



2023 Annual Report

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Foreword from the Board of Trustees

We are pleased to announce a strong set of results showing improved performance across our non-profit for positively impacting the lives of targeted population in various parts of Afghanistan. FY2022 was a year of significant change for Organization for Research and Community Development (ORCDG).

We have made substantial and rapid progress, and this has established solid foundations for the next phase of our strategic plan.

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Foreword from CEO

With great honor, I would like to state that 2023 was a year in which ORCDG kept up its momentum for forward movement toward expansion. Going through numerous challenges, ORCDG made sure that the year accomplishments are a success. This is not only an honor and privilege for me but all members of ORCDG including its management staff, volunteers and trustees who put in place dedicated efforts, expertise and displayed great enthusiasm for having ORCDG emerging as a strong Afghan national NGO in the country firmly linked with its sister organizations in Pakistan, Zimbabwe and in the United States pursuing same mission, vision and strategic goals across the world.

In line with our strategic plan that was adopted in 2017, ORCDG kept up its momentum and had its all projects aligned with its mission, vision, and strategic objectives. ORCDG services ranged spanning from food security, rural development, WASH, emergency response and supporting vulnerable children by integrating innovative approaches aimed at addressing complex needs of communities and individuals in different parts of the country especially in rural areas.

Our projects adopted innovative approaches in their efforts to have refined and diffuse innovative community-based development activities and replicated the best practices ORCDG got in different parts of the country.

The projects implemented by ORCDG in 2023 were not only contractual obligations with donors but were also part of a social obligation it has established with the target communities. They were not only achieving deliverables set by donors but were also documenting best practices and learning from beneficiaries so that they could be used for better service provision in future.

The dedicated staff of ORCDG both at central and field level as well as the generous support of donors such as Action for Humanity (AFH), Penny Appeal Canada, Penny Appeal UK, Muslim Aid UK, Penny Appeal USA, Charity Right UK, and Osman Consulting made all these achievements possible. Their generous and professional support proved highly crucial in all accomplishments of ORCDG during the year 2023. Let me thank you all for your continued support and invite you to continue joining us in working towards improved access to and provision of humanitarian and development services to the needy people across the country.

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Acronyms

AFH	Action For Humanity
CR	Charity Right
DTW	Deep Tube Well
FI	Food Items
HHs	Households
P4NGOs	Programs for NGOs
PA	Penny Appeal
PAC	Penny Appeal Canada
PA USA	Penny Appeal USA
MA	Muslim Aid
NFI	Non-Food Items
OC	Osman Consulting
ORCDG	Organization for Research and Community Development Global
WASH	Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

