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Emergency response, livelihoods and community infrastructure



Dahan-e Tasraqi community hydropower rehabilitation | Ghor, 2024



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# 1. Management Message

Saifrood Unity and Aid Organization (SUAO) continued its humanitarian and community development work throughout 2024, supporting vulnerable communities through emergency assistance, livelihood development, community infrastructure rehabilitation, youth empowerment, and organizational capacity building.

During the reporting year, SUAO contributed to emergency flood response in Taiwara District of Ghor Province and supported the rehabilitation of the Dahan-e Tasraqi community hydropower system. The organization also participated in the implementation of climate-smart agriculture and livestock activities, youth development through sport and learning, organizational capacity-building initiatives, environmental cleaning, and health-related support.

These activities reflect SUAO's commitment to addressing immediate community needs while promoting resilience, self-reliance, and sustainable development. Through cooperation with partner organizations, relevant institutions, community representatives, staff, and volunteers, SUAO worked to strengthen community participation and support locally relevant solutions.

Some programmes covered more than one calendar year. Accordingly, this report distinguishes activities and results confirmed for 2024 from project-wide targets and achievements associated with earlier periods. In particular, cash assistance to earthquake-affected families in Herat was completed in 2023, while monitoring, follow-up, coordination, and project close-out activities continued in 2024.

SUAO appreciates the cooperation and support of its donors, partners, grant holders, government institutions, community representatives, staff, and volunteers. Their contributions have been important in implementing activities and supporting vulnerable communities.

As we look ahead, SUAO remains committed to improving programme quality, strengthening organizational systems, maintaining accurate documentation, and delivering inclusive and accountable humanitarian and development assistance.

**Management:** Saifrood Unity and Aid Organization (SUAO)

## 2. About SUAO

Saifrood Unity and Aid Organization (SUAO) is an Afghan humanitarian and development organization established in 2014 and registered with the Afghanistan Ministry of Economy under registration number 3234.

SUAO works to improve the well-being of vulnerable communities through humanitarian assistance, emergency response, education, livelihoods development, community infrastructure rehabilitation, health support, youth engagement, and organizational capacity development.

The organization seeks to strengthen community resilience and self-reliance by working with local communities, partner organizations, relevant institutions, and other stakeholders.

## 2.1 Mission

To improve the lives of vulnerable communities by delivering inclusive humanitarian assistance, expanding access to education, and providing emergency support, while promoting dignity, resilience, and sustainable development across Afghanistan.

## 2.2 Vision

To build resilient, self-reliant communities where every individual has equal access to opportunities, essential services, and a safe environment, enabling people to live with dignity, hope, and long-term prosperity.

## 2.3 Core Values

SUAO's work is guided by the following core values:

1. Humanity
2. Integrity
3. Accountability
4. Transparency
5. Inclusion
6. Neutrality
7. Local Impact
8. Gender Equality
9. Innovation
10. Sustainability

## 2.4 Main Areas of Work

SUAO's main programme areas include:

1. Humanitarian Assistance and Emergency Response – Providing timely assistance to vulnerable communities affected by natural disasters and humanitarian emergencies.

2. Livelihoods, Agriculture and Livestock – Supporting household production, climate-smart agriculture, livestock development, and sustainable livelihoods.
3. Community Infrastructure and Renewable Energy – Supporting the rehabilitation and improvement of community infrastructure and renewable energy systems.
4. Youth Empowerment, Education and Skills Development – Promoting youth participation through sport, education, practical skills, and community engagement.
5. Organizational Capacity Building and Community Engagement – Strengthening organizational systems, staff capacities, and cooperation with local communities.
6. Health, Education and Disability Support – Supporting access to health-related services, equipment, and assistance for people with disabilities.

## 3. Organizational Overview

During 2024, SUAO implemented and supported humanitarian and development activities in cooperation with partner organizations, grant holders, community representatives, and relevant institutions.

The organization's work combined emergency response with longer-term community development initiatives. These included flood relief, community infrastructure rehabilitation, agriculture and livestock support, youth development, organizational capacity building, environmental cleaning, and health-related assistance.

SUAO's implementation approach emphasized cooperation, community participation, coordination with relevant stakeholders, and the responsible use of available resources.

