



Ehsas Welfare & Social Services Organization (EWSSO)



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ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

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

Our Story

The Ehsas Welfare and Social Services Organization (**EWSSO**) was born out of compassion, solidarity, and a shared commitment to serving vulnerable communities during times of crisis.

Our journey began in **2013**, when devastating flash floods struck **Surobi District** of Kabul Province, leaving thousands of families in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. A group of dedicated Afghan volunteers, who would later become the founders of **EWSSO**, launched a nationwide fundraising campaign to mobilize support for the affected communities. The overwhelming response from people across Afghanistan was both inspiring and humbling. Individuals from every walk of life—including children earning a living by polishing shoes and people with very limited means—contributed whatever they could to support families affected by the disaster. Donations ranged from food, clothing, blankets, medicine, hygiene supplies, household items, fuel, and emergency shelter materials. One particularly moving moment came when a donor later visited **Surobi** and saw his own blanket being used by a flood-affected family. Witnessing the direct impact of his contribution reinforced the founders' belief in the power of collective humanitarian action and strengthened their determination to continue serving those in need.

In **2014**, another catastrophic disaster struck Afghanistan when a massive landslide devastated Argo District in **Badakhshan** Province, resulting in significant loss of life, widespread destruction, and the displacement of thousands of families. Once again, the future founders of **EWSSO** organized a nationwide humanitarian campaign to collect emergency assistance. The response included cash contributions, food packages, clothing, blankets, medicines, hygiene kits, household items, temporary shelter materials, fuel, and educational supplies for more than **1,000** school children, including school uniforms, bags, notebooks, and stationery. While much of the humanitarian assistance was concentrated in easily accessible areas, one severely affected village, **Aafaqi**, remained largely unreachable due to the absence of road access. Demonstrating their commitment to reaching the most vulnerable, the founders transported relief supplies on donkeys and mules and walked for nearly two hours through difficult mountainous terrain to deliver assistance directly to families who had otherwise been overlooked.

This vision became a reality in **2016** with the official establishment of the Ehsas Welfare and Social Services Organization (**EWSSO**).

Today, **EWSSO** is a nationally registered humanitarian and development organization committed to delivering life-saving assistance, protecting vulnerable populations, and promoting sustainable development across Afghanistan. Guided by the principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality, independence, accountability, and community participation, **EWSSO** works in partnership with communities, government institutions, UN agencies, international organizations, and donors to improve the lives of those most in need.

From its origins as a volunteer-led humanitarian movement to its evolution into a trusted national organization, **EWSSO** remains steadfast in its mission to create resilient communities where every individual has the opportunity to live with dignity, hope, and equal opportunity.

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.

