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The Herat Provincial Governor (Mr. Sayed Fazlullah Wahidi), Herat DRRD Director (Mr. Aqa Mohammad Sediqi), Members Of Parliament And Senior Members Of The Provincial And District Government Line Departments Cut The Ribbon To Inaugurate A Rehabilitated Flood Protection Wall In Qala Yusuf Khan Village, Pashtun Zarghun District On May 4th.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK:

- Led by DRRD, a four-day Project Management Training was provided to Yaka Toot CDC in Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District from April 29th-May 3rd. The training covered a review of grant agreements, roles and responsibilities of CDC leadership, project milestone requirements, technical approaches and procurement processes. Following the training, the CDC will receive their first milestone to start a 200-meter gabion wall rehabilitation project.
- As part of the Governance Strategic Training Plan outcomes, various mentorship and coaching sessions were conducted with Shindand, Muqur, Pusht-e Rod and Bala Boluk District line-department staff on standardizing timesheets, improving inventory records and updating district government office organizational charts.
- In line with Concept Note Development mentoring, the Khalifa Rahmat Sufla and Baghche Abdul Hakim CDCs (Kushk Rabat-e Sangi), Bala Shahr CDC (Shindand) finalized their concept notes for vocational, agriculture and infrastructure support. The Department of Labor and Social Affairs DOLSA), the Department of Women's Affairs (DOWA), the Afghan Women Organization, the Economy Department, the Department of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (DAIL) have been identified as potential donors.

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 123 projects valued at \$3,642,941.
 - To date, 141 projects valued at \$1,884,783 have been completed.
 - Seven projects are pending with the USAID Vetting Unit valued at \$ 424,450 since mid-March.
- **Cross-Cutting Capacity Building:**
 - Mentoring on the Service Providers Catalog (SPC) was provided to seven government staff in Pashtun Zarghun District on April 29th. A copy of the SPC was distributed to the participants who will use the SPC to inform district residents about available services.
 - Conflict Resolution Skills training was provided to 10 members of Kushk Rabat-e Sangi female Conflict Resolution Committee (CRC) on April 29th. The CRC with the support of the District Governor will identify and address familial conflicts in district villages.
 - Basic Leadership training was provided to 23 women including the IDLG staff, CRC members and civil society organizations' representatives in Ghor Province on May 4th.
 - Gender mainstreaming training was provided to 20 governmental staff (10 men, 10 women) in Ghor Province on May 5th. The training aimed to help the participants to find ways of mainstreaming gender in their daily programming.



Mr. Sayed Fazlullah Wahidi, the Herat Provincial Governor, delivered a speech on peace and stability in Pashtun Zarghun District on May 4th.

The Herat Provincial Governor delivered a speech on peace and stability at an important event “Good Governance Practice” organized by the Pashtun Zarghun District Governor, Mr. Farhad Raufian on May 4th. The DG hosted more than 300 people including the Provincial Governor, the Parliament member, high ranking Provincial line-departments and influential people. Speeches on the importance of good governance and peace were delivered. At the end of the event, the Provincial Governor along with the high ranking officials, cut the ribbon and inaugurated the recently rehabilitated flood protection wall in Qala Yusuf Khan Village. The Provincial Governor asked the people to be united and support the government in combating Anti-Government Elements (AGE) to have a peaceful society. The event was broadcast at the Herat Radio and Television of Afghanistan.

MONITORING ACTIVITIES

- In line with the new SIKA-West Option Period programming Work Plan, the M&E Department will be improving current data collection methods.
- Field work for project impact assessments continued during the week in Mian Joi Massow village in Pusht-e Rod and Khaja Khedr village in Bala Boluk District for the water divider rehabilitation projects. In total 60 community residents were interviewed.
- DRRD DSWs, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E personnel conducted 40 project site visits.

FARAH PROVINCE

- Mr. Sayed Mohammad, the Bala Boluk District Governor, along with Mr. Hafizullah, the DRRD DSW and the DDA and CDC members visited the recently rehabilitated water divider in Kanesk Bala village on April 29th. *“I appreciate the Kanesk Bala CDC that implemented this project, despite the security concerns,” Mr. Sayed Mohammad Bala Boluk District Governor.*
- Advocacy and Concept Note Development training was provided to Jan Khani CDC in Pusht-e Rod District to develop a concept note for their proposed road rehabilitation project on April 29th. The SIKA-West Communications and Public Outreach Department (CPOD) will provide further support to this CDC to submit their concept note to third party organizations listed in the Farah SPC which may provide financial resources.
- The SIKA-West CPOD met with Mr. Mohammad Omar Shirzad, (Farah Provincial Governor) to find ways of improving communication between the Provincial Governor and Pusht-e Rod and Khak-e-Safayd District Governors on May 3rd. The PG requested that further support be provided to District Governors to be able to communicate with the Provincial Government via e-mail. The Governance Department is following up on this request.
- The Bala Boluk Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC) addressed a conflict over use of an irrigation canal that passes through Nalak, Dehzak, Sia Jangal, Taq Serak, Khaja Khedr and Kal Qala villages. The TCRC organized separate mediation sessions with each of the conflicting parties and finally in a joint meeting, an agreement letter was signed by the conflicting parties on April 30th. The agreement focused on cleaning the canal by Nakal villagers, not using water pumps, not digging wells near the canal and not diverting the canal water.



