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# FLOOD PROTECTION

## Improving people's lives in Badakhshan



“Our lives have changed a lot since the construction of the protection walls and check dams. Every spring, the village got flooded for about 3 months. We used to be afraid, especially during the nights, when the flooding started. The water flushed away my home and my friend lost her child due to the floods. Now, we’re not afraid anymore.”

*Nazigul – Female villager of Sang-Dara*



“In the flood protection training, we learned that we need to plant trees as they can protect us from the floods. This is why we planted trees in our village.”

*Thoza – Female villager of Sang-Dara*



“My daughter moved to Sirikutal village after her wedding. I went there and explained to the women that trees are useful tools for flood protection. They immediately started planting trees.”

*Fatima – Female villager of Sang-Dara*



“My house was flushed away as well. We didn’t dare to rebuild it, due to recurring floods. Thanks to the flood protection we can build it up again.”

*Nioz Bibi – Female villager of Sang-Dara*

### FACTS & FIGURES

- In Badakhshan, Shahr-e Bozorg district is one of the most affected by natural disasters.
- Shahr-e Bozorg is one of four pilot districts (Kofab, Khwahan and Shukai), where the German government funds activities to prevent natural disasters.
- In Shahr-e Bozorg district, 102 people received training on disaster management, including flood protection.
- The cost for the protection walls and check dams in the village Sang-Dara amounted to AFN 1.6 million (EUR 20,000).
- The protection wall, dams and the training were funded by the Afghan-German Cooperation via the programme to promote good governance in Afghanistan (RCD).
- RCD has been active in Afghanistan since July 2014.