



Ehsas Welfare & Social Services Organization (EWSSO)



ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE



Name:	Ehsas Welfare & Social Services Organization
Working Name:	EWSSO or Ehsas
Type:	Non-profit
Registration Year	2016 (1395)
Registration Number:	3967
Work Areas:	Emergency Response, Social Services, Sustainable Livelihood, Development (Construction) and Religious Programmes.

Our Story

Two major natural disasters, mudslides and flash flood, which hit Badakhshan and Kabul provinces of Afghanistan respectively, forced charitable founders of yet to be established EWSSO to gather for a humanitarian cause; to help their fellow human beings in dire need.

The future founders of EWSSO started, in 2013, a coordinated national campaign to collect donations for helping the horrible flash flood victims in Surobi district, Kabul province. They were amazed to see people's reaction to the call. They saw beggars and shoe polishing children donating pennies to help their fellow brothers and sisters in difficult situation. From basic home equipment to clothes, blankets, shelter, medicine, hygiene items, food packages and fuel, were donated by charitable individuals. One person, who donated his personal blanket for the flood victims, went to meet a friend of his who lived in Surobi district and saw his friend wearing the blanket he donated in Kabul. He got so happy that he came to see the founders and thanked them a lot. It was a moment which encouraged the founders to continue humanitarian efforts in the future.

In 2014, a mudslide occurred in Argo district, Badakhshan province with number of deaths varying from 350 to 2,700. Around 300 houses were buried and over 14,000 were affected. Rescuers responding to the initial mudslide were struck by a second mudslide, which hampered rescue efforts. In response, the charitable founders of the yet to be established EWSSO, initiated a national campaign to collect donations for helping the surviving victims of mudslide. The collected donations included cash, basic home equipment, warm cloths, blankets, shelter, medicine, hygiene items, food packages and fuel and school uniforms, bags, pens and notebooks for 1000 school children. Most of emergency aid by NGO's, individuals and the government were distributed in a mudslide location near the highway while another mudslide location, a village named "Aafaqi", was located at a far distance needing 2 hours of walk on feet as there was no road to that village. The founders, unlike others, loaded the donated items mentioned above on donkeys and mules and walked for 2 hours to distribute them among the sadly neglected surviving victims of the other mudslide.

Overall, in both campaigns, people's response was so impressive that it forced the founders to think about establishing a formal non-profit relief organization.

Realizing relief was a temporary remedy and not a solution to the problem, as beneficiaries would use the relief packages within months and they would find themselves in poverty again; the founders aimed to integrate sustainability and promote self-reliance in the programmes and projects of their soon to be established non-profit NGO.

The idea of establishing non-profit relief and development organization materialized in 2016 which, guided by principles and values, provides emergency aid and social services and is active in development sector in all 34 provinces of Afghanistan.

Our Vision

To ensure happiness and dignity for all.

Our Mission

To improve the quality of life of Afghan individuals and communities through sustainable and effective interventions.

Our Principles

- humanitarianism,
- non-partisanship,
- neutrality,
- independence,
- unity,
- and inclusiveness.

Code of Ethics

Anyone who works at EWSSO, whether as an employee, representative, or volunteer, is required to adhere to the following code of ethics.

Procurement: All purchasing decisions must be open and fair, and must follow the EWSSO Procurement Policy and Guidelines.

Corruption and fraud: EWSSO expects all employees to protect the organization's resources and assets (money, supplies, equipment, etc.). Bribes, commissions, and facilitation payments are all forbidden. EWSSO's funds and property may only be used for legitimate purposes and activities. All financial transactions must be fully and accurately recorded and documented as soon as possible. Because taking pricey presents may impair, or appear to impair, a person's capacity to operate in EWSSO's best interests, it is banned for any worker to take gifts of any sort during operations or labor.

Potential Conflicts of Interest: In the event of a conflict of interests between employees or between a worker and EWSSO interests, EWSSO will decide how to resolve the dispute without consulting opposing parties.

Laundering of funds: EWSSO requires its employees to pay or receive money from individuals or organizations who make profit illegally.

