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## SUCCESS STORY

# Getting Marketable Skills for improving life



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Daughters of Gol Chaman  
working at home

“I am proud of my daughters,” continues Gol Chaman, “because they learned a weaving skill very quickly, and they no longer have to climb mountains to bring woods to sell. We are now getting orders to make dresses to be sold outside Bamiyan.”

With her lost husband a few years ago, Gol Chaman did not have any income to support and feed her four children in Shahra village, Bamiyan Province. Although she tried hard to find different opportunities to work, she could not find any without any particular skills and education. Her children could not go to school, because they had to support their mother by having brought woods from nearby mountains to sell and use for their cooking.

The Japan-funded project, *Peace Building in Afghanistan through Consolidation of Community Solidarity*, created an opportunity that apprenticeship and vocational training center was established in the village. Children of Gol Chaman enrolled in the center and learned skills in handicraft making and weaving.

Her two daughters are now *Khamak handicraft maker*, and sell their products in Bamiyan main markets to earn good money with their developed skills. Gol Chaman and her family are very grateful to the Government of Japan and UN-HABITAT for supporting to improve their living condition.

“We have good income. We get 3,000 Afghani per *Khamak dress*. We make two dresses a month. This amount of money is enough for our monthly expenditure,” say Gol Chaman’s daughters.