

# NEWSLETTER

## Future Generations Afghanistan

Empowering Vulnerable Communities to Shape Their Futures



Literacy Education to Women in Nangarhar Province



Beneficiary verification process in Karanj village of Mehterlam district

### HIGHLIGHTS

In August 2024, An estimated 12.4 million people in Afghanistan faced acute food insecurity with 2.9 million people are in a dire emergency situation.

At Future Generations Afghanistan, we remained committed to supporting vulnerable populations in Afghanistan, during the month of August we provided assistance to a total of 179,478 individuals through our various programs, which included:

- \* Distributing wheat seed cultivation packages
- \* Distributing summer crop packages
- \* Protecting livestock
- \* Distribute poultry packages
- \* Micro green poly house packages
- \* Cash For Work (CFW)
- \* Cash For Food

During August, Future Generations Afghanistan worked in partnership with local communities and donor agencies to address the effects of drought on the livelihoods of people. In total, 13,999 farming households were chosen to receive wheat cultivation packages, which included quality wheat seeds, fertilizers, and training on best farming practices in Badghis, Nimruz, Laghman and Logar provinces.

### IMPROVING CHILDREN’S NUTRITION

In August, a shortage of food and inadequate access to nutritious meals led to malnourishment among 4 million individuals in Afghanistan, especially among children aged 5 and younger. Approximately 3.2 million out of the total 4 million malnourishment cases were children. Future Generations Afghanistan worked with WFP to support the nourishment of school children in eastern Afghanistan. In August over 131,304 school students received high energy biscuits, these biscuits are specifically designed to meet the nutritional needs of children. The biscuits are packed with essential nutrients, including calories, carbohydrates, proteins, and fats, making them a convenient source of sustenance for children. The biscuits also improve the cognitive function of these children, including memory, attention, and problem-solving skills.



Students Eating High Energy Biscuits (Nangarhar)

## INCREASING FOOD SECURITY THROUGH SUMMER CROP

Summer crops are an important part of the agricultural cycle in Afghanistan, as they help to sustain local food supply, provide income and employment opportunities, and promote environmental sustainability. These crops, are typically harvested during the warmer months and provide an important source of food for local communities. In August Future Generations Afghanistan provided essential trainings to over 1023 farmers on summer crop cultivation in Badghis province. These farmers are now able to cultivate different crops to mitigate the impacts of drought and increase their source of income and livelihood.



Maize Farms in Kot district of Nangarhar

## EMPOWERING WOMEN

The restrictions on women's and girls' rights, including bans on education for girls past sixth grade and banning women from work, have had severe economic consequences, particularly for women headed households, as these households depend on their women for livelihood and since these women are the only breadwinners for their families and at the same time, they cannot work due to the restrictions, their economic conditions deteriorate. In August, Future Generations Afghanistan provided vocational skills training to over 1,900 women in Nangarhar Province, including literacy classes and artificial flower making training. In addition, over 1,295 women in Badghis Province received training on backyard poultry, and in the provinces of Nimruz and Nuristan, over 2,700 female-headed households received poultry packages. Under the school feeding project, Future Generations Afghanistan provided high energy biscuits to over 68,038 girl students, which will help improve their cognitive and physical development. Despite the assistance provided to these women not being sufficient, it will still help them in supporting themselves and their families during these difficult times.



Artificial Flower Making Training in Kuz-Kunar district of Nangarhar.

## EMPOWERING LIVESTOCK OWNERS

Recent Drought not only affected farmers, but the overall populations of the country, specially livestock owners as they rely on naturally grown feeds for their animals. Drought can have a significant impact on livestock owners and their livelihoods. As vegetation becomes scarce, the quality and quantity of food available for livestock can decline, leading to decreased weight, milk production, and overall health of the animals. This can result in reduced income for owners who may face lower sales of livestock products, such as milk, meat, and wool. Additionally, extended periods of drought can lead to the spread of disease and infestations, further impacting the condition of livestock. In August Future Generations Afghanistan provided trainings on livestock management for over 2300 livestock owners in Nimruz, Badghis and Nuristan provinces, additionally 1503 livestock owners were selected to receive livestock protection packages which includes animal feed, cash assistance and vaccination for the livestock.