Harassment: EWSSO does not accept any physical, sexual, or psychologically objectionable conduct, bullying, threats, or abuse and investigates all allegations thoroughly and promptly.

Preventing sexual exploitation and abuse: EWSSO will not accept the payment or exchange of employment, goods, or services for sexual conduct with a recipient.

Child protection: Physical and/or emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, or exploitation that endangers a child's health, growth, dignity, or ability to survive is strongly forbidden by law and EWSSO. Children's personal information must be kept secret.

Forced labor and human trafficking: EWSSO prohibits forced labor and human trafficking.

Environmental obligations: We expect our employees to respect all environmental rules and avoid any harm to the environment.

Data Protection: Without authorization, personal information about beneficiaries or staff, as well as information about EWSSO and its donors or partners, should not be disclosed.

Violations and reporting requirements: If anybody working for EWSSO is discovered to be in violation of the Code, EWSSO may terminate his or her job or affiliation with EWSSO.

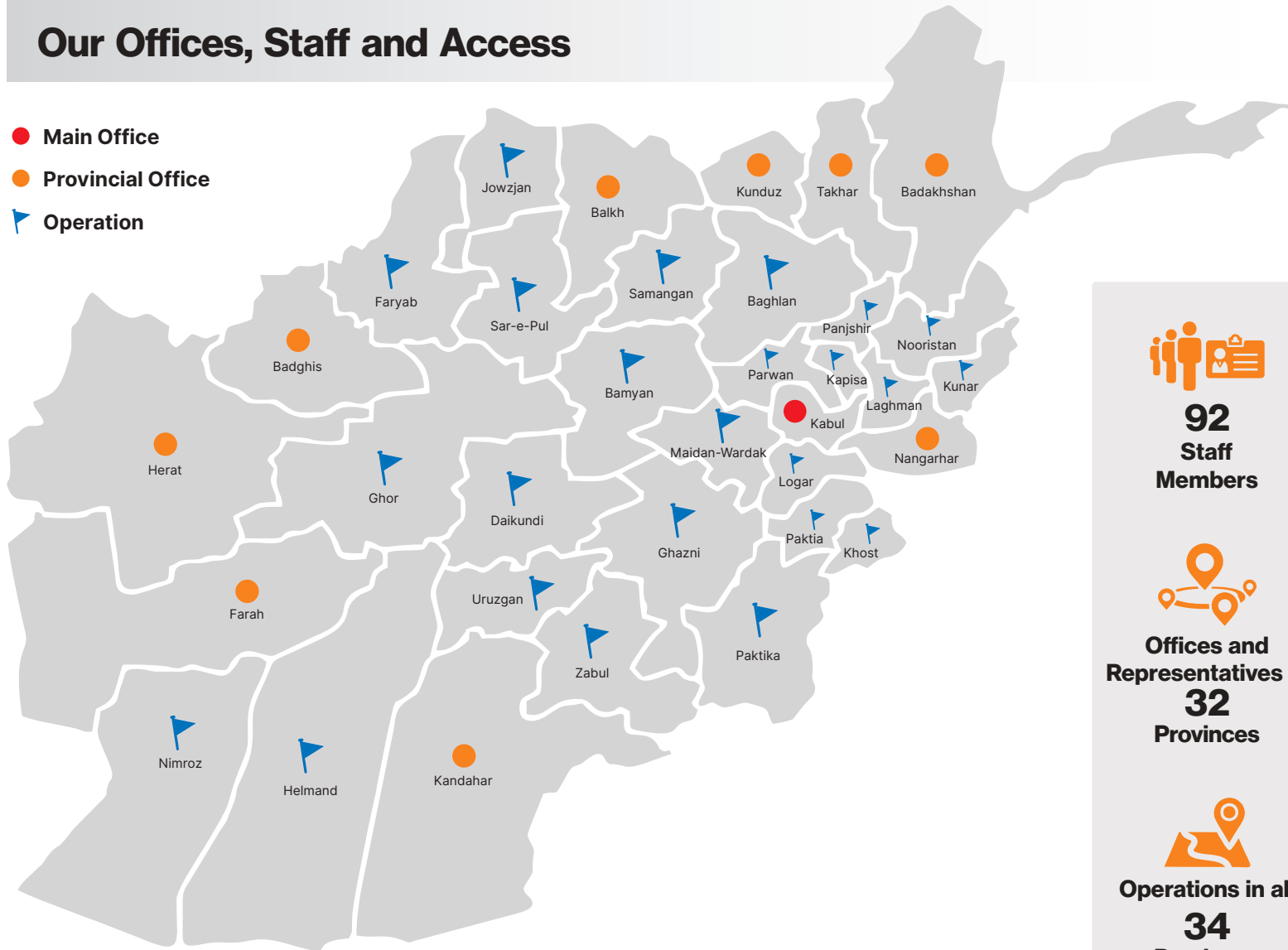
Our Goals

- 1** Minimizing the humanitarian impacts of man-made and natural disasters in a timely, equitable and dignified manner
- 2** Providing people with the means to overcome poverty and vulnerability through sustainable solutions
- 3** Mobilizing people and funds to support our work
- 4** Strengthening and expanding EWSSO/Ehsas



