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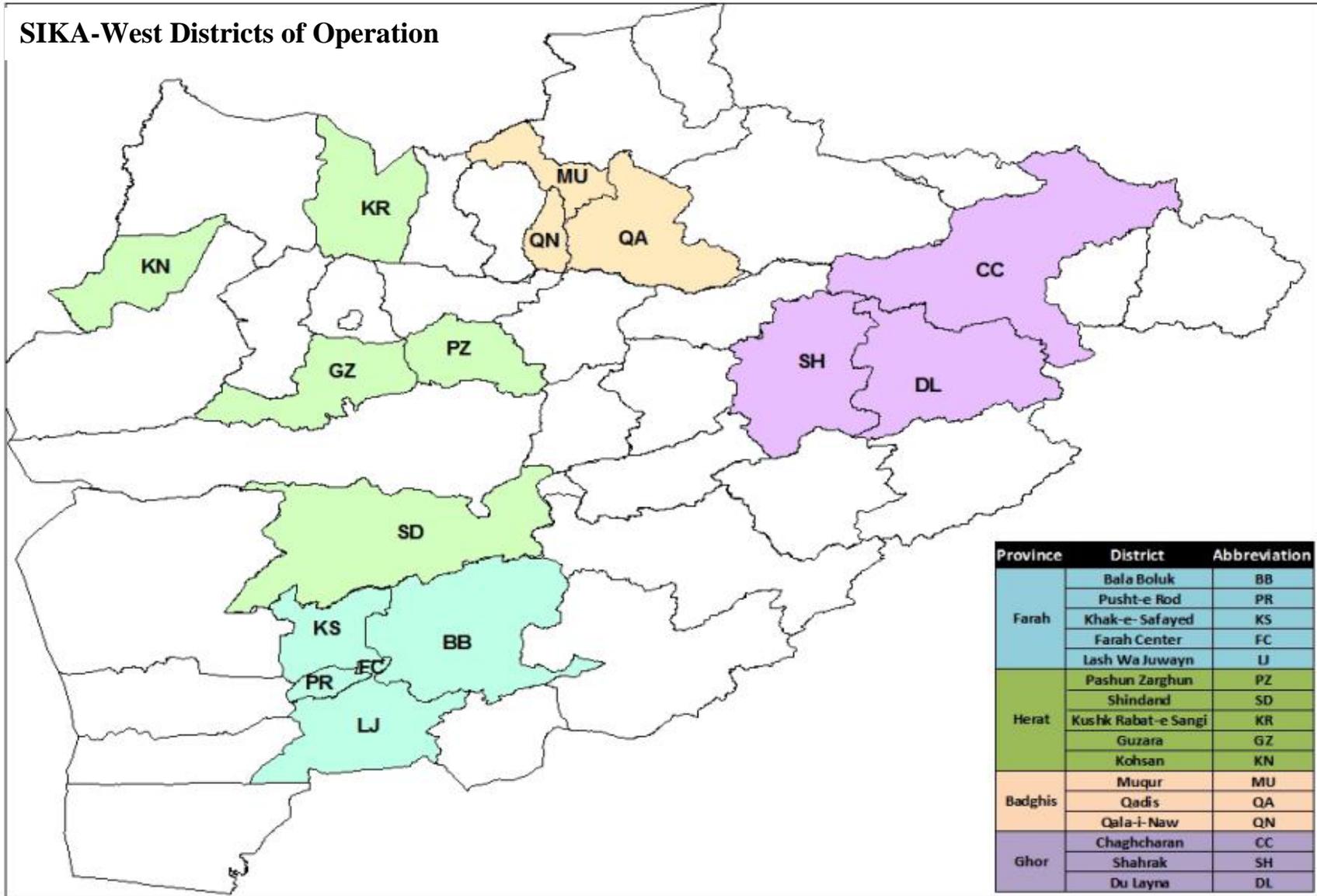
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ACRONYMS

