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Ms. Shahnaz, an active DSC member in Pashtun Zarghun, requesting tailoring and agriculture projects for women at the DSC meeting on March 2nd.

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IDLG/DRRD CAPACITY BUILDING AND COORDINATION

- Stability Analysis Mechanism (SAM) training was provided to the Pusht-e Rod District Governor, the Admin Manager and Village Affairs Manager. The participants practiced how to identify sources of instability, root causes and mitigation activities and how to organize a DSC meeting effectively.
- Project Technical training was provided to foremen and supervisors of five CDCs in Bala Boluk District by the DRRD representative, with SIKA-West technicians present to provide ongoing mentoring support. The same trainings were provided to foremen and supervisors of four CDCs in Qadis, six CDCs in Kushk Rabat-e Sangi and one CDC in Shindand District.
- Meeting Management Skills training was provided to Khak-e-Safayd District Governor on February 26th. Topics included how to prepare an agenda, minutes taking and how to effectively organize a meeting.
- One-on-One mentoring on Meeting Management Skills was provided to seven government staff in Muqur District. The participants learned and practiced how to prepare an agenda, minutes taking and how to effectively organize a meeting.
- One-on-One mentoring on “How to Develop a work Plan” was provided to five Bala Boluk , three Pusht-e Rod, five Muqur, three Pashtun Zarghun, three Kushk Rabat-e Sangi and five Shindand district government staff. The participants learned and practiced how to prepare a work plan.
- The Service Providers Catalogue (SPC) bi-yearly production has been handed over to PRRD with continued SIKA-West administration and advocacy support. IDLG recently requested having the SPC be signed off by Provincial Governor as a Provincial Government Service Provider Catalogue. SIKA-West will support this initiative for Ghor and Badghis SPC.

ONGOING GRANTS ACTIVITIES:

- To date, 37 vocational grant trainings including tailoring, embroidery, carpet weaving, welding, carpentry, and auto-mechanic courses are ongoing in Farah, Herat, Badghis, and Ghor Provinces.
- To date, 138 rehabilitation grant projects including water dividers, bridges, culverts, flood protection walls, community center refurbishments, and road rehabilitations are ongoing.



Carpet weaving toolkits were distributed to graduates of the carpet weaving training courses in Shindand District of Herat Province.



The Chaghcharan Youth Association organized a live radio program to raise people's awareness about the Association's objectives, activities and achievements on February 27th.

FARAH PROVINCE

- The Pusht-e Rod District Governor with support of the Herat Theater Office organized two separate Anti-corruption Dramas on March 2nd. The drama aimed to raise awareness of people on the dangers of corruption and show their responsibilities in combating corruption. The first round of the drama was performed with presence of 100 people including the District Governor, government staff, youth and community elders. The second round was performed with presence of 200 people including the Provincial Governor, Provincial Chief of Army, Head of National Department of Security and soldiers.



Anti-corruption drama was performed in Pusht-e Rod District to raise awareness of people on the dangers of corruption and show their responsibilities in combating corruption on March 2nd.

- The Bala Boluk DSC meeting was held with participation of 44 people on February 25th. *Ulema* and DDA representatives delivered speeches on stability in the community. Mr. Ghulam Mohaideen, a DDA member, talked about the importance and impact of the Stability Program in bringing peace and stability in Bala Boluk and asked the participants to continue their cooperation with the program. Following a lengthy discussion on poverty and unemployment, a previously identified source of instability, the DSC members prioritized nine new mitigation activities including road and protection wall rehabilitation.
- Stability Analysis Mechanism (SAM) training was provided to the Pusht-e Rod District Governor, the Admin Manager and Village Affairs Manager on March 2nd. The participants practiced how to identify sources of instability, root causes and mitigation activities and how to organize a DSC meeting effectively.
- On February 25th, Project Technical training was provided to foremen and supervisors of five CDCs in Bala Boluk District by the DRRD representative, with SIKA-West technicians present to provide ongoing mentoring support.
- A coordination meeting was held with the Head of the Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CCI) in Farah Province on March 1st. The meeting aimed to share the issue of market place for the vocational trainings graduates. The Head of the CCI will coordinate with the Agriculture Department to allocate land for the market place. He also pledged to provide financial support.
- Closing ceremonies were held for the tailoring vocational training course in Gerani Bala and mobile phone repairing in Kanesk Wasat villages in Bala Boluk on March 1st and February 26th respectively. Toolkits and certificates were distributed to the graduates to start their business.
- On February 27th, the Pusht-e Rod women Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC) organized a mediation session between two families who had a marriage dispute. The TCRC successfully mediated between the conflicting parties and resolved the conflict.
- Meeting Management Skills training was provided to Khak-e-Safayd District Governor on February 26th. Topics included how to prepare an agenda, minutes taking and how to effectively organize a meeting.



