

# Voices of the Community Newsletter

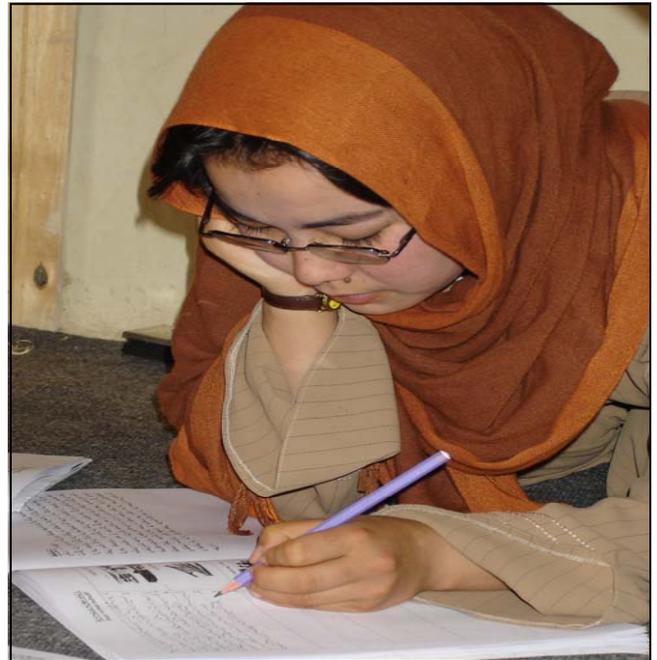
The Literacy and Community Empowerment Program (LCEP), a USAID-funded community development initiative, is implemented by the Education Development Center (EDC) and UN-Habitat.

## LCEP Literacy Learning Materials

In a country where many students attend non-formal community classes, what types of learning materials do students use?

The Education Development Center (EDC) implements village Learning Centers throughout Afghanistan. There are currently more than 9,000 male and female LCEP students from 10 years and up.

The LCEP literacy lesson plans are presented in four phases. Each phase contains reading, writing, numeracy and mathematical principles, progressing in increasing difficulty. In addition, the content of the lesson plans are integrated with the themes of good governance and economic development. Lesson plans contain a wide range of activities to enhance the effectiveness and level of enjoyment in the learning process; students often work in groups to perform role plays, games and cultural performances.

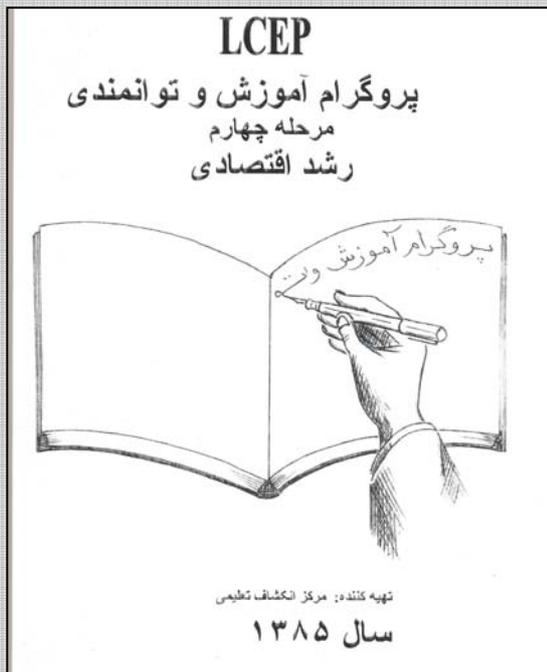


An LCEP literacy Village Teacher practices using the learning materials.

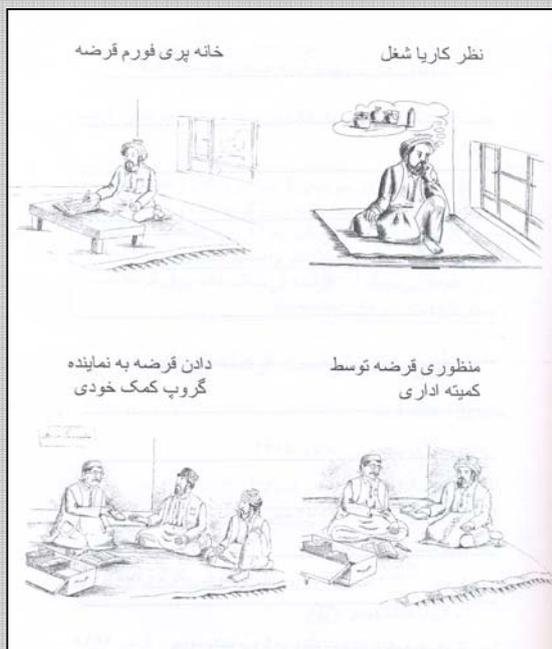
Students also use storybooks to further practice and consolidate their newly emerging literacy and numeracy skills. The lack of books and magazines in many rural Afghan communities means that the LCEP learning materials are often shared among community members and students' families for reading materials.

After only several months of study, LCEP literacy students are able to write small

## From Our Lesson Plans:



Cover page from a lesson book



Sample page from a lesson book about business development services

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poems and stories. These materials, often accompanied by the students' illustrations, constitute additional classroom learning resources. Classes then compile their compositions to produce their own small reading books.

### LCEP Literacy News:

- LCEP is currently working with more than 170 communities to develop their own strategic plans on how to continue village literacy classes without outside assistance.

### Did You Know?

The 4 Phases of the LCEP Literacy Lessons:

- Phase 1 & 2: Self in Community
- Phase 3: Consultation and Governance
- Phase 4: Business Development Services

For more information, please see LCEP's website at <http://lcep.edc.org>

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