AECOM	Architecture Engineering Consulting Operation Maintenance
CCI	Community Cohesion Initiative
CDC	Community Development Councils
COP	Chief of Party
CPOD	Communications & Public Outreach Department
DAIL	Department of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock
DCOP	Deputy Chief of Party
DDA	District Development Assembly
DDP	District Development Portfolio
DE	District Entities
DG	District Governor
DoLSA	Department of Labor and Social Affairs
DoWA	Department of Women's Affairs
DPP	District Project Portfolio
DRRD	Directorate of Rural Rehabilitation and Development
DSM	District Stability Matrix
DST	District Support Team
DSW	District Social Worker
GPS	Global Positioning System
GIRoA	Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
ICMA	International City/Country Management Association
IDLG	Independent Directorate of Local Governance
IR	Intermediate Result
KSW	Komite Sobate Woleswali
MISTI	Measuring Impacts of Stabilization Intervention
MRRD	Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development
OSC	Overseas Strategic Consulting
PST	Provincial Support Team
SAM	Stability Analysis Mechanism
SIKA	Stability in Key Areas
SPC	Service Providers Catalogue
TCRC	Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee
CRC	Conflict Resolution Committee
TOT	Training of Trainers
USAID	United States Agency for International Development

SIKA-West Districts of Operation



INTRODUCTION

Program Profile: The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) awarded AECOM International Development the Stability in Key Areas (SIKA) –West program, which began on January 29, 2012 and is scheduled to end on August 31, 2015. Led by the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation & Development (MRRD) and the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG), the SIKA-West program is designed to promote stability in key areas by assisting provincial authorities and district-level government entities to improve governance programming and increase the provision of priority basic services; with the intended result of increasing citizen confidence in and support for, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIROA). During the initial 26-month Base Period, the SIKA-West program employed a phased provincial roll-out within the four provinces of Farah, Badghis, Herat, and Ghor, incorporating 10 target districts. In February 2014, the SIKA-West program entered its 18-month Option Period and extended its engagement to an additional six districts within these provinces, bringing the current total to 16.

Area of Operation: SIKA-West is active in the following provinces and districts:

- Farah Province: Farah Center, Bala Boluk, Pusht-e Rod, Khak-e-Safayd, and Lash Wa Juwayn Districts
- Herat Province: Pashtun Zarghun, Shindand, Kushk Rabat-e Sangi, Guzara, and Kohsan Districts
- Badghis Province: Qadis, Muqur, and Qala-i-Naw Districts
- Ghor Province: Chaghcharan, Shahrak, and Du Layna Districts

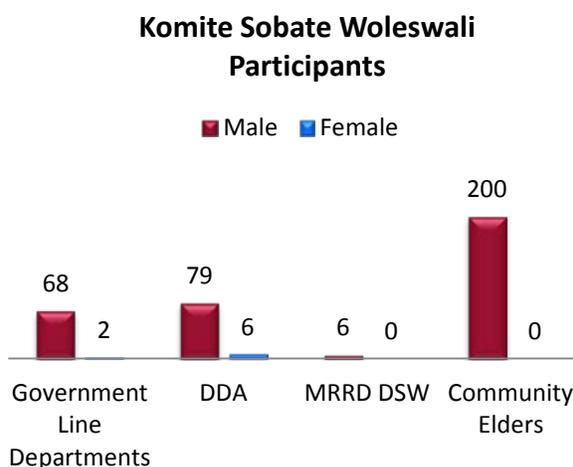
SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS

This report summarizes MRRD/IDLG SIKA-West program activities undertaken across all program departments during the month of May 2015. The report provides a programmatic overview and breakdown of activities by program focus, and outcome, detailing successes, challenges, and lessons learned. The report also highlights the leading role of the MRRD and IDLG partners with respect to both district and provincial programming.

STABILIZATION PROGRAMMING

During this reporting period, eight GIROA-led Komite Sobate Woleswali (KSW) meetings were held (seven mixed and one male). These Komite Sobate Woleswali meetings were undertaken by IDLG and MRRD without logistical or financial support from SIKA-West, reflecting our program partners' leadership in sustaining critical district based programming.

