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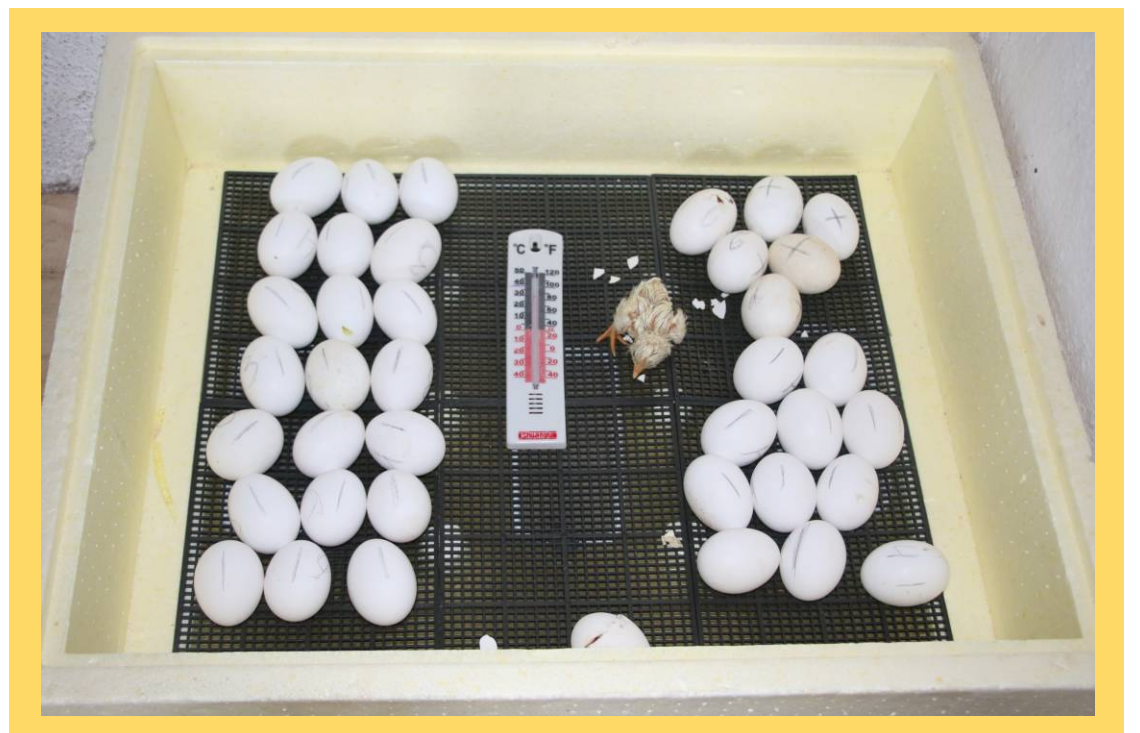
“Life in rural areas is monotonous, and there is always a wish to get involved in some new activity,” says Voseeva Gulrukhsor, who resides in Faizabad district of Tajikistan. “However, for me and my neighbours, it is a great risk and we are scared to invest our own money to start a business.”

Voseeva has been a member of the Pasture User Union (PUU) “Sorho” for 18 months, and through this membership, she was selected to become a beneficiary of the Environmental Land Management and Rural Livelihoods (ELMARL) project. As a beneficiary of ELMARL, Voseeva received 20 hens and has been engaged in their breeding. Her outstanding efforts and positive energy have made her project a profitable one.

When she heard about the trainings conducted by EFCA-Tajikistan, Voseeva didn't want to miss out because the topics were very relevant for her. Voseeva particularly liked that common problems and potential solutions were considered and discussed. "Most of all, as a woman, I felt like I can make a bigger contribution to my household," she tells us. Everyone in her family helps out looking after the chickens, but now Voseeva is able to use cash flows to plan her expenditures and keep track of income she generates. "It's complex, but also interesting and necessary," she says.

When the competition for the best sustainability plan was announced, Voseeva knew at once that she would participate. Her application very clearly described the current state of her project and her plans for the future. Voseeva sees sustainability in her work mostly as a result of increasing the number of chickens in her household and buying an incubator, while making sure to share eggs and chicks with neighbours and people in need. After receiving the news of winning a small \$500 grant, she immediately took the opportunity to implement her sustainability plan.

As soon as she received the funds Voseeva ordered an incubator which was delivered to her within five days. After learning how to use it from other people in her village, Voseeva put the incubator into operation.



On April 5, 2018, the EFCA-Tajikistan team conducted a monitoring visit to Faizabad district, during which they visited her farm. Voseeva showed the team her incubator, which was in working order and loaded with eggs. During the conversation, representatives from EFCA even witnessed the first of the 39 chicks hatching. Voseeva also showed EFCA her cash flow statement, where she had noted down the receipt of the prize money and the purchase of the incubator, some material for the fencing of the chicken run, and the reconstruction and expansion of the chicken coop. The remaining funds will be spent on feeding and vaccinating her birds.

Voseeva stated with confidence that her life has changed radically due to the ELMARL project, and that she still feels support from the organizations and specialists involved in the project.