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I. Badakhshan

Data shows that there are a total of 1112 unlicensed businesses exist in Badakhshan and AWCCI could gather detailed data on 485 of them and there are 29 licensed businesses. Below charts, provide information about 485 unlicensed and 29 licensed businesses. Majority of the unlicensed businesses are in clothing and handicraft sector, around 70 categorized under education are the informal women businesses who are training other women. Among the licensed businesses they are spread in a number of traditional and non-traditional sectors. Source of investment for licensed businesses have been personal savings and majority of the licensed business owners are educated upto associate degree. About half of the licensed businesses in Badakhshan are using smart phone and are familiar with social media whereas, a small number of unlicensed businesses have access to these. About half of the licensed businesses in this province are 5 years and older and more than half of the unlicensed businesses in Badakhshan are less than 5 years old.
2. Badghis
According to the collected data there are 17 licensed and 42 unlicensed businesswomen in Badghis province. Majority of both licensed and unlicensed businesses are in clothing (handicraft) sector. By education among them majority have attended up to secondary school and very few have bachelor’s degree. Based on the below charts it was shown that they have started their businesses from their savings and licensed businesswomen more use social media than the unlicensed. On the business age 23 out of 42 unlicensed businesses are 6 and above, 7 out of 17 of licensed were about 6 years and above. It show that majority of both license and unlicensed businesses are 1-5 years old.
3. Baghlan

AWCCI identified 2734 unlicensed businesses and could only collect detailed data on 25 unlicensed businesses and 11 licensed businesses. Majority of them are working in clothes and manufacturing sectors. Most of the licensed businesswomen have bachelor’s degree and nearly half of the unlicensed businesswomen studied up to secondary school. Both licensed and unlicensed businesswomen started their businesses from self-money (self-investment). The age of majority of the formal businesses is about 6 years and majority of unlicensed business age is 4-5 years. As the below graph shows that majority of both licensed and unlicensed are not using from social media.
4. Balkh

According to below charts, 430 licensed and a total of 10,073 informal businesses are owned and operated by women in Balkh. AWCCI has collected detailed data on 2209 of the 11,852 unlicensed businesses. Majority of these are working in clothes and food production & processing sectors. Among the 430 licensed businesswomen 130 of them have bachelor’s degree and among the 2209 unlicensed surveyed 1009 of them are uneducated. Analyzed data shows that most of the surveyed women start their businesses by self-investing. Age of 935 unlicensed businesses are 6 years and older. About half of the licensed businesses are 1-5 years old. 180 out of 430 licensed in Balkh use social media.
5. Bamian
AWCCI identified 46 licensed and 328 unlicensed businesses and collected detailed data on 176 unlicensed businesses. The sectors that women are active in Bamian are clothes, food production & processing, education and logistics. 11 out of 46 and 81 out of 176 businesswomen are uneducated so majority of the both licensed and unlicensed businesses at least have primary education. Majority has started their businesses from their own saving (self-investment). 25 out of 46 licensed businesswomen use social media but 162 out of 176 unlicensed businesswomen do not use social media. 28 licensed businesswomen say that the age of their businesses is 4-5 years but 75 out of 176 unlicensed surveyed business says that the age of their business is 1-3 years old.
6. Daikundi

The below charts show that a total of 24 licensed businesses and a total of 181 unlicensed businesses are active in Daikundi. But AWCCI could only find contact to 1 of the 181 unlicensed businesses. The analyzed data shows that in formal business they are working mostly in dry fruits education, manufacturing and food processing. One informal business works in clothing handicraft sector. 13 out of 24 formal businesses have not received any education and they are uneducated and start their businesses from their own saving (self-investments) and the majority the age of businesses are 6 years old. Regarding the use of social media 14 out of 24 have not used social media and just 10 formal businesses use social media.
In Farah 7 licensed and 23 unlicensed businesses are surveyed, majority of them working in the sectors of cloths, agriculture, educations, food production & processing and manufacturing. According to below charts mostly surveyed businesses’ education level is associate degree and they have started their businesses from their own saving. Just 7 formal businesses started their businesses from loan and took loan from their relatives. The age of majority of the licensed business is 1-3 years, but most of the unlicensed businesses age is 6 years and older. Based on the below charts 2 out 7 from formal and 8 out 23 from informal business use social media.
8. Faryab