The purpose of the Komite Sobate Woleswali is to provide a forum for district residents and sub-national government entities to discuss current problems and grievances affecting residents within the districts and where government-led actions can address and mitigate these grievances. Participants in these KSWs included Provincial and District Governors and Line Department representatives (68 males, 2 females), District Development Assemblies (DDAs) (79 males, 6 females), MRRD District Social Workers (DSWs) (6 males), and community elders (200 males).



List of the May 2015 Komite Sobate Woleswali Meetings

District	Province	Male/ Female/ Mixed	Location	Date of KSWs	# of Participants	
					Male	Female
Guzara	Herat	Mixed	DG District Center Compound	May 2 & 31,2015	57	6
Pashtun Zarghun	Herat	Mixed	DG District Center Compound	May 6,2015	46	0
Kushk-e Rabat Sangi	Herat	Mixed	DG District Center Compound	May 11,2015	160	0
Kohsan	Herat	Mixed	DG District Center Compound	May 13,2015	24	0
Du Layna	Ghor	Male	DG District Center Compound	May 20, 2015	17	0
Chaghcharan	Ghor	Mixed	Provincial Government Compound	May 26,2015	15	2
Muqur	Badghis	Mixed	DG District Center Compound	May 26,2015	28	0

**Programming activities are complete in Shahrak, Khak-e-Safayd, Pusht-e rod, Bala Boluk and Shindand Districts. SIKA-West will no longer report on activities from these districts.*

EXAMPLES OF INDEPENDENTLY LED KOMITE SOBATE WOLESWALI MEETINGS:

- (a) On May 26, the Muqur District Government Executive Manager, Mr. Abobakr Azimi, led the Muqur mixed KSW meeting, with 28 participants (male). The District Government reported that female participants requested transportation allowances to attend, which the KSW is unable to afford. This matter has been referred to the SIKA-West IDLG Regional Coordinator for further action. Discussion focused on recent damage inflicted across the region by extreme flooding. The Executive Manager informed the KSW members that the Badghis Provincial Government Emergency Committee, in collaboration with the World Food Program (WFP), will provide assistance to district infrastructure that was damaged by flooding. The KSW will prepare a list of infrastructure locations and share with the DGO for further action. SIKA-West will also share updates on communities that have been affected. This KSW 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.
- (b) The Pashtun Zarghun District Governor, Mr. Farhad Raufian, led the mixed Komite Sobate Woleswali meeting on May 6, with 46 participants (male). The DG reported that women were not invited to this meeting due to security concerns but plans are in place to invite female members next month. District residents and government officials gathered to discuss community problems. The KSW members requested that the District Government provide fertilizer and improved seeds for farmers. The DGO pledged to share this request with the Provincial Authorities at the upcoming Herat Provincial Development Committee (PDC) meeting on May 18. This KSW meeting was undertaken by IDLG and MRRD without logistical or financial support from SIKA-West, reflecting our program partners' leadership in sustaining critical district based programming.
- (c) On May 13, the Kohsan District Governor (DG), Mr. Nezamudin Rahmani, led the mixed Komite Sobate Woleswali (KSW) meeting with 24 participants (male), with discussion focused on the status of current CDC and DDA SIKA-West grant funded programming. The DG reminded KSW members that they are required to complete their activities within the project timeframes as the SIKA-West program is entering its closedown phase. This KSW meeting was undertaken by IDLG and MRRD without logistical or financial support from SIKA-West, reflecting our program partners' leadership in sustaining critical district based programming.

COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAMMING

On February 28, the SIKA-West Communications & Public Outreach programming ended in Bala Boluk, Pusht-e Rod (Farah Province); Shindand, Kushk-e Rabat Sangi, Pashtun Zarghun, Kohsan (Herat Province); Chaghcharan (Ghor Province); Muqur, Qadis and Qala-i-Naw (Badghis Province). Program materials were organized and handed over to our MRRD and IDLG national, provincial and district partners, in accordance with the IDLG and MRRD approved Transition Working Group (TWG) guidelines.

