

#### **Rural women empowerment**

**Project Report** 

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# 1- Reducing smoke affection and reducing wood consumption by installing smokeless bread stoves.

Project implementation took additional time and effort to be introduced. Deals with authorities about project approval, prolonged winter and rainy year, and one-by-one stove installation and evaluation of their productivity were the main reasons for the project prolongation. SALEH managed to introduce smokeless stoves and managed to install all 20 stoves in two villages of Zebak.

Using the opportunity SALEH installed the stoves in three methods and conditions with different angle degrees, 90\* and 75\* and modified the traditional stoves. Studying the productivity of the stove installation the one with 75 degrees was better productivity, reduced wood consumption by 50% and reduced smoke by 15-20% compared to the traditional stoves.

SALEH has been receiving high-demand requests from household women to provide more bread stoves.

## 2- Functionality of Women's Learning Center

Due to the ban on women's activity, SALEH was not able to run the women's learning center as women's gathering was strictly prohibited. No meetings and gathering for women/girls were taken place during the reporting time. Girls' book reading sessions were suspended as well.

## 3- Learning course activity

The **ban** on girls' education above class six affected the learning activity and largely dropped the number of students. The learning center/course remained open with a minimum number of students. 17 girls below class six are attending the learning course. SALEH offered support to the local community to use this facility for a Community Base School CBS where 45 children are enrolled. In comparison to 20 Dec 2022, there is only one class with 17 girls. In Dec 202 there were 15 classes with 291 students.



## 4- Social library, book reading, and learning motivation sessions.

Book reading sessions for girls fully suspended since March 2023 as the ban for women/girls activities were applied to women. Individual book reading, access to the social library and demand for book reading mostly by girls and females significantly increases. SALEH registration indicates that the average book reading from March to May 2023 is 201 readers per month with 73% of females and girls.



# **Project photos**

## Traditional stoves





Improved stoves



















# Social library