AWCCI’s collected the data shows there are 42 formal businesses those have license and 29 informal businesses those who have not license. Most of them are working in clothing and handcraft sector both formal and informal businesses. 18 out of 42 formal businesses have achieved their bachelor’s degree but among the 29 informal businesses 17 of them are uneducated. Most of them have started their businesses from their own saving (self-investment). The age of informal businesses is 6 years and older. In Faryab very less surveyed businesses use social media.
9. Ghazni

In Ghazni province AWCCI found 28 licensed businesses and 31 unlicensed businesses. Formal businesses are working in clothing, handicraft, education, and manufacturing sectors and informal businesses majority are in clothing, handicraft, sector. Regarding the education level 9 businesses out of 28 of formal businesses have bachelor’s degree and 10 of them are uneducated. Mostly both licensed and unlicensed businesses have started from their own money (self-investment) and most of their business age is 6 years and older. Unlicensed businesses do not use social media but 10 out of 28 formal businesses use social media.
10. Ghor

In Ghor province 31 businesses 2 of them licensed and 29 of them unlicensed have been identified and surveyed by AWCCI. 95% are active in clothing handicraft sector. According to surveyed data it was found that all the formal businesses education level in Ghor is bachelor and 19 out of 29 from informal businesses have not received any education and they are uneducated but start the business from their own saving. In Ghor formal businesses use social media but unlicensed businesses just 6 out of 29 use social media. The age of formal businesses is 1-3 years but most of the informal businesses age 6 years and older.
11. Helmand

AWCCI identified 20 licensed and 30 unlicensed businesses. Informal businesses mostly are working in clothing handicraft sector and formal businesses majority are services, education and clothing handicraft. Majority of the businesses have started from their own saving. 8 businesswomen out of 20 from formal businesses and 7 out of 30 from informal businesses use social media. According to the below charts majority both formal and informal businesses’ ages are 1-3 years old.
12. Herat

Herat is one of the biggest cities of Afghanistan. According to the below charts, AWCCI identified and collected data of 368 licensed and 3589 unlicensed businesses and could collect detailed data on the 2811 unlicensed businesses. In licensed businesses, mostly they are working in Marketing sales, company services, clothes, Agriculture and restaurant sectors but in other part, unlicensed business mostly they working in clothing and handicraft sectors. According to the analyze data and below charts, 125 women have received bachelor’s degree, 15 master’s degree and just 23 of them are uneducated in formal businesses and in informal businesses 202 women have received their bachelor’s degree, one of them are master and 773 out of 2811 are uneducated in informal businesses. The below charts show that most of them have started their businesses from their own money, it means that the source of their first investment is self-investments and the age of mostly businesses are 6 years old both formal and informal. Regarding the use of social media 200 out of 368 and 778 out of 2811 said yes, they use social media.
13. Jowzjan

Jowzjan is one of Afghanistan’s Northern provinces. AWCCI identified 13 formals and 1646 informal businesses but could only collect detailed data on 131 informal. Below charts show that mostly the formal businesses work in media, food production & processing and education but in informal businesses they are mostly working in clothing handicraft sector. About half of formal businesses have received the bachelor’s degree and about half of (63 out of 131) informal businesses are as well educated. Most of the businesswomen have started their businesses from their own saving and most of the age of their businesses is 6 years old. Regarding the use of social media 6 out of 13 (formal business), 7 out of 131 (informal business) have said yes, they use social media.
14. Kabul