List of ORCDG Projects in 2023

ORCDG's Completed Projects in 2023						
SN	Project Title	Donor	Duration		Location	Budget
			Start Date	End Date		
1	5 Solar Powered Water Centers -Afghanistan 22-23	Penny Appeal USA	01.12.2022	01.08.2023	Parwan, Kunduz & Baghlan	\$ 168,133
2	Construction of 10 Shelter homes for earthquake Affected population in Paktika Province	Penny Appeal Canada	23.09.2022	25.07.2023	Paktika	\$ 31,615
3	WASH Rehabilitation	Osman Consulting	01.03.2023	10.08.2023	Kabul	\$5,000.00
4	Thirst Relief-Afghanistan - 10 DTW Project	Penny Appeal UK	20.06.2023	30.09.2023	Baghlan	\$15,784.64
5	Qurbani Afghanistan	Action for Humanity	23.06.2023	23.07.2023	Kunduz	\$4,142.80
6	Slaughtering and Distribution of Qurbani Meat	ILM UK	23.06.2023	23.07.2023	Baghlan	\$11,468.00
7	Life-Saving Winterization Support to vulnerable population in Kabul, Baghlan and Kunduz Provinces	Muslim Aid	14.11.2022	25.04.2023	Kabul, Baghlan & Kunduz	\$296,602.00
8	Ramadhan Food Packages to Vulnerable Families in Kabul	Muslim Aid	01.03.2023	14.05.2023	Kabul	\$52,538.00
9	Zakat Al Fitr Food Packs	Penny Appeal Canada	23.03.2023	22.04.2023	Kabul, Baghlan & Kunduz	\$36,827.00
10	Provision of Ramadhan Food Baskets to Impoverished Families in Baghlan and Kunduz	Action For Humanity	10.03.2023	10.05.2023	Baghlan & Kunduz	\$11,939.00
11	1224 Afghanistan Ramadhan Food Packs	Penny Appeal USA	23.03.2023	01.05.2023	Kabul & Baghlan	\$30,000.00
12	Construction of 45 deep Tube Wells in Afghanistan	Penny Appeal Canada	01.12.2022	30.05.2023	Baghlan	\$74,676.00
13	Rehabilitation of Agho Jan High School in Gelan District, Ghazni Afghanistan	Action For Humanity	01.12.2022	30.04.2023	Ghazni	\$17,723.48
14	Provision of Winterization Kits to Vulnerable Families in Kabul	Action For Humanity	10.11.2022	10.01.2023	Kabul	\$ 11,756
15	Construction of 123 hand pump equipped water wells in Baghlan and Kunduz Provinces	Penny Appeal Canada	01.09.2022	15.03.2023	Baghlan & Kunduz	\$ 177,179

16	Lifesaving support to Vulnerable Flood Affected Population in Logar Province	Muslim Aid	14.11.2022	14.03.2023	Logar	\$82,376.00
17	Emergency Food, Hygiene and WASH Project for flood affected population in Logar	Penny Appeal Canada	01.12.2022	28.02.2023	Logar	\$25,113.00
18	Distribution of 250 Food Packs	P4NGOs	15.01.2023	15.02.2023	Kabul	\$12,000
19	i22-54-GD-Winter Project-Afghanistan	Penny Appeal Canada	01.01.2023	31.03.2023	Kabul	\$27,404.00
20	Emergency Response Program 2022	Osman Consulting	01.02.2023	31.03.2023	Kabul	\$ 9,357
21	Construction of 4 deep tube wells	Penny Appeal	01.04.2023	31.05.2023	Baghlan	GBP 5000
22	Provision of emergency NFI and Food Kits to the Earthquake Affected people of Herat province of Afghanistan	Muslim Aid	14.10.2023	15.11.2023	Herat	\$ 24,514.40
23	Herat Earthquake Emergency	Penny Appeal	15.10.2023	15.12.2023	Herat	\$34,320.00

ORCDG's Ongoing Projects in 2023

SN	Project Title	Donor	Duration		Location	Budget
			Start Date	End Date		
1	i23-13 - 70 Thirst Relief – Afghanistan	Penny Appeal Canada	01.03.2023	31.12.2023	Paktia & Baghlan	\$204,826.00
2	CR - ORCD Afghanistan School Feeding Programme and Ramadhan Food Packs Programme	Charity Right	22.03.2022	23.03.2024	Kabul	\$620,836.80
3	4 Solar Powered Water Centers-Baghlan Province, Afghanistan	Penny Appeal	01.07.2023	01.01.2024	Baghlan	\$97,641.21
4	Construction of 80 deep tube wells in Kunduz	Penny Appeal USA	01.09.2023	30.06.2024	Kunduz	\$179,324.26
5	Income Generation Through Skill Building	Penny Appeal USA	01.10.2023	31.07.2024	Kabul	\$84,877.82
6	i23-64-TR-5 SPWC in Afghanistan	Penny Appeal Canada	15.10.2023	15.06.2024	Nangarhar & Baghlan	\$110,462.80
7	Life-saving winterization assistance to the Vulnerable population in Herat province	Muslim Aid	15.11.2023	15.01.2024	Herat	\$44,000.00

Operating Areas of ORCDG in Afghanistan



5 Solar Powered Water Centers -Afghanistan 22-23

With funds from Penny Appeal USA, the project aimed at providing safe and clean drinking water to 5 poor communities in three provinces of Kunduz, Baghlan and Parwan. In close coordination with the authorities at the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation & Development (MRRD), its provincial directorates in all three provinces and the community representatives, ORCDG was able to successfully implement the project activities and present the residents of the five villages with safe daily use water. The project will have long term impacts on the lives of the resident communities since it will help them have a sustainable water source near their residences. The project is also using Green Energy (Solar Powered System) to provide power supply.

