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The Showz Sharqi CDC (Shindand District) Successfully Rehabilitated The Showz Sharqi High School, With The Support of The Shindand District Government, Herat DRRD and Herat Department of Education.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK:

- The SIKA-West Communications & Public Outreach Department with support from IDLG, produced wall, desk and pocket calendars highlighting IDLG achievements. A total of 2560 calendars were prepared and IDLG will take a primary role in the distribution.
- On May 13th, the Bala Boluk District Governor, Mr. Sayed Mohammad, received support from the Governance Department to prepare a complete record of project activities in Bala Boluk District, which was then submitted to (H.E Mohammad Omar Shirzad) the Farah Provincial Governor.
- The Ferooz Koh Female Conflict Resolution Committee addressed a familial conflict in Qutus village. Two cousins were in conflict because of a fight between their children and were about to open a case in the court. The CRC organized separate mediation session with the conflicting parties and on May 14th, both families agreed to end their conflict.
- The Community Development Department organized Project Maintenance site visits for Culvert and Flood Protection Wall projects in Pashtun Zarghun District. These visits are scheduled to ensure that CDCs are performing required maintenance on completed projects. No deficiencies were observed and the residents were happy with the completed projects.
- The SIKA-West Stabilization Department will facilitate rollout to the new districts (Guzara & Kohsan Districts in Herat Province, Lash Wa Juwayn & Farah Center in Farah Province, Qala-i-Naw in Badghis and Du Layna District in Ghor) in all four provinces.



Mr. Farhad Raufian, The Pashtun Zarghun District Governor, Presenting Appreciation Letter To The SIKA-West Staff, Recognizing Their Support For Organizing The Provincial Governor Visit To This District.

Mr. Farhad Raufian, the Pashtun Zarghun District Governor, led the Komite Sobate Wolesswali meeting on May 14th. The participants analyzed the previous identified major problems (unemployment, lack of trust between citizens and government and insecurity) and proposed 13 new solutions (flood protection walls, water divider, road, surrounding wall for Saffron processing center and community center rehabilitation). The District Governor appreciated the MRRD/IDLG Stability Program support for organizing the Provincial Governor visit to the Pashtun Zarghun District on May 4th and presented appreciation letters to the MRRD/IDLG SIKA-West Stabilization Department Director and the Herat PST Deputy Manager.

SIKA-WEST RESULTS:

- **Grants:**
 - To date, 292 projects valued at \$6,564,507 have been approved by MRRD and IDLG in ten target Districts.
 - Currently CDCs are implementing 117 projects valued at \$3,893,034.
 - To date, 157 projects valued at \$2,140,693 have been completed.
 - Seven projects valued at \$424,500 have been pending with the USAID Vetting Unit since mid-March.
- **Cross-Cutting Capacity Building:**
 - Training on how to use the Service Providers Catalog (SPC) was provided to the Craftsman & Traders and Industrial Unions in Herat City on May 15th and 17th. A total of eight SPCs were distributed to provide information to the people about the available services in the SPC.
 - Media training was provided to the Farah Provincial Government, the DRRD and the Police Department Spokespersons on May 18th. Topics included how to write a press release, media relation and interview techniques. The staff will apply these techniques to better communicate with the local Media and inform residents about the government activities and achievements.
 - The SIKA-West District Governance Training Plan was shared with the Badghis Deputy Provincial Governor, the line-departments, and the Qadis and Muqur District Governors on May 13th. In response to the recent floods, Disaster Risk Reduction Management training was planned for the first week of June. In addition, to utilize the existing training materials, a coordination meeting was held with the Badghis Administrative Reform Civil Service Commission. Agreement made to share some of the training materials including the Human Resources Management, Administrative Procedures and Performance Appraisal.

MONITORING ACTIVITIES

- The SIKA-West M&E Staff trained the Pashtun Zarghun and Shindand District Government Focal points to write the Komite Sobate Wolesswali meetings' reports. Following the training, the focal point successfully wrote the reports and shared with the respecting District Governors.
- The M&E Team attended the SIKA-West Community of Practice meeting on May 20th at the SIKA-East compound in Kabul. Discussions focused on similarities and differences in methodologies and how these can be standardized across the SIKAs. All SIKAs will standard some of their processes and definitions as agreed at the meeting.
- As part of the PMP revisions, meetings were held with other SIKAs, MISTI and the USAID COR on May 20th and 21st. A new deadline of submission of the new PMP (May 31st) was agreed in consultation with the USAID COR.

