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DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A 200-BED WOMEN'S DORMITORY FOR THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF AFGHANISTAN

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OVERVIEW

To address the critical need of developing Afghanistan's higher education sector, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) established the American University of Afghanistan (AUAF) in 2006. USAID is funding the construction of a new dormitory at AUAF through its women's empowerment program, Promote.

This project consists of the design and construction of a new three-story, 3,000-square meter dormitory for 200 AUAF female students in Kabul, Afghanistan. The objective of this project is to meet AUAF program criteria and to provide a safe, fully functioning dormitory building, giving priority to the students from the provinces that do not have safe lodging in Kabul. The new dormitory includes study areas, a lounge area, cafeteria, library and an administration room. The building will be designed in compliance with the International building Code (IBC).

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- Surveying and site mobilization have been completed.
- Site preparations and foundation installation has begun.
- Complete architectural and engineering designs are being finalized in conjunction with AUAF staff and a third party quality assurance consultant.
- Newly graduated female engineers from Kabul University are participating in the design process as interns, with up to 15 female engineers receiving on-the-job training.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Build a safe and secure learning environment for Afghanistan's next generation of leaders.
- Provide living opportunities that enhance the student's experience and promote a positive learning environment.
- Empower women through the development of equal employment opportunities that contribute to Afghanistan's economic growth
- Implement a valuable internship program that gives female participants the requisite skills and experience they need to succeed in these critically needed professional fields.

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