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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

- The District Governors Training and Coordination Workshop launched on December 16th and 17th. Participants included the Herat Provincial Governor, the DRRD representatives, the District Governors, a USAID representative, and the IDLG-SIKA Unit. The workshop aimed to discuss the overall issues of the MRRD/IDLG Stability Program and build better coordination. An overview of the SIKA-West achievements in target districts was presented.
- The SIKA-West Deputy Chief of Party (DCoP) held coordination meetings with the IDLG-SIKA Unit in Kabul from December 9th-11th. The SIKA-West DCoP shared the draft of the district government capacity building plan to align it with the IDLG capacity building strategy. An overview of the SIKA-West communications strategy was presented to the IDLG. The IDLG will organize a meeting with the SIKA-West Communications Department and will provide technical support.

ONGOING GRANTS ACTIVITIES:

- To date, 154 light infrastructure grant projects including water dividers, bridges, culverts, flood protection walls, community center refurbishments, and road rehabilitations are ongoing.
- To date, 55 vocational grant trainings including tailoring, embroidery, carpet weaving, welding, carpentry, and auto-mechanic courses are ongoing in Farah, Herat, Badghis, and Ghor Provinces.

THE TRIBAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION COMMITTEE (TCRC) MEETINGS:

- The Muqur TCRC organized a mediation session between the Jakana and Yosufzai tribes to resolve their conflict over a murder case. The Muqur TCRC members and the District Governor mediated between the conflicting parties and successfully resolved their conflict.
- The Chaghcharan TCRC successfully mediated and resolved the conflicts between the Taimani tribes during a weeklong series of meetings and discussions among representatives of three sub-tribes from Taimani tribe from December 4th to 12th.
- The Kushk Rabat-e Sangi TCRC organized a coordination meeting with the participation of the Deputy District Governor, high ranking officials, women, *Ulema* and influential elders on December 11th. The TCRC assigned the District Governor as the head of TCRC and agreed to organize monthly meetings.



The Kushk Rabat-e Sangi TCRC assigned the District Governor as the head of the TCRC and agreed to organize monthly meetings on December 11th.



The Herat Provincial Governor visited the work progress of the protection wall construction project in Jaqatai village in Kushk Rabat-e Sangi on December 15th.

FARAH PROVINCE

- On December 10th, a meeting was held between the Farah Provincial Governor, the DRRD Director and the Dehzak Bala CDC. The Dehzak Bala CDC delayed and stopped the implementation of the community center rehabilitation project without clear reasons. At the end of the meeting, the CDC agreed to restart the implementation of the project as soon as possible.
- The Community Development Department is implementing 28 labor intensive infrastructure grants (irrigation projects/community center refurbishment/flood protection) in Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod Districts.
- The Capacity Building Department is implementing five auto-mechanics (85 men), five tailoring (50 women, 35 men), and two carpentry trainings(30 men), one Computer Course (2 women, 9 men), and one English language course (11 men) in Bala Boluk, Pusht-e Rod, Khak-e-Safayd, and Farah Center.



Laborers working to construct a water divider in Joy-Tajiki village in Pusht-e Rod District.

BADGHIS PROVINCE

- On December 11th, the Muqur TCRC organized a mediation session between the Jakana and Yosufzai tribes to resolve their conflict over a murder case. The Muqur TCRC members and the District Governor mediated between the conflicting parties and successfully resolved their conflict. The conflicting parties pledged to stop further violence and work together to find the real murderer.
- The weekly coordination meeting with the DRRD was held on December 12th, and an overview of the previous week's activities was presented.
- The Capacity Building Department is implementing four auto-mechanic (60 men), twenty-two tailoring (280 women, 120 men), three carpentry (75 men), one embroidery (25 women), and one quilt making (25 women) courses in Muqur and Qadis Districts.
- The Community Development Department is implementing 64 labor intensive light infrastructure grants (aqueducts/culverts/irrigation/flood protection/road rehabilitation) in Qadis & Muqur Districts.



15 local men practice carpentry skills in Jawaleq Sofla village in Qadis District. At the end of the six-month training course, they will have the skills to start a business.



Laborers working to construct a culvert in Neyazai-ha village in Muqur District.