### 3.1 Geographic and Partnership Overview

The activities covered in this report relate primarily to Herat and Ghor provinces, Afghanistan. SUAO worked with different partners, donors, and grant holders in connection with the projects and activities described in this report.

| Partner / Relationship | Area of Cooperation |
|---|---|
| **Danish Emergency Relief Fund (DERF), administered by CISU; grant holder Rebuild Aid Forening** | Flood emergency response in Ghor and monitoring, follow-up, and close-out of the Herat earthquake response |

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|---|---|
| **Afghanaid** | Dahan-e Tasraqi hydropower rehabilitation and organizational capacity-building support |
| **UNDP Afghanistan** | Climate-smart greenhouses and livestock support |
| **CISU-supported initiative; grant holder Rebuild Aid Forening** | Youth development through sport and learning |
| **Previous Funding Source: Reuse for the South (2007–2023)**<br>**Current Funding Source: GLOBUS Fund / CISU (2024–Present)**<br>**Implementing Organization: Rebuild Aid Forening, Denmark**<br>**Local Implementing Organization: Saifrood Unity and Aid Organization (SUAO)** | Health, education and disability support, including the provision of medical equipment, educational materials, and supplies to institutions and vulnerable communities in Ghor Province. |

These partnerships supported the implementation of activities in accordance with project objectives and the needs of local communities.

## 4. Year at a Glance

During 2024, SUAO contributed to humanitarian response and community development activities in Herat and Ghor provinces. The following overview presents selected confirmed results and project information. Figures refer to different activities, units, and project periods; they should not be added together as a total number of unique beneficiaries.

### 4.1 Summary of Key Results

| Programme Area | Key Activities / Results |
|---|---|
| **Emergency Response** | 65 families received assistance through the flood-response project in Taiwara District, Ghor Province. |
| **Community Infrastructure** | More than 100 families benefited from the rehabilitation of the Dahan-e Tasraqi community hydropower system. |

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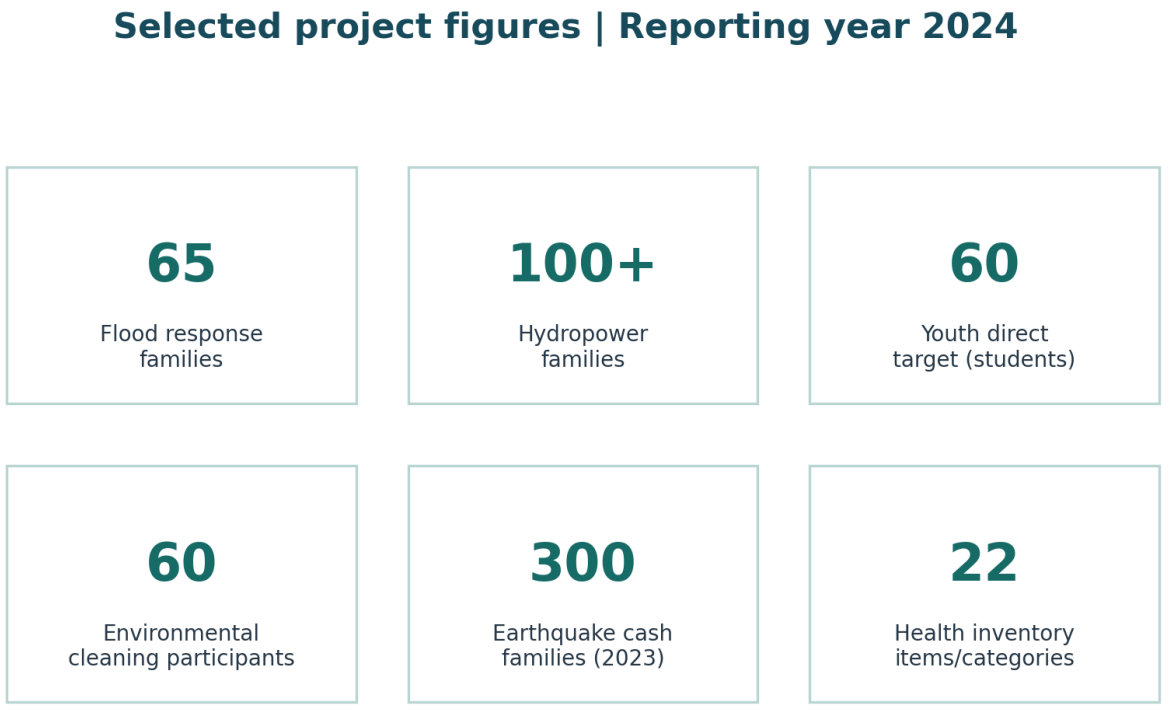
|---|---|
| **Agriculture and Livestock** | In 2024, 330 greenhouses were established and distributed, 660 vegetable gardeners were trained, and 330 livestock owners received training. The overall project also included renovation of 33 livestock sheds across 11 villages. |
| **Organizational Capacity Building** | Activities were undertaken to enhance staff capacities and strengthen internal organizational systems. |
| **Environmental Cleaning** | 60 community members participated in environmental-cleaning activities. |
| **Youth Development** | 60 male students aged 14–17 participated in sport, English, computer learning, and life-skills activities. |
| **Herat Earthquake Response** | Monitoring, follow-up, coordination, and project close-out activities continued in 2024. Cash assistance to 300 families had been completed in 2023. |
| **Health, Education and Disability Support** | 22 categories of health-related equipment and supplies were delivered to the Ghor Public Health Directorate and Pahlosang Health Clinic. |

