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IDLG/DRRD CAPACITY BUILDING AND COORDINATION

- Training on “How to Develop a work Plan” was provided to nine Bala Boluk District government staff. Topics included types of planning, elements of planning and how to prepare a work plan. The same trainings were provided to 18 Pashtun Zarghun and six Shindand District government staff.
- One-on-One mentoring on “How to Develop a work Plan” was provided to seven Pusht-e Rod District government staff. The staff developed their work plans and sent them to the District Governor for review and approval. The same training was provided to four Qadis District government staff.
- Two-day Meeting Management Skills training was provided to 15 Khak-e-Safayd District Government staff. Topics included how to prepare an agenda, minutes taking and how to effectively organize a meeting.
- Project Technical training was provided to the foremen and supervisors of six CDCs in Muqur District by the DRRD representative, with SIKA-West technicians present to provide ongoing mentoring support. The same training was provided to the foremen and supervisors of seven CDCs in Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District.
- Meeting Management Skills training was provided to 14 Qadis District Government staff including the District Governor on February 23rd. The same training was provided to 10 Shahrak District Government staff.
- One-on-One mentoring on Meeting Management Skills was provided to two government staff in Pashtun Zarghun District. The same training was provided to the Municipal Officer in Shindand District.

ONGOING GRANTS ACTIVITIES:

- To date, 41 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, 145 rehabilitation grant projects including water dividers, bridges, culverts, flood protection walls, community center refurbishments, and road rehabilitations are ongoing.



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Laborers working to rehabilitate a 3-KM road, four culverts and five-m protection wall in Lak Lak Khan Village in Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District of Herat Province.



A coordination meeting was held between the Ghor Deputy Provincial Governor (DPG) and 40 members of Youth Association on February 20th. The DPG encouraged the youth to support the government to bring peace and development.

FARAH PROVINCE

- Haji Sayed Mohammad, the Bala Boluk District Governor along with the District Social Worker visited the recently completed community center refurbishment project in Kanesk Paeen village on February 18th. The project site visit is part of the district governments' strategy to utilize the sub-projects implemented by CDCs as a tool to show how the government is delivering on services.
- On February 23rd, 10 projects, which included refurbishment of 77 water dividers in Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod Districts, were officially handed over to the Farah DRRD. More than 72 people including government representatives, CDCs, DDAs and media attended the event. "These water dividers will improve the irrigation systems," said Mohammad Karim Kahn a district resident.
- Refresher Stability Analysis Mechanism (SAM) training was provided to the Bala Boluk District Governor, the Admin Manager, the Executive Manager and the DRRD Social Worker on February 18th. The participants reviewed how to identify sources of instability, root causes and mitigation activities. They will facilitate the DSC meeting which is scheduled for February 25th.
- The Khak-e-Safayd DSC meeting was held with participation of 75 people on February 19th. The District Governor requested the DSC members to propose mitigation activities that bring stability in the community and provide job opportunities for the residents. Following the Stability Analysis Mechanism (SAM) training, the DSC members proposed seven new mitigation activities including protection wall and road rehabilitation.
- The Pusht-e Rod DSC meeting was held with participation of 92 people on February 23rd. An overview of the status of the implementation of the mitigation activities was presented. The DRRD Director asked the DSC members to propose public welfare projects which bring stability in the community. The Stability Analysis Mechanism (SAM) training was provided and the DSC members proposed five new mitigation activities including road and flood protection wall rehabilitation projects.
- The Farah Gender Working Group meeting was held with participation of 10 people from government and non-government organizations on February 22nd. The UNAMA representative pledged to provide legal services to the women's associations. The Head of the Capacity Building Department of Provincial Government will invite the women's associations to the upcoming capacity building trainings.
- On February 18th, training on "How to Develop a work Plan" was provided to nine Bala Boluk District government staff. Topics included types of planning, elements of planning and how to prepare a work plan. One-on-One mentoring and coaching was provided to these staff to prepare their work plan.
- One-on-One mentoring on "How to Develop a work Plan" was provided to seven Pusht-e Rod District government staff. The participants learned and practiced how to prepare a work plan. The staff developed their work plans and sent them to the District Governor for review and approval.



The Farah DRRD Director and the Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod Districts officials cut the ribbon at the project completion handover ceremony on February 23rd.



On February 18th, training on "How to Develop a work Plan" was provided to nine Bala Boluk District government staff.

- Two-day Meeting Management Skills training was provided to 15 Khak-e-Safayd District Government staff on February 22nd. Topics included how to provide an agenda, minutes taking and how to effectively organize a meeting.
- Closing ceremonies were held for the tailoring vocational training in Naw Abad and auto-mechanic training in Shiwan Wasat villages in Bala Boluk District on February 17th and 23rd respectively. Toolkits and certificates have been distributed to 30 local men graduates to start their business.
- CDCs are implementing 20 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

- On February 22nd, an Inter-Districts Meeting was held with the participation of 66 people including the Ab-kamari District Governor, the Muqur Executive Manager, the DRRD Director, the Provincial Governor's representative and influential people from Qadis, Muqur and Ab-Kamari Districts. Different topics including security, development and conflict resolution were discussed. The Ab-Kamari DG highlighted the role of the people in bringing peace and stability in the community. "This meeting shows that the government and people are working together to bring peace and development in these three districts," he added.