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Mr. Abobakr Azimi, The Muqur Executive Manager, Mr. Besmela Wasir, The DRRD DSW And DDA And CDC Members Visited The Recently Started 5-Km Road Rehabilitation Project In Lamani Village On May 5th.

BADGHIS PROVINCE

- On May 5th, Mr. Abobakr Azimi, the Muqur Executive Manager, Mr. Besmela Wasir, the DRRD DSW, DDA and CDC members visited the recently started 5-km road rehabilitation project in Lamani village. *“This project will address poverty and unemployment. You, the CDC, should work based on the project specifications,” the Muqur EM.*
- Mr. Abdul Hadi Badghisi, the Muqur District Governor, organized a “Peace and Reconciliation” meeting with participation of 300 people including Mr. Ahmadullah Alizai, the Provincial Governor, Ms. Safia Aimaq and Mr. Khan Mohammad, Parliament members, district government officials and influential Ulema and people on May 3rd. Speeches about peace and stability were delivered by the high ranking officials. Although, there was a mortar attack from Anti-Government Elements (AGE) during the meeting, the District Governor continued the meeting and the Afghan National Security Forces managed to control the situation.
- The Muqur District Governor organized a public meeting with participation of 315 people including students, parents, teachers, influential people and government officials at Sofla High School in the district center on May 5th. The District Governor highlighted the importance of education and asked the parents to send their children to school. Students shared their education concerns including lack of professional teachers and a need for a surrounding wall for the school. The DG pledged to share these issues with the provincial authorities. At the end, the DG distributed stationary to the students.
- Mr. Ghulam Sakhi, a member of Taliban and resident of Tajikha village, killed Mohammad Aman, another resident of the village, on March 2012. Later on



Mr. Besmella Wasir, the Muqur DWS, along with the SIKA-West Engineers visited the work progress of culvert rehabilitation project in Qarghach Baikal village.

June 2014, Mr. Ghulam Sakhi was killed by Afghan Local Police. These murders resulted in a conflict and fighting between Tajikha tribe and separated them in two groups in Muqur District. Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC) and the District Governor organized two mediation sessions and finally convinced the conflicting parties to end to their conflict on April 30th.

- In response to a request from the MRRD SIKA Unit and Badghis DRRD, SIKA-West will cooperate with the Badghis DRRD NABDP Department to provide material support towards the renovation of the Badghis DRRD

HERAT PROVINCE

- Mr. Abdul Hameed Noor, the Shindand District Governor, in-line with his communications plan, organized a “Peace and Stability” meeting with 60 Arbabs, Ulema and government officials on April 29th. The DG and Ulema representatives delivered speeches on the importance of peace and stability in the community. Mr. Habibullah Khan, the DDA Deputy Head, on behalf of the DDA and CDCs members pledged to support the Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police to ensure peace and stability in their villages.
- Advocacy and Concept Note Development training was provided to 14 members of Safidan and Bawaran CDCs in Pashtun Zarghun District to develop concept notes for their proposed gymnasium construction and portable water wells projects on April 29th. The CDC will submit their concept notes to the third party organizations listed in the Herat SPC for financial resources.
- In response to a request from the IDLG SIKA Unit, SIKA-West will cooperate with the Pashtun Zarghun District Government to install solar lighting within the District Government compound. An RFP was advertised on May 4th.

GHOR PROVINCE

- The Chaghcharan Youth Association organized a televised round table about “Women’s Basic Rights” on May 4th. Ms. Masooma, the DOWA Director, an Ulema representative, a member of the youth association and the Human Rights Commission Gender Officer attended the event. Topics discussed included women’s basic rights, access to education, healthcare and respect to women. The round table was broadcast by Ghor Radio and Television.
- Coordination meetings were held with Mr. Mohammad Amin Tokhi, the Ghor Deputy Provincial Governor and Mr. Taj Mohammad Zulal, the DRRD Director, on May 1st and 3rd. The DPG highlighted the importance of the Komite Sobate Woleswali and the TCRC activities in bringing peace, development and in resolving conflicts. The DRRD Director requested the MRRD/IDLG Stability Program to provide Engineering Software trainings to government staff to enable them to conduct their duties professionally. The SIKA-West Governance Department will assume responsibility for this request.

CHALLENGES

- On April 30, 2014, the Khak-e-Safed District Government Compound (Farah Province) was attacked, with the result that the District Government Office was badly damaged, requiring the SIKA-West program to suspend capacity building programming within the District Center.



