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*The Qala Gholam Seddiq CDC Completed 90% Of The Work On Their 100-ML Flood Protection Wall In Qala Gholam Seddiq Village, Farah Center: Expected To Safeguard 2000 Jeribs Of Farmland From Being Flooded.*

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

- The Pusht-e Rod District Governor, Mr. Ghawsuddin, led the male Pusht-e Rod Komite Sobate Woleswali meeting on March 11, with 27 participants (male). District residents and government officials gathered to discuss community problems; key points discussed included current security conditions within the district. The KSW members proposed that the District Government increase the number of security check points on the Pusht-e Rod District main road. The DGO pledged to share these concerns with the Provincial Government and advocate for the residents' needs. This Komite Sobate Woleswali meeting was undertaken by IDLG & MRRD without logistical or financial support from SIKA-West reflecting our program partners' leadership in sustaining critical district based programming.
- In collaboration with MRRD & IDLG, the Community Development Department completed feasibility studies for two projects in Hech Ka and Tajik Ha villages, Muqur District. These projects (Provision of School Equipment to Hech Ka Girls Secondary and the Tajik Ha Girls/Boys High schools) were identified in the GIROA-led mixed Komite Sobate Woleswali and are designed to provide better educational environments for 601 students (100 boys & 501 girls).

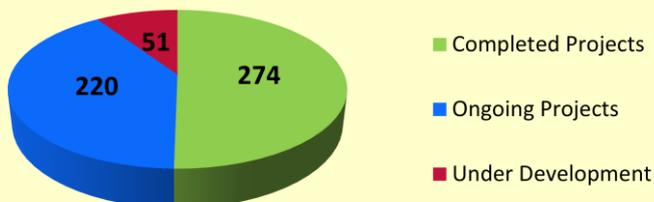


**The Constructed Culvert In Chor Chi Village Has Improved Access For 300 Families To The Pashtun Zarghun District Center And Neighboring Villages.**

On March 10, the Community Development Department conducted a Post Project Completion Site Visit in Chor Chi Village, Pashtun Zarghun District in order to ensure that the community was maintaining their Culvert which was completed in February 16, 2015. Identified by the Pashtun Zarghun mixed KSW and awarded to the community by the District Government & Herat DRRD, the culvert has improved access for 300 families to the District Center and neighboring villages.

**Grants & Subcontracts Programming**

- CDCs & DDAs are currently implementing 220 projects valued at AFN 269,416,350/USD\$5,388,327 (AFN 50-USD\$1.00) which will serve to improve service delivery to 981,435 residents across the target districts.
- IDLG/MRRD provincial and district partners have completed 274 projects valued at AFN 278,262,190/USD\$4,866,690. These projects have benefited 558,996 residents.
- Currently, 51 projects, valued at AFN 25,262,950 /USD\$505,259 (AFN 50- USD\$1.00) are under development.
- Please refer to Annex A for further details

**Snapshot of Grant Funded Programming**

- Five CDC milestone payments totaling USD\$18,357 were processed in Pashtun Zarghun, Farah Center, Kushk-e Rabat Sangi and Shindand supporting IDLG & MRRD-led grant funded solutions to community grievances.

**MONITORING ACTIVITIES**

- DRRD DSWs, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel conducted 73 joint project site visits. These visits yielded deficiencies that were in need of correction; e.g. the Gowhar Shad Gharbi CDC who are rehabilitating the Kohsan Girls' High School were advised to use stones which are in accordance with their project specification, or the next milestone payment would not be authorized.
- Monitoring and Evaluation training was provided to five (male) Pashtun Zarghun, Kohsan, Lash Wa Juwayn and Qala-i-Naw MRRD District Social Workers and the Qadis Sectorial Services Manager. This training focused on Project Site Photography, Measurement Tools and Report Writing to improve the capacity of government staff to conduct independent project site inspections.
- M&E Department is collecting data for the MISTI data call for Final Performance Evaluation. Documents includes the SIKA-West Grants Activity, Capacity Building Communications and Gender programming trackers, PMO, Work Plan, Monthly and Quarterly Reports, Assessment & Evaluations, Lessons Learned, Transition Plans and Contract Amendments.