Kabul is the capital of Afghanistan and addition to capital it is the largest city of Afghanistan. As Kabul is the capital, most women have investments and started businesses in different sectors. AWCCI have identified 1144 licensed businesses and 22,288 unlicensed businesses and could only collect detailed data on 4207 unlicensed businesses. In formal businesses though majority are in clothing handicraft but they are in all sectors in Kabul such as education, services, manufacturing, dry fruits, food production and construction and IT and the informal businesses mostly are working in clothing handicraft, carpet and agriculture. Regarding the education level of formal businesses, 400 are bachelors, 80 of them are masters and just 84 of them are uneducated but in informal businesses 170 have received bachelor’s degree and 1835 are uneducated. More than half of the surveyed businesses have started their businesses from their own saving and some of them take the loan from their relatives, bank or grants from development projects which is depicted in the below chart of source of investment. According to analyzed data and below chart of age of business about half of both formal and informal businesses are 6 years old and about half of them are 1-5 years old. Regarding the use of social media 744 out of 1144 formal businesses and 282 out of 4207 informal businesses use social media.
Kandahar is also one of the large cities of Afghanistan which is located and serves as the center of the South. According to below charts and analyzed data the survey conducted in Kandahar, AWCCI could identify 71 licensed businesses and 651 unlicensed businesses. According to analyzed data it was found that licensed businesses they are mostly working in clothing handicraft, manufacturing, services and education sectors but on the other side unlicensed businesses they mostly work in clothing handicraft and food production sectors. Regarding the education level, in formal businesses 12 of them have received bachelor’s degree, 2 of them are masters and 20 of them are uneducated and in informal 3 businesswomen received the bachelor’s degree and 573 of them are uneducated. Most of the formal businesses have started with their own money but informal businesses have also received loan from microfinance institutions and grants from the development projects the number is 351 out of 651 businesses. Mostly the age of formal and informal businesses is 1-3 years old. 25 out of 71 formal and 40 out of 651 informal businesses use social media.
16. Kapisa

AWCCI identified 24 formal (licensed) and 307 informal businesses and could collect detailed data on 118 informal businesses in Kapisa. Formal businesses mostly are processing dry fruits, providing education, food production and manufacturing and in informal businesses they are mostly working in clothing handicraft and food production sectors. Education level of businesswomen in Kapisa is very low and most of the surveyed women are uneducated and just 3 in informal businesses and 9 in informal businesses have received their bachelor’s degree, for the remaining number of degrees please see the below charts. According to analyzed data about 90% from both formal and informal businesses started their businesses from their own saving. Regarding the use of social media very few women in formal businesses and 36 in informal businesses said yes, they use social media. In formal businesses 13 out of 24 businesses said that the age of their businesses is 6 years old and 67 out of 118 informal businesses said that the age of their businesses is 1-3 years old.
17. Khost

In Khost province AWCCI identified 3 formals and 516 informal businesses. Formal businesses are working in the sectors of clothing handicraft, Agriculture and health and informal they are working in clothing handicraft, food production and manufacturing sectors. The education level of most surveyed business owners is uneducated, which they have start their businesses from their own money. Regarding the use of social media about 99% of surveyed women said they do not social media. The age of all the formal businesses in Khost province is 6 years old and the age of 485 out of 516 informal businesses is 3-5 years old.
18. Kunar
Kunar is one of the eastern provinces in Afghanistan. The data of 4 formal and 192 informal was collected by AWCCI and about 96% of them are working in the sectors of clothing handicraft and food production & processing. The education level of most of the surveyed businesswomen are as low as no formal education and few of them study up to high school level. Among the 192, 128 of them have taken loan from their relatives and started their businesses. The age of the majority, businesses are 6 years old. Regarding the use of social media about 99% do not use social media.
19. Kunduz
In Kunduz province, AWCCI identified 29 licensed and 916 unlicensed businesses and could collect detailed data on 668 unlicensed businesses. About 97% are working in the sectors of clothing handicraft and food processing & production. Regarding the education level of these women 5 formal business owners has bachelor’s degree, 10 of them hold associated degree, 4 of them have studied up to high school, 2 of them have master’s degree and 8 of them are uneducated but in informal businesses majority of them are uneducated. The below charts show that about 92% of them have started their businesses from their own saving. 21 out of 29 in formal businesses and 302 out of 668 informal businesses age of their businesses is 6 years old. The analyzed data shows that 17 in formal and 644 in informal businesses said they do not use social media and the remaining said yes, they used social media.
AWCCI identified 1 licensed and 1352 unlicensed businesses and could only collect detailed data on 28 unlicensed business. 22 of them are working in the sector of clothing handicraft. According to data 1 formal businesswomen is uneducated and in informal site 5 of them have bachelor’s degree, 7 of them have studied up to high school, 5 of them have studied up to secondary school, 1 of them studied up to associate degree and 10 of them are uneducated. According to analyzed data 21 out of 28 received loan from their family members and started their businesses and the remaining business have started their businesses from their own saving. Mostly the age of informal businesses is 3-5 years old and 24 out of 28 said they do not use social media.
Logar is one of the nearest provinces to the capital of Afghanistan. In Logar 14 formal businesses and 4 informal businesses have been identified by AWCCI majority of them are working in clothing handicraft, food production & processing and manufacturing sectors. The education level of half of the formal business owner as low as no education and most of them have started their businesses by their own saving money. The formal business 11 out of 14 are 6 years old and 5 formal and 2 informal businesses use social media.
22. Nangarhar