15 local men practice carpentry skills in Sarkari Kariz village in Khak-e-Safayd District.

- One-on-One mentoring on Meeting Management Skills was provided to four government staff in Khak-e-Safayd District. The participants learned and practiced how to prepare an agenda, minutes taking and how to effectively organize a meeting.
- One-on-One mentoring on “How to Develop a work Plan” was provided to five Bala Boluk and three Pusht-e Rod District government staff on. The participants learned and practiced how to prepare a work plan.
- CDCs are implementing 17 labor intensive rehabilitation grants (irrigation projects/community center refurbishment/flood protection) in Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod Districts.
- CDCs are implementing 12 vocational training courses including auto-mechanics, tailoring and carpentry in Bala Boluk, Pusht-e Rod, and Khak-e-Safayd.

BADGHIS PROVINCE

- Mr. Saleh Mohammad Baik, the Qadis District Governor, organized a coordination meeting with 16 government staff on February 26th. The participants discussed different issues including security preparedness for the upcoming Presidential Election. The DG highlighted that no government authority is allowed to use government’s properties during the election period. The DG asked the security forces to be prepared for the Presidential Election.
- Mr. Haji Abdul Hadi, the Muqur District Governor, held a meeting with 120 people including the *Ulema*, the Provincial Director of Education Department and the district government staff on March 2nd. The *Ulema* pledged to support the government to re-open the schools that were closed due to security concerns. Mr. Noor Mohammad, an *Ulema* representative, talked about the importance of education and encouraged people to send their children to school. At the end of the meeting, the Education Department gave appreciation letters to the District Governor, Education Manager and SIKA-West Communications Officer.
- The Muqur DSC meeting was held with participation of 67 people including six women on February 25th. The District Governor, *Ulema* and women’s representative delivered speeches about stability and encouraged the people to work together to bring stability in the community. The DSC members asked the SIKA-West to speed up the process of the milestone payment for the projects. Following a discussion about unemployment, the participants prioritized eight new mitigation activities. The Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC) discussed conflict resolution activities and identified a conflict between the Tajik-ha tribe over a murder and the other case between Mamaka tribe over land. The TCRC will follow up on these conflicts at the next TCRC meeting. At the end of the meeting, peace brochures and district hotline phone cards were distributed.
- Closing ceremonies were held for the tailoring vocational training in Zargarha village in Muqur, tailoring in Arbab Sarwar, Kamenji Olya and Dehak Sofla, Quilt making in Haji Qurbanha and embroidery in Chaprodaha villages in Qadis District on February 25th,



Mr. Haji Abdul Hadi, the Muqur District Governor, held a meeting with 120 people to encourage them to support the government to re-open the schools that were closed due to security.



25 local women in Zargarha village in Muqur District received tailoring toolkits to start their businesses.

26th and 27th. Toolkits were distributed to the graduates to start their businesses.

- On March 1st, Project Technical training was provided to the foremen and supervisors of four CDCs in Qadis District by the DRRD representative, with SIKA-West technicians present to provide ongoing mentoring support.
- The weekly coordination meeting with the Badghis DRRD was held on February 27th. An update of the last week activities and future plan was presented.
- Inauguration ceremonies for tailoring vocational training course in Omer Bikha and embroidery training in Mullah Mohammad villages in Qadis were held on February 24th and March 2nd. During the four months training, 40 women from Qadis District will learn the skills to start businesses.
- The Service Providers Catalogue (SPC) bi-yearly production has been handed over to PRRD with continued SIKA-West administration and advocacy support. IDLG recently requested having the SPC be signed off by the Provincial Governor as a Provincial Government Service Provider Catalogue. SIKA-West will support this initiative for Ghor and Badghis SPC.
- One-on-One mentoring on Meeting Management Skills was provided to seven government staff in Muqur District. The participants learned and practiced how to prepare an agenda, minutes taking and how to effectively organize a meeting.
- One-on-One mentoring on “How to Develop a work Plan” was provided to five Muqur District government staff. The participants learned and practiced how to prepare a work plan.
- The CDCs are implementing 63 labor intensive rehabilitation grants (aqueducts/culverts/irrigation/flood protection/road rehabilitation) in Qadis & Muqur Districts.
- The CDCs are implementing 23 vocational trainings including auto-mechanic, tailoring, carpentry, embroidery, and quilt making in Muqur and Qadis Districts.

