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**BUILDING HOMES AND
FUTURES IN ALICEGHAN
IDP CAMP**





*This is AliceGhan -
an IDP camp about one hour
from Kabul.*

*For the 300 families living here,
life is not easy.*

*But there is nowhere else for
them to go.*

UNDP and Australia have joined hands to improve living conditions and create jobs in AliceGhan.

Over the next **5** months, we will:

- Build latrines, kitchens and boundary walls for **300** houses
- Create **55,430** labour days
- Provide skills training for more than **100** women



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“First we have new houses. Plus it’s a great work opportunity for me!”

Ahmad Zai (I) came back from Pakistan after AliceGhan opened and now lives here with his wife and seven children.

He remembers the early days when there was no electricity and water was only available twice a week.

But now there is power and a regular water supply, he has high hopes for the future.



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“We need a boundary wall to keep our children safe from strangers and wild animals.”

As well as a new latrine and kitchen, Ahmad's house is getting a boundary wall, which all Afghan houses traditionally have.

UNDP is building these walls for the last 95 homes in AliceGhan that still lack them, making life safer and more comfortable.



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“I don’t want my children to go abroad, but I understand why people do... What we need most is jobs.”

The construction is being undertaken by Ahmad and his neighbours, creating over 55,000 labour days.

As well as the chance to work and learn marketable skills, this provides residents with a greater stake in their surroundings and a sense of ownership.



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*“Even though we are
poor here, we are free!”*



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Agha Mohammad spent much of his adult life in Iran.

“We had so many problems there,” he recalls. “The police would arrest us. We couldn’t say what we felt.”

As soon as peace came to Afghanistan in the early 2000s, Agha hurried home.

“We didn’t think twice,” he says. “Now this new building work has given us a lot of hope. I think I will never leave again.”

Like all the residents, Agha owns his house and the land it’s on, so he can stay as long as he likes.



*“Before these courses,
we didn’t dare go outside
to talk to people.*

*Now we can get together
and gossip!”*

In order to empower the women of AliceGhan, UNDP is providing training courses in bed making, tailoring, handicrafts and embroidery.

The courses teach useful skills, but also give women a chance to get together and make friends, which would otherwise be impossible for those in more traditional households.



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“I can help my family with a little financial support - and I can make clothes for myself, too.”

Madina has been learning to make clothes, which she sells in the market in Kabul.

“After the training, it was easy for me to sell what I make,” she says. “We were shown exactly how and where to sell the clothes.”



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“After this course is finished, I hope to learn business and finance.”

This is Madina's house, where she lives with her parents and six brothers and sisters.

The other women on the course are supporting their families, too. In many cases, their husbands were killed or disabled in the war - or they just can't find jobs in the current economy.



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Madina's house has a solar panel - one of 300 installed by UNDP - meaning there is light at night and the family can charge cell phones and even watch TV.

There is also a boundary wall, separating off a yard where the family can cook and grow trees and vegetables.

“My family is much better off now.”



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“The temperature can reach 40 degrees in the summer, and the wind blows the dust in from the surrounding fields.”

UNDP has built a water system and connected it to the national grid to power pumps throughout the camp.

Now there is one tap for every five houses and clean water for cooking, cleaning and washing.

By December, we will pump this water directly into every house and install water meters to make the system sustainable.



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“It’s very important that UNDP continues to monitor the work in Alice-Ghan so that everything is transparent.”



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Padshah Gul Mosleh is the head of the local Community Development Council.

Behind him is the bus that UNDP provided so that residents could make it into Kabul for work.

Right now, the bus has engine trouble, but we are raising funds to get it up and running again, and to support a system that will keep it running so that AliceGhan can stay connected to Kabul and the community can prosper into the future.



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