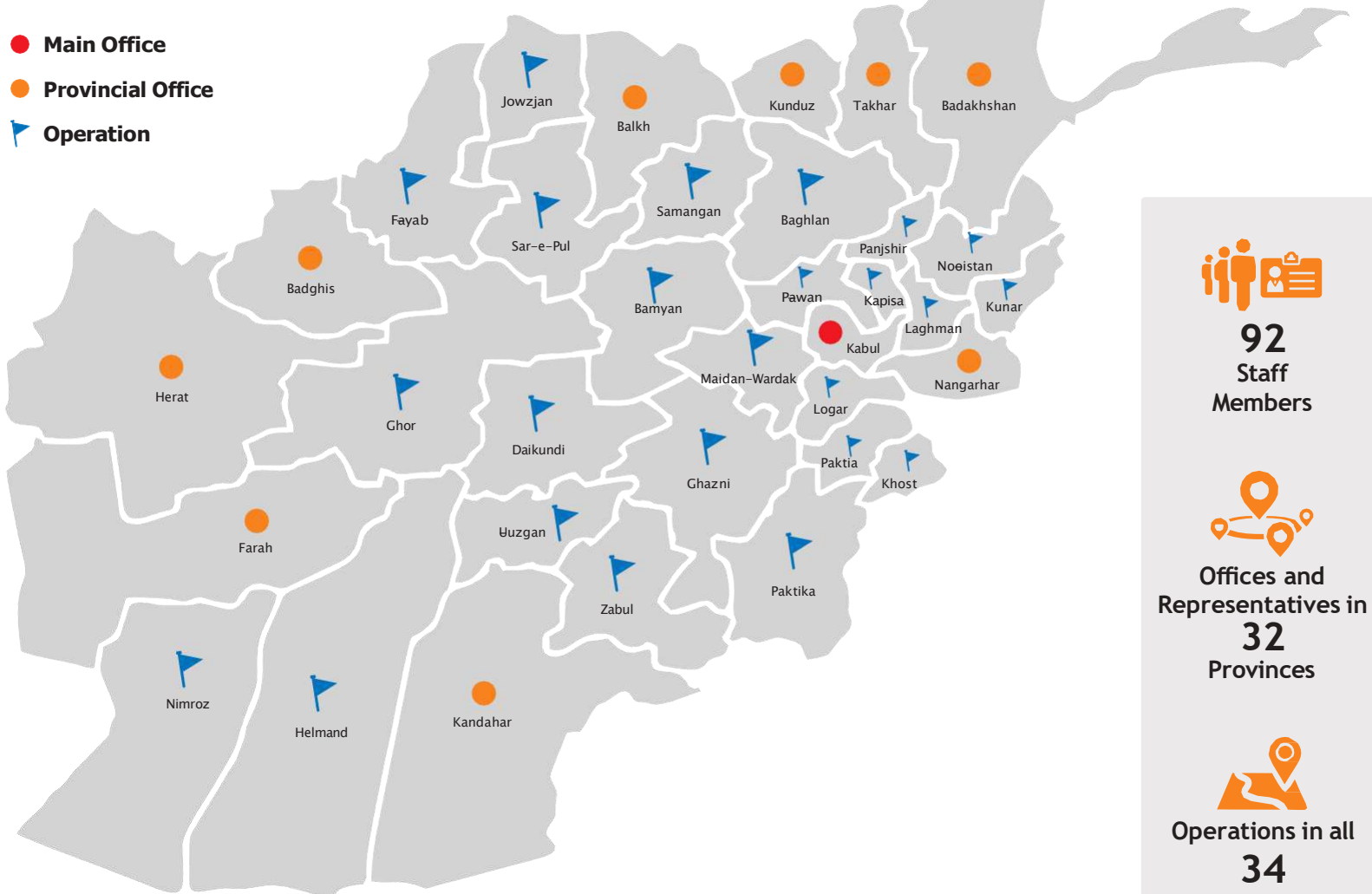
Violations and reporting requirements: If anybody working for EWSSO is discovered to be in violation of the Code, EWSSO may terminate his or her job or affiliation with EWSSO.