Our Offices, Staff and Access

- Main Office
- Provincial Office
- ▶ Operation





92
Staff
Members



Offices and
Representatives in
32
Provinces



Operations in all
34
Provinces

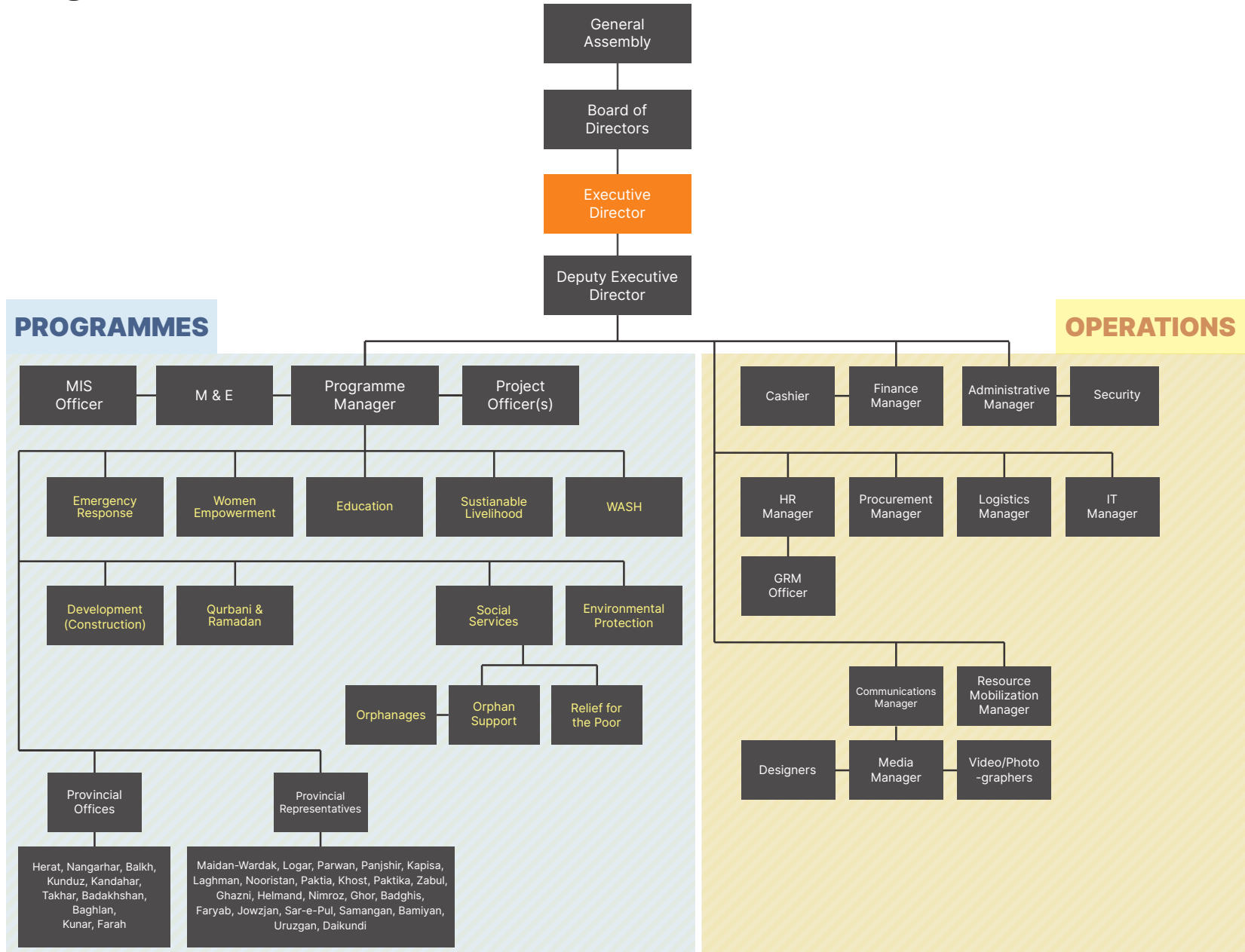
Afghanistan Facts - 2022

 **40.1 m**
Population








 **28.3 m**
in humanitarian need

 **6.1 m**
IDPs and Refugees

Organizational Structure











Our Programmes

 <h3>EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAMME</h3>	 <h3>REFUGEE/IDP SUPPORT PROGRAMME</h3>	 <h3>SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME</h3>	 <h3>WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE PROGRAMME</h3>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DIRECT CASH FOOD PACKAGES SHELTER NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI) MEDICAL / HYGIENE KITS SKILL DEVELOPMENT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DIRECT CASH FOOD PACKAGES SHELTER NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI) MEDICAL / HYGIENE KITS RETURN & REINTEGRATION 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGRONOMY & HORTICULTURE LIVESTOCK SEEDS, FERTILIZER & FARM FEED EQUIPMENT & TECH SKILL DEVELOPMENT MICROFINANCE SMALL BUSINESS VENTURE SUPPORT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WELL DRILLING WATER STORAGE WATER SUPPLY SANITATION 

 <h3>WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME</h3>	 <h3>HEALTHCARE PROGRAMME</h3>	 <h3>SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMME</h3>	 <h3>EDUCATION & LITERACY PROGRAMME</h3>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VOCATIONAL TRAINING SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT WOMEN'S ACCESS TO MARKETS AWARENESS RAISING 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOBILE CLINICS MEDICAL KITS COVID-19 KITS BLOOD BANK 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ORPHAN & WIDOW SUPPORT RELIEF FOR THE POOR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCHOOL & INSTITUTE SPONSORSHIP MADRASA SPONSORSHIP SCHOOL GEAR & STATIONERY DISTRIBUTION 

Our Programmes

 <h3>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAMME</h3>	 <h3>DEVELOPMENT (CONSTRUCTION) PROGRAMME</h3>	 <h3>SOCIAL COHESION & ADVOCACY PROGRAMME</h3>	 <h3>QURBANI & RAMADAN PROGRAMME</h3>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS TREE PLANTING 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ORPHANAGE MOSQUE HOUSE MADRASA SCHOOL MEDICAL CLINIC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LEGAL AID COMMUNITY MEDIATION & CONFLICT RESOLUTION AWARENESS & LEGAL LITERACY SOCIAL COHESION & REINTEGRATION CAPACITY BUILDING FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANIMAL SACRIFICE MEAT PACKAGES FOOD PACKAGES IFTARI MEALS EID GIFTS 

Memberships

 <h3>ACBAR</h3> <p>Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief & development</p>	 <h3>IASC</h3> <p>Inter-Agency Standing Committee</p>  <p>PROTECTION FROM SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE</p> <h3>Afghanistan PSEA Network</h3>	  <h3>NCCSP</h3> <p>NGOs and CSOs Capacity Support Project in Afghanistan</p>	
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EMERGENCY RESPONSE & REFUGEE/IDP SUPPORT PROGRAMME



