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*The Rawandan CDC Is Rehabilitating The Ghahistan High School In Pashtun Zarghun District.*

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**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK:**

- The Herat DRRD Service Providers Catalog (SPC) Focal Point, Mr. Ghulam Saeed Khaze, officially established the SPC Committee on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The committee consists of representatives of 36 governmental organizations including the DRRD, the Education Department, Economy Department and Herat University. A total of 270 SPCs were distributed to the committee. The Committee will use the SPC to provide information to the people about the available services in the SPC.
- Engineering & technical training was provided by DRRD to the supervisors and project foremen from 9 CDCs in Chaghcharan and 7 CDCs in Shahrak District on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Subject matter included project planning, site mobilization and construction material quality.
- The Muqur District Social Worker (DSW), Mr. Besmellah Waher, was mentored by the SIKA-West Governance Officer on how to improve his monthly reporting. Besmellah developed and finalized his monthly report and submitted it to the Badghis DRRD office on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- SIKA-West Stabilization personnel participated in the “South IR1 Governance & Stability TOT” workshop hosted by SIKA-South in Kabul on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Topics included the Capacity Score Index, and District Entity Engagement Profile Scores as indicators for reviewing capacities and level of engagement of district government and entities. This material will be applied to SIKA-West programming activities

**SIKA-WEST RESULTS:****• Grants:**

- To date 285 projects valued at \$6,367,306 have been approved by MRRD and IDLG in ten target Districts.
- Currently CDCs are implementing 125 projects valued at \$3,637,163.
- To date, 138 projects valued at \$1,825,277 have been completed.
- Seven projects are pending with the USAID Vetting Unit valued at \$ 424,450 since mid-March.

**• Cross-Cutting Capacity Building:**

- The Governance Department worked with Mr. Ghulam Nabi Mohammadi, (Shindand District Administrative Manager), and Mr. Abdul Basir Mansoori, (Land & Property Deputy Manager of Municipality Department) on April 27<sup>th</sup>, to improve their abilities to write official government letters.
- The Communications & Public Outreach Department worked with the Rabat-e Sangi Sharqi CDC (Kushk Rabat-e Sangi) on April 27<sup>th</sup> to complete their concept note for a 500-meter irrigation canal. Once approved by the District Governor, this concept note will be submitted to third party organizations listed in the SPC, for funding.
- Project impact assessments were conducted for four water divider rehabilitation projects in Bala Boluk. Employment opportunities for residents and increased water for irrigation were mentioned as immediate benefits of the projects by community residents. Impact assessments will be continued in the coming weeks for completed rehabilitation projects.



**Mr. Raees Shah Mohammad (left side) and Mr. Hamidullah (right side) embraced and ended their conflict on April 27<sup>th</sup>.**

The Qadis Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC) addressed a conflict between Mr. Raees Shah Mohammad and Mr. Hamidullah, two tribal leaders from the Boyaha Cluster over a public pasture in Qadis District. A member of Raees Shah Mohammad’s family prevented Hamidullah from using the public pasture and threatened him. The Qadis District Governor, Mr. Saleh Mohammad Bik, with the cooperation of the TCRC, invited the conflicting parties for a mediation session on April 27<sup>th</sup>. After a three-hour discussion, Raees Shah Mohammad agreed to allow Hamidullah and other farmers to use the pasture. In addition the TCRC were also able to convince Raees Shah Mohammad’s nephew, who is currently linked to the AGE, to join the peace process. The conflict identification and mediation were led by both the Qadis District Governor and the District TCRC.

**MONITORING ACTIVITIES**

- M&E is continuing with Data Quality Assessments for our PMP & STAB-U Indicators.
- DRRD DSWs, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E personnel conducted 50 project site visits, below is an example of the findings by our DSW colleagues for further action:
- The back filing of the culvert rehabilitation in Khod Amada Ha village in Qadis District was not well compacted. The CDC was briefed to correct the deficiency and work according to project specifications.