*Figure 1. Selected 2024 project figures. Different units and categories are shown separately and do not represent a combined beneficiary total.*



## 4.2 Main Programme Areas

SUAO's work during 2024 covered six main programme areas:

- Humanitarian Assistance and Emergency Response
- Livelihoods, Agriculture and Livestock
- Community Infrastructure and Renewable Energy
- Youth Empowerment, Education and Skills Development
- Organizational Capacity Building and Community Engagement
- Health, Education and Disability Support

These areas reflect the organization's efforts to respond to immediate needs while supporting community resilience and sustainable development.

## 5. Project Implementation and Activities

This section presents the main projects and activities associated with SUAO's work during 2024. For programmes extending across multiple years, the report distinguishes overall project information from activities and results confirmed for the reporting year.

### 5.1 Cash Assistance for Flood Relief in Ghor Province

### Project Information

| Project Information | Details |
|---|---|
| **Project Title** | Cash Assistance for Flood Relief in Ghor Province |
| **Project Type** | Emergency relief under the DERF Rapid Response Mechanism |
| **Implementation Period** | 10 June – 9 December 2024 |
| **Location** | Taiwara District, Ghor Province, Afghanistan |
| **Donor** | Danish Emergency Relief Fund (DERF) |
| **Grant Holder** | Rebuild Aid Forening, Denmark |
| **Local Implementing Organization** | Saifrood Unity and Aid Organization (SUAO) |
| **Confirmed Beneficiaries** | 65 families |

## Background and Objective

Severe storms and flash floods can damage homes, household assets, and livelihoods, leaving affected families with urgent humanitarian needs. The project aimed to provide emergency relief to vulnerable flood-affected families in Taiwara District of Ghor Province and support their immediate recovery following the impact of flooding.

## Implementation and Results

SUAO implemented the emergency response project from 10 June to 9 December 2024 under the DERF Rapid Response Mechanism. The project was implemented locally by SUAO, with Rebuild Aid Forening as the grant holder. The Danish Emergency Relief Fund (DERF) was administered by CISU.

According to project records, 65 families received cash assistance through the response. Coordination with communities and relevant stakeholders supported the identification of needs and the delivery of assistance. The response highlighted the importance of locally grounded emergency action in addressing the effects of natural disasters.

Accurate beneficiary records, clear documentation of assistance, and timely reporting remained important elements of project accountability.






Photos 1–2. Cash Assistance Distribution to Flood-Affected Families in Taiwara District, Ghor Province, 2024 .

## 5.2 Dahan-e Tasraqi Micro-Hydropower Rehabilitation Project

### Project Information

| Project Information | Details |
|---|---|
| **Project Title** | Dahan-e Tasraqi Micro-Hydropower Rehabilitation Project |
| **Implementation Period** | September – November 2024 |
| **Location** | Dahan-e Tasraqi villages, Firozkoh District, Ghor Province, Afghanistan |
| **Partner** | Afghanaid |
| **Beneficiaries** | More than 100 families |
| **Completion** | Completed and inaugurated on 21 November 2024. |
| **Key Outcome** | Electricity became available 24 hours a day following rehabilitation |

### Background and Objective

Access to reliable electricity plays an important role in household well-being, education, community activities, and local development. The Dahan-e Tasraqi Micro-Hydropower System required rehabilitation due to damage to its equipment and related water infrastructure. The project aimed to

restore the system and improve reliable electricity access for households in the surrounding communities.

