

# Kabul Green Homes Project

# Newsletter



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## SWITCH ASIA Steering Committee

SWITCH Asia organized its second program steering committee meeting on 20 – 22 November 2019 at Hanoi, Vietnam. Over 100 stakeholders and EU grant funded projects participated in the program this year. The SWITCH Asia program was launched first in 2007 to support Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) and transition to green economy in Asia.

Geres as grantee of EU fund presented its two projects: Kabul Green Homes Project of Afghanistan and Switch off Air Pollution of Magnolia project. The projects were presented by Geres regional director, Quentin Moreau and KGHP project manager, Mohammad Riaz Ramin.

Geres has over 40 years of experience in improving life condition of people in accordance with environment, therefore, Geres projects in a challenging context were highly appreciated.



## Awareness Raising on Green Loan

AMA has organized 10 awareness raising meetings on access to green loans during 4th quarter of 2019 in district 13 of Kabul city. More than 200 people including wakil Guzars, local Shuras, craftsmen Association members and residents of mentioned district participated in these meetings. The meetings aimed to aware community elders, wakil Guzars, local Shuras, women Shuras and resident of mentioned district about Kabul Green Homes Project (KGHP) and Access to Green Loans to the project beneficiary.

The terms, conditions and loan process were presented in detail to the participants and the representative of AMA requested the participants to disseminate the message as widely as possible, introduce the people who are interested in energy saving solution through green loans to available MFIs or project implementing partners.

## Trainings on self—disseminated ESSs

The project KGH is moving to its specific stage, the project team observed strong interest from communities, thus hundreds of people build energy saving solutions at their houses by their own budget. The project team is planning series of trainings for SMEs and through them to communities in order to improve quality of applied ESS and raise awareness for more communities.



## Briefs & Notes

### geres:

Participation and Presentation of KGHP in SWITCH Asia second steering committee in Vietnam

Recruitment of surveyors for 2019 – 2020 winter monitoring

Participate to several events organized by NEPA and MoEW

### AMA:

Construction of two demo rooms in Balkh and Charikar Provinces by FMFB

### RMO:

Capacity building of consumer groups on ESSs to raise awareness of community

Start SMEs and consumer training to improve self disseminated ESS quality

## Our latest achievements and HR movements

Regional Director of Geres, Mr. Quentin Moreau, joined Geres from August 2019. His rule is overseeing and supporting Geres missions of Afghanistan, Magnolia and Tajikistan, and to develop new projects and proposals. On Dec 19, he had his first visit and mission in Afghanistan.



In his first mission in Afghanistan, he met with project team, potential and current donors and project partners. After his observations and meetings, he appreciated Kabul Green Homes Project and declared that there is demand and possibility for continuing Geres involvement on redacting air pollution through energy efficiency and access to green finance.

**4057** Houses equipped with Energy Saving Solutions.

**132** SMEs and craftsmen are trained.

**2745.5 KG** of plastic waste collected.

**701429** people informed about ESS and KGH project through awareness campaign.

**Eleven (11)** ESS packages are validated and available for dissemination.

**Sixteen (16)** Package of awareness tools are designed and published.

Kabul Green Homes Project has great impacts on different aspects of people's life. In order to measure these impacts more precisely, different tools, surveys and evaluations are used. One of them is winter monitoring. In winter monitoring of 2019/2020, 30 houses equipped with ESS are comparing with 15 houses of controlled group (non ESS) for 6 coldest weeks of the winter.

To implement the winter monitoring of project, four female surveyors (Bahara Rahimbigi, Fatima Karimi, Palwasha Safi and Munira Seddiqi) are hired after successfully passing interviews and recruitment process. All of surveyors have good experience of data collection, monitoring and fieldwork. They will collect the required data from specified districts of Kabul. An internal expert from Geres expertise department is contracted as consultant, he will review, consolidate and analyze field data and a detail analytical report will be published.



Mr. Abdul Wahab lives in Shahrake Zakir neighborhood of PD 17. His income is from the small shop of him that is located near his house. He received solar veranda through dissemination policy. He said: "Last year, I visited one of our neighbor's house who had veranda built by Kabul Green Homes project". According to him, procurement of fuel during cold weather is challenging. Therefore, he contacted project team to build solar veranda covered with plastic at his house. After construction of solar veranda, his annual fuel consumption has been decreased. Regarding efficiency of ESS, he said: "The fuel consumption of my house is decreased by around 50%. As living room is warm during day, there is no need for heating.

Veranda has also great effect on health improvement of family Abdul Wahab said. According to him, his wife used to complain about pain in her back and leg due to cold weather, but after construction of veranda, she is better and she use veranda as a warm place for washing clothes and doing other house work. So, veranda has not only decreased the fuel consumption of family but also improved health of the family and with several other social impacts.

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## Planned Activities

### geres:

- ◇ Leading winter monitoring 2019 - 2020 of Kabul Green Homes Project
- ◇ Preparation for external evaluation of KGHP
- ◇ Follow up project action plan
- ◇ Organizing 4th steering committee meeting of KGHP

### RMO:

- ◇ Inauguration of the 7th Bio Gas unit in PD-14
- ◇ Starting of winter monitoring program in PDs 7, 13 and 14 of Kabul city
- ◇ Strongly push ESS dissemination with lowest subsidy policy

### AMA:

- ◇ Follow ups with FMFB regarding Housing demo rooms
- ◇ Organize 10 Awareness events in First Quarter of 2020
- ◇ Support Inauguration of demo houses in Parwan with FMFB

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