The direct beneficiaries of this project constitute 548 HHs (3836 individuals), with 170 HHs being the indirect beneficiaries of the intervention. In addition to providing clean water, ORCDG conducted hygiene awareness sessions in the target villages where individuals from different segments of the community were providing information regarding the use of clean water, hand washing practice, avoiding open defecation, using hygienic latrines and operation & maintenance of the facility built for them.



Figure 1 Young boys happily using the services of SPWC.



Figure 2 The SPWCs are powered by Solar Panels

Construction of 10 Shelter homes for earthquake Affected population in Paktika Province

The objective of this project was to construct two room shelters for 10 Earthquake-affected households in Gayan district of Paktika province who had suffered losses in the massive earthquake. The project was designed and implemented with the relevant stakeholders, especially the de-facto authorities as well as the ESNFI cluster and local aid distribution committee in Gayan. The project will have a great positive impact on the lives of the 10 benefiting households as they are now safeguarded against the risk of harsh weather conditions and are able to continue living in a safe and dignified manner. The project beneficiaries consists of 84 individuals including men, women, children and elderly people.

The project was generously funded by the Canada based Islamic charity Penny Appeal Canada and was greatly appreciated by the communities and local authorities.



Figure 3 Transitional Shelters built for earthquake-affected households in Gayan, Paktika



WASH Rehabilitation

The WASH Rehabilitation project was funded by Osman Consulting and aimed at extensively renovating the WASH facilities in two schools located in Qarabagh district of Kabul province. The WASH facilities in Abdul Wakeel Shaheed and Sabz Sang high schools were in desperate need of rehabilitation. ORCDG in coordination with the education department of Kabul, estimated the needs of the schools and embarked on the rehabilitation of latrines, water wells and other small renovation works.

With the completion of this project, around 3000 students in both schools are now enabled to have access to sanitary latrines, clean and safe drinking water and safe sanitation facilities.



Figure 5 The latrines were extensively rehabilitated in the target schools.



Figure 4 Students now have access to clean water inside the school.

Thirst Relief-Afghanistan - 10 DTW Project

Access to clean water is a basic need for all and unfortunately several villages in Afghanistan are still struggling with this issue. In order to meet the clean drinking water needs of communities in Burka and Nahrin districts of Baghlan province, ORCDG with funds from Penny Appeal successfully completed the construction of 10 semi deep (45 meters) water wells in the 10 villages. The water wells are equipped with hand pump to facilitate easy access to water for the villagers.

Over 500 individuals who live in Burka and Nahrin are now relieved of worrying about clean water, thanks to the funds from Penny Appeal and the project designed by ORCDG.



Figure 7 The beneficiaries are jubilant to have easy access to water in their village now.



Figure 6 The project has enabled individuals from various segments of the community to have access to clean drinking water.

Qurbani Afghanistan

The title project targeted the most vulnerable families living in Kunduz province. It is considered a crucial project due to its role in strengthening the bonds between the members of the communities (the advantaged with the disadvantaged) as well as providing the people who perform the ritual of sacrifice during the Adha Eid with the opportunity to donate the meat to the most vulnerable families, which is the main objective of performing this type of ritual in the first place.

The project also targeted disadvantaged families who live under the poverty lines, vulnerable refugees, and IDPs. In this way, the project played a crucial role in strengthening the bonds between the members of the communities (advantaged with the disadvantaged) as well as providing the opportunity to donate the meat to the most vulnerable families. The needy and vulnerable families who have limited access to food will have the chance to eat nutritious meal and will be able to eat meat that is costly to buy and consume. This intervention also helped reduce hunger and meet the protein deficiency for the disadvantaged vulnerable families.