## Main Activities

The project activities included:

- Repairing or replacing damaged hydropower-generation equipment.
- Rehabilitating the water intake and related infrastructure.
- Repairing and strengthening retaining walls and structures where required.
- Cleaning and rehabilitating sections of the water canal.
- Repairing and improving the power-generation room and associated facilities.
- Coordinating with Afghanaid, local institutions, community representatives, and residents.
- Supporting community participation in canal cleaning and maintenance-related activities.

## Results and Significance

The project was implemented from September to November 2024 and was officially completed and inaugurated on 21 November 2024. More than 100 families benefited from the rehabilitation of the Dahan-e Tasraqi Micro-Hydropower System.

Following rehabilitation, the system made electricity available for 24 hours a day, improving access to electricity for the beneficiary communities. The project demonstrated the importance of combining technical infrastructure rehabilitation with community participation and local ownership to support the continued operation and sustainability of community assets.





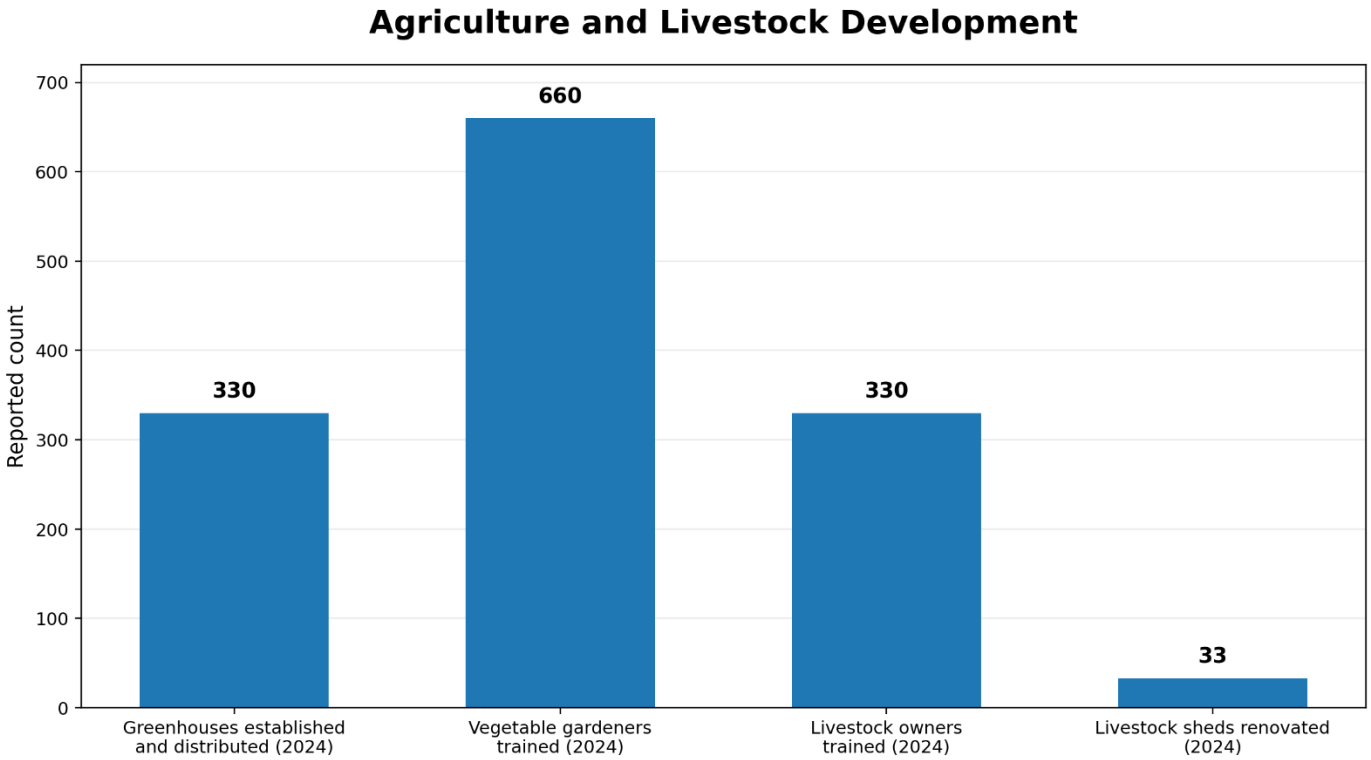
Photos 3–4. Canal Cleaning Activities and the Flow of Water Following Rehabilitation.



