
**PROJECT
TITLE:****AFGHAN WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM**

Countries/ IOs	United States, India, Afghanistan
Other partners:	Self-Employed Women Association (SEWA)
Objective:	To provide professional and leadership training to Afghan women through the Self-Employed Women Association (SEWA).
Description of activities related to the case story topic:	USAID partnered with the Governments of India and Afghanistan to support the Self-Employed Women's Association's (SEWA) Afghan Women's Empowerment Program. SEWA is an Indian women's cooperative with more than 1.9 million members. In 2015, USAID awarded SEWA with a three-year grant to implement the second phase of a program focused on economically empowering needy Afghan women. Under this phase, SEWA expanded its previous work with government and civil society stakeholders in India and Afghanistan to develop skills among women in five Afghan provinces. A total of 200 Afghan women aimed to be trained as Master Trainers. Over 3,000 Afghan women aimed to be trained in Afghanistan in vocational skills including embroidery, garment stitching, food processing, and jewelry making, as well as in leadership and marketing to help them achieve economic self-sufficiency. The program is expanding to five additional provinces in Afghanistan to develop Afghan women's vocational and marketing skills. A local Afghan NGO is being strengthened to sustain the program in Afghanistan.
Project period:	2015 - 2017

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