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Farmers Irrigating Their Lands, Using The Recent Rehabilitated Irrigation Canal In Amin Abad Village, Bala Boluk .District.

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**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK:**

- Eng. Abdul Raouf, the Farah DRRD Director, inaugurated a four-day Project Management Training workshop to four members of Kanesk Wasat CDC from Bala Boluk, eight members of Zir-e-Joe Doken and Tapa Shiran CDCs from Pusht-e Rod and four members of Kariz Komaki CDC from Khak-e-Safayd CDC from April 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.
- The MRRD/IDLG SIKA-West Governance Manager participated in a two-day workshop with the IDLG SIKA Unit in Kabul between April 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. The SIKA West District Governance Capacity Index and IDLG Capacity Building Thematic Guidelines were reviewed and used to create an 18 month District Government Capacity Building Work Plan. This draft plan was focused on enhancing the capacities of district governments to improve current service delivery. A final plan will be produced for each district, in collaboration with IDLG.
- Mentoring on “How to Develop a Communication Plan “was provided to the Qadis District Governor to develop his second-round communications plan. The DG developed an annual communications plan which was approved by the Provincial Governor on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The SIKA-West Communications & Outreach Department will share the plan with IDLG for the review and approval.
- Stabilization Practices training was provided to 20 Pashtun Zarghun DSC members including the DRRD DSW, DDA and CDC members and influential women on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The participants practiced how to identify community major problems, identify their reasons and find solutions. Applying these techniques, each CDC reviewed their previous identified major problems in the last DSC meeting to check if the proposed solutions will address identified district problems.

**SIKA-WEST RESULTS:**

- **Grants:**
  - To date 282 projects valued at \$\$6,139,389 have been approved by MRRD and IDLG in ten target Districts.
  - Currently CDCs are implementing 160 projects valued at \$\$4,065,862.
  - To, 105 projects valued at \$\$1,377,777 have been completed.
  - Eight projects are pending with the USAID Vetting Unit valued at \$454,450
- **Cross-Cutting Capacity Building:**
  - The SIKA-West Governance Department mentored government personnel on improved filing techniques, in Qadis, Muqur, Chaghcharan, Shindand and Pashtun Zarghun District. The SIKA-West Governance Department will monitor these new systems and provide further support where required.
  - On April 14<sup>th</sup>, Interview Techniques mentoring was provided to Mr. Saleh Mohammad, the Qadis District Governor, to support him to speak on the Herat Radio & Television of Afghanistan Radio Station and discuss district stabilization efforts and other issues.
  - The PSTs monthly work plans were approved by DRRD and the DSTs plans approved by the District Governors. The Key activities are preparation for the DSC meetings, Project Management trainings and Project Site Visits.



**The Conflicting Parties In Pashtun Zarghun Embraced And Ended Their Conflict On April 9<sup>th</sup>.**

The Pashtun Zarghun Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC) resolved a conflict in Manzel and Golmir villages on April 9<sup>th</sup>. This conflict started five months ago when Mr. Jalaledin’s daughter from Golmir village died. Mr. Jalaledin accused her daughter’s husband having hand in his daughter death. The TCRC mediated between the conflicting parties and finally Mr. Jalaledin accepted that there was a misunderstanding and her daughter’s husband is innocent.

“We are proud that our efforts resulted in resolving this conflict peacefully,” Said Abdul Rahim, the Pashtun Zarghun TCRC member.

**MONITORING ACTIVITIES**

- The MRRD/Community Led Development Department (CLDD) and SIKA-West planed a joint five-day “Community Mobilization & Engagement” training for DRRD District Social Workers (DSWs) from all ten target districts.
- The SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel conducted 7 project site visits in Bala Boluk, Pashtun Zarghun, Kushk Rabat-e Sangi and Qadis Districts.
- DRRD District Social Workers (DSW) visited and inspected five project site visits in Pashtun Zarghun and Kushk Rabat-e Sangi Districts.

## FARAH PROVINCE

- In response to the Farah Provincial Youth Association's recent establishment of an independent "Youth Radio Station" in Farah Provincial Center, the Communications & Public Outreach Department will facilitate a two-week Advanced Media Training workshop for 25 youth from Pusht-e Rod, Bala Boluk & Khak-e-Safayd. The workshop which begins on April 27<sup>th</sup> will support these youth to improve their programming content.
- Mr. Mullah Sayed Mohammad, the Bala Boluk District Governor, in-line with his communications plan, organized a monthly coordination meeting with the district line-departments managers on April 13<sup>th</sup>. A key concern from this meeting was raised by Mr. Abdullah (Income Manager) who requested District Government support when collecting taxes from district businesses. In response to this request, the District Governor will arrange that support be provided by the security and judicial departments.
- Eng. Abdul Raouf, the Farah DRRD Director discussed the distribution plans for the Farah Service Provider Catalog (SPC) with our CPOD department on April 10<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that the Farah DRRD will lead the distribution of the SPC to CDCs in Bala Boluk, Pusht-e Rod and Khak-e-Safayd Districts. The DRRD Director also suggested distributing the SPCs to other districts as well, a positive recommendation which will be adopted.
- The Khak-e-Safayd TCRC addressed a conflict between two farmers, Abdul Basir and Abdul Mutaleb from Korqand village on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Recently these two farmers were unable to agree on a shared schedule to draw irrigation water from the village canal. Each one accused the other of using more than their allotted amount. The TCRC stepped in to mediate and over a day long discussion were able to obtain an acknowledgement from the farmers that the water was not being equally shared and that both would hold to an agreement which ensured they would both receive equal amounts.
- The SIKA-West Stabilization Programming Director held a coordination meeting with Mr. Abdul Khaliq the Khak-e-Safayd District Governor, on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The DG was pleased with the current support provided to improve communications between the district and provincial governments but requested that District Governors/Provincial Governor coordination meetings be held monthly instead of quarterly. Our CPOD is working to address this request,
- The Farah Department of women's Affairs (DoWA) hosted the Gender Working Group meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>. In response to the vocational and literacy trainings requested at the DSC meeting, the DoWA took the lead to lobby and find a third party organization for financial resources and implementation. Another key component of the meeting was focused on the Market Place for women. The Provincial Governor asked the GWG to establish a registered Union and submit a formal request. The SIKA-West Gender Mainstreaming Unit will track this issue.