Photo 5. Official Inauguration Ceremony of the Dahan-e Tasraqi Community Hydropower Project in the Presence of Local Authorities and Community Representatives, 2024.

## 5.3 Agriculture and Livestock Development

*Figure 2. Confirmed 2024 results for the Agriculture and Livestock Development programme, including greenhouse establishment and distribution, agricultural and livestock training, and renovation of 33 livestock sheds across 11 villages.*




### Project Information

| Project Information | Details |
|---|---|
| **Programme Title** | Agriculture and Livestock Development |
| **Donor / Partner** | UNDP Afghanistan |
| **Overall Project Period** | 4 November 2023 – 5 May 2024 |
| **Location** | Firozkoh District and surrounding villages, Ghor Province |
| **Greenhouses Established and Distributed in 2024** | 330 |
| **Vegetable Gardeners Trained in 2024** | 660 |
| **Livestock Owners Trained in 2024** | 330 |
| **Livestock Sheds Renovated** | across 11 villages (2024) 33 |

## Background and Objectives

Agriculture and livestock are important sources of food and income for rural communities in Ghor Province. Climate-smart household greenhouses and improved livestock facilities can help diversify livelihoods, extend the growing season, protect productive assets, and strengthen resilience to climate and seasonal pressures. The programme aimed to support household-level agricultural production, improve livestock facilities, and strengthen the knowledge and practical capacities of rural communities.

## Implementation and Activities

The overall project period extended from 4 November 2023 to 5 May 2024. Preliminary arrangements and project-related activities began in 2023, while the major implementation activities, including greenhouse establishment and distribution, training, and other practical interventions, took place in 2024.

The 2024 activities included:

- Establishing and distributing household-level greenhouses to support vegetable production.
- Promoting climate-smart agricultural practices and household food production.
- Providing training to vegetable gardeners.
- Supporting livestock owners through training and improved livestock management practices.
- Renovating livestock sheds to improve animal protection and living conditions.
- Supporting livelihood diversification and resilience in rural communities.

## Results

The confirmed results of the programme included:

- 330 household greenhouses established and distributed in 2024.
- 660 vegetable gardeners trained in 2024.
- 330 livestock owners trained in 2024.
- 33 livestock sheds renovated across 11 villages in 2024.

The greenhouse establishment and distribution and the training activities listed above were carried out in 2024. All the above-mentioned activities and results, including the renovation of 33 livestock sheds across 11 villages, were implemented in 2024.

## Programme Significance

The programme contributed to strengthening household agricultural production, improving livestock facilities, and promoting climate-smart livelihood practices. Greenhouse production provided opportunities for improved vegetable cultivation, while training activities supported the development of practical agricultural and livestock-related knowledge. The renovation of livestock sheds also contributed to improving facilities for livestock protection in participating communities.





Photos 1–2. Distribution of Greenhouse Materials, Seeds, and Other Essential Agricultural Inputs to Beneficiaries, 2024.

## 5.4 Organizational Capacity Building and Environmental Cleaning

### Project Information

| Project Information | Details |
|---|---|
| **Programme Area** | Organizational Capacity Building and Environmental Cleaning |
| **Partner** | Afghanaid for organizational development activities |
| **Location** | Ghor Province, Afghanistan |
| **Organizational Capacity Building** | Activities focused on enhancing staff capacities and strengthening internal organizational systems. |
| **Environmental Cleaning** | 60 community members participated. |

These activities combined organizational capacity-building efforts with community environmental-cleaning activities, which are described separately below according to their respective objectives and areas of focus.

### A. Organizational Capacity Building

Effective humanitarian and development work depends on capable staff, clear administrative procedures, sound financial management, consistent reporting, effective coordination, and a supportive work environment.

During 2024, SUAO undertook organizational capacity-building activities aimed at enhancing staff capacities and improving internal organizational systems. The activities covered areas including:

- Financial management and documentation.
- Human resources and administrative procedures.
- Management and project coordination.
- Reporting systems and organizational processes.
- Staff capacity development and workplace arrangements.

These activities aimed to enhance staff knowledge, skills, and professional capacities while strengthening the organization's administrative and operational effectiveness.

## B. Environmental Cleaning and Community Participation

Environmental-cleaning activities were also conducted to encourage shared responsibility for public spaces and improve environmental awareness within communities. A total of 60 community members participated in the environmental-cleaning activities.

