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*The Khowja Gul Baidak CDC Constructing A Bridge In Khowja Gul Baidak Village, Kushk-E Rabat Sangi District. This Project Was Awarded By The Kushk-E Rabat Sangi District Government And Herat DRRD Through The Mixed KSW To Improve Access For 1,000 Families To The District Center And Neighboring Villages.*

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

- On May 4, the SIKA-West Chief of Party, DCOP and MRRD/SIKA-West Regional Coordinator attended the Herat DRRD Monthly Coordination Meeting. Chaired by the Herat DRRD Director, Eng. Seddiqi, the event included representatives from NABDP, NSP, AREDP, UN-Habitat, IRC and CHA who were required to provide program updates. The SIKA-West COP took this opportunity to present Certificates of Appreciation to Herat DRRD colleagues, and the Herat Department of Economy Director who have played a critical role in the success of the program's implementation activities in Kohsan, Kushk-e-Rabat Sangi, Pashtun Zarghun, Guzara and Shindand Districts.
- During this reporting period, with oversight and technical support from our District Government and Provincial DRRD partners, Community Development Council (CDC) grantees completed 11 grant funded projects in Farah Center, Shindand, Kushk-e Rabat Sangi, Pashtun Zarghun, Kohsan, Chaghcharan, and Du Layna Districts. These projects include road and school rehabilitation efforts and flood protection wall construction and were awarded by our District & Government partners to selected CDC's in order to address community grievances and improve service delivery to upwards of 62,665 district residents.

**Grants & Subcontracts Programming**

- CDCs & DDAs are currently implementing 214 projects valued at AFN 226,296,900/USD\$4,525,609 (AFN 50-USD\$1.00) which will serve to improve service delivery to 786,516 residents across the target districts.
- IDLG/MRRD provincial and district partners have completed 327 projects valued at AFN 344,422,140/USD\$5,962,744. These projects have benefited 806,722 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



- 29 CDC milestone payments totaling USD\$173,218 were processed in Shahrak, Kushk-e Rabat Sangi, Du Layna, Guzara, Farah Center, Lash Wa Juwayn, Chaghcharan, Pashtun Zarghun, and Qala-i-Naw supporting both IDLG & MRRD-led grant funded solutions to community grievances.



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**Ms. Layeqa Using Potable Water Provided By The Pashtun Zarghun District Government & Herat DRRD In Siya Gar Village.**

Ms. Layeqa, a mother of four, is one of 1,120 residents within Seya Gar Village, Pashtun Zarghun District who now have access to piped, potable water. *“My children had to walk long distances to fetch water from the stream; even though the water was not clean,”* Layeqa.

On April 2014, local residents petitioned their District Government through the mixed Komite Sobate Woleswali to consider their needs. As a result of this petition for support, the District Government agreed that this was a community in-need and government was required to take action to address the community's lack of access to potable water. With oversight and technical support from the District Government and the Herat DRRD, on May 4, 2015, the Siya Gar CDC completed the construction of a 2,100-meter Water Piping Network which provides clean potable water for 1,120 residents in Seya Gar village. *“Now that we have clean drinking water, our children will not get sick, thanks to the District Government,”* she stated.

**MONITORING ACTIVITIES**

- DRRD District Social Workers (DSWs), SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel conducted 59 joint project site visits. These visits yielded deficiencies that were in need of correction; e.g. the Do Ab Sofla CDC who are implementing a School Rehabilitation project in Kushk-e Rabat Sangi were asked to increase the length of the gutters in accordance with their project's specifications, 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 7 laborers on 6 project sites in Qadis, Kushk-e Rabat Sangi, Kohsan, Guzara, and Lash Wa Juwayn Districts to verify whether they were receiving their wages in accordance with the CDC Grant Agreements. M&E crosschecked the reported amount with the projects' Bill of Qualities (BOQs) and confirmed that laborers received their wages in accordance with the CDCs Grant Agreement.
- M&E Department uploaded the recently approved Nos.155 and 156-SIKA-West Weekly USAID Bullet Points into the USAID Development Experience Clearinghouse (DEC) Portal.

## FARAH PROVINCE

- On May 4, the DRRD DSW in Lash Wa Juwayn District (Mr. Mohammad Nasim), led field inspections of four Culvert Construction projects in Mahala Payeen Village, Lash Wa Juwayn District. The Mahal Payeen CDC were working in accordance with their project's specification and the construction activities were progressing on time. The project was awarded by the Lash Wa Juwayn District Government and the Farah DRRD through the male Lash Wa Juwayn KSW to address the deficiencies in the community's village road network. To date, the CDC has completed 71% of the project. This project was awarded by the Lash Wa Juwayn District Government and Farah DRRD through the male Lash Wa Juwayn KSW to respond to the community's request to improve the condition of their village road. Once complete, the culverts will improve access for 900 people to both neighboring villages and the District Center.
- On May 3, SIKA-West Engineers visited the Cook Bala High School to monitor the work progress on the community's High School Rehabilitation project in Cook Bala Village, Farah Center. The Engineers were pleased with the work quality and progress and asked the CDC to continue their good work. To date, the CDC has completed 69% of the project. This project was awarded by the Farah Provincial Government and the DRRD through the mixed Farah Center KSW to respond to the community's request to provide a better educational environment for 5,500 local students (5,050 boys, 450 girls).