**Mr. Abdul, The Bala Boluk Income Manager, Requesting The District Governor Support When Collecting Taxes From District Businesses.**



**Led By DRRD, Four-Day Project Management Training Was Provided To 16 Cdc's In Bala Boluk, Pusht-E Rod And Khak-E-Safayd Districts.**



**Residents In Nayebha Village Using The Recent Rehabilitated Culvert, Qadis District.**

## BADGHIS PROVINCE

- An Intra-District Stabilization Committee meeting is being organized by the Qadis District Governor, Mr. Saleh Mohammad Baik and the Pashtun Zarghun District Governor, Eng. Farhad Raufian, for April 15<sup>th</sup> in Pashtun Zarghun District Center. The purpose of this collaboration is to have District Governors share their views on district stabilization programming and learn from each other's approaches as lead facilitators. While travelling to Pashtun Zarghun, the Qadis District Governor will be invited to speak on the Herat Radio & Television of Afghanistan Radio Station and discuss district stabilization efforts and other issues.

## HERAT PROVINCE

- On April 14<sup>th</sup>, the Pashtun Zarghun District Governor, initiated and used the District Government Hotline number and sent SMS invitation to line-departments and community leaders to attend the DSC meeting scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The SIKA-West Gender Mainstreaming Unit met with the Herat Government Gender Specialist on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The six-month Work Plan was shared to provide feedback. Agreement made to hold a bi-weekly conference call and monthly coordination meetings.
- On April 10<sup>th</sup>, the Herat DRRD took the lead for the SPC dissemination plan. One SPC focal point from each organization will be introduced and a SPC Committee which will be responsible for the SPC dissemination and revision will be established.

## GHOR PROVINCE

- The Chaghcharan Conflict Resolution Committee (CRC) resolved an old family dispute between a brother and sister in Qutur village on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The CRC organized separate meetings with both conflicting parties and listened to their complaints. The CRC invited the conflicting parties and their family members to a join meeting for mediation. Lasted for three hours, the conflict was resolved in peace.
- Based on the letter received from Ghor DRRD, work will be resumed for the rehabilitation projects from April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## CHALLENGES

- The Khak-e-Safayd DSC meeting which was scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup> was postponed, because most of the people are busy with harvesting.
- Due to security concerns, movement is restricted in Khak-e-Safayd, Muqur and Shindand Districts.

## WHAT'S NEXT

- Herat: Pashtun Zarghun DSC meeting is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Herat: Concept Note training will be provided to CDCs in Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The same training will be provided to five CDCs in Shindand on April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Ghor: Chaghcharan DSC meeting is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Badghis: The Qadis and Muqur District Governors will conduct project site visits.
- Farah: Khak-e-Safayd DSC meeting is rescheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>.



**Mr. Mowlai Ahmad, The Pashtun Zarghun Haj And Religious Affairs Manager, Organizing Government Files Based On A New "Filing System" Techniques To File His Documents.**



**A Recently Rehabilitated 48-Meter Flood Protection Wall In Qazaq Sofla Village, Pashtun Zarghun District.**



**The SIKA-West M&E Personnel And Engineers Assessed The Work Progress Of 2-KM Road Rehabilitation Project In Tonian Deh Shakar Village, Pashtun Zarghun On April 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**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	\$203,000	2	\$110,000	36	\$738,094	11	10	1	\$245,039	22	\$372,573
2		Pusht-E Rod	5	\$283,489	1	\$30,000	21	\$377,899	5	5	0	\$164,863	13	\$117,751
3		Khak-e-Safayd	4	\$309,000	1	\$98,000	12	\$208,720	11	2	9	\$201,979	0	\$0
4	Herat	Pashtun Zarghun	5	\$239,265	3	\$142,450	24	\$699,770	5	5	0	\$251,717	17	\$295,788
5		Shindand	3	\$202,999	0	\$0	25	\$831,629	17	17	0	\$590,380	5	\$38,250
6		Kushk Rabat-E-Sangi	1	\$65,284	0	\$0	26	\$744,362	20	13	7	\$488,894	4	\$183,434
7	Ghor	Chaghcharan			0	\$0	18	\$765,784	13	13	0	\$709,494	5	\$68,489
8		Shahrak			0	\$0	7	\$453,261	7	7	0	\$453,261	0	\$0
9	Badghis	Qadis	1	\$74,000	1	\$74,000	69	\$666,585	43	31	12	\$493,622	24	\$161,150
10		Muqur			0	\$0	44	\$653,285	28	28	0	\$466,613	15	\$140,342
			<b>23</b>	<b>\$1,377,037</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$454,450</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>\$6,139,389</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>\$4,065,862</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>\$1,377,777</b>