The campaign reflected the importance of community participation in maintaining cleaner public environments and encouraging collective responsibility for local surroundings.






Photos 1–2. Community Environmental Cleaning Activities, 2024.

### Significance

Organizational capacity building can strengthen programme quality, administrative systems, coordination, and accountability. Environmental cleaning, meanwhile, promotes community engagement and environmental responsibility. Together, these activities demonstrate the importance of strengthening both organizational capacity and local community participation.

## 5.5 Empowering the Young in Afghanistan Through Sport

### Project Information

| Project Information | Details |
|---|---|
| **Project Title** | Empowering the Young in Afghanistan Through Sport |
| **Project Period** | 16 September 2023 – 15 September 2024 |
| **Location** | Firozkoh City, Ghor Province, Afghanistan |
| **Donor / Support** | CISU – Civil Society in Development, Denmark |
| **Grant Holder** | Rebuild Aid Forening, Denmark |
| **Local Implementing Organization** | Saifrood Unity and Aid Organization (SUAO) |
| **Direct Project Target** | 60 male students aged 14–17 from two schools |
| **Expected Indirect Reach** | At least 420 people through participants' families, friends, classmates, teachers, and teammates |

### Background and Objectives

The project aimed to strengthen the capacities and opportunities of young people through sport, education, practical learning, and community participation. The project targeted 60 male students aged 14–17 from two schools in Firozkoh City, Ghor Province:

- Sultan Shahabuddin High School
- Sultan Alauddin High School

The project responded to limited access to affordable information technology, English-language learning, sport, and volunteering opportunities for young people. Football served as a central platform for physical well-being, teamwork, discipline, social inclusion, and youth engagement.

## Reported Activities

Following the preparatory activities, coordination, and establishment of English-language and computer courses in 2023, the project continued its educational, sports, and life-skills activities during 2024.

During the reporting period, the project activities included:

- Continuing English-language classes and practical learning activities.
- Continuing information technology and computer-skills training.
- Conducting football theory and practical training sessions.
- Supporting life-skills development, confidence-building, teamwork, and discipline.
- Promoting social participation and volunteering, including community-awareness activities.

These activities aimed to strengthen the knowledge, practical skills, personal development, and positive community engagement of participating students.

## Project Reach and Significance

The project was implemented through cooperation between Rebuild Aid Forening and SUAO, with engagement from the two schools, education authorities, the provincial football federation, and the families of participating students.

The project design identified at least 420 people as expected indirect beneficiaries through participants' families, friends, classmates, teachers, and teammates. This figure represents expected indirect reach under the project design and is not presented as a verified count of direct participants.

The project demonstrated the value of combining sport with education, life skills, and community engagement to support youth development.






Photos 1 and 2. Practical football training and theoretical football instruction sessions for participating students.



Photo 3. Media representatives and Education Department monitoring staff observing English and computer training activities.

## 5.6 Herat Earthquake Relief: Providing Urgent Aid to Victims

### Project Information

| Project Information | Details |
|---|---|
| **Project Title** | Herat Earthquake Relief: Providing Urgent Aid to Victims |
| **Project Period** | 16 November 2023 – 15 March 2024 |
| **Location** | Herat Province, Afghanistan |
| **Donor** | Danish Emergency Relief Fund (DERF) |
| **Grant Holder** | Rebuild Aid Forening, Denmark |
| **Local Implementing Organization** | Saifrood Unity and Aid Organization (SUAO) |
| **2023 Cash Assistance Result** | 300 families |
| **Gender Breakdown** | 59 female-headed and 241 male-headed families |
| **2024 Activities** | Post-distribution monitoring (PDM), household follow-up, monitoring, coordination, administrative completion, final reporting, and project close-out |

### Background and Humanitarian Context

A series of earthquakes struck Herat Province beginning in October 2023, damaging homes and leaving families without adequate shelter and essential household belongings.

The humanitarian response project was implemented from 16 November 2023 to 15 March 2024 under the Danish Emergency Relief Fund (DERF), administered by CISU, with Rebuild Aid Forening as the grant holder and SUAO as the local implementing organization.

### Activities and Results

Cash assistance to 300 earthquake-affected families was completed in 2023. The recorded breakdown was:

- 59 female-headed families.
- 241 male-headed families.

These cash distributions are reported as achievements of 2023 and are not counted as new assistance delivered during 2024.

