

# DARAYEM ROAD

Providing Access to Hospitals, Schools and Markets

“Before the construction of this road, we didn’t have anything. Thanks to the road, we can now access the hospital in the provincial capital Feyzabad much faster. Our children can continue their studies at Feyzabad University and even our local market is developing.”

“About 50.000 livestock are using this road as well. On the old road, there wasn’t enough space, that’s why communities were fighting over the use of the road. With the new road, these disputes have become obsolete.”

*Abdul Raouf – District Governor of Darayem*



“I was extremely worried when I saw that my mother was sick. However, I knew that she would reach the hospital quickly thanks to the new road. So I felt better.”

*Yosifa – Suwaywa’s daughter*

“Before the new road was built, we had to use horses and donkeys to reach the hospital in Feyzabad. Many women died on the way when they were facing problems during pregnancy.”

“Recently, I got very sick. I was pregnant and I had to go to hospital during the night. The new road was already finished, so we reached Feyzabad within an hour. I had surgery and everything was alright afterwards.”

*Suwaywa – Female villager*

## FACTS & FIGURES

- 27 kilometres of gravel road from Darayem to the provincial capital of Feyzabad (via Argo) are now resurfaced or rebuilt.
- Before, Darayem road was a dusty track in poor condition.
- During winters and springs, the road was sometimes closed due to floods and snow.
- Work was completed in late 2014.
- The repaired road allows safer and faster passage all year round.
- Travel time has significantly reduced between Feyzabad and the southern districts of Argo, Darayem, Teshkan and Kishem.
- 250,000 people have easier access to markets, schools and health facilities.
- Construction cost amounted to AFN 180 million (EUR 2.4 million) and was funded by the Afghan-German Cooperation via KfW Development Bank through the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF).
- Since 2014, infrastructure development projects have been funded via the RIDF.