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Sustainable Economic Uplifting Through *Livestock Project*

Country: Afghanistan

Year: 2025

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Intervention Background

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Shakardara, Kabul, Afghanistan – Key Facts/Challenges

Climate Change & Poverty: With a GDP per capita of just US$ 405, Afghanistan ranks among the poorest countries in the world and is also one of the most severely affected by climate change. Around 30 million (75%) of the population of the country depend on agriculture & livestock. Severe droughts now occur almost every year, leading to more than 50–80% loss in farmers' income. Over 20 million (50%) people are acutely food-insecure, highlighting extreme vulnerability to price fluctuations. Drought-induced crop failures drive price increases of **30–40%.**

Child Malnutrition: Approximately 3.5 million children—more than 50%—under five suffer from acute malnutrition, 33% suffer from chronic malnutrition.

The primary drivers of poverty and malnutrition in the country include climate change, inadequate agricultural infrastructure, lack of storage and processing facilities, four decades of armed conflict, while and reduction in aid in recent years.

Global Development For Humanity (GDfH) empowers self-reliance in communities through sustainable income-generating and production-enhancing projects, with proceeds partially reinvested in effective social development programs.





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This livestock cow project was initiated to reduce malnutrition, alleviate poverty, and create opportunities for expansion by providing the offspring to other destitute families, helping them break the vicious cycle of poverty.

GDfH provided the family with:

1. One healthy milking cow
2. Training on feeding, hygiene, and milk handling
3. Initial fodder support

Regular follow-up monitoring is carried out to ensure health and productivity.

According to the three-year partnership model, GDfH receives 15% of dairy revenue for reinvestment in further development activities. In addition, GDfH will receive the first calf, which will be given to another family in the district to expand the project. GDfH provides veterinary support during the three-year partnership period, with the level of support determined based on actual veterinary needs.

The project supports the shown sustainable development goals defined by the United Nations.





Changes in Life of the Family

Income Generation

The family cooks the milk, produces yogurt, and sells it in the local market.

- ✓ Stable daily cash flow
- ✓ Ability to cover essential expenses (food, school supplies, healthcare)
- ✓ Ability to save small amounts

Nutrition Improvement

Access to dairy products has significantly improved the family's nutritional intake and food security.

- ✓ Family now has a reliable source of food
- ✓ Clear reduction in malnutrition indicators
- ✓ Greater household food security

Employment

Ownership of a productive asset has strengthened the family's resilience and sense of dignity.

- ✓ Family members take care of the cow with responsibility and take pride in their work
- ✓ Improved dignity and reduced vulnerability
- ✓ Enabled the family to help others in need

Watch the video of the project on the website for interesting insights.

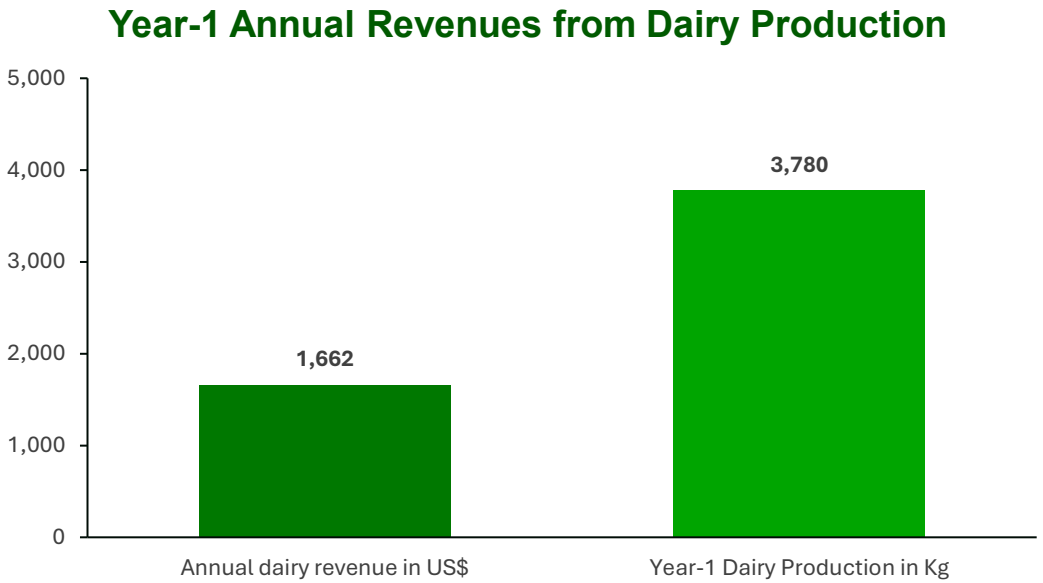
Project’s Impact on Production, Employment, and Income

Total Dairy Production and Revenue

During Year 1, the livestock project generated approximately 3,780 liters of dairy products. Actual dairy revenue amounted to approximately US$1,662, based on three productive quarters of the year.