Figure 9 More than 60 families received Qurbani meat.



Figure 8 The project targeted the most vulnerable groups of the community.

Qurbani Afghanistan – ILM

Qurbani is a rite of sacrifice associated with the Hajj pilgrimage that takes place on Eid Ul Adha at the conclusion of the Hajj, when the pilgrims sacrifice an animal – traditionally a sheep, goat, cow, or camel. The meat of the animal slaughtered is partly consumed by the family undertaking the ritual and the rest is donated to the poor families who cannot afford to perform Qurbani.

The project aimed at distributing meat as a food source among the needy and vulnerable people which supported them for days with the following impacts: These vulnerable families who normally have limited access to food now have nutritious meal and will be able to eat meat that is costly to buy and consume. Reduce hunger and meet the protein deficiency for these disadvantaged vulnerable families. As a source of motivation, the Community members were inspired and involved in such a wonderful purpose, which will motivate them to do the same for the community in the future. The impact of this program was that families who normally have little or no food will get to enjoy a nutritious meal.



Figure 11 The ceremony was attended by local authorities.



Figure 10 Beneficiary receiving Qurbani meat.

Lifesaving Winterization Support to vulnerable population in Kabul, Baghlan and Kunduz Provinces

Funded by the UK based charity Muslim Aid, the project provided emergency support to vulnerable families in Kabul, Kunduz and Baghlan provinces. The total budget of the project was around USD 318k where families were provided with cash for winterization as well as food, non-food, and winterization items to help them survive the difficult winter conditions.

As mentioned, the project was implemented in three provinces and the total number of beneficiaries was 1470 families.



Figure 13 Distribution site prepared for the distribution of food items to beneficiaries.



Figure 12 Beneficiaries receiving the aid items.

Ramadhan Food Packages to Vulnerable Families in Kabul

The main objective of the project was to provide 363 families with food boxes during the holy month of Ramadan to help them have access to all the food items they need for one month. The project was implemented in Kabul and ORCDG selected the beneficiaries from different areas of the province following a needs assessment.



Figure 15 363 Ramadan Food Packages



Figure 14 ORCDG selected the beneficiaries after conducting needs assessment in Kabul.

Zakat Al Fitr Food Packs

With the financial support from Penny Appeal Canada, ORCDG distributed 565 food packs to poor families in Kabul during the last 10 days of the holy month of Ramadan. The food packages included different items such as flour, cooking oil, Beans, and other important food items which were aimed at meeting the nutrition needs of the targeted families for Ramadan and during Eid ul Fitr days.



Figure 17 Food items were distributed to 565 families as part of the Zakat al Fitr project.



Figure 16 During the distribution, the team members ensured that all the beneficiaries receive the aid in a dignified manner.

Provision of Ramadhan Food Baskets to Impoverished Families in Baghlan and Kunduz

The objective of this project was supporting vulnerable families in Baghlan and Kunduz provinces during the month of Ramadan. As a result, a total of 166 food packs were distributed to vulnerable families in Baghlan and Kunduz provinces. The project donor was UK based charity Action for Humanity.



Figure 19 One of the project beneficiaries receiving aid items from ORCDG staff.



Figure 18 Food items ready to be distributed to the beneficiaries.

Afghanistan Ramadhan Food Packs

The subject project was generously funded by Penny Appeal USA. The main purpose of the intervention was to provide emergency Ramadan food packs to families who are struggling with finding enough food during the month of Ramadan. The project targeted poor households in two provinces Kabul and Baghlan.

Through this project, 192 families in Kabul and 100 families in Baghlan received food packs that contained primary food items such as flour, oil, milk, rice and other essentials. The project had a great short-term impact on the beneficiaries as they were relieved of their nutrition needs for one month.



Figure 21 Distribution of food packs in Kabul.



Figure 20 Beneficiary jubilant to receive the aid items.

