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Work in progress on the Char Qala karez rehabilitation project located in Pad Khab Roghani Hawza of Baraki Barak District of Logar Province.

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Highlights of the Week:

- On April 9, the PRRD Director of Paktika Province attended a lunchtime meeting with senior management from SIKA-East and MRRD and IDLG Coordination Units representatives to discuss the rollout of the program in the new province.
- Two projects in were completed during the week Gurbuz and Tani Districts of Khost Province and a third project in Mohammad Agha District in Logar Provinces.
- Grants were awarded for five protection wall projects this week: three in Khwaja Umari District in Ghazni Province, and two in Gurbuz and Tani Districts in Khost Province.



Lunchtime meeting of MRRD, IDLG, and SIKA-East managers with the Paktika PRRD Director on April 9 to talk about the expansion of SIKA-East into Paktika Province.

SIKA-East Results:

- **Training:**
 - Since the beginning of the program, 21,823 individuals, of whom 16,470 are men and 5,353 women, have attended a total of 673 training sessions.
- **Grants:**
 - To date, 430 grant applications – including 349 infrastructure, 73 non-infrastructure, and six capacity building projects, all valued at nearly \$17.1 million – have been received, and 282 applications have been approved by USAID.
 - This week grants were awarded for five protection wall projects: three in Tromary, Goduli, and Paymastali in Khwaja Umari District in Ghazni Province; and two in Gurbuz and Tani Districts in Khost Province.
 - So far, 200 grants, with a value of over \$6.9 million, have been awarded, while 68 projects have been completed.
 - Two hundred and ninety-four grants have been approved by USAID.

Meetings with IDLG and MRRD

Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) and Independent Directorate for Local Governance (IDLG) met with SIKA-East to discuss the two main SIKA-East processes: Stakeholder Engagement/Governance Foundation and Stability Planning Process (SPP). SIKA-East also presented the working version of the revised Stability Analysis Methodology (SAM) and requested greater MRRD and IDLG involvement in the design of the new process.

SIKA-East will continue working on the revision of the SAM based on the comments from Kabul and the field, and will continue to hold meetings and dialogue with MRRD and IDLG to finalize a methodology acceptable to the government.

IDLG and SIKA-East also met to discuss the status of the radio programs, district information centers, and voice messaging and video/photo training. SIKA-East suggested a staggered start on the technical trainings, as the most technically advanced government office goes first and tests the materials before they are introduced to other provinces. IDLG will identify the first district and the technical participants.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

IMPACT ANALYSIS

- SIKA-East conducted a survey in Baraki Barak District of Logar Province to analysis the impact of vocational training – in tailoring, embroidery, fruit and vegetable processing – on the daily life of people. Individual interviews and phone calls were the methodologies used to collect women’s perspectives on the vocational trainings. Following this survey, a detailed report will be shared with management.

GENDER ACTIVITIES

- SIKA-East’s gender team met with counterparts from Zardozi NGO in Kabul to help SIKA-East develop new strategies and ideas by sharing best practices, tools to increase female outreach and participation, and greater inclusion of women in SIKA-East projects.

GRANTS AND ENGINEERING

- This week grants were awarded for five protection wall projects: three in Tromary, Goduli, and Paymastali in Khwaja Umari District of Ghazni Province; and two in Gurbuz and Tani Districts in Khost Province.
- Milestone payments resumed during the week, with over \$240,000 being disbursed for 26 grants projects in eight districts. This number includes four non-infrastructure and 21 infrastructure projects. The remaining payment was made for Sayara Media and Communication for radio play re-broadcasting in Andar, Saydabad and Tani Districts on behalf of Ghazni, Maydan Wardak, and Khost Provinces, respectively.
- To date, 430 grant applications – for 351 infrastructure, 73 non-infrastructure, and six transition initiative projects, valued at over \$17.1 million – have been received, and 294 applications have been approved by USAID.
- One hundred and thirty-two projects, with a total value of nearly \$4.3 million, have been awarded to 18 districts in five provinces.
- Six grant applications, valued at over \$656,000, were reviewed and approved by joint MRRD and SIKA-East Grant Review Committees (GRC). The approved projects are slated for six districts.
- One new engineering design, valued at over \$43,000 for the district of Baraki Barak, was completed during the reporting period.



