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EARTH: Moving Afghanistan Forward

Alexandria, VA – EARTH Magazine reports on the important collaboration between the U.S. Geological Survey and the Afghanistan government ensure that the people of Afghanistan can rebuild their country and enjoy a safe and prosperous future.

Though a country with some of the richest groundwater resources in the region, decades of war and drought, and prior misuse of resources have limited the amount of clean water available in Afghanistan's most populous areas. Now, the U.S. Geological Survey is actively working with Afghanistan's Ministry of Energy and Water and their Geological Survey to ensure that the people of Afghanistan have access to water safe for drinking and irrigation.

In addition to strained water supplies, natural hazards such as earthquakes and landslides also plague this region of the world. Read about the work being done to educate military personnel, contractors, and scientists sent to Afghanistan on the geology of Afghanistan to increase awareness of and to mitigate the risk from natural hazards.

Learn more about this geologically complex and rich country as EARTH Magazine explores the connection between the geology of Afghanistan and future prospects for the country in the July issue of the magazine, now available on newsstands.

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