The Year-1 revenue figure reflects dairy sales only. The project may generate additional value from the future sale of cattle, but this value is not included in the US$1,662 Year-1 revenue calculation.

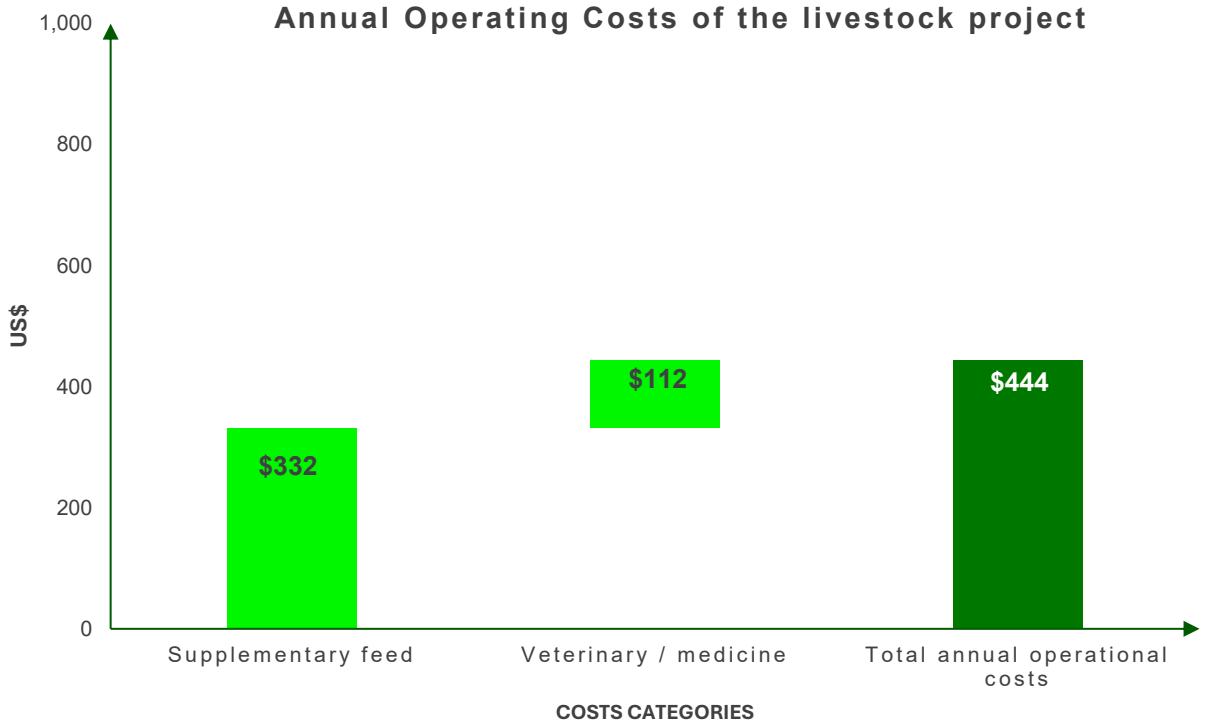
The family converts the milk into yogurt and sells it in the local market at an average price of approximately US$0.40 per kilogram.



Total Project Costs

The annual operating costs of the livestock project amounted to approximately US$444 in Year 1. Supplementary feed was the largest cost component at approximately US$332 (75%), while veterinary and medicine costs amounted to approximately US$112 (25%).