Construction of 45 deep Tube Wells in Afghanistan

The objective of this project was to improve the drinking water quality in the target areas and help improve the health condition of the communities by drilling water wells and installing hand pumps. ORCDG selected the villages for the project in close collaboration with the local authorities.

The project targeted the most vulnerable communities within four districts of Baghlan province. In order to ensure community involvement and participation in the project activities, ORCDG established local village-based committees in each community and elected the community representatives. The committee members were responsible for regular participatory monitoring of the project, handover, and post-project O&M. The project will directly benefit over 800 households will have long term impacts on the decrease of water borne diseases as well ensure the dignity and safety of women and children in the target areas.



Figure 22 Children and women are amongst the primary beneficiaries of the water wells.



Figure 23 The water wells were built in central locations of the villages to facilitate easy access to beneficiaries.

Rehabilitation of Agho Jan High School in Gelan District, Ghazni Afghanistan

The Agho Jan School rehabilitation project funded by Action for Humanity was intended to renovate the school located in Agho Jan village, Gelan district of Ghazni province. The school has 20 classrooms and is the learning centre for more than 1200 students. Due to conflicts in the past 20 years, agho jan high school had been used as a fortress during the combat between the opposing sides, leaving the school building in a troublesome situation. After learning about the conditions of the school, ORCDG deployed an assessment team to the village to assess the needs of the school.

Following a needs assessment and approval from the donor, ORCDG in coordination with the Ministry of Education and Ghazni education directorate embarked on the renovation activities and was able to complete the rehabilitation. With the completion of the rehab. Activities, the classrooms now have a safe roof, new doors and windows providing a clean environment for the students.



Figure 25 The building of Agho Jan school after rehabilitation.



Figure 24 The classrooms were cleaned, painted, provided with new doors, windows and glasses.

Provision of Winterization Kits to Vulnerable Families in Kabul

The project was focused on providing winterization items to vulnerable and needy families in Kabul province. With funding from Action for Humanity, ORCDG surveyed various families across different districts in Kabul and selected the project beneficiaries following a needs assessment. As a result, 193 poor families were provided with winterization kits which included blankets, coats, socks, and other essential items. The project will help the families survive the cold winter weather.



Figure 27 ORCDG team during the needs assessment



Construction of 123 hand pump equipped water wells in Baghlan and Kunduz Provinces

With the main goal of improving drinking water quality in 123 villages, the construction of 123 deep tube wells project was implemented in two provinces: Baghlan & Kunduz. The funding source for this project was the Canada-based faith charity, Penny Appeal Canada. ORCDG as the implementing partner collaborated with the project stakeholders and were able to select 123 eligible locations across six districts of the two provinces in consideration of the project selection criteria.

The project will benefit more than 1600 HHs (around 11400 individuals) across the six districts and will bring huge positive changes to the lives of the communities. The project is expected to long term impacts on the reduction of water borne diseases as well ensure the dignity and safety of women and children in the target areas.



Figure 29 Beneficiaries happy to have access to clean drinking water.



Figure 28 At least 15-20 households will be using the hand pumps in each village.

Lifesaving support to Vulnerable Flood Affected Population in Logar Province

Objective: To assist and promote the dignity of flood- affected population in Logar providing lifesaving support in the form of food, and NFI. The project targeted vulnerable families who were affected by floods in Logar province. The beneficiaries were supported with emergency food and Non-food items to help them survive the difficult situation and be able to have access to necessary items during the crisis.

As part of this project, around 210 families were selected following a needs assessment who then received the aid items and were content with the support. The donor of this project was the UK-based charity Muslim Aid.



Figure 30 The volume of distribution items displayed.



Figure 31 ORCDG distribution team confirming the identity of beneficiary before handing over the distribution items to them.

Emergency Food, Hygiene and WASH Project for flood affected population in Logar

Objective: To provide flood affected population in Logar with 165 food packs, 45 hygiene kits and 3 water wells. The total budget of this project was around CAD \$ 32,467.32.