Eida Gul protection wall project recently completed in Gurbuz District of Khost Province



Work in progress on the Sultan Khail karez extension project in Khoshi District of Logar Province



Closing ceremony of Kooli village karez extension project in Mohammad Agha District

SIGNIFICANT PROVINCIAL ACTIVITIES

GHAZNI

- Three grants were awarded this week for protection wall projects to be implemented in Tromary, Goduli, and Paymastali in Khwaja Umari District.
- Fifty-eight grant project applications, cumulatively valued at nearly \$1.9 million, have been received for Ghazni Province to date. Forty-two projects have been approved by USAID; of these, 17 have been awarded and are under way, and eight have been pronounced physically complete.
- Three milestone payments, worth nearly \$13,000, were paid for three separate non-infrastructure projects in Dih Yak and Andar Districts during the week. Additionally, two payments, worth over \$19,000, were made for infrastructure projects in Khwaja Umari District.

KHOST

- Two grants were awarded this week for protection wall projects in Gurbuz and Tani Districts.
- In addition, two projects were completed during the week: Rat Roogha canal protection wall located in Tani District, with a cost of over \$27,000, and Eida Gul protection wall in Gurbuz District, valued at over \$48,000. Both projects started in January 2014.
- Twelve milestone payments, valued at over \$81,000, were made for Khost Province during the week: seven for Jaji Maydan, one for Mando Zayi, and two each for Gurbuz and Jaji Maydan Districts.
- So far, SIKA-East has received 61 grants applications, worth over \$2 million, in Khost Province. Forty-nine projects have received USAID approval, of which 30 have been awarded: 11 for Gurbuz, five for Jaji Maydan, seven for Mando Zayi, and seven for Tani.

LOGAR

- Four milestone payments, worth over \$36,000, were made during the week: two each for Baraki Barak and Khoshi District.
- Kooli Village karez extension project in Mohammad Agha District was completed, and the closing ceremony took place on April 10 in the presence of District Rural Rehabilitation and Development (DRRD), District Development Assembly (DDA), and Community Development Committee (CDC) members and religious elders.
- One engineering design, valued at over \$43,000, was completed for Baraki Barak District.
- To date, USAID has approved 67 grants projects, worth nearly \$3 million, for Logar Province: 27 for Baraki Barak, 12 for Khoshi, and 28 for Mohammad Agha. Twenty-four projects have been completed, including three that are officially closed.

MAYDAN WARDAK

- Two milestone payments, valued at over \$8,000, were made for Chaki Wardak District. One of these projects is of the small-infrastructure type, and the other is non-infrastructure.
- A joint PRRD and SIKA-East Grant Review Committee (GRC) reviewed and approved two projects, worth over \$447,000 in total, one each for Jalrez and Chaki Wardak.

- To date, 102 grant applications have been received for Maydan Wardak Province: 19 for Chaki Wardak, 26 for Jalrez, 23 for Nirkh, and 34 for Saydabad. Eighty-two projects have received USAID approval and 48 projects have been awarded, of which 18 have been completed.

PAKTYA

- Two grants were awarded this week, one each for Tani and Gurbuz, with a total value of nearly \$52,000.
- Four milestone payments, worth over \$31,000, were made for small infrastructure projects in Laja Ahmad Khail and Laja Mangal Districts.
- To date, 126 grant applications have been received for Paktya Province: 24 for Ahmad Abad, 18 for Laja Ahmad Khail, 19 for Laja Mangal, 19 for Zadran, 18 for Zurmat, and 28 for Garda Serai.
- SIKa-East has received 48 grant application approvals from USAID for projects in Paktya Province, and 24 grants have been awarded.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2014

- The presidential election took place on April 5, and people in the five SIKa-East provinces took an active part in casting their votes. SIKa-East PMT managers in those provinces reported that voters generally ignored the Taliban threats, and even a few instances of violence, against those who chose to go to the polls in the presidential and parliamentary elections. Apart from the compulsory time-off for SIKa-East employees on the days before and after the presidential election due to security concerns, the elections had no noticeable effect on the program.

CHALLENGES

- The security situation is getting worse in Baraki Barak District of Logar Province. This is causing delays in some of the grants projects in that district.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT WEEK

- Award nearly \$324,000 in grants for three infrastructure projects in Khwaja Umari, Laja Ahmad Khail, Chaki Wardak, Jalrez, and Saydabad Districts; and
- Make 28 milestone payments, in the amount of over \$161,000, to projects in eight districts.

