

SIKA-EAST WEEKLY PROGRAM UPDATE

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SIGNIFICANT PROVINCIAL ACTIVITIES

GHAZNI

- Ghazni Provincial Management Unit (PMU) manager conducted regular weekly coordination meeting with PRRD director and coordinated Deh Yak training plan with him.

LOGAR

- From January 27 to 31, Grant Process and Application Development training was conducted in Mohammad Agha District to help participants develop concrete plans for project implementation.
- Logar PMU attempted to establish SIKA-East office in Khoshi District during several meetings with district authorities but was refused office space in district governor's building.
- On January 28, PMU manager participated in coordination meeting held in PRRD office, during which he updated PRRD director on program progress in targeted districts.
- Survey was conducted for four Cycle 1 projects in Mohammad Agha District.
- Baraki Barak team was engaged in collecting DPP verification and confirmation from service providers and in reconciling DPP projects.

PAKTYA

- On January 22, SIKA-East's Zadrans unit met with district governor to finalize list of participants who will be invited for upcoming launch meeting to be held in Gardiz on February 7.
- On January 23, Paktya PMU representatives met with Zurmat district governor to discuss SIKA-East activities and plans; governor promised to cooperate with SIKA-East in program implementation in Zurmat and will attend meeting with influential people from district on February 3.



Meeting with Zurmat District Governor

WARDAK

- On January 27, Wardak PMU manager participated in PRRD coordination meeting, and updated director on program progress and discussed various issues, including SIKA-East launch in Chak..
- Saydabad District Support Unit (DSU) manager met with district governor to update him on program progress and discuss upcoming communication planning and fundraising workshops.
- Saydabad team worked on provincial profile and collected data from various organizations. Team also met with tribal elders, scholars, and politically influential people from the district to conduct survey of grievances and resiliencies.
- Nirkh District DSU manager met with district governor to discuss activities and plans in various *hawzas*.

SIGNIFICANT KABUL-BASED ACTIVITIES

- As part of preparations for upcoming rollouts in Batch C districts of Andar, Chak, Zadrans, and Zurmat, SIKA-East trainers conducted Training of Trainers (ToT) in Stability Planning Process for field staff and PRRD social organizers from those districts so that they can conduct that training in their respective districts and assist district entities and community leaders to develop their District Project Portfolios.

- During the week, three trainings including two ToTs were held. The trainings were as follows:

Date	Title	Location	Description
January 27-31	Stability Planning Process ToT for Batch C Districts	Kabul	The goal of the training was to prepare SIKA-East and PRRD representatives to replicate Stability Planning Process training for Batch C districts.
January 27-31	Grants Process and Application Development	Mohammad Agha	The session helped participants develop concrete plans for project implementation.
January 28	Grant Review Committee ToT	Kabul	The ToT was conducted for 16 participants

- In preparation for Service Providers Fair in Logar Province, SIKA-East conducted technical bid evaluation to find an organization to provide logistical arrangements for the event.
- Communication and Outreach Unit developed drafts on their Fundraising and Strategic Planning curricula. They also edited and commented on scripts of radio plays developed by SEZMA Productions and returned them to SEZMA for further processing.
- Fourteen engineering packages, with an estimated value of \$418,274, have been completed to date. Three more are in process, with two of these submitted to Project Management Committees for final concurrence and signatures.
- Grants and Sub-contracts Unit is working on USAID vetting packages for grant applications over \$25,000 that have gone through the Grant Review Committee.
- On January 28, SIKA-East conducted a one-day Grant Review Committee ToT for 16 people from Nirkh and Mohammad Agha Districts.
- This week, Human Resources filled three positions, all for AECOM.
- Security Unit reviewed and updated Security Risk Assessments (SRAs) for all PMUs and DSUs, which provides an overview of the security situation affecting SIKA-East. The unit also conducted training for access control and Afghan Public Protection Force (APPF) guards as part of weekly refresher training.

PROJECTED FIELD ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT WEEK

GHAZNI

- Conduct regular coordination meetings with PRRD director;
- Conduct coordination meeting with Khwaja Umari district governor; and
- Conduct Infrastructure Project Planning session in Dih Yak.

LOGAR

- Update Service Providers Catalogue for Mohammad Agha District;
- Conduct Grant Process and Advocacy training for Mohammad Agha;
- Conduct survey of Safid Sang and Zahidabad Road Gravelling Project; and
- Prepare proposals, BOQs, drawings, and work plans for Safid Sang and Zahidabad road graveling project and for Bahadurkheil and Surkh Abad Kariz project.

PAKTYA

- Conduct coordination meeting with PRRD and other stakeholders;

- Meet with district authorities and community representative to discuss stakeholder identification mechanism in Zurmat;
- Conduct stakeholder survey in Zurmat and Zadran Districts; and
- Conduct Zurmat kickoff meeting in Gardiz on February 7.

WARDAK

- Prepare for program lunch in Chak District;
- Conduct coordination meetings with PRRD stakeholders and district governors;
- Conduct projects survey in Saydabad and Nirkh Districts;
- Conduct communication planning sessions for men and women from Saydabad CDCs;
- Conduct stakeholder survey in Chak District for rollout purposes;
- Fill out grant applications for certain projects in Saydabad and Nirkh districts; and
- Fill out checklists for projects in Saydabad districts.

PROJECTED KABUL-BASED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT WEEK

- Conduct three-day session to introduce SIKA-East program to gender focal points from MRRD, IDLG, and Ministry of Women's Affairs;
- Meet with service providers and stakeholders to coordinate and promote Service Providers Fair in Logar;
- Follow up impact evaluation of Wardak Service Providers Fair;
- Conduct advocacy for men in Nirkh;
- Create communication plan template for DDA+ in cooperation and coordination with field staffs;
- Finalize January Monthly Media Analysis Report;
- Enrich Maydan Wardak, Logar, and Paktya provincial narrative profiles;
- Conduct engineering survey for three projects in Saydabad District, two projects in Mohammad Agha, and two projects in Nirkh;
- Conduct Infrastructure Project Planning training for Deh Yak men, and Project Design and Development training for Deh Yak women;
- Complete 43 grant applications in Saydabad, Nerkh, and Mohammad Agha Districts;
- Review training modules;
- Conduct Security Risk Assessments of Khost Province PRRD for future rollouts there, and of Khwaja Umari district of Ghazni Province;
- Work on gender strategy; and
- Continue recruitment by HR Department of 109 staff:
 - Fifty-nine vacancies in process with AECOM;
 - Eight vacancies in process with OSC;
 - Thirty-nine vacancies in process with IRD; and
 - Three vacancies in process with Ti.