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The following story is provided by a customer of the Kunar Farm Service Center in Kunar Province, Afghanistan. The customer recently purchased an animal feed chopping machine from the FSC.

Mr. Sher Mohammad, also known as Sherak, is a resident of the Chendrawi village of Kunar Province. Sherak, who is 42 years old, has five sons and is a farmer. Because of his carpentry skills, he is able to make agricultural implements such as yokes, ploughs, and other tools. But recently he purchased a chopping machine from the Kunar Farm Service Center.



Sher Mohammad Teaches His Sons

Due to minimal family income, Sherak's oldest son, Kabal Khan, was not able to attend school, so he started farming with his father. Sherak's four other younger sons continue to assist him with his farming work, while also attending primary and secondary schools. Due to the purchase of the chopping machine, Sherak, who had little to no income in the past, now has a yearly income of 60,000 AFS (\$1,200) to support a family of seven, including school fees for four of his five sons. To supplement his income Sherak provides animal husbandry, and benefits from the sales of milk and yoghurt.

Sherak's chopping business also provides help to over 70 families in his village and has a huge impact on the lives of all village residents. Each of the families in the village has benefited from the use of the chopping machine, to prepare their animal feed (called kotra in the local Pashtu language).



Sher Mohammad's Two Sons Chopping Animal Feed

Sherak hopes to someday own his own land, which will in turn provide more income to educate his sons who desire to be a medical doctor, engineer, businessman, etc. He also hopes to send at least one of his sons to study abroad.

Sherak would like to say thank you to AFSA's Kunar FSC who sold him the animal feed chopping machine at a very competitive price, and guided him to generate additional income from the home.