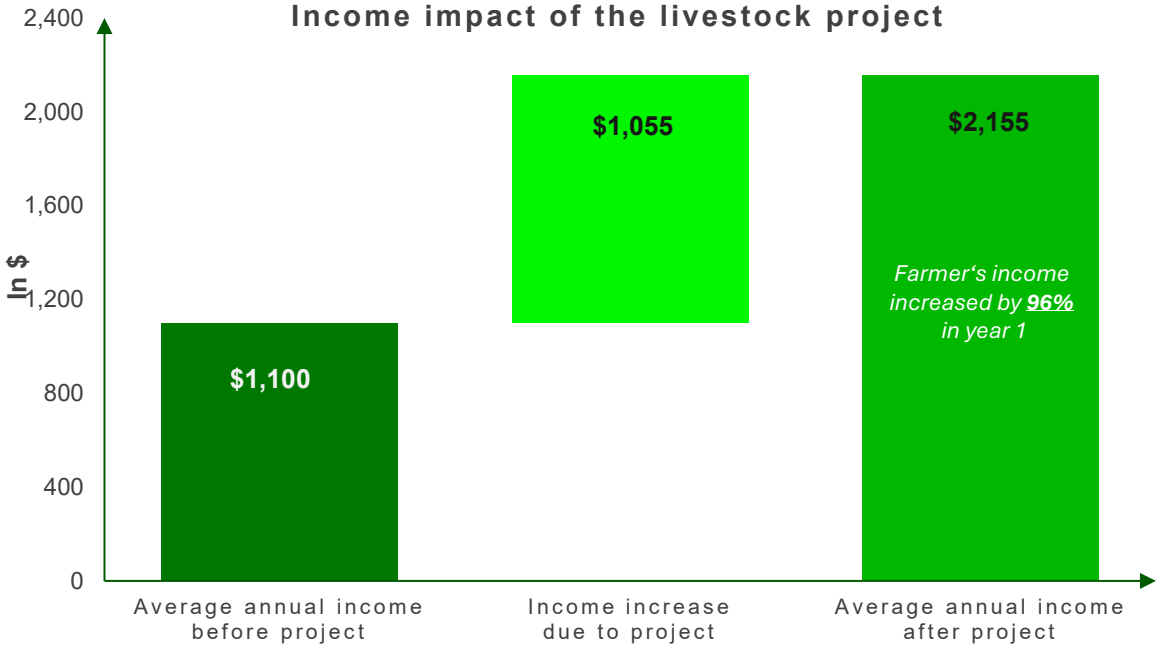
Against actual Year-1 dairy revenue of approximately US$1,662, the project generated sufficient revenue to cover these operating costs while leaving a substantial net income contribution for the beneficiary household after the agreed GDfH revenue share.



Total Generated Net Income

Prior to the pilot project, the farmer household's average annual income was US$1,100. Actual Year-1 household net income generated through the livestock project amounted to approximately US$1,055, increasing total annual household income to US$2,155, equivalent to an increase of about 96%.

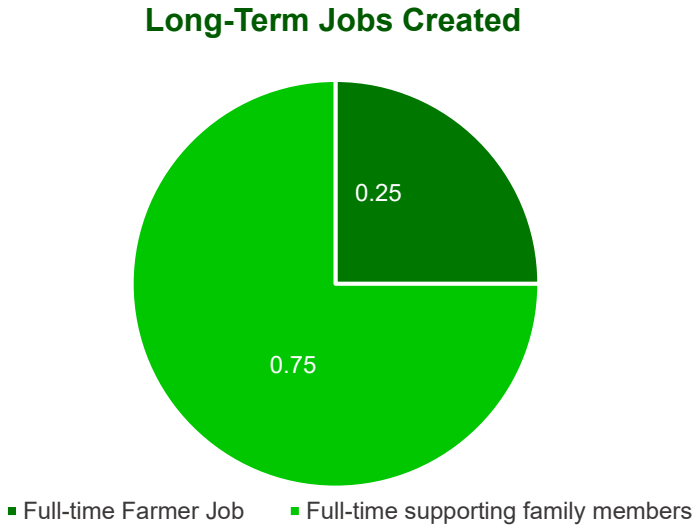
Net Income Impact (Annual)	**AFN**	**US$**
Actual dairy revenue	108,000	1,662
GDfH share: 15% × 108,000	−16,200	−249
Supplementary feed cost	−21,600	−332
Veterinary / medicine cost:	−7,300	−112
GDfH veterinary contribution	5,700	88
Beneficiary veterinary contribution	−1,600	−25
Year-1 household net income	**68600**	**≈1,055**



From year four onward, assuming Year-1 production and revenue levels continue, the household would retain approximately US$1,217 in annual project income after veterinary and supplementary feed costs, increasing total annual household income to approximately US$2,317.

Total Employment Impact

The project has created one full-time job, which is shared between the farmer's family members (75%) and the farmer himself (25%). The family members are responsible for feeding, sheltering, and milking the cow, while the farmer delivers the products to the market and handles veterinary services.



Overall Achievements

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A cow was provided to a destitute farmer family



Increased family's food security, dignity and saving potential



Sustainable employment for the farmer and family members



Tested a scalable and sustainable model for economic and social development



Actual Year-1 household net income increased by approximately US$1,055, equivalent to about 96% of pre-project annual income.

The project supported the following key sustainable development goals defined by the United Nations.



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