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The Alkozay Ha & Bahador Zay Ha CDC Completed The High School Rehabilitation Project In Mar Abad Village, Pashtun Zarghun District. Now That The School Is Rehabilitated, 2076 Students (1,121 Boys, 955 Girls) Have Better A Educational Environment And Facilities.

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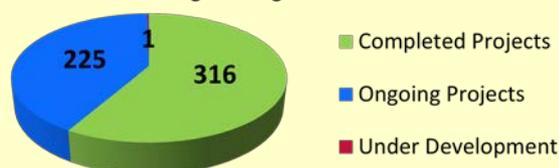
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK (FARAH/GHOR/BADGHIS/HERAT):

- The Muqur District Governor, Mr. Abdul Hadi Badghisi, and the Badghis Deputy Provincial Governor, Mr. Qamaruddin Shakib, led the Muqur and Qala-i-Naw mixed Komite Sobate Woleswalis' meetings on April 22 and 23 respectively, with 43 participants (Muqur: 19 male), and (Qala-i-Naw: 24 male, 1 female). District residents and government officials gathered to report their line-departments' activities and discuss community problems. A key point discussed in Qala-i-Naw was the on-going Polio vaccination campaign by UNICEF in Badghis Province. The PGO asked the Education Department and the Haj & Religious Affairs Department to cooperate with UNICEF and inform residents about the vaccination campaign. The Muqur DG informed the participants that the World Vision International (WVI) will provide food assistance for (70-KG of wheat to each family) 900 families in 31 villages in Muqur District. He asked the CDCs to assist WVI in identifying eligible families. These KSWs' meetings were undertaken by IDLG & MRRD without logistical or financial support from SIKA-West reflecting our program partners' leadership in sustaining critical district based programming.
- The Communications and Public Outreach Department is working to finalize project video footage which highlights both the continued role and importance of the IDLG/MRRD led Komite Sobate Woleswalis' roles in addressing district community grievances and the current impact of GIROA led basic services. Once finalized this video footage will be shared with our USAID COR for review. The Stabilization, Governance & Gender Herat HQ Departments are currently engaged with the reviewing and archiving of program records.
- SIKA-West received information from the USAID funded CCI/IOM program that they were collaborating with the Guzara District Government and Komite Sobate Woleswali, to identify and implement infrastructure projects within the district. SIKA-West is in consultation with IOM to receive further details, which will be provided in upcoming weekly reports.

Grants & Subcontracts Programming

- CDCs & DDAs are currently implementing 225 projects valued at AFN 242,534,850/USD\$4,850,697 (AFN 50-USD\$1.00) which will serve to improve service delivery to 843,181 residents across the target districts.
- IDLG/MRRD provincial and district partners have completed 316 projects valued at AFN 328,184,190/USD\$5,718,299. These projects have benefited 750,057 residents.
- Currently, one project, valued at AFN 371,200 /USD\$7,424 (AFN 50-USD\$1.00) is under development. Please refer to Annex A for further details.

Snapshot of Grant Funded Programming



- 28 CDC milestone payments totaling USD\$137,608 were processed in Pashtun Zarghun, Kushk-e Rabat Sangi, Guzara, Kohsan, Farah Center, Lash Wa Juwayn, Qadis, Du Layna, Chaghcharan, Pusht-e Rod and Qala-i-Naw supporting IDLG & MRRD-led grant funded solutions to community grievances.



The Qadis District Government Personnel And CDC Members Cut The Ribbon At The Project Completion Ceremony (Aqueduct) On April 21.

Led by the Qadis District Government, a Project Completion Ceremony was held for a recently completed project (10-ML Aqueduct in Rais Sayed Mohammad Village) in Qadis District on April 21. Present during the ceremony were the Qadis District Governor, Mr. Saleh Mohammad Baik, district government line-department' representatives, CDC members and community elders. This project was awarded by the Qadis District Government and the Badghis DRRD through the mixed Qadis KSW to address the shortage of irrigation water and ensure that the community had sufficient water for 3,000 Jeribs of farmland. *"We appreciate the Raid Sayed Mohammad CDC who implemented this high quality project. Now it is the community's responsibility to maintain their project,"* Mr. Saleh Mohammad Baik