EXAMPLES OF DISTRICT GOVERNMENT AND DRRD SPC HOTLINES

- On May 9, a resident of Kharestan village, Muqur District called the DG Hotline number and reported that he is in conflict with another villager who is refusing to hand over a food assistance package provided by World Vision International (the two villagers were given a package to share between them). The Muqur Admin & Finance Manager invited both parties to the DGO and instructed them to divide the food assistance equally.
- On May 7, a resident of Kushk-e Rabat Sangi reported that he is in conflict with some other villagers over use of a public pasture and asked the DGO to mediate between them. The DGO, with support of the Ulema Shura, organized a mediation session between the conflicting parties and arranged for fair access to the public pasture for all parties.
- On May 19, a resident of Kushk-e Rabat Sangi complained about another villager, claiming that the villager was not allowing him to sell his share of irrigation water. The issue was shared with the Community Development Council for further investigation.
- On May 16, a resident of Akher Dara village, Chaghcharan requested information about UNICEF assistance that is being provided through the DRRD. The program focal point contact was provided to the caller.
- On May 23, a resident of Shahrak Mohajirin village, Chaghcharan reported that the construction work of a water well project which is being implementing by CRDSA (a local NGO) has been stopped. The SPC Focal Point gave him the contact of the DRRD Social & Development Manager for further action.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING

The CDCs and DDAs successfully completed 371 grant-funded projects which have been identified, awarded and monitored by our respective District Government and Provincial DRRD partners. These 371 grant funded projects are valued at USD\$6,981,048 (actual USD\$ spent) and include varied projects such as a) Rehabilitation of Irrigation Canals, b) Road Rehabilitation & Gravelling, c) Culvert Construction, d) School Rehabilitation, e) Gabion and Stone Masonry Flood Protection Wall Construction, etc. Implemented and managed by CDCs and DDAs under Fixed Obligation Grant mechanisms, these projects are designed to support GIRoA partners (IDLG and MRRD) to address current district community grievances and reflect responsiveness in the provision of critical services. Currently, CDCs and DDAs are implementing 171 grant funded projects valued at USD\$3,006,938 (utilizing AFN50-58 exchange rate for actual amounts spent and pending milestone payments) (see charts 1 and 2).

Chart 1: Number of ongoing & completed projects

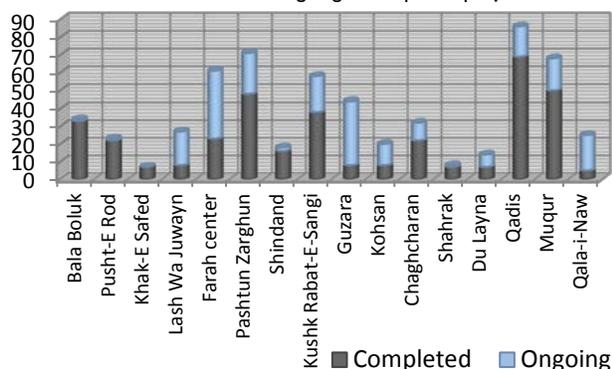
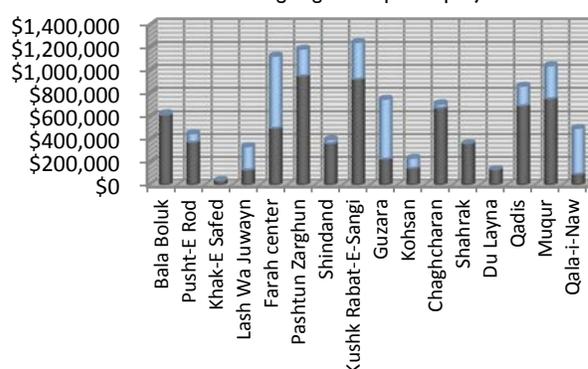