Through this project, the emergency needs of the flood affected people in Logar province will be satisfied. The project will directly benefit 165 HHs who will receive emergency food kits. It will also support the hygiene necessities of 45 HHs. In addition, it will also provide clean water to three communities who have lost access to safe drinking water.



Figure 33 165 HHs received food items as part of this project.



Figure 32 ORCDG project distribution team receiving confirmation from beneficiaries.

Distribution of 250 Food Packs

The project was financially supported by Programs for NGOs (P4NGOs) office in the UK. With a total budget of USD 12,000, ORCDG was able to procure and distribute 250 food packages to those in need. The project location was Kabul province and the beneficiaries were selected from different areas of the province.

The project addressed the emergency food and nutrition needs of the benefiting families who were struggling with finding enough food due to the lack of employment opportunities and economic crisis around the country.



Figure 34 Distribution photos

i22-54-GD-Winter Project-Afghanistan

The total budget of this project is around USD 30k aimed at providing emergency winter support to families that do not have means of providing for their families during the harsh winter weather. The project helped address the emergency winterization needs of 133 households in Kabul province. With the support of this intervention, the benefiting families will have access to both food items such as flour and winterization items such as blankets and jackets helping them keep themselves warm during the cold winter of Kabul.



Figure 36 Food and Non-food items were distributed to needy families.



Figure 35 ORCDG distribution team helping the beneficiaries with the aid items.

Emergency Response Program

The title project was funded by Salam Charity and the funds were channelled through the UK-based firm Osman Consulting. The objective of this project was to address the emergency situation in the country by providing emergency food items to families who did not have access to food items. The project benefited around 250 families in Kabul providing them with emergency food items which will help them survive the catastrophic situation happening around the country.



Figure 37 The beneficiaries received emergency food items through the project.



Figure 38 ORCDG project team checking and preparing the food packs.

Construction of 4 deep tube wells

The project was funded by the generous donors of Penny Appeal and was implemented by ORCDG in Baghlan province. The main objective of this project was to provide clean and safe drinking water to communities who were struggling with access to safe daily use water.

ORCDG coordinated the response with the local authorities and were able to select four eligible locations for the project. Fortunately, ORCDG did not face any major issue during the execution of this project and the team were able to successfully accomplish all the activities within the project timeframe. As a result, the project output was inspected and handed over to the communities in presence of technical engineers from the Provincial Directorate of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (PRRD).



Figure 40 Each water well will benefit around 20-25 families in each village.



Figure 39 The project will benefit specifically women and children in the target villages.

Provision of emergency NFI and Food Kits to the Earthquake Affected people of Herat province of Afghanistan

The project objective was to address the immediate needs of 700 vulnerable earthquake-affected people in Herat Province, Afghanistan. The funding addressed the most immediate needs of the vulnerable families in terms of NFI and Food Kits.

The distribution went smoothly per the pre-developed plan. During the entire process endeavours were made to distribute the Food and NFI. Endeavours were also made so that the beneficiaries will easily receive the assistance with their dignity kept intact by keeping in view to incorporate the protection principles and promoting the meaningful access, safety, and dignity during the distribution process. During the distribution, beneficiary representatives as well as ORCDG M&E staff members were available to ensure the process was carried out in a transparent and fair way.

ORCDG also properly recorded the distribution process and prepared all supporting documents needed. The process of distribution was well-organized in terms of crowd controlling as well as proper recording of the receipt by beneficiary families. The distribution process was carried out under oversight of community elders and relevant sectorial departments.



Figure 42 Beneficiary receiving Non-food items from ORCDG distributor.



Figure 41 Beneficiaries were happy to receive emergency relief items.

Herat Earthquake Emergency

In order to respond to the Herat earthquake, ORCDG was able to attract emergency fund from different donors which significantly helped the affected communities as they were provided with emergency relief items post crises. One of the many generous donors was the UK-based faith charity Penny Appeal.

