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IDLG/DRRD CAPACITY BUILDING AND COORDINATION

- The Shindand District Governor's representative with support of the SIKA-West technicians provided Project Technical training to the foremen and supervisors of three CDCs. In turn, the Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District Governor's representative and DRRD focal point provided the same training to the foremen and supervisors of six CDCs.
- An introductory meeting was held with Mr. Haji Abdul Hadi, the Muqur new District Governor on February 5th. The District Governor was briefed on the MRRD/IDLG Stability Program's components and achievements. The DG expressed his full support and asked to provide capacity building trainings for the district government staff.
- To improve communication between the district government and the residents, the Muqur District Governor's representative visited the tailoring vocational training course in Cheshma Dozak village in Muqur on February 5th.
- Following the Advocacy and Concept Note trainings, the Qarghach and Zad Naser CDCs in Muqur District successfully developed a concept note for their pipe scheme project on February 10th. These CDCs submitted the concept note to the National Area Based Development Program (NABDP). The NABDP will send the concept note to the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) for further consideration.
- A training on "How to Prepare a Work Plan" was provided to 13 Qadis District Government staff. Topics included type 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. The same training was provided to 20 Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District Government staff.
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ONGOING GRANTS ACTIVITIES:

- To date, 130 rehabilitation grant projects including water dividers, bridges, culverts, flood protection walls, community center refurbishments, and road rehabilitations are ongoing.
- To date, 51 vocational grant trainings including tailoring, embroidery, carpet weaving, welding, carpentry, and auto-mechanic courses are ongoing in Farah, Herat, Badghis, and Ghor Provinces.



20 local women practice tailoring skills in Jangalak Wa Mahmoud Abad village in Qadis District.



Laborers working to rehabilitate a 218-m school surrounding wall in Ghoran village in Pashtun Zarghun District.

FARAH PROVINCE

- The Pusht-e Rod Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC) and the District Governor successfully mediated between the conflicting parties over a land dispute and resolved the conflict on February 5th.
- The computer training course in DRRD was completed on February 9th. During the six-month training, 11 DRRD staff learned basic computer skills.
- The Farah Gender Officer organized a coordination meeting with the Khak-e-Safayd District Governor on February 2nd. The DG appreciated the SIKA-West gender-related activities, specially establishing of TCRC for women and pledged to provide support.
- Five staff from the Pusht-e Rod and Bala Boluk District Government received practical training on how to develop an agenda and meeting minutes taking on February 8th.
- A closing ceremony was conducted for the embroidery vocational training course in Kanesk Pain on February 10th. During the five-month training 15 local women received embroidery skills. Embroidery toolkits and certificates have been distributed.
- CDCs are implementing 15 labor intensive rehabilitation grants (irrigation projects/community center refurbishment/flood protection) in Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod Districts.
- CDCs are implementing vocational training courses including five auto-mechanics (85 men), three tailoring (50 women, 35 men) and three carpentry (45 men) training courses in Bala Boluk, Pusht-e Rod, Khak-e-Safayd, and Farah Center.



One-on-One training on how to develop an agenda and meeting minutes taking was provided to Mr. Abdul Raziq, the Pusht-e Rod Statistic Officer on February 8th.

BADGHIS PROVINCE

- To raise the Muqur district government staff's awareness on the dangers and disadvantages of corruption, the District Governor organized an anti-corruption meeting with 33 district staff on February 4th. The DG highlighted the responsibilities of the district government in providing good services to the residents. "Corruption shows a bad picture of our government," said Mr. Abdul Azeem Habibi, the Afghan National Police (ANP) Commander. "We all should put our hands together and combat corruption," said Mr. Mohammad Afzal, the Muqur DDA Head.
- To improve the communications between the district government and the residents, the Muqur District Governor's representative visited the tailoring vocational training course in Cheshma Dozak village in Muqur on February 5th. The DG representative gave an overview of the district government activities and achievements.
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- The weekly coordination meeting with the Badghis DRRD was held on February 6th. An overview of the last week activities and future plan was presented.
- The CDCs are implementing 64 labor intensive rehabilitation grants (aqueducts/culverts/irrigation/flood protection/road rehabilitation) in Qadis & Muqur Districts.
- The CDCs are implementing two auto-mechanic (30 men), 26 tailoring (415 women, 120 men), one carpentry (15 men), two embroidery (45 women), and one quilt making (25 women) courses in Muqur and Qadis Districts.



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HERAT PROVINCE

- The Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District Governor with support of the Herat Theater Office organized an Anti-corruption Drama on February 9th. The drama aimed to raise the awareness of the district government staff on the dangers of corruption and show their responsibilities in combating corruption. At the end of the drama, posters and pens with anti-corruption messages were distributed to the audience. “We all together will eradicate corruption,” read one of the messages.
- Mr. Rashid Wahidi, the Pashtun Zarghun Executive Manager, visited the work progress of the protection wall refurbishment project in Khoja-Ha village on February 9th. The project site visit is part of the district government strategy to utilize the sub-projects implemented by CDCs as a tool to show how the government is delivering on services. On February 9th, Mr. Abdullah Nasrat, the Kushk Rabat-e Sangi Executive Manager, visited the work progress of the retaining wall refurbishment project in Khalawak Sofla village.
- The Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District Governor held a security coordination meeting with 75 security staff on February 4th. The National Department of Security



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(NDS) provided an update of the security situation in the area. The participants highlighted the importance of security during the upcoming Presidential election.