Chart 2: Value of ongoing & completed projects



EXAMPLES OF COMPLETED GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS APPROVED AND HANDED OVER TO GIROA

- On May 31, the Jar Khoshk CDC successfully completed the construction of a 60-ML Canal in Jar Khoshk village, Qala-i-Naw, with oversight and technical support from the Badghis Provincial Government and DRRD. The constructed canal channels overflow water safely through the community and safeguards 280 homes from being damaged by seasonal flooding.
- On May 26, the Rebat Sabcha CDC completed the construction of an 80-ML Stone Masonry Flood Protection Wall including 80-ML Gabion Mattress in Rebat Sabcha Village, Guzara District. This project was awarded by the Guzara District Government and the Herat DRRD through the mixed Guzara KSW to safeguard 9,000 Jeribs (4,447 acres) of farmland from being damaged by seasonal flooding.
- On May 28, the Payeen Deh Nashin CDC completed the High School rehabilitation project that also includes a 633-ML surrounding wall in Nashin village, Guzara District. This project was awarded by the Guzara District Government and Herat DRRD in collaboration with the Herat Department of Education through the mixed KSW meeting. The project was designed to improve the educational environment for 1,480 students (780 boys, 700 girls).
- On May 27, the Nim Marda Safidan Sufla CDC completed the construction of two culverts in Nim Marda Safidan Sufla village, Pashtun Zarghun District. The Grant was designed to improve the community's rural road network. By awarding a grant to invest in the construction of culverts, the Pashtun Zarghun District Government and Komite Sobate Woleswali were being responsive to identified community grievances and utilizing available grant funding to improve the delivery of basic services. Now that the culverts are constructed, 3,600 people have easier access to the District Center.



The Jar Khoshk CDC Completed The Construction Of 60-ML Canal In Jar Khoshk Village, Qala-I-Naw: Expected To Safeguard 280 Homes From Being Damaged By Seasonal Flooding.



The Rebat Sabcha CDC Completed The Construction Of 80-ML Flood Protection Wall In Rebat Sabcha Village, Guzara District: Expected To Safeguard 9,000 Jeribs (4,447 acres) Of Farmland From Being Damaged By Seasonal Flooding.



The Nim Marda Safidan CDC Completed The Construction Of Two Culverts In Nim Marda Safidan Sufla Village, Pashtun Zarghun District: Expected To Improve Access For 3,600 People To The District Center And Neighboring Villages.

GOVERNANCE PROGRAMMING

On February 28, SIKA-West Governance Programing ended in Khak-e-Safayd, Bala Boluk, Pusht-e Rod, Farah Center, Lash Wa Juwayn, Shindand, Kushk-e Rabat Sangi, Pashtun Zarghun, Kohsan, Shahrak, Chaghcharan, Muqur, Qadis, and Qala-i-Naw. Program materials were organized and handed over to our MRRD and IDLG national, provincial and district partners, in accordance with the TWG guidelines. The SIKA-West Program is currently engaged in reviewing, organizing and archiving program records.

GENDER MAINSTREAMING PROGRAMMING

On February 28, SIKA-West Gender Programing ended in Khak-e-Safayd, Bala Boluk, Pusht-e Rod, Farah Center, Lash Wa Juwayn, Guzara, Shindand, Kushk-e Rabat Sangi, Pashtun Zarghun, Kohsan,

Shahrak, Chaghcharan, Du Layna, Muqur, Qadis and Qala-i-Naw. Program materials were organized and handed over to our MRRD and IDLG national, provincial and district partners, in accordance with the TWG guidelines.

