number: 0766088280

Family Members: 40

Occupation: Farmer/herder

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

In last years, climate change has had a serious impact on agriculture and livestock across Afghanistan, especially in rural communities such as Khost Province. Mohammad Saeed, a farmer from Kundi Sahra village in Khost Maton District, struggled for many years to provide sufficient income for his large family. With very limited agricultural land, growing vegetables in open fields was not enough to meet his household's needs, and he constantly worried about how to support his family.

During the beneficiary assessment conducted under the FAO-funded project targeting the most vulnerable households, Mohammad Saeed was identified as a deserving candidate for support. His economic hardship, combined with his strong motivation to improve his livelihood, made him an ideal beneficiary for the intervention.

After his selection, Mohammad Saeed attended all training sessions organized by the project team. The training covered important topics such as the role and benefits of micro greenhouses, vegetable production methods inside small greenhouses, hygiene practices, proper seed planting and storage, watering techniques, vegetable marketing, drought mitigation methods, and the effective use of agricultural inputs. He participated actively in every session and showed great interest in learning new skills.

Through the joint support of FAO and the Organization for Relief and Development (ORD), Mohammad Saeed received a Micro Greenhouse package. He welcomed this support with great appreciation and hope, seeing it as a turning point for his family's future.

Since receiving the Micro Greenhouse, Mohammad Saeed's life has changed noticeably. He is now fully dedicated to vegetable cultivation and spends most of his time managing and caring for his greenhouse. His vegetable production has increased significantly, allowing him to provide fresh and nutritious vegetables for his family while also selling surplus produce in the market to earn income.

Mohammad Saeed happily shared that from his 50-square-meter greenhouse, he earned approximately AFN 17,000 in one season from cucumber production alone. In addition, he cultivated different types of vegetables that supported both his household consumption and market sales. He expressed great happiness and satisfaction with the support provided by FAO and ORD. He also requested further assistance in the form of a larger greenhouse of at least 200 square meters and access to improved or hybrid seeds, explaining that such seeds are not easily available in Khost markets and would greatly improve his productivity.

Mohammad Saeed expressed his deep gratitude to ORD and its staff for their support, kindness, and professionalism. He emphasized that this assistance has brought real positive change to his life and that he now focuses entirely on greenhouse vegetable production as his primary source of livelihood.

Mohammad Saeed's story clearly shows the meaningful impact of FAO and ORD's support. While this intervention has significantly improved his situation, continued assistance can help farmers like him achieve long-term, sustainable livelihoods in the face of Afghanistan's challenging environmental conditions.

Mohammad Saeed extends his sincere thanks to FAO and ORD and remains hopeful for continued support in the future.