The project provided 116 families with emergency food and non-food items supporting their relief and recovery. All the target families had lost either all or most of their essential items in the earthquake and were in need of various basic items such as blankets, utensils and kitchen tools and bathing tools, which were provided through these project. In addition, the beneficiaries were provided with food items such as flour, oil, water and other essential items.



Figure 44 Distribution of food items.



Figure 43 Distribution of Non-food items.

ORCDG ongoing projects

i23-13 - Thirst Relief – Afghanistan

Project Objective: The project objective is to construct 100 deep wells in the target areas and help improve the health condition of communities through Provision of Safe Drinking by constructing Deep Tube Wells in different areas of Baghlan and Paktya Provinces. Out of the total of 50 wells, 25 of them will be constructed in Baghlan and the remaining 25 will be constructed in Paktya province. Also, the donor agreed on adding 20 additional water wells as part of the project, which will be constructed in Baghlan province.

Taking into account the agreement terms and conditions as well as lessons learned from other previously implemented projects, ORCDG begun the implementation of i23-13 project by coordinating the response with the relevant authorities. The initial coordination stage encompassed registration of the project with the Ministry of Economy, obtaining necessary permit letter for further process. After receiving the project introductory letter from the ministry, ORCDG project team held meetings with the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation & Development (MRRD) which resulted in introduction of ORCDG teams to Provincial Directorates of Rural rehabilitation and Development in both target provinces. As an important step in the development of relations with authorities, joint technical assessment teams comprised of representatives from PRRDs, ORCDG engineers and community elders were established in both provinces. In view of project selection criteria and petitions received from different communities, the committee embarked on field visits to selected villages where they assessed the suitability of each location in terms of both technical and social aspects. At the end of a (15) days assessment in Baghlan and 6 days assessment in Paktya province, the teams were able to select 100 eligible locations for the construction of Deep Wells. During the assessment, the field teams also established community-level monitoring and O&M committees and also received commitments from the village elders to ensure their participation in the project activities. The lists of locations are currently being received from the field which will be submitted to MRRD at central level for final approval resulting in the signing of project Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). ORCDG was able to complete the construction of 50 water wells up to the end of December 2023 and will continue to carry out the construction of the remaining 20 water wells by the end of February 2024.



Figure 45 Beneficiaries are happy to have access to clean water.

CR - ORCD Afghanistan School Feeding Programme and Ramadhan Food Packs Programme

Project Duration: 12 months, Project Budget: \$ 379,101.9

(Start Date: 23.03.2023, End Date: 22.03.2024)

Project Goals: Improved Attendance, additional registration, Reduced drop-out rate, Improved nutritional status of the children, Improved academic performance of the children, Improved completion/graduation rate, Improved completion/graduation rate for girls, Improved physical development of the students during their education, Food security for vulnerable families during Ramadhan, Reduced hunger and improved nutritional status, Improved household economics, Improved participation of children in education

School Meals are delivered in selected governmental schools (4 schools, 2236 students total) in Kabul Province every school day (Sat-Thur.) of the national academic calendar starting from 23 Mar 2023 for a period of 1 year up to 22 March 2024.



Figure 46 Students are provided with nutritious meals every day.



Solar Powered Water Centers-Baghlan Province, Afghanistan

To begin the project implementation, ORCDG coordinated the intervention with the relevant administration departments and registered the project with the Ministry of Economy. The project was also coordinated with the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) and its provincial directorate (PRRD) in Baghlan province. As a result of the coordination meetings, a joint site selection and survey committee comprised of ORCDG and PRRD re-visited the pre-selected locations to make sure that the villages meet the project selection criteria. Also, to further ensure project feasibility in the target areas, the survey team took into account other social aspects such as availability of a communal/donated land in the village, availability of enough households in the vicinity and selection of a central location for the SPWC. Following the joint survey, ORCDG was able to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with MRRD which meant that the project activities were officially permitted. Additionally, the project team members also formed local village-based committees in each of the four target villages who will be acting as representatives for each village respectively. The Village Development Committee (VDC) members will also be overseeing the project construction activities throughout the project and will also be taking part in important decision-making processes. The MoU is available here:

Likewise, in order to select a subcontractor for the construction activities of the SPWCs, ORCDG announced an Invitation to Bid (ITB) through local tendering websites. After receiving bids from different vendors, a bid opening and bid evaluation committee evaluated all the received quotes and selected a subcontractor based on the highest technical and financial scores. The field team members are working on the construction of SPWC and have so far accomplished around 85% of the construction. The remaining activities are expected to be accomplished very soon and the project will be handed over to the communities.