On May 27, the Ghor Department of Women’s Affairs (DOWA) Director, Ms. Masooma Anwari, led the Provincial Gender Working Group (GWG) meeting, with 13 participants (7 female, 6 male) including representatives from the Education Department, Voice of Women Organization, Provincial Council, Attorney General’s Office, Human Rights Commission, Department of Labor and Social Affairs (DOLSA) and Department of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (DRRD). The GWG Education sub-committee reported that in collaboration with the Ghor Education Department, members visited 12 schools, monitoring teaching methodologies and the quality of instruction. The GWG Advocacy sub-committee reported on their recent provision of “Human Rights” training for 74 people (52 female, 22 male). The GWG Social & Cultural sub-committee reported that they successfully lobbied the Afghan Aid Organization to implement an Embroidery Vocational Program and Literacy Course for 30 women from the provincial center. Established by the SIKA-West program in collaboration with the Ghor DOWA, the Ghor Provincial Gender Working Group is now independently managed and financed by DOWA without logistical or financial support from SIKA-West, reflecting our program partner’s leadership in sustaining critical provincial and district based gender programming.

The below table shows SIKA-West’s progress towards achieving Performance Management Plan (PMP) indicator targets:

Indicator Name and Number	Target Year 1	Target Year 2	Target Year 3	Cumulative Target	May 2015 Result	Cumulative Result
S1: Number of sub-national government entities receiving USG assistance to improve their performance	42	110	360	512	0	854
S2: Percent of Afghans reporting that their district government is responsive to the needs of local people	NA	NA	60%	60%	70% ¹	70%
S3: Number of District Entities with USG assistance for citizens to engage their subnational government	NA	233	75	308	0	906
S4: Number of activities with community contribution	72	201	100	373	49	371
S5: Number of Afghans Trained (see indicators 2.3, 3.3, 4.4)	NA	5,272	5,000	10,272	7(2 female, 5 male)	12,562 (9,529 male, 3,033 female)
S6: Number of Persons Employed by stabilization program activities	NA	479	1,000	1,479	2,104 (male)	11,295 (11,255 male, 40 female)

1- Source: MISTI Wave 5 Report Page 112. Results for the Wave 5 Survey for this indicator show: District Governor (80%), District Government (70%), Local Leaders (74%) and Provincial Government (59%).

Indicator Name and Number	Target Year 1	Target Year 2	Target Year 3	Cumulative Target	May 2015 Result	Cumulative Result
S7: Number of person-days of employment created	9,000	11,340	30,000	85,800	50,610 (male)	286,892 (283,254 male, 3,638 female)
S8: Number of stabilization activities implemented through grants to district entities (see indicator 4.3)	72	201	75	348	49	371
S9: Number of SOIs against which stabilization activities have been executed	NA	12	7	19	0	22
S10: Number of stabilization Work Sessions Conducted for district entities (see indicator 1.2)	88	105	130	318	8	315
S11: Number of Districts in which SAM is utilized to develop programs (see indicator 1.2)	7	10	16	16	16	16
S12: Number of GIRoA Officials trained in aspects of government administration (See indicators 2.3 and 3.3)	NA	323	100	423	0	1,459 (1,320 male, 139 female)
S13: Number of female participants in USG-assisted programs designed to increase access to productive economic resources and basic services. (assets, credit, income or employment)	NA	1,525	100	1,625	2	3,028
S14: Number of interventions that increased participation of women in district entity activities (KSWs)	27	36	100	163	0	173
1.1 Number of partnered District governments (and % of total) that show improved understanding of local Sources of Instability.	10	10	16	16	16	100% 16/16
1.2 Number of Stabilization work sessions conducted with district entities.	88	100	130	318	8	315
1.3 Number of Activities included in District Project Portfolios as a result of stabilization workshops	70	240	75	385	0	650
2.1 Number of District Entities able to access stabilization services provided by GIRoA organizations/line departments	NA	16	16	16	16	16
2.2 Number of SOI mitigating activities that are implemented in collaboration with providers identified in the Service Providers Catalogue	7	10	5	22	1	23

