



Gaining Self-confidence and connecting community together



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Graduation of certificate-award organized by community members for making a memorable day

“We thank EU and UN-Habitat very much for encouraging us to learn new skills for helping our family members and our future,” said one of the trainees.



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Certificates on hands of trainees posing with smile

Decades of war across Afghanistan have left many people vulnerable and internally displaced from their homes. Large numbers of returnees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) have returned to urban cities. Particularly, influxes of people in addition have migrated to Kabul City, as better employment and livelihood opportunities, and poor security condition in the southern region have driven them to the rural-urban migration.

In District one of Kabul City, many returnees and IDPs reside in informal settlements where most women and girls were not allowed to go to school but stay at home without having social activities. But their life changed when UN-Habitat implemented the European Union (EU)-funded project to encourage forming a women’s group for developing skills training courses. These three-month intensive courses included literacy, computer knowledge, tailoring and cosmetology, and were attended by 75 young women aged 15 on average.

UN-Habitat witnessed the graduation of all the trainees who received certificates for having been able to acquire basic skills and knowledge. Acquiring new skills had shown a special appeal for the young learners who found a means to supplement their family’s income. Everyone also discovered that they had a great opportunity to learn new skills and to have social life with other community members.

Though urban poverty and social exclusion have risen in informal settlements, EU and UN-Habitat helped the community increase its responsiveness of inclusive-age and gender society through the community-driven settlements upgrading approach.