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*The Band Abad CDC Completed 47% Work On A 45-ML Flood Protection Wall Construction Project In Pashtun Zarghun District. Once Completed, The Flood Protection Wall Will Save 600 Jeribs Of Farmlands From Being Flooded.*

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**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK (FARAH/GHOR/BADGHIS/HERAT):**

- Community Gatherings were held to obtain feedback from communities on the impact of SIKA-West programming in Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District. Women in Rabat Sangi Sharqi village noted that the constructed flood protection wall safeguards the District Center Girls' High School from being flooded and now 1,247 students have a safe educational environment.
- The Gender Mainstreaming Unit handed over the Pusht-e Rod Female Komite Sobate Wolesswali (KSW) to the District Governor on December 11<sup>th</sup>. The DG committed to take the lead and support the female KSW in Pusht-e Rod District after the SIKA-West program ends.
- In collaboration with MRRD & IDLG, the Community Development Department completed feasibility studies for four grant funded projects, in Farah Center. These projects (Road Rehabilitation and Culvert Construction) were identified in the GIROA-led Komite Sobate Wolesswali's and are designed to improve communities' access to the Provincial Center.
- The MRRD District Social Workers (DSWs) visited the work progress of a school rehabilitation project in Kushk Rabat-e Sangi, a flood protection wall construction and a canal lining project in Muqur and a flood protection wall construction project in Qadis District. The DSWs asked the implementing CDCs to continue their work based on the projects' specifications.



**The Pusht-E Rod District Governor Visiting Patients Who Are Receiving Treatment In Farah Drug Rehabilitation Clinic.**

As a result of the Pusht-e Rod District Governor support and lobbying efforts, seven drug addicts are receiving treatment in the Farah Drug Rehabilitation Clinic. *"I am very happy that these youth will be rehabilitated and can support their families,"* Mr. Ghawsuddin, the DG. The Pusht-e Rod DG will be working with the Farah Department of Labors and Social Affairs (DOLSA) to provide job opportunities for these seven youths upon completion of their treatment.

**SIKA-WEST RESULTS:****Grants & Subcontracts Programming**

- To date, 435 grant funded projects valued at USD\$9,776,497 have been identified and approved by MRRD and IDLG in our target districts.
- CDCs & DDA's are implementing 149 projects valued at USD\$4,520,557.
- 236 projects valued at USD\$4,330,196 have been completed.
- Four projects valued at USD\$194,081 are pending with the Vetting Unit for approval.
- 18 CDC milestone payments totaling USD\$108,962 have been disbursed in Pashtun Zarghun, Qala-i-Naw, Lash Wa Juwayn, Muqur and Farah Center; supporting a variety of IDLG & MRRD led grant funded solutions to community grievances.

**Cross-Cutting Capacity Building:**

- In-line with the IDLG District Governance Training Plan a 'Work Plan Development' Workshop was conducted in Muqur District for 12 government personnel from December 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Covering developing annual work plan, strategic planning and procurement planning, this workshop is designed to improve the performance of government personnel in their administrative functions.
- As part of improving district government service delivery, 'General Administration' Workshop was conducted in Kushk Rabat-e Sangi for 10 government personnel from December 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Training covered Administration Guidelines, Human Resource Management and Performance Management.
- In-line with the IDLG District Governance Training Plan, a training session on 'Afghanistan Procurement Law' was conducted in Bala Boluk District for four government personnel. Topics discussed included the purpose of procurement law, procurement terms and steps of procurement planning.

**MONITORING ACTIVITIES**

- An M&E/Program Team attended the last MISTI Summit in Kabul on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The MISTI Wave 4 Stability and Impact findings presented at the Summit showed that overall, stabilization projects created significant improvements in stability, government capacity and district and provincial government performance.
- M&E training was provided to the Muqur DSWs and DGO, covering proper methods of site inspection and data collection.
- DSWs, Government Officials, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel conducted 56 joint project site visits. These visits yielded deficiencies that were in need of correction; e.g. the Mazid CDC in Muqur was advised to not use small stones for foundation of their Flood Protection Wall project before the next milestone payment is authorized.
- In-line with tier 3 GIROA monitoring, the Pusht-e Rod, Qadis and Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District Governors called to 8 implementing CDCs to provide them an update on the progress of their projects. The Head of Abu Hanifa who is implementing a flood protection wall project complained about the delay of their second milestone payment. The SIKA-West will follow up this issue.

## FARAH PROVINCE

- With support of the Communications & Public Outreach Department, the Lash Wa Juwayn District Governor, Mr. Samad Yar, commemorated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, which was attended by 15 people with disabilities. Speeches on roles of disabled people in the community were delivered. The DG pledged to advocate for disabled people's needs and concerns including provision of job opportunities.
- The Bala Boluk District Government Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC) identified and addressed a water dispute between two farmers on December 10<sup>th</sup>. These farmers were in conflict over use of an irrigation canal for the last two months. With support of the District Governor, the TCRC convinced the conflicting parties to use the irrigation canal based on their allocated schedule and the conflict was ended.