FARAH PROVINCE

- On May 25th, the Farah DRRD Director Mr. Abdul Raouf, agreed to take responsibility for establishment of the Farah Service Providers Committee. This Committee will be responsible to update and distribute the Farah SPC and organize quarterly Service Providers Fair.
- As part of the SIKA-West rollout to the new districts (Lash Wa Juwayn and Homy Markez, Farah Center), a meeting was held with of the Farah Provincial Governor (H.E Mohammad Omar Shirzad), his deputy (Mohammad Younis Rasouli), the Lash Wa Juwayn District Governor (Mr. Samad Yar), the DRRD Director (Mr. Abdul Raouf), the DSWs and DDA members on May 17th. A detailed presentation on MRRD/IDLG Stability Program, its components and objectives was presented. The first Komite Sobate Woleswali meeting for Lash Wa Juwayn and Farah Center were scheduled for May 28th and 25th.
- The Komite Sobate Woleswali meeting for women in Pusht-e Rod was held on May 14th. The participants analyzed the major problems (presence of insurgent group, diseases, unemployment and illiteracy) and proposed culvert rehabilitation and water pump installation as solutions. To response to these requests, the SIKA-West Gender Mainstreaming Unit will share them at the next male Komite Sobate Woleswali in Pusht Rod.



As Part Of The SIKA-West Rollout To The New Districts (Lash Wa Juwayn And Farah Center), A Meeting Was Held With Of The Farah Provincial Governor And Line-Departments On May 17th.

BADGHIS PROVINCE

- On May 14th, Mr. Saleh Mohammad Bik, the Qadis District Governor, met with the 12 CDCs' representatives to encourage them to organize a Hashar, a public voluntary scheme, to clean the Zad Saleh irrigation canal which provides water for 50 Jeribs of lands. Each CDC agreed to introduce eight people to attend the Hashar on May 28th.
- As a follow activity to respond to the residents' request to rehabilitate the Shah Qaiyasuddin Pilgrimage in Langar-e Sharif Qadis sub-district, the District Governor, met with H.E Ahmadullah Alizai, the Provincial Governor, on May 14th. The PG will send a delegation including the Department of Information and Culture to visit the Pilgrimage and assess possible support.
- Following the recent Hashar in Zad Naser village in Muqur District, the Kharistan CDCs also organized a Hashar to clean a 2-KM irrigation canal on May 18th. Almost 100 people from eight CDCs and the Executive Manager, the DRRD DSW, the DAIL Manager and the District Commander's representative attended the event.
- Following the second round of Concept Note Development training on May 19th, the Kalanzai CDC in Muqur drafted a concept note for a bridge construction project. The CDC will share the concept note with the District Governor and the DDA for their review and approval. Once approved, the concept note will be submitted to third party organizations with the aim of receiving financial support.
- The Qadis District Governor organized a monthly coordination meeting with the line-departments on May 19th. Issues including the recent increase in meat prices, increase of robberies and governmental lands occupied by squatters were discussed. The DG assigned the Municipality Department to follow up the increase in meat price. A delegation will be sent to Chorchen village to investigate the issue of squatters In addition, the DG will organize a public meeting with community elders to encourage them to support the Police Department in arresting the thieves.



The Kharistan Cdc's In Muqur District Organized A Hashar To Clean A 2-KM Irrigation Canal On May 18th. Almost 100 People From Eight Cdc's Attended The Event.



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Mr. Besmellah Waser, The Muqur DSW And The SIKA-West Engineer Conducted A Final Inspection For The Road And Culvert Rehabilitation Project In Abobakr Mohajer Village, Muqur On May 17th.

- As part of the SIKA-West rollout to the new District (Qala-i-Naw) in Badghis, a coordination meeting was held with the Badghis Deputy Provincial Governor (Qamaruddin Shakib) and line-departments on May 14th. A detailed presentation on MRRD/IDLG Stability Program, its components and objectives was given. The first Komite Sobate Woleswali meeting was scheduled for May 27th.
- To ensure the Komite Sobate Woleswali meeting is properly organized and key discussion points are ready to be addressed, a pre-Komite Sobate Woleswali meeting was held with the Qadis District Sectorial Manager, the DSWs and key DDA members on May 17th. The agenda and talking points were reviewed. Mr. Saleh Mohammad Bik, the Qadis District Governor, organized the actual Komite Sobate Woleswali meeting on May 18th. The meeting focused on addressing the issue of Arbab Sarwar CDC that is not willing to complete its culvert rehabilitation project. Agreement made to have a separate meeting with the mentioned CDC and come up with a final solution. In addition, the participants agreed to cancel the three projects (roads rehabilitation in Tajikha, Kabulcha and Ghaib Ali Dasht village) because the CDCs cannot provide security for project sites. At the post-meeting, in order to increase the women's participation and involvement, the DG requested to invite some educated and influential women to the meeting. The SIKA-West Gender Mainstreaming Unit will track this issue.
- As part of the Badghis DRRD compound renovation, materials and equipment including lamps, door locks, windows and fans were purchased by the MRRD/IDLG SIKA-West program and installed.

