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## **IDLG/DRRD CAPACITY BUILDING AND COORDINATION**

- Stability Analysis Mechanism (SAM) training was provided to the Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod District Governors, their deputies and the District Social Workers. The same training was provided to the Ghor Deputy Provincial Governor, his secretary and DRRD social workers on February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Training on “How to Develop a work Plan” was provided to 23 Pusht-e Rod District government staff. Topics included types of planning, elements of planning and how to prepare a work plan. The same training was provided to 16 Muqur District government staff on February 12<sup>th</sup>. These staff will receive further support and mentoring to prepare their monthly work plan.
- One-on-One mentoring on “How to Develop a work Plan” was provided to three Qadis District government staff. The participants learned and practiced how to prepare a work plan.
- Meeting Management Skills training was provided to 14 Pashtun Zarghun District Government staff including the District Governor on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Topics included how to provide an agenda, minutes taking and how to effectively organize a meeting.
- One-on-One mentoring on Meeting Management Skills was provided to nine government staff in Pusht-e Rod District. The same trainings were provided to seven government staff in Muqur District and two government staff in Shindand District. The participants learned and practiced how to provide an agenda, minutes taking and how to effectively organize a meeting.
- Conflict Resolution Skills training was provided to 24 Muqur TCRC members including the District Governor on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **ONGOING GRANTS ACTIVITIES:**

- To date, 52 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, 143 rehabilitation grant projects including water dividers, bridges, culverts, flood protection walls, community center refurbishments, and road rehabilitations are ongoing.



**Meeting Management Skills training was provided to 14 Pashtun Zarghun District Government staff including the District Governor on February 10<sup>th</sup>.**



**Government staff from Muqur District practicing how to prepare a work plan on February 12<sup>th</sup>.**

## FARAH PROVINCE

- Thirteen farmers held a meeting with the Bala Boluk District Agriculture Manager on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Farmers shared their agriculture concerns including plant diseases, irrigation and lack of improved seeds. The Agriculture Manager organized a meeting with the DAIL and shared the farmers' concerns. To address the farmers' problems and help them improve their agriculture production, DAIL provided 2,500 fertile and unfertile saplings to the farmers.
- Stability Analysis Mechanism (SAM) training was provided to the Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod District Governors, their deputies and the District Social Workers on February 12<sup>th</sup>. By the end of the training, the participants learned how to identify sources of instability, root causes and mitigation activities. They also were briefed on how to prepare an agenda and talking point for a DSC meeting.
- With support and coordination of the Pusht-e Rod District Governor, training on "Plant Pests" was provided to 15 farmers on February 11<sup>th</sup>. An expert from Department of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (DAIL) presented the different ways to destroy the plant pests.
- The Pusht-e Rod women TCRC organized a meeting to resolve a family dispute on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The TCRC with support of influential *Ulema* mediated between the conflicting parties and resolved the conflict.
- On February 13<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was held with the Pusht-e Rod Women Association, established by the SIKA-West, and they were briefed about their work plan and duties. The women association will organize monthly coordination meetings.
- Training on "How to Develop a work Plan" was provided to 23 Pusht-e Rod District government staff on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Topics included types of planning, elements of planning and how to prepare a work plan. These staff will receive further support and mentoring to prepare their monthly work plan.
- One-on-One mentoring on Meeting Management Skills was provided to nine government staff in Pusht-e Rod District. The participants learned how to provide an agenda, minutes taking and how to effectively organize a meeting.
- CDCs are implementing 20 labor intensive rehabilitation grants (irrigation projects/community center refurbishment/flood protection) in Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod Districts.



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15 Pusht-e Rod farmers received "Plant Pests" training on February 11<sup>th</sup>.



The Pusht-e Rod District Government staff received "How to Develop a Work Plan" training on February 12<sup>th</sup>. The staff will receive further support and mentoring to prepare their monthly work plan.

- CDCs are implementing vocational training courses including five auto-mechanics (85 men), five tailoring (50 women, 35 men) and three carpentry (45 men) training courses in Bala Boluk, Pusht-e Rod, Khak-e-Safayd, and Farah Center.

