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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

- On November 20th, the three-day Quarterly Review meeting between DRRD Directors, SIKA-West Staff, a USAID representative, and the MRRD & IDLG Coordinators was wrapped up. The meeting was an opportunity for partners to discuss the implementation of the SIKA-West program over the previous quarter. On November 21st the four DRRD directors compiled a list of action points, which SIKA-West will take onboard during future activities.

ONGOING GRANTS ACTIVITIES:

- To date, 125 light infrastructure grant projects including water dividers, bridges, culverts, flood protection walls, community center refurbishments and road rehabilitation are ongoing.
- To date, 59 vocational grant trainings including tailoring, embroidery, carpet weaving, welding, carpentry and auto-mechanic courses are ongoing in Farah, Herat, Badghis and Ghor Provinces.

PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES AND DISTRICTS ENTITIES COORDINATION MEETINGS:

- On November 19th, the Muqur District Governor, as part of the district communication plan conducted an anti-corruption meeting with participation of 36 district line department's representatives. The District Governor along with Head of District National Directorate of Security asked all the line departments to combat corruption and work together toward eradication of corruption in the district.
- On November 21st, Qadis District Governor, as part of his communications plan, conducted a monthly coordination meeting with 17 line department managers, and introduced Mr. Alim Khan as new district chief of police.
- On November 19th, the Shindand District Governor, as part of his communication plan held a public meeting with 40 District Ulemas. The meeting aimed to encourage Ulema to support the poppy eradication in this district. The District Governor strongly urged Ulema to raise public awareness about the dangers of poppy.



Anti-Corruption meeting in Muqur District attended by 36 district officials.



The Qadis District Governor conducted a monthly coordination meeting with 17 line department managers

FARAH PROVINCE

- On November 25th, the Bala Boluk Dokin CDC Farmers' received support to develop and submit a concept note to Farah DRRD and DAIL in order to obtain funding for a project which was surveyed and designed five years ago and approved by the Ministry of Water and Power.
- The Community Development Department is implementing 25 labor intensive infrastructure grants (road rehabilitation /community center refurbishment/Construction/ water divider/Production wall) in Bala Boluk and Pusht Rod Districts.
- The Capacity Building Department is implementing 6 auto-mechanics (100 men), 5 tailoring (85 women, 30 men), 2 carpentry (30 men), 2 literacy courses (25 women and 25 male), 1 Computer Course (2 women and 9 men) and 1 English language course (11 men) in Bala Boluk, Pusht Rod, Khak-e-Safayd and Farah Center.



A recently completed water divider in Upper Shiwan-Naser Zoo - Bala-Boluk.

BADGHIS PROVINCE

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- The Muqur DSC meeting was held on November 25th with participation of 17 females and 62 males. The participants reviewed the previous identified sources of instability, root causes and mitigation activities, and discussed challenges and obstacles on on-going projects. Two of five on-going conflicts were selected to be addressed in the future Tribal Engagement Meeting.
- On November 21st, a project technical training was conducted for 10 CDC members. This training will help CDC members to better manage project implementation.
- On November 21st, 10 light infrastructure projects including (Road Rehabilitation, Culvert Construction) were inaugurated in Muqur District. Responsible CDCs launched the actual work after the inauguration was conducted.
- The Capacity Building Department is implementing 4 auto-mechanic (60 men), 22 tailoring (475 women) and 3 carpentry (45 men) courses, 1 Embroidery course (25 women), 1 Quilt course (25 women) in Muqur and Qadis Districts.
- The Community Development Department is implementing 62 labor intensive light infrastructure grants (aqueducts/culverts/irrigation/flood protection/road rehabilitation) in Qadis & Muqur Districts.



A culvert construction on-going in Chashma Safid Village of Qadis District.

HERAT PROVINCE

- On November 19th, the Shindand District Governor, as part of his communication plan, held a public meeting with 40 District Ulemas. The meeting aimed to encourage Ulema to support poppy eradication in this district.
- On November 20th, the Pashtun Zarghun District Governor, as part of the district communication plan, organized a drawing contest focusing on education and peace in the district. The contest was held between two male and one female district schools to the theme covered the importance of education in ensuring peace and district development.
- A “Communication Skills Training” was conducted for 46 women in Shindand District on November 20th. Participants were taught the basic elements of communication, messaging, and the importance of communication in their daily lives.
- On November 25th, a “Communication Skills Building Training” was conducted for 48 district women and women shura members in Pashtun Zarghun. Participants were taught the importance of communication in sharing and advocating their needs, messaging, and audiences. The training was followed by group works.
- The Shindand DSC meeting was held on November 25th with 61 people in attendance. The participants reviewed the previous identified sources of instability, root causes and mitigation activities, and discussed ongoing projects. Participants were updated on the status of mitigations activities as well as updated on Capacity Building, Communication and tribal conflicts.
- A weekly coordination meeting with DRRD Social Development Manager was conducted on November 24th. The meeting which focused on DSC Meetings conducted in Pashtun Zarghun and Shindand Districts and monitoring process of Shindand light infrastructure projects by DRRD representatives in these districts.
- Following a three days quarterly review meeting conducted in MRRD/IDLG SIKAWest on November 18th-20th; SIKAWest received a consolidate resolution report from Herat DRRD representing all four DRRD Directors’ suggestions on positive and effective steps toward further improvement of the SIKAWest program.
- On November 20th, a project technical training conducted for 6 CDCs with participation of 12 foremen and supervisors. This training will help foremen to better manage the projects implementation.
- The Community Development Department is implementing 33 labor intensive grants, including Flood Protection Walls/School, Refurbishment/Road Rehabilitation/Culverts in Pashtun Zarghun, Shindand and Kushk Rabat-e Sangi Districts.
- The Capacity Building Department is implementing vocational training courses including 5 carpet weaving (125 women), 14 tailoring (280 women), 2 welding (30 men), 1 embroidery (20 women) in Shindand, Kushk Rabat-e Sangi and Pashtun Zarghun Districts.



