

Voices of the Community Newsletter

The Literacy and Community Empowerment Program (LCEP), a USAID-funded community development initiative, is implemented by the Education Development Center (EDC) and UN-Habitat.

Who is an LCEP Literacy Teacher?

Many people are committed to improving the educational status of their communities, and a local literacy teacher is no exception.

There are currently more than 370 LCEP village teachers conducting classes for men, women and youth in five provinces of the country: Parwan, Hirat, Bamiyan, Farah and Kandahar.

LCEP literacy teachers are local residents, and are known and respected persons in their communities. While some literacy teachers may have teaching experience in the Afghan governmental schools, many village teachers do not have any formal training or experience. In fact, some of the teachers — particularly the women — did not have the opportunity to complete their own education.

Village Teachers attend an average of five days of training every month. During these trainings, teachers learn



Village Teachers participate in a training workshop. skills such as active student-centered methodologies, how to make and use learning aids, classroom management, and how to integrate life skills into literacy and numeracy lessons. Village Teachers also receive on-site trainings, where supervisors can observe and offer feedback on their teaching.

Village Teachers work hard to ensure that community members — of any age, men and women — have access to educational opportunities.

In Their Own Words:

"I will even work without salary to improve my village. Our students are very interested in the information in the classes and want to continue learning."

- Village Teacher, Bamiyan



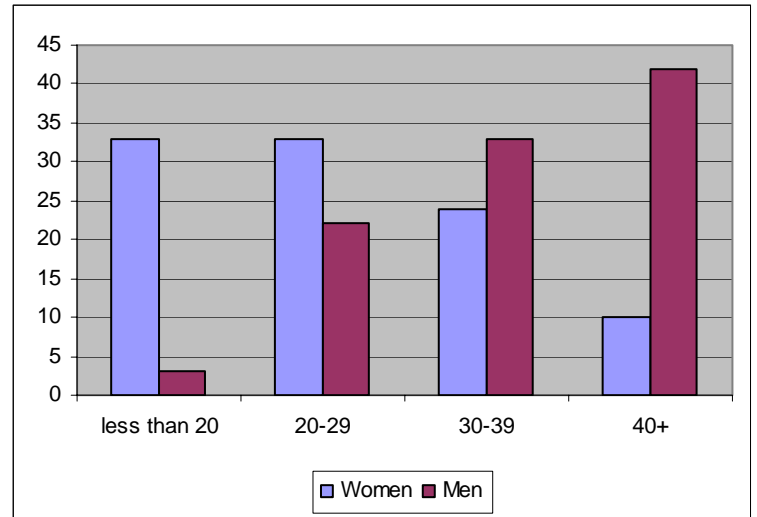
"Our village does not have many educated people. It is important to increase the number of literate people in our village."

- Village Teacher, Hirat

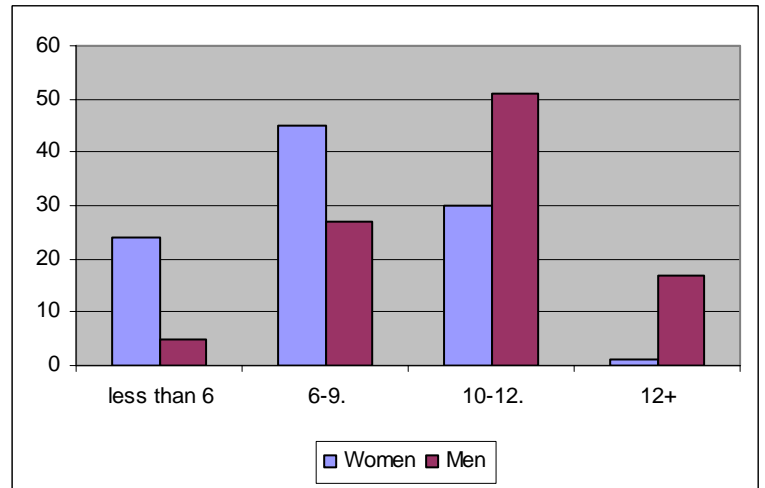


Village Teachers at a Glance

Village Teachers' Age Range:



Village Teachers' Years of Schooling:



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