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- Haji Abdul Hadi, the Muqur District Governor, organized a meeting with 22 representatives of the Afghan Civilian and *Esalat* Youth Associations on February 23rd. Youth shared their concerns including unemployment, illiteracy and illegal travel of some youth to the neighboring countries. The DG pledged to improve the education services and asked the youth to cooperate with the district government.



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- The Muqur Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC) successfully resolved the conflict between the Hichka and Kalan Khana villages. These two villages were in conflict over an irrigation canal since 2003. Many people have been injured or lost their properties during the last 10 years. The TCRC traveled to Hichka village on February 15th and organized a meeting with the conflicting parties. By the end of the session, an agreement letter was signed and the conflict was resolved peacefully.
- A pre-DSC meeting and training was provided to the Qadis District Governor, the Admin Manager, the Executive Manager and the DRRD Social Worker on February 18th. The Qadis DSC meeting was held with participation of 70 people including 12 women on February 19th. The DRRD Director requested the influential people and *Ulema* to cooperate with the DRRD to release the DRRD staff kidnapped by Taliban. The Head of the Badghis Provincial High Peace Council stated that they are ready to negotiate with Taliban to release these hostages. An overview of the status of the implementation of the mitigation activities was presented.

- A pre-DSC meeting and Stability Analysis Mechanism (SAM) training was provided to the Muqur District Governor and DRRD Social Worker on February 23rd. The DSC meeting is scheduled for February 25th.
- On February 22th, Project Technical training was provided to the foremen and supervisors of six CDCs in Muqur District by the DRRD representative, with SIKA-West technicians present to provide ongoing mentoring support.
- The 300-m road rehabilitation project in Sadudin village was completed and handed over to the CDC on February 22nd.
- An inauguration ceremony for two tailoring vocational training courses was held on February 18th. During the four months training, 40 women from Qadis District will learn tailoring skills to start a business.
- A closing ceremony was held for the tailoring vocational training in Cheshma Dozak Sofla and auto-mechanic training in Cheshma Dozak Olya in Muqur District on February 22nd. At the end of the ceremony, toolkits were distributed to the 30 graduates to start their business.
- Meeting Management Skills training was provided to 14 Qadis District Government staff including the District Governor on February 23rd. Topics included 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 four Qadis District government staff. The participants learned and practiced how to prepare a work plan.
- The weekly coordination meeting with the Badghis DRRD was held on February 20th. An overview of the last week activities and challenges were shared.
- The CDCs are implementing 68 labor intensive rehabilitation grants (aqueducts/culverts/irrigation/flood protection/road rehabilitation) in Qadis & Muqur Districts.
- The CDCs are implementing 28 vocational trainings including auto-mechanic, tailoring, carpentry, embroidery, and quilt making in Muqur and Qadis Districts.



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Tailoring toolkits have been distributed to the graduates of the tailoring course in Cheshma Dozak Sofla village of Muqur District. 15 local women learned tailoring skills during the five months training.

HERAT PROVINCE

- The Shindand DSC meeting was held with participation of 63 people including 18 women on February 18th. An overview of the status of the implementation of the mitigation activities was presented. The CDCs asked the SIKA-West to speed up the process of the milestone payment to complete their project on time. By the end of the meeting, the DSC members proposed a new mitigation activity, water intake, in Mullah Naspand-Paen village.
- A refresher Stability Analysis Mechanism (SAM) training was provided to the Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District Governor on February 22nd. The District Governor finalized the agenda and talking points of the DSC meeting. On February 24th, the District Governor organized the DSC meeting with participation of 102 people including 15 women. Participants delivered



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Eng. Shir Aqa Sarwary, the Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District Governor, facilitated the monthly DSC meeting on February 24th.

speeches about stability, peace and unity and asked the CDCs to implement high quality projects. By the end of the meeting, the DSC members proposed 19 new mitigation activities including schools, roads and flood protection wall refurbishment.