During 2024, SUAO continued the remaining monitoring, follow-up, coordination, and project completion activities. These included:

- Conducting Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM).
- Following up with previously assisted households.
- Monitoring and reviewing project implementation.
- Coordinating with relevant stakeholders and completing outstanding administrative procedures.
- Preparing and submitting the final project report.
- Completing project close-out activities.

These activities supported the assessment and documentation of the previously delivered assistance, helped review project implementation, and contributed to the successful completion of the project.

## 5.7 Health, Education and Disability Support

### Project Information

| Project Information | Details |
|---|---|
| **Programme Title** | Health, Education and Disability Support |
| **Programme Period** | 2007 – Present |
| **Donor / Funding Source** | Reuse for the South (2007–2023); GLOBUS Fund / CISU (2024–Present) |
| **Implementing Organization** | Rebuild Aid Forening, Denmark |
| **Local Implementing Organization** | Saifrood Unity and Aid Organization (SUAO) |
| **Delivery Date** | 1 May 2024 |
| **Delivered Inventory** | 22 categories of health-related equipment and supplies |

## Background and Objective

The programme has supported health, education, and disability-related needs in Ghor Province through cooperation with Danish partners and local institutions. Its activities have included providing health equipment, medical supplies, educational materials, and relevant support to persons with disabilities.

During 2024, SUAO facilitated the delivery of health-related equipment and supplies to the Ghor Public Health Directorate and Pahlosang Health Clinic. This support aimed to strengthen the capacity of local health institutions and improve their ability to respond to community health needs.

## Activities and Delivered Items

On 1 May 2024, SUAO facilitated the delivery of 22 different categories of health-related equipment and supplies to the Ghor Public Health Directorate and Pahlosang Health Clinic.

The combined inventory included the following items:

| No. | Health Equipment, Medical Supplies and Assistive Devices | Quantity |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Patient Beds | 11 units |
| 2 | Foam Mattresses | 30 pieces |
| 3 | Wheelchairs for Persons with Disabilities | 10 units |
| 4 | Walking Frames for Persons with Disabilities | 2 units |
| 5 | Table | 1 unit |
| 6 | Wooden Crutches | 4 pairs |
| 7 | Children's Bed | 1 unit |
| 8 | Bedside Tables | 7 units |
| 9 | General Clinic Consumable Supplies | 214 cartons |
| 10 | Additional Clinic Consumable Supplies | 2 cartons |
| 11 | Weighing Chair | 1 unit |
| 12 | Trolleys / Hand Carts | 5 units |
| 13 | Wardrobe | 4 units |
| 14 | Desktop Computers | 14 units |
| 15 | Walkers / Walking Aids | 10 units |
| 16 | Medical Consumables for Health Clinics | 8 cartons |

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|---|---|---|
| **17** | Ultrasound Scanner | 1 unit |
| **18** | Storage Cabinet | 5 units |
| **19** | Partition | 1 piece |
| **20** | Shower Chairs | 50 units |
| **21** | Prescription Glasses | 3 cartons |
| **22** | Patient Chairs | 4 units |

The equipment and supplies are reported as a combined inventory. The report does not assign individual items to either receiving institution because a verified item-by-item distribution breakdown is not available.

## Significance

The delivery represented support for health-related institutions in Ghor Province and contributed to strengthening access to equipment and supplies needed for health services. It also reflected the importance of cooperation with partner organizations and relevant institutions in supporting local service delivery.



Photos 1 and 2. Medical and healthcare supplies provided to support local health facilities.

## 6. Cross-Cutting Issues

SUAO's 2024 activities reflected the importance of accountability, community participation, inclusion, environmental sustainability, and safeguarding across humanitarian and development programmes.

### 6.1 Accountability and Transparency

Accurate project documentation, clear beneficiary records, transparent selection criteria, responsible reporting, and appropriate monitoring are essential across emergency and development activities. Maintaining supporting records, including distribution documents, attendance sheets, monitoring notes, and completion reports, helps strengthen accountability and organizational learning.

### 6.2 Community Participation

Community participation was an important element of several activities during 2024. Community representatives and residents were involved in coordination and needs identification, while local participation supported the implementation and maintenance-related activities of the Dahan-e Tasraqi hydropower rehabilitation project. Youth activities also encouraged teamwork, volunteering, and constructive participation in community life. The environmental-cleaning campaign provided an opportunity for community members to contribute directly to improving their local surroundings.