## BADGHIS PROVINCE

- The Muqur District Government Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC) addressed a conflict between two brothers who were in conflict over inheritance of their father's estate. The father did not divide his estate between his sons equally which led to a conflict between his sons. The TCRC organized several mediation sessions between the conflicting parties and the father finally agreed to divide his estate equally and the conflict was ended peacefully.
- The Communications & Public Outreach Department conducted a training session on the Service Providers Catalogue (SPC) usage to 24 Langar Sharif and Zoriha CDCs in Qadis District to improve their capacity to advocate for residents' concerns and problems. The participants will use the Badghis SPC to find potential third party donors to address their community major problems. At the end of the training, 24 copies of the SPC were distributed to participants.

## HERAT PROVINCE

- With support of the Communications & Public Outreach Department, a group of farmers from Kushk Rabat-e Sangi traveled to Herat and met with the Herat Provincial Department of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (DAIL). The farmers shared their concerns including lack of improved seeds, pistachio sapling and greenhouses. The DAIL pledged to provide improved seeds and pistachio saplings in the coming year.
- With support from the Gender Mainstreaming Unit, the Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District Governor will now take the lead and support the District Government sponsored female Conflict Resolution Committee (CRC) in Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District. The female CRC provides an avenue for district women to report their grievances and request local government support. The DG has committed to support the district CRC after the SIKA-West program ends.

## GHOR PROVINCE

- The Chaghcharan Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC) prioritized to work on an old tribal conflict in Allah Yar village in Chaghcharan. Two community elders in Allah Yar are in conflict for over five years. The TCRC will organize mediation sessions with the conflicting parties in the coming weeks.



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**The Ghazi Abad CDC Completed 80% Work Of A 220-Meter Canal Lining Project In Bala Boluk District: Expected To Provide Water For 250 Jeribs Of Farmlands.**



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**The Cheen Farsi CDC Rehabilitating The Khajah Abdullah Bidar High School In Pusht-E Rod. Once Completed, 1100 Students Will Have Better Educational Environment.**



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**The Rashid Abad CDC Successfully Completed 70% Work Of A 300-Meter Flood Protection Wall Construction Project In Rashid Abad Village, Bala Boluk District: Expected To Save 1,600 Jeribs Of Farmlands From Being Flooded.**



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**The Naw Abad CDC Completed 90% Work Of A 220-Meter Flood Protection Wall In Muqur District: Expected To Save 480 Houses And 48 Jeribs Of Farmlands From Being Flooded.**

## CHALLENGES

- Due to cold weather, all projects in Du Layna, Shahrak and Chaghcharan; eight projects in Kushk Rabat-e Sangi , one project in Kohsan, two projects in Guzara and 12 projects in Pashtun Zarghun are being suspended till March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.
- Due to a recent insecurity situation in Shindand, all program activities are suspended till further notice.
- The M&E Department has been unable to confirm Project Site GPS Points in Bala Boluk District due to the recent current security concerns.

## WHAT'S NEXT

- In-line with the IDLG District Government Communications Plan, the Muqur District Governor will organize an anti-poppay cultivation meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The DG will encourage farmers to stop poppy cultivation.
- With support of the Communications & Public Outreach Department, the Lash Wa Juwayn District Governor will organize an Agricultural Market Day on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Market Day provides an opportunity for farmers to communicate with Agricultural Service Provides and exchange contacts for business.
- The Muqur, Bala Boluk, Lash Wa Juwayn, Kushk Rabat-e Sangi, Shindand and Qadis Komite Sobate Wolesswali meetings will be held between December 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Key Points will include a review of pending district concerns and potential for district government led solutions.
- The Community Development Department will launch feasibility studies for three infrastructure projects (Road Rehabilitation & Culvert Construction)) in Farah Center.
- The Governance Department will provide 'Work Plan Development' training to Qadis District Government staff from December 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>.



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**The SIKA-West M&E Personnel Visiting The Work Progress Of A 90-Meter Flood Protection Wall Construction Project In Golchin Village, Qadis District: Expected To Save 150 Jeribs Of Farmlands And 300 Shops From Being Flooded.**



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**The Muqur DSW Visited The Work Progress Of A 88-Meter Canal Lining Project In Qashlaq Naw Kham Abasi Village. Once Completed, The Canal Will Provide Irrigation Water For 1 000 Jeribs Of Farmlands.**



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**Laborers Working To Construct A 70-Meter Flood Protection Wall In Char Burjak Village, Pashtun Zarghun District: Expected To Save 1300 Jeribs Of Farmlands From Being Flooded.**



PZ-08-003 Mahal shahi CDC Pashtun Zarghun District of Herat Province

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**The Mahal Shahi CDC Completed The Construction Of A 6-ML Super Passage Project In Pashtun Zarghun. Now That The Passage Constructed, 140 Jeribs Of Farmlands Have Sufficient Water.**