## BADGHIS PROVINCE

- On May 2, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel traveled to Paye Ziyarat village in Qala-i-Naw to inspect work progress on the community's 46.5 ML Flood Protection Wall construction project. The Paye Ziyarat and Qashlaq Kalan CDCs were working in accordance with their project's specifications. As of the inspection date, the CDCs had completed 40% of the work on their project. 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.
- On May 2, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel organized a project site visit to monitor the work progress of the 100-ML Flood Protection Wall construction project in Mohammad Ali Khan Village, Qadis District. The Engineers instructed the CDC to use stones of correct dimension in accordance with their project's specification. As of the reporting date, the Sultan Ha and Haji Qurban Ha CDCs had completed 45% of the work on their project. This project was awarded by the Qadis District Government and the Badghis DRRD through the mixed KSW to safeguard 50 homes, 80 Jeribs of farmland, and an existing road from being damaged by seasonal flooding.

## HERAT PROVINCE

- On April 28, SIKA-West Engineer visited the Tan Ghar Chan village to inspect the work quality and progress of the 100-ML Flood Protection Wall construction project in Guzara District. No deficiencies were observed. To date, the CDC has completed 76% of the work on their project. This project was awarded by the Guzara District Government and the Herat DRRD through the mixed KSW to safeguard 700 Jeribs of farmland from being damaged by seasonal flooding.



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**The Lash Wa Juwayn DSW Inspecting The Work Progress Of The Culvert Construction Project In Mahala Payeen Village: Expected To Improve Access For 900 People To The District Center And Neighboring Villages.**



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**The Cook Bala CDC Completed 69% Of The Work On Their Community's High School Rehabilitation Project In Cook Bala Village, Farah Center: Expected To Provide A Better Educational Environment For 5,500 Students (5,050 Boys, 450 Girls).**



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**The Paye Ziyarat And Qashlaq Kalan CDCs Constructing A 46.5 ML Flood Protection Wall Project In Paye Ziyarat Village, Qala-I-Naw: Expected To Safeguard 150 Homes And A Road From Seasonal Flooding.**



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**The Sultan Ha And Haji Qurban Ha CDCs Completed 45% Of The Work On Their 100-ML Flood Protection Wall Construction Project In Mohammad Ali Khan Village, Qadis: Expected To Safeguard 50 Homes, 80 Jeribs Of Farmland And A Road From Seasonal Flooding.**

- On May 2, the DRRD DSW in Kushk-e Rabat Sangi (Mr. Bashir Ahmad) led a team to inspect the work progress of the Bridge Construction project in Baghcha Ha village. The DSW, SIKA-West Engineer and M&E Personnel were pleased with the work quality and progress. The DSW took project photos and filed a report for the Herat DRRD which was shared with SIKA-West. To date, the CDC has completed 45% of the work on their project. This project was awarded by the Kushk-e Rabat Sangi District Government and the Herat DRRD through the mixed KSW to address the community's grievance that their access to the District Center is restricted by poor road conditions.

## GHOR PROVINCE

- On May 4, SIKA-West Engineer and M&E Personnel inspected the progress to date on the community's Culvert construction project in Seya Sang Village, Chaghcharan. No deficiencies were observed. As of the reporting date, the CDC had completed 84% of the project's work. This project was awarded by the Chaghcharan District Government and Ghor DRRD through the mixed KSW to improve rural road conditions and enable upwards of 100 families to travel safely to neighboring villages and the Provincial Center.
- On April 29, SIKA-West Engineer and M&E Personnel conducted a project site visit in Shahidan Village, Du Layna District to monitor the work progress of one Water Reservoir construction project. It was observed that the reservoir's wall height was not in accordance with the project's engineering specification. The CDC's supervisors and foremen were instructed to correct this deficiency. As of the reporting date, the CDC had completed 29% of the work on their project. This project was awarded by the Du Layna District Government and Ghor DRRD through the male KSW to tackle the community's water shortage problem and enable them to store and provide sufficient irrigation water for 150 Jeribs of community farmland during the Spring and Summer months.

## STATUS OF PROGRAM OFFICE CLOSURES

- Programming activities have been completed in Shahrak (April 19), and Bala Boluk Districts (April 30) and all program staff have been withdrawn. SIKA-West will no longer be reporting on activities from these districts.

## CHALLENGES

- SIKA-West Engineers could not conduct project site inspections for 7 projects in Farah Province due to insecurity which resulted in the delay of USD\$23,607 in milestone payments.
- Between May 3-4, 2015, the ANSF launched military operations in Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod Districts and Farah Center to address current threats from AGE's. Fighting is ongoing in Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod Districts. As a result, SIKA-West personnel movements within Farah have been restricted.

## WHAT'S NEXT

- MRRD District Social Workers, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel plan to undertake 88 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).



GZ-4-005. Construction of 100ML Stone Masonry Protection Wall In Tam Ghar Chan Village

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**The Tan Ghar Chan CDC Completed 76% Of The Work On Their 100-ML Flood Protection Wall Construction Project In Tan Ghar Chan Village, Guzara District: Expected To Safeguard 700 Jeribs Of Farmland From Flooding.**



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**The DSW, SIKA-West Engineer And M&E Personnel Inspecting The Work Progress Of A Bridge Construction Project In Baghcha Ha Village, Kushk-E Rabat Sangi: Expected To Improve Access For 1,000 People To The District Center And Neighboring Villages.**



**The Seya Sang CDC Completed 84% Of The Work On Their Two Culverts Construction Project In Seya Sang Village, Chaghcharan: Expected To Improve Access For 100 Families To The Provincial Center And Neighboring Villages.**



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**The Shahidan Uliya CDC Constructing A Water Reservoir In Shahidan Village, Du Layna District. Once Complete, The Water Reservoir Will Provide Sufficient Irrigation Water For 150 Jeribs Of Community's Farmland.**