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The Panj Deh CDC Successfully Constructed A 50-Meter Flood Protection Wall In Panj Deh Village, Lash Wa Juwayn District. The Flood Protection Wall Will Safeguard 3000 Jeribs Of Farmland From Being Flooded.

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

- The Lash Wa Juwayn Female Komite Sobate Woleswali successfully lobbied the District Government to provide ‘Teaching Methodology Training’ to female teachers in Lash Wa Juwayn District. With the support of the District Government, the Farah Provincial Education Department conducted an eight-day “Teaching Methodology Workshop” for 36 female teachers in Lash Wa Juwayn District from February 8-16.
- In collaboration with MRRD & IDLG, the Community Development Department completed feasibility studies for 17 projects in Pashtun Zarghun, Lash Wa Juwayn, Muqur and Qadis districts. These projects (Provision of Schools Equipment) were identified in the GIROA-led Komite Sobate Woleswali’s and are designed to provide better educational environments for both male and female students.
- The Community Development Department conducted a Post Project Completion Site Visit for a 5-KM Road Rehabilitation Project (With 11 Culverts) in Tasriqi Village, Chaghcharan, on February 14. The road and culverts were in good condition and no deficiencies were observed. The project has provided improved access to the provincial center for more than 118 families.

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

- CDCs & DDAs are currently implementing 211 projects valued at AFN 282,567,150/USD\$5,651,343 (AFN 50-USD\$1.00) which will serve to improve service delivery to 998,326 provincial and district residents across the target districts.
- Our IDLG/MRRD provincial and district partners have completed 259 projects valued at AFN 261,353,990. The actual amount paid for the completed projects is USD\$4,525,948. These projects have benefited 509,411 provincial and district residents.
- Currently, 62 projects, valued at AFN38, 175,784 /USD\$763,516 (AFN 50- USD\$1.00) are under development.
- 24 CDC & DDA milestone payments totaling USD\$117,536 were processed in Khak-e-Safayd, Qala-i-Naw, Guzara, Pashtun Zarghun, Shindand, Farah Center, Muqur and Pusht-e Rod Districts supporting IDLG & MRRD-led grant funded solutions to community grievances.
- For further details, please refer to Annex A.

Cross-Cutting Capacity Building:

- The Governance Department conducted an IDLG approved “Good Governance Training” to 22 (14 Female, 8 Male) Farah Provincial Government personnel on February 11 in Farah Provincial Center. Topics included the Importance & Characteristics of Good Governance, Definition & Principles
- The Governance Department conducted an IDLG approved ‘Procurement & Financial Management’ Workshop for 52(male) Qala-i-Naw Government personnel on February 10 & 11. Topics included Procurement Procedures, Financial Planning & Budgeting. These activities were designed to improve the performance of government personnel in their administrative functions.



The Badghis DRRD Director, The Qadis District Governor And CDC Members Cut The Ribbon At The Project Completion Ceremony In Haji Mohammad Ali Khan Village On February 16.

Led by the Badghis DRRD and the Qadis District Government, Project Completion Ceremonies were held for two completed projects in Qadis District on February 16. These included a Wash Culvert in Haji Mohammad Ali Khan Village and 5 Culverts in Haji Ata Mohammad Village. The completed culverts will improve access for 3000 families to the District Center. *“The constructed culverts provided short term job opportunities for community laborers and will improve residents’ access to government services at the District Center,”* Mr. Saleh Mohammad Bik, Qadis District Governor. The DRRD Director, Mr. Sayed Rasol Akbari, expressed his appreciation to the MRRD/IDLG SIKA-West program, stating *“Local Government will bring more development projects to your communities,”*

MONITORING ACTIVITIES

- The Monitoring & Evaluation Department verified eight projects’ GPS points in Chaghcharan, Lash Wa Juwayn, Farah Center and Pashtun Zarghun. The updated GPS projects’ tracker was submitted to MISTI on February 16.
- DSWs, Government Officials, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel conducted 76 project site visits. These visits yielded deficiencies that were in need of correction; e.g. the Mahal Tank Tel Islam Qala CDC who are rehabilitating the Islam Qala High School were advised to correct the size of the columns for the surrounding wall based on the project drawing, or the next milestone payment will not be authorized.
- The Pusht-e Rod and Lash Wa Juwayn District Governors and the Kushk-e Rabat Sangi District Executive Manager used the District Government Hotline Number and called to six CDCs to obtain updates on the progress of their projects. For details please refer to Annex D.

FARAH PROVINCE

- On February 12, the Gender Mainstreaming Unit organized a ‘Lessons Learned and Coordination Workshop’ with participation of the Farah DOWA Legal Manager, Farah DRRD Deputy Director, IDLG Gender Specialist, Bala Boluk, Pusht-e Rod, Lash Wa Juwayn District Governors and representatives from the Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod District Government Female Conflict Resolution Committees.’ The participants discussed the impact of the SIKA-West Gender Programming in Bala Boluk, Pusht-e Rod, and Lash Wa Juwayn Districts. Participants highlighted improvements in communication between district governments and female residents, where female concerns are now being listened to and actions taken by the local government to address those needs. It was agreed that the Female KSW members played an active role in addressing female residents’ concerns and provided a public platform to discuss current community problems.
- The Governance Department handed over the male Bala Boluk and Lash Wa Juwayn Komite Sobate Wolesswalis to the respective District Governors on February 10 and 16. The DGs expressed their appreciation to the MRRD/IDLG SIKA-West program for the past support and stated that moving forward the Komite Sobate Wolesswali would be conducted without logistical or financial support from the MRRD/IDLG SIKA-West program.

