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Local Government Takes Action to Protect Community Lands from Flooding

With oversight from the Pashtun Zarghun District Government and technical support from the Herat Department of Rural Rehabilitation & Development (DRRD), the Qazaq Sofla Community Development Council successfully managed the construction of an 85-meter long flood protection wall to safeguard 495 acres of farmland.

The residents of Pashtun Zarghun District, along with the District Government and District Development Assembly (DDA) with the support of the Herat DRRD and USAID's MRRD/IDLG Stability In Key Areas (SIKA) - West, identified and constructed an 85-meter flood protection wall to prevent further flooding of farmland in Qazaq Sofla Village. Valued at USD\$22,737, the construction of the flood protection wall provided short-term employment to 67 community laborers and long-term protection to 495 acres of agricultural land that supports 350 families.

"Implementation of this project created short-term job opportunities for residents and saved their agricultural lands from flooding."

Mr. Farhad Raufian, Pashtun Zarghun District Governor

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BEFORE Qazaq Sofla Village lacked proper flood protection for its 495 acre farmland, resulting in frequent flooding, which the community was unable to prevent.



AFTER The completed 85-meter long flood protection wall now protects the farmland, which supports 350 families. With oversight and technical support from the District Government and Herat Department of Rural Rehabilitation & Development, the community managed and completed this project themselves.