Nangarhar is one of the largest provinces of Afghanistan and located in east of Afghanistan. AWCCI identified 45 licensed businesses and 1453 unlicensed businesses. Formal businesses mostly are in sectors that the women are working clothing handicraft, manufacturing, food production & processing a few in exporting & importing and services but informal businesses about 99% them are producing clothing handicraft and food. According to the data in informal businesses the education level of 66 are associate degree, 16 of them have bachelor’s degree, 135 of them studied up to high school, 294 of them studied to secondary school and 942 of them are uneducated. Among all surveyed formal businesses 1 has received loan from a bank and started her business, 4 of them took loan from relatives and 40 out of 45 started their businesses from their own saving. Among the Informal businesses the age of 233 surveyed business are 1-3 years, 862 surveyed businesses are 4-5 years old and 358 surveyed business are 6 years old. 11 of formal and 43 of informal business owner use social media.
23. Nimruz

Although Nimruz is one of the commercial provinces in the west bordering Iran AWCCI could only identify 9 licensed and 19 unlicensed businesses. They are in different sectors such as clothes, food production & processing, education and manufacturing. Among the formal businesses' owner, the education level of 2 business owners is associate degree, 2 received bachelor’s degree, 2 studied up to high school, 1 up to secondary school and 2 of them are uneducated. Regarding the source of first investment all the formal business started their businesses from their own saving and in informal businesses 11 of them started by self-investing, 5 took loan from family member and 3 of them took loan and grant from development program. According to below charts it was shown that the age of 10 informal businesses is 1-3 years, 4 businesses are 3-5 years and 5 of them are 6 years old. 3 formal businesses and 12 informal businesses said that they use social media.
24. Paktia

Paktia is in the south-east of Afghanistan and most the people are speaking Pashto language. AWCCI identified 6 formal businesses and 1735 informal business and could collect detailed data on 454 informal businesses. Those with no license are mostly working in food production & processing sector. Among the formal businesses education level of 2 business owners is bachelor and the remain 4 are uneducated and among the informal businesses more than half of them are uneducated. All the formal businesses owners started their businesses from their own money but 444 informal businesses received grants/loan from development project and started their businesses. The age of businesses of most the surveyed businesses is 3-5 years old and very few 2 out of 6 formal, 3 out of 454 informal businesses use social media.
Paktika is one of the provinces that have no formal business owned or run by women. AWCCI could identify and collect data of 5 informal businesses and they are working in food production & processing. The education level of 3 surveyed businesses is secondary and 2 of them are uneducated. All of them started their businesses by loan and received the loan/grant from development projects. The age of their businesses is 3-5 years old and none of surveyed businesses use social media.
26. Panjshir