Figure 48 Construction of SPWCs in one of the target villages.

Construction of 80 deep tube wells in Kunduz

Funded by Penny Appeal USA, the project is being implemented in the northern Kunduz province of the country. The project is aimed at constructing 80 deep tube wells in the province in order to facilitate access to clean drinkable water for the communities who previously had no or limited access to healthy water.

The project team in collaboration with the Kunduz PRRD, surveyed various locations across eight district of the province and were able to select eighty most eligible locations that were meeting the project criteria. ORCDG has recently began the construction process of the water wells and has so far accomplished the drilling of around 5 wells. The construction of water wells will be further expedited during the upcoming month to ensure the project is completed within the allotted time.



Figure 50 Location selected for construction of water well in one of the villages.



Figure 49 Construction of well in progress.

Income Generation Through Skill Building

Given the widespread poverty and declining economic conditions in Afghanistan, Afghans are struggling with poverty, lack of livelihood opportunities, and high unemployment rate. To help reduce the unemployment rate and resolve economic issues for some Afghans, ORCDG is carrying out vocational training activities in two skills (i.e., Tailoring and mobile phone repairing) where youth who have the ambition of starting their own small businesses can be provided with trainings and necessary inputs enabling them to be equipped with the means and necessary tools to do so.

The project is being implemented in Charasiab district of Kabul in close cooperation with the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MoLSA). ORCDG project team has been able to complete the initial coordination activities and have successfully completed signing the project Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Also, the project team has established a field office/training centre in the target district. Moreover, the team has completed the survey and site selection process of the beneficiaries. The training program will begin within the upcoming weeks and is expected to cover both theoretical and practical studies.



Figure 52 Community mobilization session in the target district.



Figure 51 ORCDG conducted house-to-house survey for selection of the project beneficiaries.

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To address the dire clean water needs of five communities in Nangarhar and Baghlan provinces, ORCDG recently embarked on implementation of the subject project. The project is financed by Penny Appeal Canada and will aim at providing safe daily-use water for 3 communities in Nangarhar, and 2 communities in Baghlan.

As part of the project, ORCDG will construct deep wells as the water source, will build a water storage tank for the purpose of storing and distributing water, a guard room for safeguarding the SPWC. Also, ORCDG will install a solar pump and solar panels as the power source for the Solar Powered Water Centres. Since the project has recently started, ORCDG has so far completed the selection of locations for the project in both provinces and has also coordinated the response with the relevant authorities (i.e., Ministry of Economy and Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation & Development). Also, ORCDG has completed the bidding process for this project and has hired qualified subcontractor for the construction activities. The physical activities of this project will soon begin.



Figure 53 During site selection in one of the target villages.

Life-saving winterization assistance to the Vulnerable population in Herat province

The massive earthquakes that happened during October in Herat had enormous negative effects on the lives of the people and have left them in need of different primary items, with one of them being essential household items and means of winterization. Recognizing the need, ORCDG with funds from Muslim Aid designed an emergency winterization project which has a purpose of providing needy families with winterization items and wood.

ORCDG has been performing all the project activities in collaboration with the humanitarian actors (i.e., the UN, ES/NFI cluster and other organizations) as well as the local authorities to ensure the aid reaches the most vulnerable and to make sure duplication in distribution of aid is avoided. ORCDG has planned to complete the distribution within the last week of January 2024.



Figure 54 Needs assessment in earthquake-affected areas.