HERAT PROVINCE

- On May 14th, Mr. Abdul Hameed Noor, the Shindand District Governor, organized a meeting with Ulema to discuss about the government activities and achievements. The DG highlighted the role of Ulema in bringing peace and asked them to cooperate with the government. The Ulema asked the District Governor to construct new mosques and provide furniture for the existing mosques. The DG will share these requests with the Provincial Authorities.
- As part of the SIKA-West rollout to the new Districts (Guzara and Kohsan), a coordination meeting was held with participation of the Herat Deputy Provincial Governor (Mr. Asiluddin Jami), the Herat DRRD Director (Mr. Aqa Mohammad Sediqi), the Guzara and Kohsan District Governors (Mr. Nesar Ahmad Popal and Mr. Mohammad Zarif Shah) on May 13th. A detailed presentation on MRRD/IDLG Stability Program, its components and objectives was given. The first Komite Sobate Woleswali meetings were scheduled for Guzara on May 27th and Kohsan on May 28th.
- A pre-Komite Sobate Woleswali meeting was held with the Shindand District Governor and the DAA members to review the agenda and talking points. The actual Komite Sobate Woleswali meeting was led by the District Governor on May 19th. The SIKA-West Engineers informed the District Governor that the Faj Ulya didn't implement their 120-meter flood protection wall based on the project specification. The CDC didn't accept this claim, so the DG assigned a delegation of the SIKA-West and the District Government staff to visit the project site and confirm the issue. The SIKA-West M&E Department will track this issue and provide further update. In addition, the representative of Women Council requested to provide leadership and management trainings. The SIKA-West Governance Department will follow up this request.



As Part Of The Rollout To The New District (Qala-I-Naw) In Badghis, Meeting Was Held With The Badghis Deputy Provincial Governor And Line-Departments.



The Wakhil Sayed CDC In Shindand District Rehabilitated A 95-Meter Water Intake Which Provides Water For 1000 Jeribs Of Lands.



As Part Of The Rollout To The New Districts (Guzara And Kohsan), Meeting Was Held With The Herat Deputy Provincial Governor And Line-Departments.



Maintenance Site Visit Was Conducted For 6-Meter Bridge In Safidan Ulya Village, Pashtun Zarghun On May 6th.

- A meeting was held with Mrs. Jamshidi, the DOWA Director, on May 15th. Agreement made that DOWA take the lead in organizing Gender Working Group meeting. The DOWA Director requested to provide Gender Mainstreaming, Anti-Harassment and Proposal writing trainings to GWG members and DOWA staff. The SIKA-West Gender Unit and Governance Department will follow up on these requests.

GHOR PROVINCE

- A coordination meeting was held with Mr. Ziauddin, the Du Layna District DDA Head, on May 11th. An overview of the MRRD/IDLG Stability Program, its components and objectives was given. The first Komite Sobate Wolesswali meeting was scheduled for May 29th.
- The SIKA-West Communications & Public Outreach Department, with cooperation of the Shahrak District Governor, produced folders with the peace messages on its cover. A total of 68 folders were distributed to the Education, Police and Agriculture Departments.

CHALLENGES

- Due to movement restriction, project site visits are suspended in Bala Boluk and Khak-e-Safayd Districts.
- The Engineering trainings RFP was re-advertised because no organization applied for it.

WHAT'S NEXT

- Herat: the Kushk Rabat-e Sangi Komite Sobate Wolesswali meeting will be held on May 21st.
- Herat: The Guzara and Kohsan Komite Sobate Wolesswali meetings will be held on May 25th and 26th.
- Herat: The Shindand District Governor will organize a public meeting with Ulema on May 20th.
- Ghor: Feroz Koh Youth Association will organize an anti-corruption football tournament on May 22nd.
- Ghor: The Shahrak District Governor monthly coordination meeting with line-departments will be held on May 20th.
- Badghis: The Muqur Komite Sobate Wolesswali meeting will be held on May 21st.
- Farah: The DRRD Director will establish the SPC Committee on May 25th.
- Farah: The Pusht-e Rod Komite Sobate Wolesswali meeting will be held on May 21st.
- Farah: The Lash Wa Juwayn first Komite Sobate Wolesswali meeting will be held on May 28th. And the Farah Center Komite Sobate Wolesswali meeting will be held on May 24th.



On-The-Job Training On Report Writing Was Provided To Mr. Haji Aminulla, The Pashtun Zarghun Admin Manager To Prepare The Komite Sobate Wolesswali Meeting's Report.



Laborers Working To Rehabilitate A 3410-Meter Pipe Scheme Network In Qargha Now Village, Shahrak District. Following The Completion Of The Project, 380 Families Will Have Potable Water.