SIKA-East Grants Pipeline

(Please note that the US dollar value of the grants may fluctuate in accordance with the fluctuating conversion rates between the US dollar and the Afghan national currency)

Province	District	Under Development	Applications Received		Vetting Pending with USAID	Vetting Approved by USAID	GRC Approved	USAID Approval Requested	USAID Approval Received		Grants Awarded (Ongoing)		Grants Completed		Grants Closed (Past Retention Period)		Total Grants Awarded	
		No.	No.	\$ Value	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	\$ Value	No.	\$ Value	No.	\$ Value	No.	\$ Value	No.	\$ Value
Ghazni	Andar	3	16	\$508,051	6	3	16	14	12	\$474,858	4	\$196,131	2	\$132,748	0	\$0	6	\$328,880
	Bahrami Shahid (Jaghatau)	0	4	\$95,666	2	0	4	2	2	\$95,666	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
	Dih Yak	1	16	\$617,468	2	9	17	15	15	\$590,822	5	\$139,292	5	\$221,245	1	\$19,087	11	\$379,624
	Khwaja Umari	0	19	\$572,046	13	3	19	16	14	\$426,395	11	\$265,287	0	\$0	0	\$0	11	\$265,287
	Qarabagh	5	3	\$96,098	0	0	3	1	1	\$50,132	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Khost	Gurbuz	2	17	\$703,512	5	4	17	16	16	\$603,512	11	\$325,344	1	\$43,467	0	\$0	12	\$368,811
	Jaji Maidan	4	9	\$284,341	2	3	10	5	6	\$204,937	5	\$119,966	0	\$0	0	\$0	5	\$119,966
	Mando Zayi	6	14	\$406,689	4	0	14	13	12	\$349,887	7	\$170,931	1	\$22,031	0	\$0	8	\$192,962
	Tani	0	21	\$679,006	2	4	19	16	15	\$540,294	7	\$195,696	2	\$49,955	0	\$0	9	\$245,651
Logar	Baraki Barak	6	31	\$1,324,676	5	16	31	27	27	\$1,117,108	10	\$360,334	11	\$376,041	0	\$0	21	\$736,375
	Khoshi	1	15	\$700,602	6	0	16	12	12	\$564,968	4	\$72,845	0	\$0	0	\$0	4	\$72,845
	Mohammad.Agha	1	31	\$1,480,310	2	23	31	28	28	\$1,276,266	11	\$502,146	13	\$590,925	3	\$105,763	27	\$1,198,834
Maydan Wardak	Chaki Wardak	1	19	\$777,649	3	11	18	18	18	\$740,465	10	\$322,792	3	\$144,072	0	\$0	13	\$466,863
	Jalrez	0	26	\$975,119	5	0	15	13	13	\$308,755	9	\$172,966	0	\$0	0	\$0	9	\$172,966
	Nirkh	0	23	\$1,149,330	0	21	22	20	20	\$1,000,537	6	\$301,124	7	\$321,606	3	\$178,035	16	\$800,765
	Saydabad	0	34	\$1,037,197	4	18	32	31	31	\$1,148,010	5	\$133,008	8	\$277,802	8	\$185,860	21	\$596,669
Paktya	Ahmad Abad	20	24	\$1,235,570	15	0	14	5	5	\$266,164	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
	Laja Ahmad Khail	12	18	\$567,681	6	1	17	11	11	\$279,261	11	\$279,261	0	\$0	0	\$0	11	\$279,261
	Laja Mangal	7	19	\$695,456	7	4	15	12	12	\$450,297	7	\$255,676	0	\$0	0	\$0	7	\$255,676
	Zadran	12	19	\$658,227	10	3	10	7	7	\$427,153	1	\$80,132	0	\$0	0	\$0	1	\$80,132
	Zurmat	2	18	\$1,108,914	9	4	15	13	12	\$677,870	5	\$268,948	0	\$0	0	\$0	5	\$268,948
	Zadran (Garda Serai)	28	28	\$1,052,562	7	0	4	1	1	\$48,256	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Total		111	4	\$16,745,170	115	127	359	296	290	\$11,641,613	129	\$4,161,878	53	2,179,893	15	\$488,744	197	\$6,830,515

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	No.	No.	\$ Value	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	\$ Value	No.	\$ Value	No.	Amount USD	No.	\$ Value	No.	\$ Value
Infrastructure Grants	80	351	\$14,520,029	77	112	292	258	254	\$10,423,782	121	\$4,038,881	52	\$2,196,043	12	\$433,534	185	\$6,668,459
Non-infrastructure Grants	31	73	\$2,225,141	40	15	67	38	36	\$1,217,830	8	\$1276.73	2	\$41,951	3	\$55,209	13	\$220,157
Transition Initiatives Grants	6	6	\$442,473	3	3	5	4	4	\$171,544	3	\$128,720	0	\$0	0	\$0	3	\$128,720

Grand Total	117	430	\$ 17,187,643	118	130	364	300	294	\$11,813,156	132	\$4,290,598	53	\$2,179,893	15	\$488,744	200	\$6,959,235
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