## FARAH PROVINCE

- Mr. Ghawsuddin Noorzai, the Pusht-e Rod District Governor, held the Komite Sobate Wolesswali meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Recently a request was made by the Provincial Governor to use the Pusht-e Rod allocated budget and construct a dam in Khogyani village in the Farah Center. The Komite Sobate Wolesswali members did not accept this request and mentioned that their needs are more important and they will use their budget to address the district community problems first.
- The Pusht-e Rod District Governor also conducted his monthly coordination meeting with the district line-departments on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Habibullah the Education Manager appreciated the district Youth Association's efforts for sharing their education concerns and informed line departments that six new teachers have been hired in response to their request. Another concern, lack of pesticides for farmers, was raised by Mr. Sayed Ahmad, the Agriculture Manager. The DG will follow up on this request with the Department of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (DAIL).
- Mr. Sayed Mohammad, the Bala Boluk District Governor, facilitated the Komite Sobate Wolesswali meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Leading female members requested that they be provided with advocacy training to find financial resources from third party organizations for district development needs. The SIKA-West Communications & Public Outreach Department (CPOD) will follow up this request.
- The Sarkari Kariz CDC in Khak-e Safayd District did not start their road and culvert rehabilitation project due to security concerns. To address this issue, a coordination meeting was held with Mr. Abdul Khaliq, the District Governor and Mr. Gul Ahmad, the CDC Head, on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The CDC acknowledged the importance of this project and agreed to the District Government request to start their project in 20 days.

## BADGHIS PROVINCE

- Mr. Abdul Hadi Badghisi, the Muqur District Governor, organized a Hashar, a public voluntary scheme, to clean an irrigation canal in Zad Naser village on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. A total of 64 farmers cleaned the irrigation canal. *"Hashar is a symbol of unity, we ourselves should work for the development of our community," Mr. Obaidullah, the District Chief of Police.*
- In response to a recent complaint by the residents from the Comprehensive Health Clinic (CHC), claiming that the CHC didn't distribute food items equally in Muqur District, an agreement was made between the CHC and the District Government Office that a governmental staff should be present when CHC distributing food items on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- The Muqur District Governor held the Komite Sobate Wolesswali meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The participants were informed that the Dahane Rigi CDC, (3-Km road rehabilitation project) was rejected by the USAID Vetting Unit. The Komite Sobate Wolesswali members introduced the Lodin Baloocha and Mohammad Zai Herati CDCs as new implementers. The participants discussed a major problem, seasonal floods, and identified flood protection walls and irrigation canals rehabilitation as solutions.
- Mr. Saleh Mohammad Bik, the Qadis District Governor, facilitated the Komite Sobate Wolesswali on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Four CDCs, Naw Abad Tahte Markaz, Kayqobad, Zanborak and Mohajirin, could not start their culvert rehabilitation projects due to security concerns. These CDCs pledged to provide a grantee



**The Jan Khani CDC In Pusht-E Rod District Is Rehabilitating A 391-Meter Surrounding Wall For Mullah Mohammad Yaqoob Farahi High School.**



**The Mohammad Zai Mullah Khil Qarbandi CDC Rehabilitated A 1.15-Km Road And One Culvert In Muqur District.**



**Mr. Abdul Hadi Badghisi, The Muqur District Governor, Organized A Hashar, A Public Voluntary Scheme, To Clean An Irrigation Canal In Zad Naser Village On April 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

letter to ensure security for the technicians. Unfortunately, only Mohajirin CDC could provide the grantee letter and the other projects were canceled by the District Governor. New major problems including lack of and irrigation water was identified by the participants. Following a lengthy discussion, the participants proposed irrigation canal rehabilitation projects as solutions, among others

## HERAT PROVINCE

- Advocacy and Concept Note Development training was provided to 25 members of Bala Shahr, Kah, Kariz Bibi, Deh MirzaQasim and Khaja Nooh CDCs in Shindand District on April 26<sup>th</sup>. These CDCs will receive further training and mentoring to find financial resources for their proposed projects including solar power, road and school rehabilitation and irrigation canal improvement.
- Mr. Farhad Raufian, the Pashtun Zarghun District Governor, drafted his second-round communications plan on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The DG highlighted the effectiveness of the first-round plan including the District Government Hotline, Facebook and printing materials. The SIKA-West Communications & Public Outreach Department (CPOD) will provide further support to finalize the plan.
- Mr. Shir Aqa Sarwari, the Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District Governor, conducted the Komite Sobate Woleswali meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting focused on addressing the Khola Murgh Sofla CDC's concern for water intake rehabilitation project which is recently on hold. The Cashier of this CDC was arrested by police, accusing him of having a hand in the death of a person in his village. The DG assigned the TCRC to follow up this issue and alternatively asked the CDC to elect another cashier if the TCRC fails to address and resolve this problem.
- On April 24<sup>th</sup>, a bi-weekly coordination meeting was conducted between SIKA-West COP and DRRD Director, Mr. Aqa Mohammad Sediqi. The COP provided an update on some of the requests by DRRD as well as general program activities. The meeting concluded with the DRRD Director requesting the COP to attend at least one of the DRRD Programs Monthly Coordination Meetings in order to share information about some of the SIKA-West activities as well as to be introduced to other DRRD Programs Heads.