HERAT PROVINCE

- On December 15th, the Herat Provincial Governor traveled to Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District to inaugurate two light infrastructure projects including construction of a protection wall and a road rehabilitation project. The District Governor provided detailed information about the projects to the Provincial Governor and briefed him on the MRRD/IDLG Stability Program in this district.
- The Kushk Rabat-e Sangi TCRC organized a coordination meeting with participation of the Deputy District Governor, high ranking officials, women, *Ulema*, and influential elders on December 11th. The TCRC assigned the District Governor as the head of TCRC and agreed to organize monthly meetings. During the meeting, two conflicts, one conflict over a piece of land and the other over implementation of a project by a CDC, have been prioritized and the TCRC was assigned to work on these two conflicts.
- The Pashtun Zarghun TCRC travelled to Zaman Abad village to resolve a land dispute between two families on December 11th. Following a lengthy discussion, the TCRC resolved the conflict.
- A coordination meeting was held between the heads of five CDCs in Pashtun Zarghun District on December 12th. Another meeting was held between five CDCs in Shindand District. The CDCs shared their challenges and achievements and exchanged recommendations for better implementation of their projects.
- On December 12th, the Pashtun Zarghun DRRD Social Worker visited Salimi village to check on the work progress of the flood protection wall construction.
- A three-day communications-related training was provided to 16 PST and DST communications officers from December 10th-12th. Topics included how to facilitate communications between the District Governors and the community, how to be a good trainer and facilitator, and developing long term communications plan.
- Community Development Department is implementing 51 labor intensive grants, including Flood/School Protection Walls/Road Rehabilitation/Culverts in Pashtun Zarghun, Shindand, and Kushk Rabat-e Sangi Districts.
- The Capacity Building Department is implementing five carpet weaving (125 women), fourteen tailoring (280 women), two welding (40 men), and one embroidery (20 women) courses in Shindand, Kushk Rabat-e Sangi, and Pashtun Zarghun Districts.



The Herat Provincial Governor and the Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District high officials cut the ribbon to inaugurate the road rehabilitation project in Khowja Gul Baidak village on December 15th.



Laborers working to construct a flood protection wall in Salimi village in Pashtun Zarghun District.



20 local women practice tailoring skills in Bahaie village in Pashtun Zarghun District. At the end of the five-month training course, they will have the skills to start a business.

GHOR PROVINCE

- The Chaghcharan Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC) successfully mediated and resolved the conflicts among the Taimani tribes during a weeklong series of meetings and discussions among representatives of three sub-tribes from Taimani tribes from December 4th to 12th. The Taimani tribes were in conflicts dating from 1984 over a murder. During these years, many people have been killed or lost their properties. The TCRC invited the representatives of these tribes, the Ghor Province High Peace Council, and the Chaghcharan Deputy Provincial Governor to mediate among the conflicting parties. Following a total of five meetings with the different parties, they came to an agreement that they would stop creating problems. The conflicting parties agreed to help the displaced families return to their villages and recover their properties.



The Taimnai Tribes representatives embraced and agreed that they would stop creating problems.

- The Community Development Department is implementing 11 labor intensive grants (Road Rehabilitation/Culverts) in Chaghcharan District.

WHAT'S NEXT

- Farah, Bala Boluk, Pusht-e Rod, and Khak-e-Safayd CDCs will receive Project Management training on December 21st.
- Farah: Khak-e-Safayd DSC meeting will be held on December 22nd.
- Badghis: Muqur DSC meeting will be held on December 23rd.
- Herat: Shindand DSC meeting will be held on December 23rd.
- Ghor: Chaghcharan anti-addiction radio program will be launched on December 22nd.
- During the coming week, the fourth milestone payments of 10 projects in Muqur, Qadis, Pusht-e Rod, and Chaghcharan will be disbursed.

SIKA-WEST GRANTS ACTIVITIES

#	Province	District	Under Development		Vetting To USAID		Grant Approved		Grant On-going		Grant Complete	
			#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$
1	Farah	Bala Boluk			1	\$48,602	36	\$734,820	13	\$271,565	15	\$241,482
2		Pusht-E Rod					18	\$201,394	15	\$166,562	3	\$22,389
3		Khak-E Safed	3	\$71,565	1	\$98,708	10	\$156,349	9	\$57,642		
4	Herat	Pashtun Zarghun	2	\$48,400	1	\$79,440	23	\$626,945	19	\$454,220		
5		Shindand			5	\$242,760	25	\$831,629	15	\$406,815		
6		Kushk Rabat-E-Sangi			6	\$242,889	25	\$679,079	19	\$416,172		
7	Ghor	Chaghcharan			4	\$207,000	13	\$485,562	5	\$198,627		
8		Shahrak			7	\$516,000	7	\$453,261				
9	Badghis	Qadis	7	\$93,082	1	\$48,852	65	\$641,756	58	\$472,328		
10		Muqur	7	\$172,200	2	\$73,463	37	\$490,717	33	\$333,131		
			19	\$385,247	28	\$1,557,714	259	\$5,301,512	186	\$2,777,061	18	\$263,871