PROGRAMMES & ASSISTANCES

ASSISTANCE TYPES



DIRECT CASH



FOOD PACKAGES



NFI & WASH



SHELTER



RETURN & REINTEGRATION



MOBILE CLINIC & MEDICAL KIT





SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME



PROGRAMMES & ASSISTANCES

ASSISTANCE TYPES



AGRONOMY & HORTICULTURE



DAIRY & POULTRY FARMING



SEEDS, FERTILIZER & FARM FEED



SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT



MICROFINANCE



SKILL DEVELOPMENT





WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE



PROGRAMMES & ASSISTANCES

ASSISTANCE TYPES



WELL DRILLING



WATER STORAGE



WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM



SANITATION





EDUCATION & LITERACY PROGRAMME



PROGRAMMES & ASSISTANCES

ASSISTANCE TYPES



**SCHOOL & INSTITUTE
EDUCATIONAL
SPONSORSHIPS**



**MADRASA
SPONSORSHIP**



**SCHOOL GEAR &
STATIONERY
DISTRIBUTION**





WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME



PROGRAMMES & ASSISTANCES

ASSISTANCE TYPES



SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT



WOMEN'S ACCESS TO MARKET



VOCATIONAL TRAINING



AWARENESS RAISING





HEALTHCARE PROGRAMME

PROGRAMMES & ASSISTANCES

ASSISTANCE TYPES



MOBILE/FIXED CLINICS AND FREE MEDICAL TREATMENT



COVID-19 KITS



BLOOD BANK





SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMME



PROGRAMMES & ASSISTANCES

ASSISTANCE TYPES



ORPHANAGES



SCHOOL EDUCATION FOR ORPHANS



WIDOW SUPPORT (FOOD, CASH, CLOTHES)



RELIEF FOR THE POOR (FOOD PACKAGES/CASH)



RELIEF FOR THE POOR (WINTER HEAT/CLOTHES)



RELIEF FOR THE POOR (HOUSEHOLD ITEMS)





QURBANI & RAMADAN

PROGRAMMES
& ASSISTANCES

ASSISTANCE TYPES



ANIMAL SACRIFICE
- COW



ANIMAL SACRIFICE
- LAMB / GOAT



MEAT PACKAGES



RAMADAN
FOOD PACKAGES



RAMADAN
IFTAR MEALS



EID GIFTS





DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (CONSTRUCTION)

PROGRAMMES & ASSISTANCES

ASSISTANCE TYPES



HOUSE



MOSQUE



SCHOOL



MADRASA



ORPHANAGE



MEDICAL CLINIC





ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAMME

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PROGRAMMES & ASSISTANCES

ASSISTANCE TYPES



TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGNS



ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS



Featured Project

A Town for Earthquake-affected IDP households

From 7 to 15 October 2023, a series of earthquakes and aftershocks struck Herat province in western Afghanistan, affecting more than 275,000 people across 6 districts. Overall, 1482 deaths and 2100 injuries were reported. More than 10 000 homes were destroyed, and 40 health facilities were damaged.

Earthquake affected households were found to be in dire need of shelter as life-threatening harsh winter had just begun. Tents in the open could not provide them, especially children, the elderly and the sick, with enough warmth and cover against harsh cold and strong winds.

The only sustainable solution for the problem was building them houses which could withstand quakes and could keep them warm and safe against deadly cold and elements.

EWSSO build 17 houses for those households who had completely lost their houses to the devastating earthquake which destroyed whole villages. Each house had two rooms, one toilet, one kitchen and a veranda. The houses are built in a standard and earthquake-resistant manner. With the new houses in the village, earthquake victims who were living under the tents in the cold weather now have permanent shelter.

A mosque has also been constructed.



Featured Project

EWSSO's Response to Returning Afghan Refugee Crisis on Torkham Border

On 3 October 2023, the Government of Pakistan announced its decree "Illegal Foreigners' Repatriation Plan," setting a November 2023 deadline for the "voluntary return" of all undocumented Afghans in Pakistan. As this decree applies to an estimated 1.3 Million undocumented Afghans residing in Pakistan, an influx of returnees began arriving in October.

