

<b>Project name:</b> Deepening Livelihood Enhancement and Protection	
<b>Thematic Areas:</b> Sustainable Livelihoods	
<b>Approx. value of the contract:</b> PKR 45,824,125	
<b>Country</b> Pakistan	<b>Location within Country (Districts)</b> Balakot
<b>Name of Donor/ Funding Agency:</b> PPAF	<b>Duration of Project (months):</b> 6
<b>Start date (month/year):</b> April 2015	<b>Completion date (month/year):</b> Sept 2015
<b>Name of Consortium Members (if the project was implemented by a consortium)</b> N/A	
<p><b>Project Description:</b> The project was initiated in April 2015 in Balakot through the financial assistance of PPAF of PKR 45,824,125 and was completed in September 2015.</p> <p><b>Project Objectives:</b> The purpose of this project was to develop the capacity and opportunities for community based organizations to reduce their vulnerability and strengthen their business operations. It also aimed to enhance productivity of community members to improve their livelihoods.</p> <p><b>Project Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 150 small enterprises were established</li> <li>- Self-employment has been promoted</li> <li>- Communities of communities were enhanced for developing their own businesses</li> <li>- 4 Area Coordination Councils (ACCs) got more awareness about the procurement process, and transparency &amp; accountability in financial matters</li> <li>- Opportunity to interact with people and learn about market demand</li> <li>- The communities' got national level exposure to promote their production centres</li> <li>- Mutual learning and experience sharing</li> <li>- Learning different ideas in managing small institutions or organizations</li> <li>- Strategic plans and VDP action plans of all five targeted UCs were discussed with line departments</li> <li>- Coordination among community organizations, government department and NGOs were developed to plan the implementation of upcoming developmental schemes</li> <li>- Access to jobs and employment for people.</li> <li>- People were familiarized with the resources available in the market</li> <li>- Increased job opportunities for the unemployed and skilful people</li> </ul> <p><b>List of major activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Business plans of 150 participants were developed, vocational and technical trainings were provided</li> <li>- Beneficiaries' ideas were supported as well; like establishment of dalda agency and wheat straw agency</li> <li>- Beneficiaries were trained in CIG management skills</li> </ul>	

- Group businesses are being managed without any conflict among group members
- Exposure visits
- Workshops for networking
- Job Fair/ Bridging skills to industry