MONITORING ACTIVITIES

- DRRD District Social Workers (DSWs), SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel conducted 76 joint project site visits. These visits yielded deficiencies that were in need of correction; e.g. the Meyan Do Jow CDC who are implementing a Bridge construction project in Pashtun Zarghun were asked to remove rust from steel bars; or the next milestone payment would not be authorized. Follow up site inspections will be conducted in the coming week.
- In-line with overall monitoring efforts, the M&E Department randomly called 10 laborers on 7 project sites in Kohsan, Guzara and Chaghcharan to verify whether they were receiving their wages in accordance with the CDC Grant Agreements. M&E crosschecked the reported amount with the projects' BOQs. It was identified that two laborers did not receive their wages in accordance with the CDC Grant Agreement. SIKA-West M&E and Community Development Department will follow up with the CDC to make sure the laborers are reimbursed their outstanding wages before additional milestones are authorized.

FARAH PROVINCE

- On April 22, SIKA-West Engineer and M&E Personnel visited Dehak Khord village to inspect the work progress of the community's School Rehabilitation Project in Farah Center. No deficiencies were observed and the CDC was asked to continue in accordance with their project's specifications. As of the reporting date, the CDC completed 40% of the work on their project. This project was awarded by the Farah Provincial Government and the DRRD through the mixed Farah Center KSW to address the poor conditions within Abo Nasr Farahi High School and respond to the community's desire to provide a better educational environment for 1,000 local students (boys).
- On April 25, the DRRD DSW, Mr. Mohammad Nabi, led the field inspection of a 30-ML Canal lining project in Masjid Shahid Inqlab village, Lash Wa Juwayn District. The DSW, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel assessed the quality of the project and confirmed that it was in line with the project's specifications. As of the inspection date, the CDC had completed 40% of the work on their project. This project was awarded by the Lash Wa Juwayn District Government and Farah DRRD through the Lash Wa Juwayn KSW to assist the community in having sufficient year round irrigation for their 1000 Jeribs of shared farmland. .

BADGHIS PROVINCE

- On April 26, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel visited the Zad Ali Ulia village to inspect the work progress on the community's 93-ML Flood Protection Wall project in Muqur District. The Zad Ali Ulia, Zad Ali Sofla and Khalifa Hai Sanjidak CDCs were working in accordance with their project's specifications and the construction activities are progressing on time. This project was awarded by the Muqur District Government and the Badghis DRRD through the mixed Muqur KSW to protect the community homes (600) and farmland (200 Jeribs) against the damages caused by seasonal river flooding.
- On April 26, SIKA-West Engineers kicked off the layout of the 38-ML Flood Protection Wall construction project in Paye Zeyarat village, Qala-i-Naw. This project was awarded by the Badghis Provincial Government and the DRRD through the mixed KSW to safeguard 150 homes and a road that connects the village to Qala-i-Naw Provincial Center from being frequently damaged by seasonal flooding.

HERAT PROVINCE

- On April 25, the DRRD DSW in Kohsan District (Mr. Juma Khan) led a team to visit the Kohsan District Center Boys High School in order to monitor the work progress to date on the community's provision of School Equipment. Materials present during the inspection included desks, chairs and cabinets. This project was awarded by the Kohsan District Government, in collaboration with the Herat Department of Education through the mixed Kohsan KSW to address the shortage of materials within the Kohsan District Center Boys High School and respond to the community's request to provide a better educational environment for their 1,127 local students (Boys).
- On April 21, SIKA-West Engineer and M&E Personnel visited Kort-e-Payeen village to assess the impact of the recently completed 78-ML Flood Protection Wall in Guzara District. During recent flooding, it was observed that the Flood Protection Wall successfully safeguarded 1,800 Jeribs of nearby agricultural lands from being damaged by flood waters. Local residents were grateful for this government investment. This project



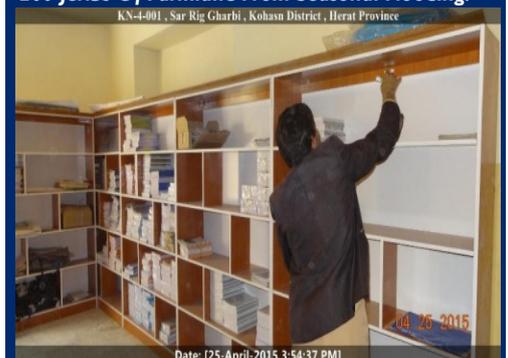
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 The Dehak Khord CDC Completed 40% Of The Work On Their School Rehabilitation Project In Farah Center: Expected To Provide A Better Education Environment For 1,000 Students (Boys).