In Panjshir province, AWCCI identified 4 licensed businesses and 12 unlicensed businesses. Most of the formal businesses are in food production & processing sector and in informal businesses majority of them are worked in clothes sector. The education level of half of the formal and informal business’s owner is bachelor. In informal businesses 10 out of 12 have start their businesses by their own saving money. The businesses age of 8 out of 12 of informal businesses is 6 years old. Regarding the use of social media 2 of formal and 2 of informal said yes, they use social media.
In Parwan province AWCCI identified 24 formal and 362 informal businesses and detailed data was collected on 113 informal businesses. Majority of them are working in the sectors of clothing handicraft, food production, education and construction. The education level of 5 formal businesses is bachelor and 8 of them are uneducated and the education level of 90 informal business’s owner is uneducated. Most of the formal business owner started their business by self-investing but 66 out of 113 informal businesses owner said that they have taken the loan from development projects. The age of 14 formal and 34 informal businesses are 6 years old. According to below, charts 12 of formal and 14 of informal said yes they use social media.
28. Samangan
Samangan is one of the northern provinces of Afghanistan where AWCCI identified 29 licensed and 1071 informal businesses and detailed data was collected on 148 unlicensed businesses. Majority of them are busy in the sectors of clothing, handicraft, and food production. The education level of 4 formal and 4 informal businesses owners is bachelor and 10 formal and 98 informal businesses owners is uneducated. Most surveyed business owners said that they have started their businesses by their own money. The age of 15 formal and 30 informal businesses is 6 years old. 10 of formal and 23 informal businesses owners said that yes, they have used social media.
29. Sar–e Pul

In Sar–e Pul province AWCCI identified 9 formal and 525 informal businesses and detailed data was collected on 244 informal businesses. 94% of them are working in the sectors of clothing, handicraft, and food production. The education level of 6 formal and 5 informal business owners is bachelor’s degree and 3 formal and 145 informal business owners are uneducated. Regarding the source of first investment, 8 of formal and 45 of informal business have started by their own saving. 199 of informal said that they have taken loans from development projects and started their businesses. The age of 75% of informal businesses is 1-3 years old. 44% of formal and 3% of informal business owners said that yes, they have used social media.
30. Takhar

In Takhar province, AWCCI identified 8 formal and 781 informal businesses and could collect detailed data on 223 informal businesses. Most of them are in clothing handicraft, food production and manufacturing. 75% of formal and 93% of informal started their businesses by their own money. Age of 100% of formal and 46% informal businesses is 6 years old. Based on the below charts it was showing that 1 formal and 36 informal business owners have received bachelor's degree and 29% of formal and 52% of informal business owners are uneducated. Regarding the use of social media 2 out of 8 formal and 15 out of 223 informal business owners said that yes, they have used social media.

![Graphs showing business sector and source of first investment in licensed and unlicensed businesses in Takhar province.]
31. Uruzgan
Uruzgan is one of the provinces which is located at the south of Afghanistan. In this province AWCCI identified 3 licensed and 52 unlicensed; about 94% of them are working in the sector of clothing. According to analyzed data the education level of 1 formal business owner is bachelor and 2 of them are uneducated but in informal businesses 87% of surveyed business owners are uneducated the age of 100% of formal and 60% of informal businesses are 6 years old. All the surveyed business owners said that they have start their businesses by their own money. Regarding the social media, none of them uses social media.
32. Wardak

AWCCI identified 3 licensed and 7 unlicensed businesses in Wardak province all of whom are in clothing handicraft sector. 1 from licensed and 1 from unlicensed business have bachelor’s degree and 33% of formal and 57% of informal business owners uneducated. All the surveyed businesses said that they have not used social media. 40% of surveyed business owners said that they have started the businesses from their own money and the age of 67% of formal businesses is 6 years old and the age of 57% of informal businesses is 1-3 years old.
33. Zabul

Zabul is one of southern provinces of Afghanistan where men do not allow their female to do outside work. Despite of the situation there are a few women businesses and AWCCI could identify 4 formal businesses and 32 informal businesses. According to below charts 67% of formal and 53% of informal businesses work in clothing handicraft sector. The education level of all formal surveyed businesses is secondary level and half of the informal business owners are uneducated. 100% of formal and 72% of informal business owners said they started the businesses by their own money. The age of 50% of formal businesses is 6 years old and the age of 50% of informal businesses is 1-3 years old. Regarding the use of social media 1 of formal and 5 of informal businesses said that yes, they use social media.