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**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK:**

- Mr. Saleh Mohammad Baik, the Qadis District Governor, lobbied with relevant service providers to celebrate the National Farmers' Day on the second day of the new solar year. The celebration aims to encourage farmers to stop poppy cultivation. Following the District Governor coordination, the DAIL pledged to provide 200 saplings, the World Vision 30 shovels and the Afghanistan Peace and Reintegration Program (APRP) will provide three knapsack sprayers to the farmers.
- A closing ceremony was held for the Basic Health Education training course in Chin Farsi village in Pusht-e Rod District on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Ongoing assistance is being provided to the Shindand District Municipality to prepare their annual work plan.

**WOMEN'S RIGHTS TRAINING**

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**SIKA-WEST RESULTS:**

- **Grants:**
  - To date 279 projects valued at \$5,955,732 have been approved by USAID in ten target Districts.
  - Currently CDCs are implementing 167 projects valued at \$3,848,036.
  - As of the reporting date, 86 projects valued at \$954,345 were completed.
- **Capacity Building:**
  - Separate Conflict Resolution Skills trainings were provided to six members of the Bala Boluk women Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC) on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The same training was provided to 14 influential women and female DSC members of Muqur District on March 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Project Technical training was provided to foremen and supervisors of four CDCs in Shindand District by the DRRD representative, with the SIKA-West technicians present to provide ongoing mentoring support.
  - During the week, one-on-one mentoring on “How to Develop a Work Plan” was provided to the Bala Boluk District Governor and DRRD Social Worker, five government staff in Muqur and two staff in Shindand District.
  - One-on-one mentoring on “Meeting Management Skills” was provided to 16 government staff in Ghor Province.
  - To enable the CDCs to implement their proposed projects, separate four-day Project Management Trainings were kicked off for Zad Paiwand CDC in Qadis, 12 members of three CDCs in Shindand and 20 members of five CDCs in Chaghcharan.

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Topics included the definition of human rights, civil rights, harmful traditional practices and basic human rights such as life, liberty, personal security, human dignity, freedom from torture and accommodation.

“I will share the information I learned with my family and friends,” said Ms. Biparwa, one of the participants. “I am sure this will change their understanding of women and human rights issues,” she added.

**MONITORING ACTIIVTIES**

- During the week, the SIKA-West M&E Personnel and Technicians visited the work in-progress of 29 projects in Bala Boluk, Pusht-e Rod, Pashtun Zarghun, Kushk Rabat-e Sangi, Qadis and Muqur Districts.
- The Muqur and Qadis District government staff organized two project site visits on March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.
- In addition, the DRRD District Social Workers (DSW) conducted 10 project site visits in Muqur, Qadis, Chaghcharan and Pashtun Zarghun Districts.

## FARAH PROVINCE

- To support the Farah DRRD revise the Service Providers Catalogue (SPC), mentoring was provided to the DRRD SPC focal point. With administrative support provided, the DRRD SPC focal point visited 16 governmental and non-governmental organizations to review and cross check their information for the revised SPC.
- With support of the Farah DRRD Director a two-day Meeting Management Skills training was provided to 21 Farah DRRD staff on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The contacts of the Women's Associations established by SIKA-West in Bala Boluk, Pusht-e Rod and Khak-e-Safayd was provided to the Independent Election Commission (ILC) in Farah Province. The ILC will work with these associations to raise women's awareness on the importance of the upcoming election and encourage them to participate in the election.



A recently completed water divider in Haji Abad village in Bala Boluk District.

## BADGHIS PROVINCE

- On March 12<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Mohammad Ibrahim Mohammadi, the Muqur Sectorial Service Manager, organized a coordination meeting with the 13 high ranking government staff. The participants discussed their last month activities and challenges.
- The Muqur District Governor representative along with the DRRD focal point visited the work progress of the road rehabilitation project in Kandi Ha village on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bikzad, the DRRD focal point, asked the CDC to ensure that the project will be implemented according to the agreed technical specifications.
- The Qadis Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC) organized a mediation session between conflicting parties in Naebha and Jawaleq villages over a land dispute on March 16<sup>th</sup>. A team was assigned to go to the disputing villages and review the case on March 25<sup>th</sup>.