Drawing contest focusing on education and peace between male and female in Pashtun Zarghun district school.



Shindand DSC meeting held with participation of total 61 People.

GHOR PROVINCE

- On November 19th, a 5 km road rehabilitation project was inaugurated in Jermato-e-Ulia village of Chaghcharan district. This road will improve the rural transportation network with Chaghcharan District.
- An “Internal Communication Training” was provided for 9 Shahrak District Governor staff on November 20th. This training will improve the capacity of District Governor staff to communicate with other government departments.
- On November 20th, project technical training was conducted for 6 foremen and supervisors of Jermat-e-Ulia, Charchaga and Dara Asiab CDCs. This training will help foremen to better manage project implementation.
- An “Internal Communication Training” for 15 participants from the Chaghcharan District Government Staff was held on November 21st. This training aimed to improve communications between GIRoA officials at the district level.
- On November 24th, as part of capacity building activities for Chaghcharan District, 5 CDC members attended a 5-day project management training. At the end of the training this CDC will receive its first milestone payment, enabling work to start on respective projects.
- On November 24th, a pre-DSC meeting was conducted for 18 women from Chaghcharan District in order to discuss SAM training.
- The Community Development Department is implementing 5 labor intensive grants, (Road Rehabilitation/Culverts) in Chaghcharan District.



Nine foremen and supervisors of two CDCs received technical training on November 20th.



18 women of Chaghcharan District received Pre-DSC Meeting on November 24th.

WHAT'S NEXT

- Farah Pusht-e Rod farmers meeting will be organized on November 26th.
- Farah DRRD Opening Ceremony for RRD Computer Course will be conducted on November 26th.
- Farah Pusht-e Rud and Bala-Baluk 5 days Project Management Training will be conducted on November 26th.
- Badghis Qadis DSC Meeting will be held on November 27th.
- Badghis DRRD Weekly coordination meeting will be held on November 28th.
- Badghis Qadis opening ceremony for 6 Tailoring Vocational Courses will be held on November 28th.
- Badghis Muqur “Internal Communication Training” will be conducted for Muqur District Governor Officials on December 1st.
- Herat DRRD coordination meeting will be held on December 1st.
- Herat Pashtun Zarghon “Communication Skills Building Training for expected 50 women will be conducted on November 25th.
- Herat Kushk-e Rabat Sangi, DG Campaign on importance of education will be held on November 28th.

- Herat Pashtun Zarghon, opening ceremony will be conducted for 8 light infrastructure projects on November 25th.
- Herat Kushke-e Rabat Sangi Gender Awareness Training will be conducted on November 30th.
- Herat Shindand foremen and supervisors training for 3 Shindand CDCs on December 1st.
- Herat DoWA Gender Working Group will be conducted on November 30th.
- Ghor Chaghcharan 8th DSC Meeting will be conducted on November 27th.
- Ghor Shahrak Public Meeting with Ulama, Arbabs and local commanders of Shahrak will be conducted on Nov 26th.
- Ghor Shahrak “How to develop concept note follow up training” will be conducted for Aqa Jani CDC on Nov 27th.
- Ghor Chaghcharan, A text message focusing the Government activities will be sent to the Chaghcharan residents on December 2nd.
- Ghor Chaghcharan TCRC meeting will be conducted; the date for this event will be discussed and confirmed in the 8th Chaghcharan DSC Meeting on November 27th.

SIKA-WEST GRANTS ACTIVITIES

#	Province	District	Under Development		Vetting To USAID		Grant Approved		Grant On-going		Grant Complete	
			#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$
1	Farah	Bala Boluk	5	\$55,000	1	\$48,602	33	\$696,365	14	\$256,070	14	\$234,192
2		Pusht-E Rod	1	\$20,000			21	\$278,083	14	\$158,895	3	\$22,389
3		Khak-E Safed	3	\$71,295		\$98,708	10	\$156,349	9	\$57,642		
4	Herat	Pashtun Zarghun	4	\$121,500	1	\$45,661	20	\$499,881	19	\$454,220		
5		Shindand	8	\$323,000		\$81,271	17	\$523,259	8	\$111,876		
6		Kushk Rabat-E-Sangi	8	\$289,213		\$242,889	19	\$460,608	19	\$455,062		
7	Ghor	Chaghcharan	9	\$509,100	1	\$207,000	9	\$275,674	3	\$77,161		
8		Shahrak			8	\$550,000	7	\$453,261				
9	Badghis	Qadis	12	\$180,282	2	\$48,852	60	\$513,926	59	\$476,385		
10		Muqur	10	\$163,700	2	\$73,463	32	\$366,039	30	\$291,741		
			60	\$1,733,090	15	\$1,396,446	228	\$4,223,445	175	\$2,339,052	17	\$256,581