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PONDS FOR IRRIGATION

Almond Production During Dry Season

“We used to have water for irrigation on a seasonal basis only. For half a year, we didn’t have water to irrigate our almond trees. They always dried out in summer, so we couldn’t produce any almonds for six months. Thanks to the ponds, we can now gather water during winter and use it for irrigation during summer. This allows us to produce almonds all year.”

“When the Afghan-German Cooperation offered to build 5 ponds for irrigation, we got together in our CDC. The head of the neighbouring village joined us and he asked us to convey one of the ponds to his village. They need irrigation as well, so we agreed.”

Mohammad Yaqob – Head of CDC (Community Development Council) – Dalkhaki village



“The pond is incredibly important for our village. Thanks to the possibility to irrigate almond trees throughout the entire year, farmers now have a regular income. Most commonly, it’s their only source of income. Without the pond they would face major problems.”

Zar Mohammad – CDC of neighbouring Naqelen village



FACTS & FIGURES

- The cost for two ponds amounted to nearly AFN 1.5 million (EUR 20,000).
- The ponds were funded by the Afghan-German Cooperation via the Programme for Sustainable Economic Development and Employment Promotion (SEDEP).
- SEDEP has been active in Afghanistan since January 2014.