As Part Of The Project Impact Assessment, The SIKA-West M&E Personnel Interviewing A Farmer In Woodood Khan Village, Bala Boluk District.



The SIKA-West Engineers Doing The Final Site Inspection Of A Recently Rehabilitated Culvert In Qala Rahmdel Village, Shindand District.



Women Conflict Resolution Committee Members In Kushk Rabat-E Sangi Received Conflict Resolution Skills Training On April 29th.



The Chaghcharan Youth Association Organized A Televised Round Table About “Women’s Basic Rights” On May 4th.

WHAT'S NEXT

- Herat: Conflict Resolution Skills training will be provided to female CRC members in Kushk Rabat-e Sangi on May 11th.
- Herat: Concept Note Development training will be provided to Buran CDC in Pashtun Zarghun on May 7th.
- Herat: The Shindand District Governor will organize public meeting with Ulema and community leaders on May 11th.
- Ghor: The Chaghcharan TCRC meeting will be held to address an old tribal conflict in Zai Reza village on May 6th.
- Badghis: the Qadis District Governor will travel to Langar Sharif sub-district to meet with the line-departments and listen to their concerns on May 12th.
- Farah: The Bala Boluk District Governors will organize public meeting with security forces and Ulema on May 8th and 12th.

ANNEX A: SIKA-WEST GRANTS ACTIVITIES

#	Province	District	Under Development		Vetting To USAID		Grant Approved		Grant On-going			Grant Complete		
			#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	Hard	Soft	\$	#	\$
1	Farah	Bala Boluk	4	\$205,160	2	\$110,000	38	\$833,254	9	8	1	\$198,355	24	\$419,257
2		Pusht-E Rod	5	\$283,489	0	\$0	25	\$555,548	4	4	0	\$156,050	14	\$126,564
3		Khak-E Safed	4	\$309,000	1	\$98,000	12	\$208,720	4	2	2	\$156,935	7	\$45,044
4	Herat	Pashtun Zarghun	5	\$232,058	3	\$142,450	27	\$778,108	3	3	0	\$193,036	19	\$354,469
5		Shindand	2	\$163,189	0	\$0	25	\$831,629	17	17	0	\$597,720	6	\$70,720
6		Kushk Rabat-E-Sangi	0	\$0	0	\$0	26	\$744,362	11	11	0	\$409,865	14	\$327,747
7	Ghor	Chaghcharan	0	\$0	0	\$0	18	\$765,784	13	13	0	\$709,494	5	\$68,489
8		Shahrak	0	\$0	0	\$0	7	\$453,261	7	7	0	\$453,261	0	\$0
9	Badghis	Qadis	1	\$73,971	1	\$74,000	70	\$740,556	32	22	10	\$424,557	32	\$209,207
10		Muqur	0	\$0	0	\$0	44	\$653,285	23	23	0	\$343,668	20	\$263,287
			21	\$1,266,867	7	\$424,450	292	\$6,564,507	123	110	13	\$3,642,941	141	\$1,884,784 .30

ANNEX B: DISTRICT GOVERNMENT HOTLINE TRACKER

District Government Office	Date Call Received	Complaint Type	Complaint Description	Actions/Follow ups	Date Complaint Resolved	Status
Kushk Rabat-e Sangi	29-Apr-14	Assault	A resident of Kutiya village of KR district called the district hotline to make a complaint against another resident for assaulting him for no reason.	The accused person is under custody and investigations are underway.		Under process
Khak-e-Safayd	27-Apr-14	Robbery	A resident of Jija village of KS district called to report a robbery case. The resident was robbed of his money, watch and a water pump. The 4 robbers driving a vehicle had stopped him when he was travelling to his village.	DGO informed the security forces to take action and within a day the 4 robbers were arrested.	27-Apr-14	solved
Pashtun Zarghun	1-May-14	Security	A Bernja village resident called to report a conflict between 23 armed opposition groups in Bernja village of PZ district. 10 insurgents were killed during the fighting.	The DGO sent security forces to the area to quell the fighting.	3-May-14	solved

ANNEX C: WEEKLY CROSS CUTTING CAPACITY BUILDING TRACKER

Weekly Cross Cutting Capacity Building Tracker (April 29 th -May 5 th ,2014)											
Programming	District	Farah			Badghis		Herat			Ghor	
		Bala Boluk	Push-e Rod	Khak-e-Safayd	Qadis	Muqur	Shindand	Pashtun Zarghun	Kushk Rabat-e Sangi	Chaghcharan	Shahrak
Stabilization	Conflict Resolution Skills										
Communications & Public Outreach	Concept Note Development										
	Service Provider Catalog Use										
Governance	Administrative										
	Work Plan Development										
	Inventory Control										
	Leadership										
	Gender Mainstreaming										
Community Development	Project Management Training										
M&E	Project Impact Assessment										