## GHOR PROVINCE

- Mr. Taj Mohammad Zulal, the Ghor DRRD Director, facilitated the Komite Sobate Woleswali Chaghcharan meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. An update of the status of the projects was provided to the participants. The Pozalich CDC members emphasized on the importance of a bridge construction over Hari-road and asked the District Government to conduct a feasibility study for this project. The SIKA-West Community Development will conduct the feasibility study on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

## CHALLENGES

- Due security concern in Khak-e-Safayd District, the Sarkari Kariz CDC could not start their road and culvert rehabilitation project.

## WHAT'S NEXT

- Herat: Concept Note training will be provided to Lak Lak Khana CDC in Kushk Rabat-e Sangi and Khalifa Rahmate Sofla CDC in Pashtun Zarghun on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>.



*Mr. Abdul Rahman, The Qadis DSW, Visited The Work Progress Of Culverts Rehabilitation In Haji Abdulla Village, Qadis On April 21<sup>st</sup>.*



*The SIKA-West Technicians Monitored The Work Quality Of A 3-KM Road, One Culvert And 250-Meter Wash In Shaltory Village, Kushk Rabat-E Sangi District.*



*The Qale Rahmdel CDC Rehabilitated A Culvert In Shindand District. The CDC Will Rehabilitate Four More Culverts In The Coming Months.*

- Herat: Conflict Resolution Skills training will be provided to Kushk Rabat-e Sangi women Conflict Resolution Committee on April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Ghor: The TCRC will travel to Allahyar village to address an old tribal conflict in Chaghcharan on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Badghis: Muqur District Governor will visit the work progress of road rehabilitation project in Lamani village on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Farah: Bala Boluk District Governor will visit the work progress of water divider project in Kanesk village on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

## 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	21	\$377,899	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	\$779,564	3	3	0	\$193,036	19	\$354,469
5		Shindand	2	\$163,189	0	\$0	25	\$831,629	18	18	0	\$630,190	5	\$38,250
6		Kushk Rabat-E-Sangi	1	\$65,284	0	\$0	26	\$744,362	11	11	0	\$358,985	13	\$313,343
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	67	\$719,548	33	23	10	\$437,189	31	\$196,574
10		Muqur	0	\$0	0	\$0	44	\$653,285	23	23	0	\$343,668	20	\$263,287
			<b>22</b>	<b>\$1,332,151</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$424,450</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>\$6,367,306</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$3,637,163</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>\$1,825,277.00</b>

**ANNEX B: DISTRICT GOVERNMENT HOTLINE TRACKER**

<b>District Government Office</b>	<b>Date Call Received</b>	<b>Complaint Type</b>	<b>Complaint Description</b>	<b>Actions/Follow ups</b>	<b>Date Complaint Resolved</b>	<b>Status</b>
Pashtun Zarghun	23-Apr-14	Security	A resident of PZ called DG complaining about armed groups/Taliban who are forcing them to pay Zakat/ransom to the group.	DG will share this concern with security organs during the monthly coordination meeting. DG also instructed people not to pay any money to the insurgents and if they come to their village again, they will need to contact the DGO so that security forces on patrol can be sent to the particular area.		Under process
Muqur	23-Apr-14	Land Dispute	A resident of Mazid village of MU called DGO to file a complaint against his brother who is not giving him his share of land left by their parents.	The DG Executive Manager was tasked by the DG to travel to the village and investigate the case. The case was solved after engaging the Ulema and community elders. The land was distributed equally between the two brothers.	24-Apr-14	solved
Bala Boluk	28-Apr-14	Conflict	Afghan local police/soldier called the district hotline complaining that he was beaten by two residents of Kanesk village and had his hand broken.	DG has instructed the district police commander to arrest the perpetrators.		Under process