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**19 Development Projects in Nangarhar and Balkh Provinces**

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The Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD), through the National Area-Based Development Programme (NABDP), has completed 19 rural infrastructure development projects in Nangarhar and Balkh Provinces.

The projects include the digging of 51 wells and the construction of a 300 meter retaining wall in the Khogani and Kama districts of Nangarhar Province, at a total cost of 69 million Afs. The projects provided drinking water for over 2000 families and protected 1,224 families from flooding.

In addition, an eight-classroom school costing 6.3 million Afs, funded by MRRD under National Area Based Development Programme (NABDP), was completed in Baz Araq village of Kaldar district of Balkh province, providing educational facilities for 400 school students.

NABDP has brought about positive changes in social and economic life of Afghanistan's rural people through decreasing the prevalence of water-borne diseases, the creation of facilities for IDPs during drought seasons, the protection of houses and agricultural lands from flooding, the provision of alternative livelihood as well as building educational facilities for school students.

The implementation of these development activities encourages rural people to make further progress in their lives in the rural areas.

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