## BADGHIS PROVINCE

- The Muqur District Governor organized a monthly coordination meeting with 15 high ranking district government staff on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Each representative talked about their activities and challenges. The discussion focused on absence of some staff at their duty station. At the end of the meeting, all participants agreed to be present and sign their attendance sheets at the start and end of each working day.
- Mr. Haji Abdul Hadi, the Muqur District Governor visited the tailoring vocational training course in Zargarha village. Mr. Saleh Mohammad Bik, the Qadis District Governor visited the tailoring training courses in Raees Sayed Mohammad and Naw Abad Zad Saleh on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The project site visits are 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.
- Conflict Resolution Skills training was provided to 24 Muqur TCRC members including the District Governor on February 12<sup>th</sup>. At the end of the training, the TCRC discussed the conflict between two tribes (Kalan Khan and Hichka) over a water dispute which was identified in the last DSC meeting. The TCRC assigned a group of six members to travel to these villages and mediate between the conflicting parties.
- The weekly coordination meeting with the Badghis DRRD was held on February 13<sup>th</sup>. An overview of last week activities and future plan was presented.
- On February 16<sup>th</sup>, Project Technical training was provided to the foremen and supervisors of eight CDCs in Qadis District by the DRRD representative, with SIKA-West technicians present to provide ongoing mentoring support.
- Training on “How to Develop a Work Plan” was provided to 16 Muqur District government staff on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Topics included types of planning, elements of planning and how to prepare a work plan. These staff will receive further support and mentoring to prepare their monthly work plan.
- One-on-One mentoring on “How to Develop a Work Plan” was provided to three Qadis District government staff. The participants learned and practiced how to prepare a work plan.
- One-on-One mentoring on Meeting Management Skills was provided to seven government staff in Muqur District. The participants learned and practiced how to provide an agenda, minutes taking and how to effectively organize a meeting.
- The Badghis Gender Working Group meeting was held with participation of 17 people from government and non-government organizations on February 11<sup>th</sup>. The participants discussed about the upcoming International Women’s Day, the establishment of the TCRC for women and providing a place at the center for women to sell their products. On February 17<sup>th</sup>, a follow up meeting was held



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**The Khaja Hai Seyasang CDC in Muqur District implemented the 600-m road rehabilitation project.**

with the Provincial Governor (PG). The PG asked the Gender Working Group to develop a proposal for the Market Place for women.

- The CDCs are implementing 67 labor intensive rehabilitation grants (aqueducts/culverts/irrigation/flood protection/road rehabilitation) in Qadis & Muqur Districts.
- The CDCs are implementing two auto-mechanic (30 men), 24 tailoring (375 women, 120 men), one carpentry (15 men), two embroidery (45 women), and one quilt making (25 women) courses in Muqur and Qadis Districts.

## HERAT PROVINCE

- To improve communication between the district government and the residents, Mr. Eng. Farhad Raufian, the Pashtun Zarghun District Governor visited the work in-progress of the retaining wall and culvert rehabilitation project in Salimi village on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The Salimi CDC completed the 100-m retaining wall and one culvert project in four months.
- On February 11<sup>th</sup>, the Pashtun Zarghun Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC) organized a mediation session between two families who were in conflict over a gunshot injury. The TCRC successfully mediated between the conflicting parties and resolved the conflict. The accused person agreed to pay the medical expenses
- As part of the on-going anti-corruption campaign, the Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District Governor held a meeting with 60 district entities, *Ulema* and women on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The DG highlighted the role and responsibility of the people in combating corruption. At the end of the meeting, the Anti-corruption Drama was performed. The drama aimed to raise awareness of the district government staff on the dangers of corruption and highlight their responsibilities in combating corruption.
- A training on “How to Develop a Concept Note” was provided to nine members of Khoja Noh CDC in Shindand District on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Further support will be provided to this CDC to develop a concept note for excavation of two canals in their village.
- A coordination meeting was held with the Regional Manager of the National Area Based Development Program (NABDP) in Herat on February 12<sup>th</sup>. The meeting focused on how to increase the participation of DDA members at the DSC meetings. The NABDP Manager explained how DDAs are functioning and said that DDAs will be changed to District Coordination Councils (DCCs). The NABDP advised the SIKA-West to continue their work with the DDAs using the current procedure till this change is applied.
- A pre-DSC meeting and facilitation training was provided to the Shindand District Governor on February 16<sup>th</sup>. The DG prepared the agenda and talking points of the DSC meeting which is scheduled for February 18<sup>th</sup>.



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**A 100-m retaining wall and one culvert rehabilitation project was implemented by Salimi CDC in Pashtun Zarghun District.**



**Eng. Shir Aqa Sarwary, the Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District Governor, held an anti-corruption meeting with 60 district entities, Ulema and women to highlight the role and responsibilities of the people in combating corruption on February 17<sup>th</sup>.**

