

UNDP AFGHANISTAN

SALAM

Duration:

1/2017 to 12/2020

Budget:

US\$ 120,000,000

Implementing Partner:

Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

Other Key Partners:

Private sector, civil society, research institutions, international community



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THE ISSUE

ILLEGAL MIGRATION

Afghanistan faces an unprecedented crisis:

- 1 1m+ to Europe last year
- 2 40% of Afghans say they want to leave
- 3 Thousands risk drowning and trafficking
- 4 Growth is negligible, work scarce and people afraid for themselves, their families and their futures

UNDP IN ACTION

*More opportunities at home;
informed and regulated migration abroad*



Safe, legal ways to work abroad and send money home

Finding markets for legitimate migration and enlisting international training and contracting firms

Help desks, legal aid facilities and remittance tracking systems in Afghan embassies



Stable jobs in Afghanistan

Helping negotiate with powerbrokers to guarantee security in job creation zones

Productive infrastructure and entrepreneurial training and support programmes



Trained workers

Entrepreneurial/vocational training, apprenticeships and work placements

Cost recovery mechanism to fund programmes



Awareness of risks and opportunities

Better information about the risks of illegal migration, job possibilities at home and legitimate opportunities for working abroad

UNDP experience in Afghanistan

SALAM builds on 14 years of experience in rural economic empowerment and service delivery

Infrastructure

Delivered rural projects on agricultural productivity, economic development, transportation, irrigation, market access, energy and food storage

Communities

Established elected District Development Assemblies countrywide and helped them plan, resolve conflicts and monitor projects

Empowerment

Created 1m labour days, supported SME access to finance through community savings and helped female-led households generate income

Provided returnees with infrastructure and skills trainings

How we will measure success



Photo: IFRC, Stephen Ryan

Legitimate migration and remittances

- % of migration through new legitimate channels
- # migrants using these channels
- 000s dollars returned through new channels

Employment and business creation

- 15,000 displaced people and returnees enrolled in TVET centers
- 10,000 training graduates employed
- 2,000 displaced people, returnees and potential migrants become SALAM entrepreneurs
- 100 new business infrastructures

Awareness

- % of people who understand migration risks and opportunities
- % who feel positive about employment and regulated migration opportunities