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



Afghanistan Facts - 2026



40.1 m
Population

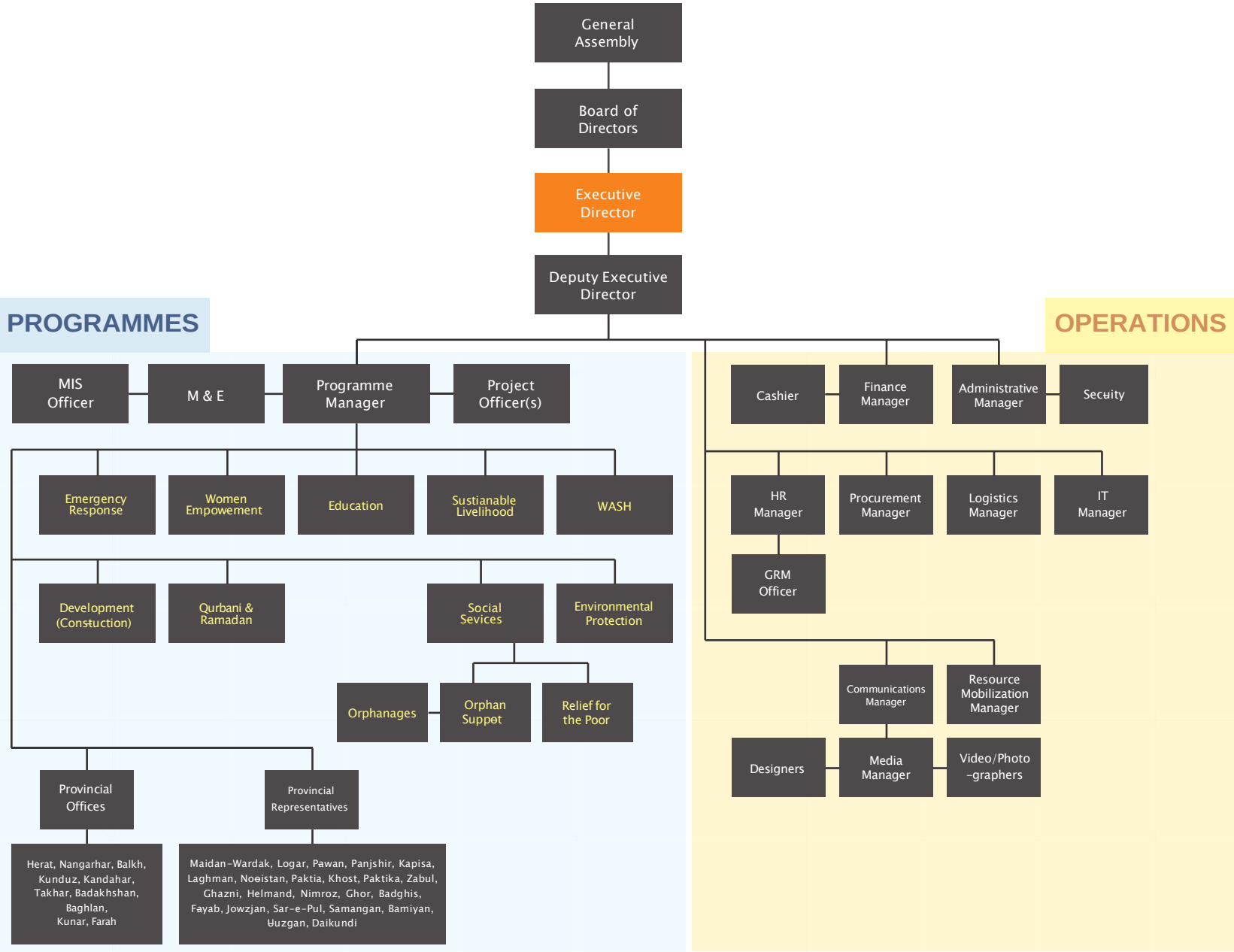


21.9 m
in humanitarian need



6.1 m
IDPs and Returnees

Organizational Structure



Our Programmes

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAMME

- DIRECT CASH
- FOOD PACKAGES
- SHELTER
- NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)
- MEDICAL / HYGIENE KITS
- SKILL DEVELOPMENT

REFUGEE/IDP SUPPORT PROGRAMME

- DIRECT CASH
- FOOD PACKAGES
- SHELTER
- NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)
- MEDICAL / HYGIENE KITS
- RETURN & REINTEGRATION

SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME

- AGRONOMY & HORTICULTURE
- LIVESTOCK
- SEEDS, FERTILIZER & FARM FEED
- EQUIPMENT & TECH
- SKILL DEVELOPMENT
- MICROFINANCE
- SMALL BUSINESS VENTURE SUPPORT

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE PROGRAMME

- WELL DRILLING
- WATER STORAGE
- WATER SUPPLY
- SANITATION

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

- VOCATIONAL TRAINING
- SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT
- WOMEN'S ACCESS TO MARKETS
- AWARENESS RAISING

HEALTHCARE PROGRAMME

- MOBILE CLINICS
- MEDICAL KITS
- COVID-19 KITS
- BLOOD BANK

SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMME

- ORPHAN & WIDOW SUPPORT
- RELIEF FOR THE POOR

EDUCATION & LITERACY PROGRAMME

- SCHOOL & INSTITUTE SPONSORSHIP
- MADRASA SPONSORSHIP
- SCHOOL GEAR & STATIONERY DISTRIBUTION

Our Programmes

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAMME

- AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS
- TREE PLANTING

DEVELOPMENT (CONSTRUCTION) PROGRAMME

- ORPHANAGE
- MOSQUE
- HOUSE
- MADRASA
- SCHOOL
- MEDICAL CLINIC

SOCIAL COHESION & ADVOCACY PROGRAMME

- LEGAL AID
- COMMUNITY MEDIATION & CONFLICT RESOLUTION
- AWARENESS & LEGAL LITERACY
- SOCIAL COHESION & REINTEGRATION
- CAPACITY BUILDING FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

QURBANI & RAMADAN PROGRAMME

- ANIMAL SACRIFICE
- MEAT PACKAGES
- FOOD PACKAGES
- IFTARI MEALS
- EID GIFTS

Memberships

ACBAR

Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief & development

IASC

Inter-Agency Standing Committee

PROTECTION FROM SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE

Afghanistan PSEA Network

WORLD BANK GROUP

NCCSP

NGOs and CSOs Capacity Support Project in Afghanistan

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Awaaz Afghanistan



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



PROGRAMMES
& ASSISTANCES

ASSISTANCE TYPES



TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGNS



ENVIRONMENTAL
AWARENESS
CAMPAIGNS



Completed 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.



Completed 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.



Completed 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.



Completed 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.



Completed 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:

