



## Dutch Committee for Afghanistan - Livestock Programs

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### Success Story CLAP Kuchi distribution of chickens

The CLAP-Kuchi project, contracted by MAIL (Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock) and funded by IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development), was awarded to DCA in 2014. The aim of this DCA project is to provide animal health related services and home-based business opportunities to the pastoralist and agro-pastoralist Kuchi in the three central provinces of Kabul, Logar and Parwan. This aim contributes to the overall goal of the Community Livestock and Agriculture Project (CLAP) to reduce poverty in rural Afghanistan. More specifically, the project objective is to improve food security of 26 000 rural households in selected districts in the provinces of Kabul, Parwan, and Logar by increasing agriculture and livestock productivity.

One of the beneficiaries is Zahra, a 45-year-old female farmer, living with six family members. She is a member of a DCA CLAP Extension Group in Kabul province. Her husband had no job and the family faced different challenges particularly financially. She tells her story as following:



*Zahra is showing her chickens to CLAP staff to get further consultation, July 2017*

"I first heard about the CLAP Extension Groups through the Dean of our village. Since we had family challenges, I needed to find a way to make a living for my family and I assumed this was going to be a



good chance. So, I joined the Group in my village, and I found the extension sessions interesting and useful. After a while, CLAP representatives distributed to us, members of the Extension Group, around a dozen of pullets for rearing them and using their eggs later on. I reared the chickens and also taught my children how to take care of them based on the skills and knowledge I gained in the extension sessions. Day by day, I could see how fast the chickens were growing

and one day I noticed that they hatched; that was a day I would never forget. Now the chickens hatch 8 to 10 eggs per day which is not a lot to be a financial resource, but I have just started. I am now determined to learn more about poultry and increase the number of my chickens to create my own family business."