

# YEAR RESULTS

Self-reliance and livelihoods

**5,800** persons of concern benefitted in **5** countries in **2018**



**INDIA**

**100%**  
PoCs of refugees (41) participated in an entrepreneur training graduated and developed business plans

**100%**  
PoCs of refugees (120) who joined self-help groups feel more confident/empowered and increased savings after three months of joining

**11**  
Business groups of PoCs organized in artisan work (stitching, embroidery, crochet, jewelry making, up cycled products, conscious clothing and food and catering)

**IRAN**

**1,106**  
PoCs benefitted from UNIQLO's support 240 men and 866 women in which 87% of them are youth

**571**  
Refugees received the certificate of a skill obtained through the training

**90**  
PoCs became an entrepreneur/self-employed, own business or started home-based after receiving training or start-up support

**110**  
PoCs obtained an employment opportunity with the skills equipped through the Employment Generation in Workshops project within 3 months after the training

**MALAYSIA**

**2,265**  
PoCs benefitted from UNIQLO's support 1613 men and 651 women

**786**  
PoCs of 19 nationalities were assisted with opening a savings account at bank

**75**  
Rohingya and Somali refugees completed vocational and technical training

**39**  
Youth aged 15-18 received a 12 months Youth Enterprise Training

**205**  
Vulnerable PoCs especially women and youths received life-skills and vocational training

**NEPAL**

**90%**  
Of Bhutanese PoCs enrolled in Vocational Training & CTEVT Skill Certification graduated

**100%**  
Of PoCs in urban areas supported through a skill training and business start-up support project established their businesses

**88%**  
Of the Bhutanese refugee graduates of advanced level training were able to be self-employed in the same occupation that they were trained in

**35**  
Urban refugees were provided with entrepreneurship/business training and start-up support.

**70**  
Urban refugees were provided with coaching guidance and technical support.

**PAKISTAN**

**220**  
of PoCs graduated the livelihoods training and are employed or self-employed after 3 months

**200**  
PoC comprised 70% youth, completed a three months training in six different trades (computers, tailoring, driving, plumbing, electrician, mobile-repair skills)

**53**  
Beneficiaries are equipped with productive livelihood assets such as sewing machines, livestock and computer

**100%**  
Of beneficiaries are provided with a 3-days enterprise development and basic financial literacy training

# STORIES FROM THE FIELD

## STORY OF ABDINASIR



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*"I received encouragement and gained self-confidence to start a business."*

Abdinasir is a 21-year-old refugee from Somalia. He used to be unemployed and had a monthly household income of 125USD. Abdinasir participated in the Micro-Enterprise Development (MED) programme organized by UNHCR, an entrepreneurship training which teach participants how to start a business. Through five months of training, he learnt about business validation, planning, marketing and accounting. He also received a 500USD grant to start his tailoring business by purchasing

second hand sewing machines. In December 2018, he graduated from the training. After learning how to sew, Abdinasir started a small tailoring business, receiving orders of simple clothing alterations from an existing tailoring shop near his house. He now makes a profit of 250USD a month and invested in purchasing an advanced sewing machine so that he can work on more challenging tailoring jobs. His household income has now tripled to 375USD a month. He is making a consistent profit since he started his own business and has moved his business to a bigger premise.

## STORY OF BHOMPA



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*"My job has helped me to support my family and enabled us to live in a dignified manner."*

19-year-old Bhempa was born in a Bhutanese refugee family in a refugee camp in Nepal. He grew up with his family moving to different huts and camps across the Jhapa and Morang district. Now, he is married and live with his beloved wife, grandparents and aunt. He completed his primary education within a refugee camp. However, he was not able to continue his study because of the financial problems, as his family was fully dependent on the assistance provided by agencies.

When these agencies reduced assistance to Bhutanese refugees, his family faced difficulties in fulfilling basic needs. Through a job placement programme implemented, Bhempa is now being employed in a bicycle assembling workshop in his neighborhood since June 2018. Nowadays, he earns more than NPR 8,000 (80USD) per month as a salary. "Now with the earning from my job, I am able to support my family and meet household expenses" says Bhempa. He further mentioned that after gaining enough skill and savings, he would like to establish his own bicycle repairing shop.

## STORY OF FARHAT



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*"ILHAM is not just a business. It is a medicine of my life."*

In 2014, Farhat fled from Afghanistan with her three-year old son, after the death of her husband. Like other refugees, Farhat faced challenges such as to earn her family's decent livelihood and cope with the trauma of forced migration. In September 2015, Farhat joined a single mothers-led initiative of refugees and set up an afghan cuisine stall in an exhibition in New Delhi. The huge positive feedback from customers encouraged them to take this initiative forward. The women decided to name their business "ILHAM", meaning ray of hope

in Dari, and aimed for business development. They cultivated new stall locations, conducted marketing and approached potential customers with the skill-sets, which they acquired from the UNHCR trainings. Now, ILHAM is a profit-making catering business and registered with a food license authority under the Indian Government since 2018. They receive on-line orders from governments, schools and individuals. This allowed Farhat to pay educational and medical fees for her family. The success of ILHAM did not only bring Farhat to be self-reliant but to overcome the trauma and empower other refugee women and single-mothers.

## STORY OF MARZIEH



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*"The training opened up a bright horizon before me. Not only has my income been rising but my dignity has also been elevated."*

Marzieh (33) was born in Iran as a second generation of refugees and belongs to a large family with eight siblings. When her father passed away in 2001, economic condition became very difficult for Marzieh's family, as they had all been solely dependent on him. Marzieh had no option but to act as to make a living of her family. In 2018, she was accepted to a clothing design course which aims in empowering refugee women with a home-

based enterprise approach. She advanced her tailoring and designing skills, received advice on business start-up and provided with equipment to establish her own business, upon completion of the course. Not only was Marzieh able to start a tailoring business, but also began teaching dress design to other refugee women. She is now turning a profit and hopes for further profit growth in the near future. Marzieh explains, "I hope to be able to enter university and improve my knowledge in the field of clothing design and finally be able to train and empower other refugees as well."

## STORY OF SAMAR



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*"Tailoring training enabled me to become an entrepreneur inside my house."*

Samar (40) is an Afghan refugee and a mother of eight children aged 3 to 17 in Barakai refugee camp in Pakistan. Her husband is a daily wage earner and has no stable income to support his family. In September 2018, Samar participated in a skill development project that provides advanced tailoring trainings and business start-up assets. Samar always had a keen interest in tailoring but could not pursue her interest as she did not have confidence in herself. After completing the trainings, she started a tailoring business at home with a provided sewing

machine. To find customers, Samar visited neighbours and promoted her business by offering products on discount rates. Eventually, she received orders from local community women and her relatives. Customers like her work for the creative design, cost efficiency and high-quality stitching. Samar generates 60USD per month and contribute to family's livelihood. Her children now have books, bags, uniform and happily go to schools every day. "The training gave me confidence in myself. I'm planning to start a home-based female cloth shop along with sewing business in future." says Samar.