

**Cooperative societies in Gilgit–Baltistan were established to assist farmers in collectively purchasing inputs and selling produce. However, after the initial grant, they struggled with commercial direction and lacked experience with high–value crops like potatoes.**

**To help female farmers gain sustainable capital and grow, SI has:**



Enabled a **direct partnership** between the cooperative and a commercial potato buyer



Introduced potato into the **cooperative's product portfolio**



Helped formalize the relationship through **written agreements and performance–based contracts**



Supported the cooperative **in offering fertilizers and pesticides on credit**, with guaranteed crop sale

# The impact of SI's interventions:



The cooperative now **earns a share of crop sale revenue**



The project provided a **commercial platform for women farmers** to benefit financially



The intervention **strengthened the financial sustainability** of a farmer-owned cooperative



Farmers in the **cooperative model gained credibility as a reliable intermediary** in the supply chain