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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK:

- 12 projects, which included rehabilitation of six protection walls, one culvert and five vocational trainings in Pashtun Zarghun District, were officially handed over to the Herat DRRD.
- Five projects, 10 culverts and one protection wall, in Muqur District and three culver rehabilitation projects, in Qadis, were officially handed over to the Badghis DRRD.
- To support the Department of Women's Affairs (DoWA) to celebrate the International women's Day, 32 banners and 2,000 brochures with gender and gender equality messages were distributed at the ceremonies organized by DoWA in Herat, Badghis and Ghor Provinces. "Women in Afghanistan are the primary victims of terror, rape and suppression. Let's remove this from our society by promoting justice," read one of the messages.

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 174 projects valued at \$3,909,281.
 - As of the reporting date, 80 projects valued at \$898,534 were completed.
- **Trainings:**
 - During the week, mentoring on "Meeting Management Skills" was provided to five government staff in Pusht-e Rod, four in Bala Boluk, four in Khak-e-Safayd, seven in Qadis, three in Shindand and nine in Shahrak Districts.
 - During the week, mentoring on "How to Develop a Work Plan" was provided to five government staff in Pusht-e Rod, four in Bala Boluk, eight in Muqur, three in Shindand, nine in Kushk Rabat-e Sangi and 10 in Pashtun Zarghun Districts.
 - Two-day Meeting Management Skills training was provided to 26 Ghor Provincial government staff including five women on March 4th and 5th.
 - Project Technical training was provided to foremen and supervisors of six CDCs in Muqur and three CDCs in Pashtun Zarghun.
 - Conflict Resolution Skills training was provided to 27 members of the Kushk Rabat-e Sangi Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC).

PROJECTS HANDOVER CEREMONY

Said Aqa Mohammad Sediqi, the Herat DRRD Director appreciated Haji Nezamudin the Head of the Siagak CDC in Pashtun Zarghun District.

A project handover ceremony was held in Pashtun Zarghun District of Herat Province on March 5th. More than 100 people including provincial high ranking officials, district government representatives, CDCs, DDAs, influential people and media.

"Implementation of such projects in Pashtun Zarghun District is a great achievement for DRRD, District Government and other stakeholders," said Aqa Mohammad Sediqi, the Herat DRRD Director.

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Mr. Farhad Raufian, the Pashtun Zarghun District Governor, gave assurances of the work quality of the mentioned projects, adding that the projects have paved way for improving security, gaining people's confidence in the government, and creating short-term job opportunities for youth and their families. According to him, the projects benefited 13,000 residents in the mentioned areas.

Representatives of women and youth in Pashtun Zarghun expressed their happiness in implementation of such projects and asked the government to pay more attention to this district.

The event was broadcast by several local and national media.

FARAH PROVINCE

- On March 5th, a coordination meeting was held with the Farah Provincial Education Department to organize a meeting between the Education Department and youth from Pusht-e Rod District. Youth from Pusht-e Rod District will meet with the Education Department to share their education concerns.
- To date 68 projects valued at \$1,279,165 have been approved by USAID in Bala Boluk, Pusht-e Rod and Khak-e-Safayd Districts. CDCs are implementing 28 projects valued at \$495,210. As of the reporting date, 32 projects valued at \$448,807 were completed.

BADGHIS PROVINCE

- The Qadis TCRC organized a meeting with the District Governor and conflicting parties in Jawaleq Sofla on March 6th. The Jawaleq Sofla CDC was in conflict with a construction company over an implementation of a project from MRRD/NABDP. Following negotiation and mediation with the conflicting parties, the conflict was resolved in peace.
- To date 113 projects valued at \$1,319,870 have been approved by USAID in Qadis and Muqur Districts. CDCs are implementing 81 projects valued at \$998,614. As of the reporting date, 28 projects valued at \$212,954 were completed.

HERAT PROVINCE

- The Shindand District Governor received support and drafted his one-year communications plan. The communications plan is developed based on the IDLG Communications Strategy to create more effective communication in Shindand District. The plan will be shared with the IDLG for review and approval.
- On March 9th, a coordination meeting was held with the representatives of 40 governmental organizations in Herat Province to discuss the upcoming Herat Service Providers Fairs scheduled for mid-April. The participants shared their suggestions for better implementation of the program. Further coordination meetings will be held.
- To date 73 projects valued at \$2,137,652 have been approved by USAID in Shindand, Kushk Rabat-e Sangi and Pashtun Zarghun Districts. CDCs are implementing 50 projects valued at \$1,540,877. As of the reporting date, 15 projects valued at \$168,285 were completed.

GHOR PROVINCE

- The Chaghcharan Youth Association organized a radio round table to discuss roles of youth in bringing peace, security and development in the community on March 8th. The participants talked about the importance of youth involvement in government activities and encouraged the youth to support the government.
- To date 25 projects valued at \$1,219,045 have been approved by USAID in Chaghcharan and Shahrak Districts. CDCs are implementing 15 projects valued at \$874,580. As of the reporting date, five projects valued at \$68,489 were completed.



The conflicting parties in Jawaleq Sofla in Qadis District embraced and resolved their conflict on March 6th.



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CHALLENGES

- The Bala Boluk Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC) organized a mediation session between the conflicting parties from Ganj Abad and Shiwan villages on March 9th. The Shiwan representatives couldn't attend this meeting because the way was blocked by Taliban. The TCRC will organize another meeting once the Afghan National Security Force (ANFS) operation was completed.

WHAT'S NEXT

- Farah: Pusht-e Rod District Governor will organize a monthly coordination meeting with the district government staff on March 16th.
- Farah: Pusht-e Rod youth will meet with the Provincial Education Directorate to share their education concerns on March 13th.
- Farah: Khak-e-Safayd TCRC meeting will be held on March 16th.
- Badghis: Muqur District Governor will organize a monthly coordination meeting with the district government staff on March 12th.
- Badghis: Qadis TCRC meeting will be held on March 16th.
- Herat: Project Management Training will be provided to CDCs in Shindand District on March 15th.
- Ghor: Project Management Training will be provided to CDCs in Chaghcharan on March 15th.

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	3	\$176,505	21	\$377,899	5	5	0	\$94,579	12	\$99,148
3		Khak-E Safed	5	\$367,000	1	\$60,000	11	\$163,172	11	1	10	\$163,173	0	\$0
4	Herat	Pashtun Zarghun	5	\$239,440	0	\$0	23	\$626,945	12	12	0	\$417,320	10	\$130,185
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	0	\$0	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	3	\$130,352	0	\$0	69	\$666,585	52	34	18	\$505,757	14	\$98,856
10		Muqur	1	\$45,463	1	\$45,463	44	\$653,285	29	29	0	\$492,857	14	\$114,098
			38	\$2,092,180	7	\$384,968	279	\$5,955,732	174	138	36	\$3,909,281	80	\$898,534