## FARAH PROVINCE

- The Lash Wa Juwayn District Governor, Mr. Samad Yar, led the Lash Wa Juwayn Komite Sobate Woleswali meeting on March 9, with 31 participants (male). District residents and government officials gathered to discuss community problems as well as receive updates from CDCs who are implementing grant funded awards. A number of CDCs reported that they are experiencing delays with their projects' implementation timeline due to cold weather and recent flooding; Parkha Bala Wa Payeen CDC (Culvert Project), Leftan CDC (68-ML Flood Protection Wall), Masjed Wahid Khan Wa Salam Khan CDC (Irrigation Canals), Chahar Gawak Bala Wa Payeen CDC (20-ML Flood Protection Wall) and the Masjed Hai Mohammad Rahim CDC (20-ML Flood Protection Wall). These issues were shared with the SIKA-West Community Development Department for further action. This Komite Sobate Woleswali meeting was undertaken by IDLG & MRRD without logistical or financial support from SIKA-West reflecting our program partners' leadership in sustaining critical district based programming.
- On March 10, SIKA-West M&E Personnel visited Bor Kham village to inspect the work progress to date on the community's Culvert Project. It was observed during the visit that laborers were not wearing safety clothing; the CDC leadership was informed that unless safety clothing is provided for the laborers, the next milestone payment would not be authorized. The grant funded project was awarded by the Lash Wa Juwayn District Government and Farah DRRD through the male Komite Sobate Woleswali to construct 3 Culverts at key locations and improve access for 5,500 residents to the District Center.

## BADGHIS PROVINCE

- On March 16, in Muqur and Qadis, the respective DRRD DSWs and District Government personnel led the Project Management Training for 52 (male) members of 13 CDC Grantees; covering Community Mobilization & Development & Procurement Processes, while the Community Development Department covered technical sections of the course material. After the training, the CDCs will receive their first milestone payments and begin implementation of their grant funded projects (Provision of Equipment & Administrative Materials to Schools).
- On March 15, SIKA-West Engineer, M&E Personnel and the Qadis DGO Sectorial Services Manager (Mr. Ramazan Khan) visited Golchin village to inspect the work progress to date on the community's 90-ML Flood Protection Wall. It was observed that the granular material for foundation was less than 10-cm (not in accordance with the project specification), the implementing CDC was mentored to correct this deficiency and follow up was undertaken to correct this deficiency. The grant funded project was awarded by the Qadis District Government and Badghis DRRD through the mixed Komite Sobate Woleswali to safeguard Golchin Village's businesses, homes and farmland from being damaged by seasonal floods.

## HERAT PROVINCE

- The Shindand District Governor, Mr. Faramarz Samandar, led the Shindand mixed Komite Sobate Woleswali meeting on March 15, with 72 participants (62 Male, 10 female). This KSW meeting was focused on the commemoration of the 24th of Hoot, the 1979 uprising against the Soviets. The DGO spoke on the importance of this day and asked the participants to cooperate with their local government in bringing peace, stability and development in their communities. This Komite Sobate



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**The Mohajer Abad CDC Rehabilitating A 1.8-KM Road (4-MW, 20-CM Gravel Thickness) In Mohajer Abad Village, Farah Center: Expected To Improve Access 3,318 People To The Provincial Center.**



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**SIKA-West M&E Personnel Inspecting The Work Progress Of Three Culverts Construction Project In Bor Kham Village, Lash Wa Juwayn District: Expected To Improve Access For 5,500 Residents To The District Center.**



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**SIKA-West Engineer, M&E Personnel And The Qadis DGO Sectorial Services Manager Inspecting The Work Progress Of A 90-ML Flood Protection Wall In Golchin Village, Qala-I-Naw. Once Complete, 300 Shops, 20 Houses And 10 Jeribs Of Farmland Will Be Safeguarded From Being Flooded.**



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**The Zad Saleh CDC Completed 63% Of The Work On Their 75-ML Flood Protection Wall Construction Project In Zad Saleh Village, Qadis District: Expected To Safeguard 50 Jeribs Of Farmland From Being Flooded.**

Woleswali meeting was undertaken by IDLG & MRRD without logistical or financial support from SIKA-West reflecting our program partners' leadership in sustaining critical district based programming.

