



ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOODS UPDATE

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Nangarhar:

- 13,000 people now employed daily.
- 464 km of irrigation canals cleaned.
- 300,000 olive trees pruned.
- Over 560,000 labor-days generated.
- US\$2.5 million paid in salaries.
- 293 villages participating.
- Economic safety net programs for women and vulnerable groups established.



Seasonal and sudden flooding is a great threat to agricultural lands and residential areas. Flood control with gabion structures makes farming more sustainable. USAID responds to villagers' demand for such projects. This picture shows an advanced flood protection wall in Nangarhar.

Helmand*:

- 13,300 people employed on a daily basis.
- 21,500 total people employed to date.
- 832,000 work days generated to date.
- US \$3.2 million paid in salaries.
- 580 km of irrigation canals, drains and *karez* cleaned.
- 8,000 ha with improved irrigation.
- Established economic safety net programs for women and vulnerable groups.



The time window for canal cleaning is short. During one or two months, USAID has to do both large-scale (de-silting a major branch of Helmand's Boghra Canal, as shown in this picture) as well as small-scale projects.

*Note: All Alternative Livelihoods activities in Helmand have been suspended since May 19th due to a series of security incidents.

