

WEEKLY REPORT

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK INCLUDE:

Meeting with the Herat Provincial Governor to introduce the SIKA-West program: On October 6th, the SIKA-West team and USAID held a meeting with the Herat Provincial Governor, Daud Sabah. The team presented on the SIKA-West program and solicited the Governor's support for roll-out into Herat districts, the Governor praised the program and pledged his support.

Formation of the Shindand DSC: The Shindand DSC was formed on October 10th.

INTERMEDIATE RESULT 1

- On October 10th, the Shindand DSC was formally established in an inaugural meeting in the district center. The District Governor welcomed the participants and expressed his willingness to support the DRRD/SIKA-W program and urged the other participants for their cooperation with the programs. The DSC was officially formed and 35 out of the 75 attendees were determined to be DSC members. IR1 SPOs Sultani and Sawary then conducted the Stabilization Analysis Mechanism (SAM) training for the participants. After the SAM training, the SPOs led a Source of Instability (SOI) analysis session to identify SOIs, root causes and mitigation activities. The DSC Members identified one SOI: District Insecurity and the following root causes: Government corruption, unemployment, presence of insurgents, presence of ISAF, and lack of trust between the Ulema and the government.

INTERMEDIATE RESULT 2

- On October 10th, the IR2 lead met with the Badghis PRRD director and briefed him on Component's activities and objectives. Along with the IR2 Focal point, the PST deputy Manager conducted a meeting with ministry representatives and offices. The purpose of the meeting was to collect information about the available services being provided by the line ministries at the provincial and target district level.

INTERMEDIATE RESULT 3

- On October 8th, the communication officer in Herat PST met with the Shindand district governor and heads of government departments and attended the official introduction of SIKA-West. He also visited the *Tanin* Radio Station to discuss possible collaboration. He met with women, youth and farmers to discuss possible outreach activities. On October 10th, he attended the inauguration of the Shindand DSC with a photographer, who filmed both still and moving pictures of the event for use in peace-related outreach materials.

INTERMEDIATE RESULT 4

- Community Development Team assisted Farah PST and DST staff to conduct preliminary survey for 5 vocational training projects in Shiwan, Dehzak and Kanisk communities.

PROVINCIAL ACTIVITIES

FARAH PST

- Conducted a meeting with eight influential women in Bala Baluk District, who came from Shiwan, Kanisk, and Dehzak in order to learn about their challenges and recommendations. The meeting was

held at the DRRD conference hall by Farah PST gender officer, Jamil Azizi, and as a result, the women requested vocational courses for women in Bala Baluk District.

BADGHIS PST

- Data and precise statistics regarding the population, livelihoods, establishments, and other information required for the District Profile and the SPC were collected through the CDCs and tribal influential figures.

HERAT PST

- On October 8th, the PST team consisting of HQ departments went for the first time to the Shindand district of Herat province.
- The team along with MRRD representatives and a representative from the Governor office had a meeting with the District Governor (DG) and presented the program in a very comprehensive manner. The DG was appreciative and committed his support to the program.

GENDER AND CAPACITY BUILDING

SIKA-West Gender Programming HQ

- The Gender Department chaired the weekly Internal SIKA-West Gender Working Group on October 2nd, which allows for gender related discussions, updates and guidance between all IR's and other departments. During this week's meeting the following issues were discussed and decided upon:
 - **IR1-** Over the past week, IR1 has identified 13 female community members from the villages of Dehzak, Shewan and Kanesk who will provide information on women's human development needs within those communities. The first set of data will be received on Wednesday
 - **IR2-** Over the past week, IR2 has provided a list of the Service Providers that cater to the human development needs of men, women and children in Bala Baluk District. This list will be reviewed and the Gender Department will identify areas where existing services may be expanded and/or improved.
 - **IR3-** Move forward with communications support on a brochure/poster campaign titled "Educated Women & Healthy Society". This messaging support will teach DOWA how to draft and write their own messaging through brochures and posters.
 - **IR4-** Prepare for vocational training programs and infrastructure programs for men & women In Bala Baluk. Over the past week, six vocational programs were identified for the Bala Baluk district.
 - **M&E-** M&E has redesigned the reporting requirements for program activities and will provide training to the Gender Working Group and Field Trainers on these new requirements next week.

Capacity Building Headquarters Component

- In total 57 training modules covering IR1-IR4/M&E and Gender have been completed and translated into Dari and Pashto and shared with the SIKA-West program.
- Two CBD RFP's have been finalized and prepared into Purchase Orders. These Purchase Orders are RFP FH001 Adult Computer Programming For GIROA Personnel and RFP FH002 Adult English Language Programming For GIROA Personnel. CBD will be rolling out these programs as soon as possible.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- From October 6 through 10, the Herat-HQ M&E team received completed “Key Informant Interview” (KII) Forms from the Farah and Badghis PST. M&E Officers entered the received data into the KII Data Tracking Sheet.

HR & RECRUITMENT

- To date 94 employees (29 female, 65 male) have been hired and 45 positions are under process.

SIKA-West Recruitment				
Staff	Herat Office	Herat Province	Farah Province	Badghis Province
Hired	64	9	11	10
In process	14	9	16	10
Females hired	24	2	2	1
Males hired	40	7	9	9

DELIVERABLES

- Weekly Report
- Grants Manual
- Revised Work Plan
- Revised PMP

SECURITY OPERATIONS

- Security personnel conducted various Herat City moves without any incidents.