HERAT PROVINCE

- The Pashtun Zarghun DSC meeting was held with participation of 83 people including 14 women on March 2nd. The District Governor gave an overview of the status of the implementation of the mitigation activities and appreciated the DDA, CDCs and *Ulema* that supported the implementation of the projects. *Ulema*, women and elders delivered speeches about peace and unity. Following discussion on the previous sources of instability, the DSC members proposed 14 new mitigation activities including road and protection wall rehabilitation and vocational trainings.
- On February 26th, Project Technical training was provided to the foremen and supervisors of six CDCs in Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District by the DRRD representative, with SIKA-West technicians present to provide ongoing mentoring support. The same training was provided to Qala Haji Karam CDC in Shindand District.
- A Closing ceremony was held for the carpet weaving vocational trainings and literacy courses in Shindand on February 25th. Certificates and toolkits were distributed to the graduates to start their business.
- One-on-One mentoring on “How to Develop a work Plan” was provided to three Pashtun Zarghun District government staff on February 24th and 26th. The participants learned and practiced how to prepare a work plan. The same mentoring was provided to three staff from Kushk Rabat-e Sangi and five staff from Shindand District.
- CDCs are implementing 43 labor intensive rehabilitation grants, including Flood/School Protection Walls/Road Rehabilitation/Culverts in Pashtun Zarghun, Shindand, and Kushk Rabat-e Sangi Districts.



On February 26th, Project Technical training was provided to the foremen and supervisors of six CDCs in Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District.

- CDCs are implementing 13 vocational trainings including tailoring, embroidery and welding in Kushk Rabat-e Sangi and Shindand District.

GHOR PROVINCE

- Mr. Mohammad Tookhi, the Ghor Deputy Provincial Governor (DPG), conducted a TV interview with the Ghor Radio and Television of Afghanistan (RTA) and a radio interview with the Adalaat Radio on February 26th. The DPG gave an overview of the government achievements in the last year and future plans for development at the district and village level. “Approximately 1,260 projects including development, education, agriculture, security and good governance were implemented last year,” said Mr. Tookhi, the DPG.
- The Chaghcharan Youth Association organized a life radio program to raise people’s awareness about the Association’s objectives, activities and achievements on February 27th. During the 30-minute program, the Head of the Association gave a detailed presentation of the association and answered the people’s calls.
- The Chaghcharan women Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC) held a meeting on March 3rd. The TCRC discussed about different conflicts in the district and prioritized two conflicts, a marriage and a family dispute between two neighbors. The TCRC will organize a mediation session between the conflict parties on March 10th.
- CDCs are implementing 15 labor intensive rehabilitation grants (Road Rehabilitation/Culverts) in Chaghcharan District.



Mr. Mohammad Tookhi, the Ghor Deputy Provincial Governor, conducted a TV interview with the Ghor Radio and Television of Afghanistan and gave an overview of the government achievements last year.



The Chaghcharan women TCRC prioritized two conflicts, a marriage and a family dispute between two neighbors. The TCRC will organize a mediation session between the conflict parties on March 10th.

WHAT’S NEXT

- Farah: Pusht-e Rod Youth will meet with the Provincial Department of Education to share their concerns on March 9th.
- Farah: The Bala Boluk TCRC meeting will be held on March 9th.
- Badghis: Projects completion handover ceremony will be held for the recently completed projects in Qadis and Muqur.
- Badghis: The Qadis and Muqur TCRC meetings will be held on March 4th and 5th.
- Herat: Service Providers Fair will be held on March 9th.
- Herat: Kushk Rabat-e Sangi TCRC will organize a meeting on March 5th.
- Ghor: Chaghcharan Youth Association will organize a radio round table meeting to encourage youth to support the government on March 7th.

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	\$103,000	36	\$738,094	12	11	1	\$237,458	20	\$349,659
2		Pusht-E Rod	5	\$249,000	3	\$176,505	21	\$377,899	5	5	0	\$94,579	12	\$99,148
3		Khak-E Safed	4	\$269,000	1	\$60,000	11	\$163,172	11	1	10	\$163,173	0	\$0
4	Herat	Pashtun Zarghun	4	\$160,000	0	\$0	23	\$626,945	12	12	0	\$417,320	10	\$130,185
5		Shindand	4	\$216,000	0	\$0	25	\$831,629	14	14	0	\$451,229	5	\$38,100
6		Kushk Rabat-E-Sangi	1	\$66,000	0	\$0	25	\$679,078	24	17	7	\$672,328	0	\$0
7	Ghor	Chaghcharan			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	\$81,500	0	\$0	69	\$666,585	53	34	19	\$511,612	13	\$93,001
10		Muqur	1	\$45,000	1	\$45,463	44	\$653,285	29	29	0	\$492,857	14	\$114,098
			25	\$1,289,500	7	\$384,968	279	\$5,955,732	175	138	37	\$3,915,136	79	\$892,680