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## HERAT PROVINCE

- A refresher Stability Analysis Mechanism (SAM) training was provided to the Shindand District Governor and three DDA members on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The Shindand DSC meeting is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- On March 11<sup>th</sup>, a coordination meeting was held with representatives of 20 Civil Society Organizations to discuss the upcoming service providers' fair in Herat Province.
- An exhibition was organized by DoWA to celebrate the International Women's Day in Herat Province on March 8<sup>th</sup>. With support of the SIKA-West, a booth was allocated for the carpet weaving students from Shindand District to show their carpets to the visitors and find markets.



The Muqur District Governor representative along with the DRRD focal point visited the work progress of the road rehabilitation project in Kandi Ha village on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

## GHOR PROVINCE

- On March 13<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was held with Ghor Deputy Provincial Governor (DPG), to discuss the second round of the communications plan. The DPG found the first round of the communications plan very effective in building communications between the government and residents.
- The Chaghcharan Women TCRC mediated between conflicting parties in Sadsia village on March 12<sup>th</sup>. There was a family dispute between a bride and her sister in law which resulted in the bride leaving the house. Following



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discussions with the conflicting parties, the bride agreed to return to her house once her husband comes back from Iran.

## CHALLENGES

- The Shindand District Governor postponed the DSC meeting scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup>. The DG was invited by the Provincial Governor to attend a military meeting on the same day.
- Some projects in Shindand District were on-hold due to security threat.

## WHAT'S NEXT

- Farah: Pusht-e Rod Youth will meet with the Education Department on March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Farah: Pusht-e Rod District Governor monthly coordination meeting will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Badghis: Qadis District Governor monthly coordination meeting will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Badghis: "How to Develop a Work Plan" and "Meeting Management Skills" training will be provided to Muqur and Qadis District government staff.
- Herat: Shindand DSC meeting will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup>. And the Provincial Gender Working Group meeting will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Ghor: Ghor Deputy Provincial Governor will organize a public meeting with *Ulema* and parents to highlight the importance of education.
- Impact assessments of the completed projects will be started in the coming week in Herat and Badghis.

## SIKA-WEST GRANTS ACTIVITIES

#	Province	District	Under Development		Vetting To USAID		Grant Approved		Grant On-going			Grant Complete		
			#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	Hard	Soft	\$	#	\$
1	Farah	Bala Boluk	5	\$233,495	2	\$103,000	36	\$738,094	12	11	1	\$237,458	20	\$349,659
2		Pusht-E Rod	7	\$379,505	6	\$359,505	21	\$377,899	5	5	0	\$94,579	12	\$99,148
3		Khak-E Safayd	5	\$367,000	1	\$60,000	11	\$163,172	10	1	9	\$156,431	0	\$0
4	Herat	Pashtun Zarghun	5	\$239,440	0	\$0	23	\$626,945	10	10	0	\$390,012	12	\$157,494
5		Shindand	6	\$342,150	0	\$0	25	\$831,629	14	14	0	\$451,229	5	\$38,100
6		Kushk Rabat-E-Sangi	1	\$66,600	1	\$65,285	25	\$679,078	24	17	7	\$672,328	0	\$0
7	Ghor	Chaghcharan	5	\$288,175	0	\$0	18	\$765,784	8	8	0	\$421,319	5	\$68,489
8		Shahrak			0	\$0	7	\$453,261	7	7	0	\$453,261	0	\$0
9	Badghis	Qadis	2	\$122,852	0	\$0	69	\$666,585	48	33	15	\$478,562	18	\$127,357
10		Muqur	1	\$45,463	1	\$45,463	44	\$653,285	29	29	0	\$492,857	14	\$114,098
			37	\$2,084,680	11	\$633,253	279	\$5,955,732	167	135	32	\$3,848,036	86	\$954,345