



Dahla Dam

From water shortages to wheat and pomegranates



Once repaired, the Dahla Dam and its irrigation system will provide a more secure water source for farmers to irrigate their land and grow legal crops.

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What Canada is doing

The Dahla Dam is located in the heart of Kandahar province. Since it was built in the 1950s, few repairs have been made to the dam. The shortage of water has significantly slowed down the local economy and has made it difficult for 80% of Kandahar's population living downstream to grow crops for food and profit.

At the request of the Government of Afghanistan, Canada has committed to repairing the Dahla Dam. More water at the right intervals and better water management will make it possible for farmers to irrigate their land and grow crops. Canada will also repair the dam's irrigation system and train farmers in water management and new crop-production techniques.

The repair of the dam and its irrigation system will stimulate economic growth by making farming and agriculture a more viable and profitable industry, and will create thousands of seasonal jobs for local workers.

“Kandahar province is very famous for its agricultural products, but the infrastructure is destroyed. The Dahla irrigation dam project is huge.... It will bring a tremendous change in the situation of Kandahar.”

– Tooryalai Wesa, Governor of Kandahar province