The daily average of returnees increased from less than 260 individuals to over 10,000 between 1 and 8 November 2023 at the Spin Boldak (Kandahar Province) and Torkham (Nangarhar Province) border crossings, where the majority of returnees pass through. Those who were returning include undocumented individuals, Afghanistan Citizen Card (ACC) holders and Assisted VolRep (Proof of Registration (PoR)) card holders.

EWSSO, to tackle food insecurity and malnutrition, provided the returnees with direct unconditional cash, hot meals, food baskets/packages and drinking water for 1,000 households.



Featured Project

Women Tailors' Income Generation and Access to Market

EWSSO has provided advanced tailoring training to hundreds of women across the country. Feedback received from the trainee women showed that they still need follow-up assistance and support. These women complained about lack of enough income from their personal tailoring business where they could only attract limited neighborhood clientele. They needed to access the main markets where bulk orders could be secured for higher income.

EWSSO, with funds from UNDP, designed and implemented access to market project for women tailors to broaden their clientele and to increase their income.

Trainee women not only learned bulk production using electric machines but also made in-demand dresses for the market.

Building on learned lessons from this project, EWSSO aims to enhance such projects in the future to further increase women tailors' self-relied sustainable income and employment opportunities.



Featured Project

Skills Development Center for Orphan Children in Herat

EWSSO/Ehsas aims to support the orphan children with not only urgent and temporary necessities required for survival but also education and skill development to secure the orphan child a dignified, happy and successful future. Both aims need sustainable strategies and solutions.

To ensure that the orphan children have access to education, proper nourishment and a safe living place and caring environment, EWSSO has established orphanages, while to help the orphans children develop their skills, EWSSO has established a training center for orphans in Herat city.

As a sustainable solution, the center will train orphan children in different skills such as bag-making, dress-making and shoe-making as a starting point to add to their skills for their dignified and happy future.



Featured Project

Water Supply Scheme for 8 Villages in Paktika Province

Earthquake affected inhabitants of Barmal district, Paktika province were found to be in dire need of clean and safe drinking water. The only safe drinking water in Barmal district is the water from springs. The stream water mixes with soil which causes stomach diseases. EWSSO engineers came up with the solution to carry the spring water to the villages through pipes. The completed pipe scheme included 8.1 km of 2 inch pipeline and one concrete water tank with a capacity of 84,000 liters. The water from the tank was divided into 8 pipes carrying water to 8 different spots.

A total of 180 households and 1,260 individuals living in 8 separate villages benefitted from the water supply pipe scheme. The number of inhabitants in the surrounding areas is increasing because of the pipe scheme which makes life easier and healthier and frees previously wasted time in fetching water from faraway places for other productive activities.



OUR CONTRIBUTION TO SDGs

Poverty, hunger, malnutrition, lack of income, lack of clean and safe drinking water, and low literacy rate are the most serious woes of the Afghan people. It would go a long way to ensuring food security and addressing hunger. To that end (SDG 2: No Hunger), EWSSO takes practical initiatives to improve impoverished households' access to food, ready meals, and cash.

EWSSO also assists needy communities by developing sustainable income generation initiatives (SDG 1: No Poverty) such as home run poultry and dairy farms, other micro-businesses, and skill development in collaboration with donor NGO foundations, with the goal of achieving self-sufficiency of the beneficiaries to meet the SDGs, which could

result in a significant SDGs, which could result in a significant improvement and make an impact on their lives, allowing them to take care of their families, educate their children, and supporting them.

As part of its SDG goals, Ehsas also assists orphans and impoverished children in enrolling in primary, secondary, and high schools, ensuring access to quality education (SDG 4).

EWSSO builds water supply systems, wells, and storage tanks to enable access to safe drinking water and hygiene, therefore contributing to SDG 6.

EWSSO also promotes environmental awareness campaigns to raise awareness about human environmental responsibilities (SDG 13).




SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AFGHANISTAN

Our Major Contribution are to the following SDGs in Afghanistan:

