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# Better Jobs Lead to Better Living

**USAID-supported vocational training improves lives and builds communities.**



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Karim and Jamil installing re-bar.

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Karim and Jamil are graduates of the vocational training program organized by USAID's Incentives Driving Economic Alternatives for the North, East and West ([IDEA-NEW](#)).

They are helping build a fruit and vegetable wholesale market in Qala-i-Naw, the capital of Badghis province.

Karim, a re-bar installer, attended three weeks of training that transformed him from a day laborer with occasional work to a person with a steady job. His salary increased from 200 to 700 Afghani a day. Karim's work partner, Jamil now talks proudly of his ability to provide for his seven children. He earns 800 Afghani per day. Both expressed their gratitude to USAID for funding the training that led them to a better personal life, a skill that they can use, and access to jobs when they finish working on the market.

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The Wholesale Market is the result of collaboration among Badghis fruit and vegetable vendors, the Qala-i-Naw Municipality and USAID/Afghanistan. It will provide stalls for 74 vendors in a clean, safe environment that includes restrooms, electricity, a water system and a large central delivery area.