By the end of 3rd quarter 2020, FSAC partners provided food assistance to 5,275,233 people or (63%) against a revised target of 8,340,969 people and livelihoods assistance was provided to 1,204,298 people or (50%) against a revised target of 2,450,092 people. Total funding received is USD 153 Million + 48.5 Million USD carry over fund from 2019 against a revised requirement of USD 370 million.

Seasonal Food Security Assessment (SFSA) 2020

FSAC recently completed an initial analysis of SFSA conducted with the financial and technical support of FAO, WFP, UNDP along with the support of MAIL, NSIA and a dozen other FSAC partners. A total 365 districts of 34 provinces were surveyed with around 21,870 HHs (rural and urban population), 490 traders and 2,216 community questionnaires.

Main Findings:

- 69% of the households reported experiencing a recent shock. The major shocks faced by respondents were loss of employment (36.5%), reduced income (18.3%), followed by severe sickness or death of breadwinner (due to COVID-19) together with a huge increase in food prices (11%).
- About 25% of households reported resorting to crisis strategies, 36% to emergency coping strategies and 22% relying on stress strategies.
- 40% of the surveyed households reported poor food consumption and another 36% reported borderline food consumption.
- 53% of farmers reported lack of wheat seeds for the planting season and another 71% reported that their seeds stock is insufficient for the next cultivation season (winter cultivation).
- Of the 45% of households who reported owning livestock 48% of them reported a reduction in livestock production.

The final report is being developed.
Zarmina (25 years old) lives in the Feruzkoh district of Ghor province. She sadly lost her husband a year ago and ever since has been raising her two-year-old son alone. Zarmina has faced so many difficulties and has struggled following her husband’s passing to provide food and shelter for herself and her son; as she had no means of income. After moving back in with her father, Zarmina was feeling very worried about her son’s future.

She was selected as a beneficiary of Afghanaid’s FAO-funded project. As part of the project, Zarmina received vegetable seeds and home gardening tools to establish her home garden and produce vegetables, thereby improving her household consumption as well as generating an income. With the support provided by the project, Zarmina say that “I am now able to use my crops for household consumption as well as I am selling the surplus to the neighbors, which is a good income generating source for me” she continues: “I make about ANF 1,000 in a month on average which is enough to take care of mine and my son’s expenses”.

Ms. Rahmat Bibi is a cancer patient and IDP who currently lives in Joi Haft Jalalabad. She was displaced due to conflict from Pachir Aw Agam district of Nangarhar. Her family could not afford to rent a house and therefore, they started living in a room with their relatives. She was selected by the ZOA/SHPOUL AHF funded project and was assisted with Unconditional Cash in July 2020.

ZOA/SHPOUL provided awareness training on the prevention of COVID-19.

Ms. Rahmat Bibi said, “I am very thankful from ZOA/SHPOUL they save our life especially our children. This assistance is not less than a miracle for my family. By cash, we bought food until we get settled down in this place and my husband finds a job.”