- On March 10, SIKA-West Engineer, M&E Personnel and the MRRD DSW (Mr. Aref Rahmani) visited Dasht Bala village, Pashtun Zarghun District to inspect the work progress to date on the community's Water Reservoir Project (56-ML, 20-MW and 1.5-MH). It was observed that the size of the stones for the reservoir pitching was not in accordance with the project specification. The implementing CDC was required to correct this deficiency, or the next milestone payment would not be authorized. The grant funded project was awarded by the Pashtun Zarghun District Government and Herat DRRD through the mixed KSW to provide Dasht Bala Village with sufficient year round irrigation water for 200 Jeribs of community farmland.

## GHOR PROVINCE

- In collaboration with MRRD & IDLG, the Community Development Department completed their feasibility studies for a pending Equipment & Materials grant to the Womens Training Center in Deh Sabz Village, Chaghcharan. This project was identified in the GIROA-led mixed Komite Sobate Woleswali and is designed to assist the local Womens Training Center to assist female district residents in securing employment opportunities.

## CHALLENGES

- Due to current insecurity within the district, preventing our staff from working safely within the Bala Boluk District Government Office, SIKA-West District personnel are continuing to work from the Farah Provincial Office and will remain there until the security conditions improve.
- We observed that the Chaghcharan, Pashtun Zarghun, Kohsan, Shindand, Lash Wa Juwayn, Bala Boluk, Qala-i-Naw and Qadis District Government Mobile Hotline did not receive calls from residents. And the Farah and Herat DRRD SPC Focal Points reported that they did not receive calls from residents during this week. These issues were shared with the IDLG & MRRD Regional Coordinators to follow up with respective DRRDs and DGOs.

## WHAT'S NEXT

- The Community Development Department will provide Project Management Training for 45 CDCs in Farah Center, Lash Wa Juwayn, Muqur, Qadis and Qala-i-Naw. After successfully completing the training, the first round of milestones will be paid.
- DSWs, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel will undertake 113 project site visits in Pashtun Zarghun, Guzara, Kohsan, Kushk-e Rabat Sangi, Shindand, Pusht-e rod, Farah Center, Lash Wa Juwayn, Muqur, Qadis, Qala-i-Naw and Chaghcharan ( weather conditions permitting).
- Post Project Completion site visit will be conducted for a 1.5-KM Road Rehabilitation & Gravelling Project in Heachka Village, Muqur District and; to ensure that CDC are continuing to maintain this project in line with their handover agreements.
- The Chaghcharan, Farah Center and Kohsan Komite Sobate Woleswali meetings will be independently organized and led by our IDLG and MRRD program partners between March 17-23; without logistical or financial support from SIKA-West and will focus on addressing current district concerns and identifying GIROA led solutions.



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**SIKA-West Engineer, M&E Personnel And The MRRD DSW Inspecting The Work Progress Of A Water Reservoir In Dasht Bala Village, Pashtun Zarghun: Expected To Provide Sufficient Irrigation Water For 200 Jeribs Of Farmland.**



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**The Mahal Madrasa CDC Constructing A 140-ML Flood Protection Wall In Ziarat Gah Village, Guzara District. Once Complete, The Flood Protection Wall Will Safeguard 600 Jeribs Of Farmland From Being Flooded.**



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**The Mahajir Abad Rabat Sangi CDC Constructing A 100-ML Gabion Flood Protection Wall In Markaz Woleswali Village, Kushk-E Rabat Sangi: Expected To Safeguard 80 Community Houses From Being Damaged By Seasonal Floods.**



KN-1-003-Ahmad Abad Sofla - Kohsan District - Herat Province  
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**The Ahmad Abad Sofla CDC Constructing A 194-ML Flood Protection Wall Including Two Culverts In Ahmad Abad Ullia Village, Kohsan: Expected To Safeguard 400 Houses From Being Damaged By Seasonal Floods.**