- Conflict Resolution Skills training was provided to 31 TCRC members including 10 women in Shindand District on February 10th.
- The Shindand District Governor's representative with support of the SIKA-West technicians provided Project Technical training to the foremen and supervisors of three CDCs on February 10th.
- The Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District Governor's representative and DRRD focal point person with support of the SIKA-West technicians provided Project Technical training to the foremen and supervisors of six CDCs on February 9th.
- Advocacy and Concept Note training was provided to 14 members of Khoja Nooh CDC in Shindand District on February 10th. At the end of the training the CDC drafted a concept note for a vocational tailoring training course for women. Further support and mentoring will be provided to this CDC to finalize their concept note and find financial resources from third party organizations.
- On February 10th, a coordination meeting was held with the Herat DoWA. The DoWA Director was informed about the Pashtun Zarghun Women's Association established by the SIKA-West. An approval letter will be issued to this association by the Provincial Governor. In addition, the DoWA agreed to have a space for the carpet weaving graduates to sell their carpets at the upcoming exhibition for the International Women's Day.
- A training on "How to Prepare a Work Plan" was provided to 20 Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District Government staff on February 10th. 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.
- The CDCs are implementing 33 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 15 tailoring (310 women), two welding (40 men), and one embroidery (20 women) courses in Shindand, Kushk Rabat-e Sangi, and Pashtun Zarghun Districts.

GHOR PROVINCE

- The Chaghcharan Youth Association successfully organized three separate Peace Dialogues with total participation of 90 youths (30 participants in each session) and the Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC) members. Different peace-related topics were discussed and shared with the participants. Youth talked about the barriers in bringing peace and stability including lack of trust between the government and the tribal elders and administration corruption. The TCRC presented an update of their achievements to the youth. At the end of the dialogue, the participants pledged to support the TCRC and the government at the provincial and district level.
- The Chaghcharan TCRC organized separate meetings with the representatives of the Zai Reza and Yarfolad tribes on February 4th. These two tribes are in conflict over an old murder case. The Presidential election campaign has increased the tension between these tribes and they are failing to negotiate with each other. The TCRC will try to mediate and resolve the conflict after the Presidential election.



Mr. Mohammad Amin, a member of the Youth Association and an Education Department staff, highlighting the roles of youth in bringing peace and stability in the community at the Peace Dialogue in Chaghcharan.

- Mr. Tookhi, the Ghor Deputy Provincial Governor, sent an SMS to 140 people in Chaghcharan District on February 9th and 10th. The DPG informed the people that government is distributing wheat for drought affected families. SMS is a proving to be a good approach in Chaghcharan to inform the residents about government activities.
- Mr. Shahpasan Pahlavi, the Shahrak Acting District Governor, organized a public meeting with 34 teachers, youth and *Ulema* on February 10th. The meeting aimed to highlight the importance of peace and unity in the community. A religious leader talked about the roles of youth in bringing peace and requested the teachers to encourage their students in bringing peace and unity. At the end of the meeting the participants wrote an agreement stating that youth, *Ulema* and teachers will work to bring unity and will resolve tribal conflicts, combat discrimination and support the government to deliver quality services.
- The Ghor Gender Working Group meeting was held with participation of 12 people from governmental and non-governmental organizations on February 9th. The participants asked the SIKA-West to provide Gender Mainstreaming trainings for men and women in the villages. The participants also recommended providing capacity building trainings and job opportunities for women.
- The CDCs are implementing 18 labor intensive rehabilitation grants (Road Rehabilitation/Culverts) in Chaghcharan District.



Mr. Amir Khan, a resident in Chaghcharan reads the SMS received from the Ghor Deputy Provincial Governor. The DPG sent SMS to inform residents that the government is distributing wheat to drought affected families.



“Youth of Shahrak District will be united to bring peace, stability and development to this district,” said Mr. Ziaulhaq, a student in Shahrak District.

WHAT'S NEXT

- Farah: Khak-e-Safayd youth will meet with the DG on February 11th.
- Farah: Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod DGs will organize project site visits on February 17th.
- Farah: Pusht-e Rod farmers will receive Plant Disease training on February 11th.
- Badghis: Muqur DG will organize the monthly coordination meeting on February 11th.
- Badghis: Provide Conflict Resolution Skills training to Muqur TCRC on February 12th.
- Herat: Pashtun Zarghun DG will organize project site visits on February 15th and 17th.
- Herat: Kushk Rabat-e Sangi DG will organize an anti-corruption meeting on February 16th.
- Ghor: Deputy Provincial Governor will organize a public meeting on anti-corruption on February 12th.

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	6	\$296,500	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	18	\$456,607	3	\$45,237
5		Shindand	4	\$216,000	0	\$0	25	\$831,629	19	\$489,329	0	\$0
6		Kushk Rabat-E-Sangi	0	\$0	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	0	\$0	1	\$0	7	\$453,261	7	\$453,261	0	\$0
9	Badghis	Qadis	2	\$67,500	1	\$0	69	\$666,585	59	\$551,072	7	\$53,541
10		Muqur	1	\$45,000	1	\$45,463	44	\$653,285	37	\$542,499	6	\$64,456
			25	\$1,386,100	13	\$589,583	276	\$5,779,228	202	\$3,959,069	46	\$564,415