- On February 17<sup>th</sup>, Project Technical training was provided to the foremen and supervisors of three CDCs in Pashtun Zarghun by the DRRD representative, with SIKA-West technicians present to provide ongoing mentoring support.
- The Herat Gender Working Group meeting was held with participation of 16 people from government and non-government organizations on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Two themes were discussed: finding job opportunities for vocational trainings graduates and providing support for women’s associations at the district level. The participants proposed to provide marketing trainings for the graduates. The participants will share the second issue with their senior management to see what kind of support they can provide to the women’s associations.
- The SIKA-West technicians and the DRRD Social Worker visited the protection wall and culvert refurbishment project in Deh Shadi Ha village in Pashtun Zarghun District on February 12<sup>th</sup>. During the four months, the CDC completed the refurbishment of 74-m stone masonry protection wall and one culvert.
- Meeting Management Skills training was provided to 14 Pashtun Zarghun District Government staff including the District Governor on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Topics included how to provide an agenda, minutes taking and how to effectively organize a meeting. One-on-One mentoring will be provided to each participant to enable them to organize a meeting effectively.
- One-on-One mentoring on Meeting Management Skills was provided to two government staff in Shindand District. The participants learned how to provide an agenda, minutes taking and how to effectively organize a meeting.
- The CDCs are implementing 38 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 10 tailoring (210 women), two welding (40 men), and one embroidery (20 women) courses in Shindand, Kushk Rabat-e Sangi, and Pashtun Zarghun Districts.

## GHOR PROVINCE

- Mr. Tookhi, the Ghor Deputy Provincial Governor (DPG), organized a meeting with 28 government staff to discuss about good governance on February 12<sup>th</sup>. The DPG talked about low capacity of some government staff who were not hired based on their capacity and talent but relations. The Head of the Youth Association complained about corruption and said that qualified youth cannot join the government offices due to corruption. The DPG encouraged the media to raise people’s awareness on the dangers of corruption.
- To address the issue of the vacant position of a judge in Shahrak District, the Acting District Governor and two *Ulema* organized a meeting with Mr. Tookhi, the Ghor Deputy Provincial Governor on February 13<sup>th</sup> and submitted the agreement letter signed by the *Ulema* that they will support the government. Mr. Tookhi will organize a meeting with the high ranking provincial government staff and introduce a judge for the district.
- On February 16<sup>th</sup>, the district entities from Shahrak District including the Executive Manager, the Chief of Police and a representative from Health Office gave an overview of their available services to 34 farmers. “This is our responsibility to inform the residents about the



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**Government staff in Shahrak District informed farmers about the available government services on February 16<sup>th</sup>.**

government services and help them access these services,” said the Executive Manager.

- A refresher Stability Analysis Mechanism (SAM) training was provided to the Ghor Deputy Provincial Governor, his secretary and DRRD social workers on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The participants reviewed how to identify sources of instability, root causes and mitigation activities.
- On February 11<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was held with the Ghalmin cluster CDC, the DRRD and head of the DDA to address the issue of the culvert refurbishment project in Qala Zobair village. Some CDC members did not want to implement this project in this village. This project had been proposed by the DSC members. By the end of the meeting, it was agreed to implement the project at the proposed location.
- The CDCs are implementing 18 labor intensive rehabilitation grants (Road Rehabilitation/Culverts) in Chaghcharan District.

## WHAT'S NEXT

- Farah: Khak-e-Safayd and Pusht-e Rod DSC meetings will be held on February 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Farah: 10 completed projects in Pusht-e Rod will be handed-over to the DRRD.
- Badghis: Qadis District Governor will organize a coordination meeting with his staff on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Badghis: Muqur District Governor will meet with the youth to inform them about the government services on February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Herat: Shindand and Kushk Rabat-e Sangi DSC meetings will be held on February 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Ghor: Chaghcharan DSC meeting will be held on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

## SIKA-WEST GRANTS ACTIVITIES

#	Province	District	Under Development		Vetting To USAID		Grant Approved		Grant On-going		Grant Complete	
			#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$
1	Farah	Bala Boluk	2	\$110,000	0	\$0	36	\$738,094	15	\$317,979	17	\$269,138
2		Pusht-E Rod	2	\$84,000	3	\$176,505	18	\$201,394	7	\$106,746	11	\$94,648
3		Khak-E Safed	4	\$269,000	1	\$0	11	\$163,172	11	\$163,173	0	\$0
4	Herat	Pashtun Zarghun	1	\$80,000	1	\$79,440	23	\$626,945	13	\$424,107	8	\$77,736
5		Shindand	4	\$216,000	0	\$0	25	\$831,629	19	\$489,329	0	\$0
6		Kushk Rabat-E-Sangi	1	\$66,600	0	\$0	25	\$679,079	18	\$430,236	0	\$0
7	Ghor	Chaghcharan	5	\$302,100	5	\$288,175	18	\$765,784	11	\$448,167	2	\$37,395
8		Shahrak			1	\$0	7	\$453,261	7	\$453,261	0	\$0
9	Badghis	Qadis	2	\$67,500	1	\$0	69	\$666,585	57	\$537,572	9	\$66,727
10		Muqur	1	\$45,000	1	\$45,463	44	\$653,285	37	\$542,499	6	\$64,456
			22	\$1,240,200	13	\$589,583	276	\$5,779,228	195	\$3,913,069	53	\$610,100