

## Women's and Youth Learning Initiative

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### Background

Since mid-August 2021, women's activities, and women's engagements in social and economic affairs in Afghanistan have been suspended due to the destruction of the established system. More importantly, girls' education in schools beyond 7 class and girl education in universities were restricted. The phenomenon significantly affects all women and mainly young university and schools' students who lost access to education and mentally affected.

The young female university students and university graduates have lost hope for their future in Afghanistan. In these circumstances a small window of opportunity to intervene and gain back hopes for women and young girls are veiled in Ishkashim and Zebak districts of Badakhshan where the local Taliban showed support to allow women related activities in agreed stage with consideration of social and cultural themes.

### Objectives

- Provide agreeable supports for enabling a group of educated and household women to play roles in social and economical affairs in their communities.
- Improve the capacity of a group of young university students to enable them to motivate others.
- Provide a learning opportunity for a group of young children.

### Activities

- 1- Conducting a series of workshops/seminars on **leadership and volunteerism** for 30 young girls including current university students and/or graduates which covers 15 participants in Zebak and 15 participants in the Ishkashim learning centers. Providing an opportunity for young girls to come together and share their views and thoughts on several social affairs of women's life in their hometown. One three-day workshop per month for eight months. Total of 24 gatherings or workshops. Depending on situation and interests of these groups and other groups, the number of days and participants may increase. This module will be developed as lesson learning and brainstorming sessions.
- 2- Designing and providing a workshop and practical approaches on **Smoke Detection and Reducing of Consumption of Firewood** for **200** (female beneficiaries) households. The aim of this activity is to reduce 5% of wood consumption for traditional cooking/needs by rural women for environmental reasons as well as for improving household health. The 200 beneficiaries will be separated in 20 groups of five members and attending two workshops per month for a total of ten days during the project. This activity will begin in the Zebak learning center. *These 200 beneficiaries will be receiving 12 cloth washing soaps as encouragement incentive for project success proposes.*

- 3- Establishing a library service for all interested females in the project areas. Providing 150 books and some audio learning materials for each two learning centers. Depending on social acceptances, this service may also be extended to men and youth as well.
- 4- Depending on children's interests (age 8-12) some school subject courses will be designed and provided for 20 interested children in each learning centers.

### **Direct beneficiaries (585)**

**30** young educated female

**200** household females

**40** youth children

**315** estimated beneficiaries through libraries.

### **Timeline**

2022

Exact date is noted as TBD depending on approval date and preparation time.

### **Implementing Partner**

Local NGO to be identified