- On February 18th, training on “How to Develop a work Plan” was provided to 18 Pashtun Zarghun District government staff. Topics included types of planning, elements of planning and how to prepare a work plan. The same training was provided to seven Shindand District government staff on February 19th.
- A pre-DSC meeting and training was provided to the Pashtun Zarghun District Governor and his deputy on February 23rd. The DG rescheduled the DSC meeting from February 26th to March 2nd because of an urgent meeting.
- On February 24th, Project Technical training was provided to the foremen and supervisors of seven CDCs in Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District by the DRRD representative, with SIKA-West technicians present to provide ongoing mentoring support.
- A coordination meeting was held with the DRRD partners on February 23rd. The meeting aimed to share lessons learned and experiences. An overview of the SIKA-West activities and achievements was presented. The DRRD Director pledged to support all the partners to implement their projects successfully.
- One-on-One mentoring on Meeting Management Skills was provided to two government staff in Pashtun Zarghun District. The same training was provided to the Municipal Officer in Shindand District. The participants learned and practiced how to prepare an agenda, minutes taking and how to effectively organize a meeting.
- The CDCs are implementing 42 labor intensive rehabilitation grants, including Flood/School Protection Walls/Road Rehabilitation/Culverts in Pashtun Zarghun, Shindand, and Kushk Rabat-e Sangi Districts.
- The CDCs are implementing 13 vocational trainings including tailoring, embroidery and welding in Kushk Rabat-e Sangi and Shindand District.

GHOR PROVINCE

- On February 18th, three projects, which included provision of education supplies for three high schools in Ghor Province handed over to the Ghor DRRD. More than 63 people including government representatives, CDCs, DDAs and media attended the event. The supplies included 600 student desks, 17 book shelves, 33 office desks, 96 chairs, four sets of furniture, eight desks for laboratory, 30 white boards, 50 meters Moquette and two carpets.



On February 18th, three projects, which included provision of education supplies for three high schools in Ghor Province were handed over to the Ghor DRRD.

- Mr. Tookhi, the Ghor Provincial Deputy Governor, organized the Chaghcharan DSC meeting with participation of 82 people including 11 women on February 19th. The DSC members emphasized the need for mitigation activities that address unemployment and poverty in the community. Following a lengthy discussion they proposed five mitigation activities including culvert and protection wall refurbishment. At the end of the meeting, the Education Department gave an appreciation letter to the SIKA-West for the provision of education supplies to three high schools in Ghor Province. On February 23rd, a lesson learned session was held with the Deputy Provincial Governor, the DRRD representative and DDA Head.

- A coordination meeting was held between the Ghor Deputy Provincial Governor (DPG) and 40 members of the Youth Association on February 20th. Youth gave an overview of their last month activities and achievements. The DPG encouraged the youth to support the government to bring peace and development.
- Meeting Management Skills training was provided to 10 Shahrak District Government staff on February 18th. Topics included how to prepare an agenda, minutes taking and how to effectively organize a meeting.
- Training on “Conflict Resolution Skills’ was provided to five female members of the Chaghcharan Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC) on February 22nd. Further support will be provided to these women to enable them to identify and resolve conflicts.
- The CDCs are implementing 15 labor intensive rehabilitation grants (Road Rehabilitation/Culverts) in Chaghcharan District.



Meeting Management Skills training was provided to 10 Shahrak District Government staff on February 18th.

WHAT’S NEXT

- Farah: Pusht-e Rod Ant-Corruption Drama will be held on March 1st.
- Farah: Bala Boluk DSC meeting will be held on February 25th.
- Badghis: Muqur DG will organize a meeting with *Ulema* and elders to improve school enrolment on February 26th.
- Badghis: Muqur DSC meeting will be held on February 25th.
- Herat: Pashtun Zarghun project handover ceremony will be held on March 5th. And the DSC meeting will be held on March 2nd.
- Ghor: TCRC will organize a meeting to mediate between the conflicting parties in Allah Yar village on February 26th.
- Ghor: Anti-corruption football tournament will be held 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	0	\$0	36	\$738,094	14	13	1	\$309,979	18	\$277,138
2		Pusht-E Rod	4	\$203,000	3	\$176,505	18	\$201,394	6	6	0	\$102,246	12	\$99,148
3		Khak-E Safed	4	\$269,000	1	\$0	11	\$163,172	11	1	10	\$163,173	0	\$0
4	Herat	Pashtun Zarghun	1	\$73,000	0	\$0	23	\$626,945	13	13	0	\$424,107	8	\$77,737
5		Shindand	4	\$216,000	0	\$0	25	\$831,629	14	14	0	\$451,229	5	\$38,100
6		Kushk Rabat-E-Sangi	1	\$66,600	0	\$0	25	\$679,079	22	15	7	\$587,408	0	\$0
7	Ghor	Chaghcharan	5	\$302,100	5	\$288,175	18	\$765,784	8	8	0	\$421,319	5	\$68,489
8		Shahrak	0	\$0	1	\$0	7	\$453,261	7	7	0	\$453,261	0	\$0
9	Badghis	Qadis	2	\$81,500	1	\$0	69	\$666,585	58	35	23	\$586,424	9	\$67,041
10		Muqur	1	\$45,000	1	\$45,463	44	\$653,285	33	33	0	\$514,419	10	\$92,536
			26	\$1,459,200	12	\$510,143	276	\$5,779,228	186	145	41	\$4,013,565	67	\$720,189