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 The DSW, SIKA-West Engineers And M&E Personnel Inspecting The Work Progress Of A 30-ML Canal Lining Project In Masjid Shahid Inqlab Village, Lash Wa Juwayn District: Expected To Provide Sufficient Water For 1,000 Jeribs Of Farmland.



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 Laborers Weaving Gabion Boxes For Their Community's 93-ML Gabion Flood Protection Wall Construction Project In Zad Ali Ulia Village, Muqur District. Once Complete, The Flood Protection Wall Will Safeguard 600 Houses And 200 Jeribs Of Farmland From Seasonal Flooding.



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 School Equipment Including Office Desks, Chairs, Cabinets, Were Provided To The Kohsan District Center Boys High School To Provide A Better Educational Environment For 1,127 Students (Boys).

was identified and awarded by the Guzara District Government and Herat DRRD through the mixed Guzara KSW to protect the Kort-e-Payeen community from having their community farmland damaged each year during seasonal flooding.

GHOR PROVINCE

- On April 25, SIKA-West Engineer and M&E Personnel conducted a site visit to Dah Sorkh Village to inspect the progress on the community's Culvert construction project in Chaghcharan. It was observed that some steel bars were rusty. SIKA-West Engineers mentored the CDC on how to remove the rust. As of the reporting date, the CDC had completed 70% of the work on their project. Once complete, the Culvert will improve access for 225 families to the Provincial Center and neighboring villages.
- On April 21, SIKA-West Engineer and M&E Personnel conducted a final inspection for seven Culvert construction projects in Barkhol village, Du Layna District and determined that the Barkhol Ulia CDC successfully completed the project in line with engineering specifications. This project was awarded by the Du Layna District Government and the Ghor DRRD through the male Du Layna KSW to address the poor road conditions surrounding the community and improve access for 133 families to travel from the community to neighboring villages and the District Center.

STATUS OF PROGRAM OFFICE CLOSURES

- On April 19, programming activities were completed in Shahrak District and all program staff were withdrawn. SIKA-West will no longer be reporting on activities from this district.
- On April 30, programming activities will be completed in Pusht-e Rod, Bala Boluk, and Shindand Districts and all program staff will be withdrawn.

CHALLENGES

- Due to current insecurity within Bala Boluk District the M&E Department was unable to collect GPS coordinates for 5 projects within the district. The SIKA-West Security Department has recommended postponing future travel within the region until the security environment is more permissive.
- Due to current insecurity within parts of Muqur District and Chaghcharan (Firozkoh Center), the SIKA-West engineers were unable to undertake site inspections for 8 ongoing grant funded projects, resulting in delays in the disbursement of USD\$71,369 in scheduled project milestone payments.

WHAT'S NEXT

- MRRD District Social Workers, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel plan to undertake 115 project site visits within the current SIKA-West target districts to assess project quality and collect data, provide guidance to grantees and confirm that projects have been completed in line with engineering specifications (weather and security conditions permitting).
- Our IDLG and MRRD program partners will organize and lead the Shindand, Guzara, Du Layna, Chaghcharan and Farah Center KSW meetings between April 29 to May 2; without logistical or financial support from SIKA-West and will focus on both identifying current district concerns and proposing GIRoA led solutions.



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SIKA-West Engineers And M&E Personnel Inspecting The Work Progress Of The Community's 140-ML Flood Protection Wall Construction Project In Torghundi Sharqi Village, Kushk-e Rabat Sangi District: Expected To Safeguard 300 Jeribs Of Farmland From Flooding.



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The Flood Protection Wall Safeguarding The Agricultural Lands From Being Damaged By The Recent Flooding In Kort-E-Payeen Village, Guzara District.



The Deh Sorkh Wostaa CDC Constructing A Culvert In Dah Sorkh Village, Chaghcharan. Once Complete, The Culvert Will Improve Access For 225 Families To The Provincial Center And Neighboring Villages.



The Barkhol Ulia CDC Successfully Completed The Construction Of Seven Culverts In Barkhol Village, Du Layna District. These Culverts Will Improve Access For 133 Families To The District Center And Neighboring Villages.