Community involvement helped strengthen local ownership and supported the relevance and sustainability of project activities.

### 6.3 Inclusion and Non-Discrimination

SUAO's humanitarian and development activities seek to respect human dignity and promote fair access to assistance and opportunities. Attention to vulnerable households, young people, and persons with disabilities is important in programme planning and delivery. The health equipment support, including mobility aids, reflected the importance of disability inclusion in local service support.

### 6.4 Environmental Sustainability

Environmental responsibility was reflected in activities that supported cleaner public spaces, improved agricultural practices, and community infrastructure. The environmental-cleaning campaign encouraged collective responsibility for local surroundings, while the climate-smart agriculture programme promoted household production and livelihood practices adapted to environmental and

seasonal conditions. The rehabilitation of the Dahan-e Tasraqi hydropower system also supported access to community-based renewable energy.

### 6.5 Safeguarding and Confidentiality

Photographs and case examples should be used only when appropriate consent and safeguarding considerations have been addressed. Public reports should protect beneficiary names, personal identifiers, and sensitive household information. SUAO recognizes the importance of maintaining confidentiality and treating all community members with dignity and respect.

## 7. Challenges and Lessons Learned

### 7.1 Challenges

During the implementation of humanitarian and development activities, several operational considerations remained important:

- Geographical and Access Challenges: Reaching communities in remote areas can require additional planning and coordination due to geographical conditions and access constraints.
- Coordination Requirements: Effective implementation depends on continuous coordination with communities, partner organizations, grant holders, and relevant local institutions.
- Monitoring and Follow-up: Project activities require consistent monitoring, documentation, and follow-up to ensure that implementation and reported results are properly recorded.
- Multi-year Reporting: Some programmes extend across more than one calendar year, requiring clear separation between annual results and overall project achievements.

These considerations highlight the importance of careful planning, coordination, and monitoring in future project implementation.

### 7.2 Lessons Learned

The implementation of activities during 2024 highlighted several lessons for future programming:

- Maintain accurate and consistent records of project dates, activities, outputs, and beneficiary figures.
- Distinguish project-wide targets and overall achievements from results confirmed for each calendar year.
- Keep household, family, and individual beneficiary figures clearly separated in project documentation.

- Strengthen coordination with community representatives and relevant institutions throughout implementation.
- Combine technical rehabilitation activities with community participation and arrangements for ongoing maintenance.
- Maintain clear supporting records, including attendance sheets, monitoring notes, distribution documents, and completion reports.
- Use photographs only when their project relevance, location, date, and appropriate consent can be confirmed.
- Avoid estimating or publishing figures that are not supported by reliable project records.

These lessons provide useful guidance for improving the quality, transparency, and consistency of future humanitarian and development activities.

## 8. Conclusion and Future Priorities

During 2024, Saifrood Unity and Aid Organization continued its humanitarian and development work in Herat and Ghor provinces through emergency assistance, community infrastructure rehabilitation, climate-smart agriculture and livestock support, youth development, organizational capacity building, environmental cleaning, and health-related assistance.

The activities reflected SUAO's commitment to addressing immediate community needs while supporting resilience, local participation, and sustainable development. Cooperation with donors, partners, grant holders, relevant institutions, and community representatives remained important in implementing the organization's activities and supporting local communities.

The reporting process also highlighted the importance of maintaining accurate project documentation, distinguishing multi-year programme targets from annual achievements, and ensuring that published beneficiary figures and activity results are supported by reliable records.

SUAO will continue working to strengthen its organizational systems, improve programme quality, and promote accountable and inclusive service delivery.

### Future Priorities

SUAO's future priorities include:

- Strengthening preparedness and response to natural disasters and humanitarian emergencies.
- Supporting sustainable community infrastructure and local maintenance arrangements.
- Promoting climate-smart agriculture, livestock development, and resilient livelihoods.

- Continuing youth learning, sport, life-skills development, and constructive community engagement.
- Strengthening financial management, human resources, administration, and organizational systems.
- Improving monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning practices.
- Maintaining accurate, evidence-based project records and beneficiary data.
- Promoting community participation and environmental sustainability.
- Strengthening cooperation with partners, relevant institutions, and local communities.

SUAO remains committed to working towards a peaceful, inclusive, and resilient Afghanistan where vulnerable communities can access essential support, opportunities, and services with dignity and hope.

## End of Report

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