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FACT SHEET

Hilmand Poultry Project

OVERVIEW

In Hilmand Province in southern Afghanistan, the majority of the population receives its eggs and chicken through imports from India, Pakistan, and Iran. As part of its effort to improve Afghanistan's trade balance and food security, USAID began supporting the Hilmand poultry industry in 2007. The Hilmand Poultry Project aims to develop a chain of poultry businesses in the province by providing technical training and facilitating private-sector investment to produce high quality poultry products that will substitute for current imports.

The Hilmand Poultry Project rehabilitated facilities owned by the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock at the Bolan Poultry Farm and provided technical assistance to private poultry producers in and around the area of Lashkar Gah in Hilmand Province. The project supports development of the poultry industry in Hilmand to ensure successful privatization of the Bolan Poultry Farm. Ultimately, the farm will have the capacity to supply about 10 percent of the chicken and 30 percent of the eggs that the province requires, thereby decreasing reliance on imports and stimulating local business and job development.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- Oversee a state-of-the-art integrated hatchery, parent stock, and feed mill operation at the Bolan Poultry Farm in Hilmand Province
- Transfer operations and assets of the Bolan Poultry Farm to a private investor organization called Hilmand Ihsan Poultry Co. (HIPC)
- Facilitate a long-term lease of the land on which Bolan Poultry Farm is located from the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock on behalf of HIPC

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Developed 62 commercial growing operations and introduced appropriate poultry feeding, health care, bio-security and business management practices throughout the value chain with an average capacity of 3,500 birds per facility
- Developed and provided a capstone training regimen for HIPC to prepare for the handover
- Produced 222,000 broiler chicks, 315,000 layer chicks, upwards of 20 million table eggs, 334,000 kilograms of meat, and 449,000 kilograms of poultry feed
- Increased grain demand for poultry feed

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