BADGHIS PROVINCE

- In Qala-i-Naw, the MRRD DSW and District Government personnel led Project Management Training for four (2 males & 2 female) members of the Abdol CDC, covering both Community Mobilization & Development/Procurement Processes, while the Community Development Department provided technical support and covered other sections of the course materials. After successfully completing the PMT, the first round of milestones will be paid enabling the Abdol CDC to start their Gabion Flood Protection Wall Construction Project.
- A SIKA-West Engineer, the MRRD District Social Worker and Qadis District Government personnel inspected the work progress of a 62-meter Flood Protection Wall project in Golchin Village on February 14. It was observed that the stone work was not in accordance to technical specifications. The implementing CDC was mentored to correct the deficiency. Once completed, the Flood Protection Wall will safeguard 20 homes and 100 businesses within the District Center.

HERAT PROVINCE

- The Governance Department handed over the mixed Komite Sobate Wolesswali in Kushk-e Rabat Sangi to the District Governor, Mr. Shir Aqa Sarwari, on February 11. The DG expressed his appreciation to the MRRD/IDLG SIKA-West program for the past support and stated that moving forward the Komite Sobate Wolesswali would be conducted without logistical or financial support from the MRRD/IDLG SIKA-West program.
- A SIKA-West Engineer and MRRD District Social Worker inspected the work progress of the Kohsan Clinic Rehabilitation and Surrounding Wall Project in Kohsan District on February 11. No deficiencies were observed and CDC was asked to continue their work based on the project specification. Once completed, the rehabilitated clinic will provide healthcare services to district residents.



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 The Korji Tahsildar Constructing 4 Culverts In Tahsildar Village, Farah Center: Expected To Improve Access For 715 Families To The Provincial Center.



Good Governance Training Was Provided To 22 (14 Females, 8 Males) Government Personnel In Farah Province On February 11.



The SIKA-West Engineer, The District Social Worker And The District Government Personnel Inspected Work Progress Of The 62-Meter Flood Protection Wall Construction Project In Golchin Village In Qadis District.



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 The Deh Sorkhak Bala CDC Completed 86% Of A 40-Meter Flood Protection Wall Construction Project In Deh Sorkhak Bala Village In Qala-I-Naw. Once Completed, The Flood Protection Wall Will Safeguard 130 Jeribs Of Farmland And 350 Houses From Being Flooded.

GHOR PROVINCE

- The Governance Department handed over the mixed Komite Sobate Woleswali in Chaghcharan to the Ghor Deputy Provincial Governor, Mr. Mohammad Amin Tokhi, on February 10. The DPG expressed his appreciation to the MRRD/IDLG SIKA-West program for the past support and stated that moving forward the Komite Sobate Woleswali would be conducted without logistical or financial support from the MRRD/IDLG SIKA-West program.

CHALLENGES

- SIKA-West Engineers from Herat HQ Office traveled to Farah and visited four road rehabilitation projects which were suspended due to some deficiencies such as poor drainage systems and low quality gravel used. The Engineers inspected the projects and advised the implementing CDCs (Dar Abad Bala, Bagh Kafi, Naw Abad Sang-e Zor and Rahim Abad) to correct the deficiencies. The CDCs have resumed their activities and the projects are ongoing.

WHAT'S NEXT

- The Muqur, Qadis, Kohsan and Guzara mixed KSWs will be handed over to the respective DGs between February 17-21.
- The Governance Department will provide Procurement & Financial Management training to the Kohsan, Muqur and Kushk-e Rabat Sangi District Government personnel (39 males) on February 17 and 18.
- Feasibility studies will be launched for 19 projects in Muqur, Qadis and Qala-i-Naw.
- Project Management Training will be provided to 6 CDC Grantees in Pashtun Zarghun, Guzara and Qala-i-Naw.



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The Sika-West Engineer And The District Social Worker Inspected Work Progress Of The Kohsan Clinic Rehabilitation And Surrounding Wall Construction Project In Kohsan District On February 11.

GZ-3-005 - Char Burjak Village -Guzara District -Herat Province



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The Char Burjak CDC Constructing A 50-Meter Flood Protection Wall In Char Burjak Village, Guzara District: Once Completed, The Flood Protection Wall Will Safeguard 1200 Jeribs Of Farmland From Being Flooded.

KN-2-004 - Tai Kham -Kohsan District -Herat Province



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The Tai Kham CDC Constructing 1.8-KM Road And Three Culverts In Tai Kham Village, Kohsan District: Expected To Improve Access For 715 Families To The District Center.



The Rabat Mirza Qala Nowak CDC Constructing A 220-Meter Canal In Rabat Sangi Sharqi Village In Kushk Rabat-E Sangi. Once Completed, The Canal Will Move Drain Water From The District Bazar To The River.