Indicator Name and Number	Target Year 1	Target Year 2	Target Year 3	Cumulative Target	May 2015 Result	Cumulative Result
2.3 Number of people trained on Service Provider Catalog usage	NA	NA	100	100	0	986 (907 male, 79 female)
3.1 Number of people (percentage) reporting improvement in the responsiveness of GIRA district entities with regards to SOI resolution	NA	NA	65%	65%	69%	69%
3.2 Number of public outreach and/or public consultation activities conducted by DEs with USG assistance	9	16	24	49	0	535
3.3 Number of people trained in communications and outreach	300	1,291	500	2,091	0	3,222 (2,630 male, 592 female)
3.4 Number of PA's and DEs with a communication strategy or plan in place.	9	8	15	32	0	27
4.1 Percentage of people reporting improvement in service delivery by DEs and PAs.	NA	NA	60%	60%	65%	65%
4.2 Number of person days of employment created through SIKAWest interventions.	9,000	46,800	30,000	85,800	50,610 (male)	286,892 (283,254 male, 3,638 female)
4.3 Number of grant activities completed in support of stabilization goals	72	120	75	267	49	371
4.4 Number of person-days of training implemented through grants.	280	9,600	3,000	12,880	0	104,530 (34,043 male, 70,487 female)

STATUS OF PROGRAM OFFICE CLOSURES

- Programming activities are complete in Shahrak, Pusht-e Rod, Bala Boluk, Du Layna and Shindand Districts and all program staff have been withdrawn. SIKAWest will no longer report on activities from these districts.
- The DST Offices in Qadis, Kohsan, Pashtun Zarghun, and Kushk-e Rabat Sangi Districts were closed on May 31 and all program staff have been withdrawn. The remaining ongoing projects will be monitored by the respective PST staff

LESSON LEARNED

- As part of the activities to ensure the program is in-line with the Demobilization Plan, the SIKAWest HQ Staff (Community Development Department, Grants & Sub-Contracts and M&E) frequently travel to Farah and Badghis Provinces to support the PST staff and the implementing CDCs. Through these visits, the HQ Staff evaluate the progress and quality of the projects and advise the CDCs accordingly. As a result of this effort, projects are being implemented in accordance with their timeframes and specifications.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- During this reporting period, District Government Office (DGO) personnel, DRRD District Social Workers (DSWs), M&E personnel and Engineers organized 187 project site visits prior to the approval of the next round of milestone payments for CDCs and DDAs in Herat, Badghis, Farah, and Ghor Provinces. Examples of these site visits are outlined below:
 - On May 25, SIKA-West personnel, accompanied by the Farah Provincial Council (PC) Head and other members, visited Dehak Khord Village to inspect the current work progress of the community's School Rehabilitation Project. The Provincial Council members were pleased with the work progress and quality. They encouraged the CDC to continue in accordance with their project's specifications. The Dehak Khord CDC completed 59% of the project, which is designed to address the poor conditions within Abo Nasr Farahi High School and provide a better educational environment for 1,000 students (boys).
 - On May 17, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel inspected the progress on the community's 60-ML Canal Lining Project in Jar Khoshk Village, Qala-i-Naw. The Engineers observed that sections of the Plain Cement Concrete (PCC) on the canal bed had been damaged by recent rains. The Jar Khoshk CDC was instructed to re-do the work. The Jar Khoshk CDC completed 86% of the work on their project, which will serve to reduce flooding, and channel overflow water safely through the community.
 - On May 6, the DRRD DSW in Kushk-e Rabat Sangi (Mr. Bashir Ahmad) led a team to inspect the work completed to date on the 60-ML Flood Protection Wall in Jafar Baik Khorasani Village. It was observed that the backfilling behind the protection wall needed to be completed and the Jafar Baik Khorasani and Zori CDCs were mentored on what needed to be done. To date, the CDCs had completed 58% of the project. Awarded by the Kushk-e Rabat Sangi DGO and the Herat DRRD through the mixed Kushk-e-Rabat Sangi KSW, the project is designed to protect 300 Jeribs (1,482 acres) of community farmland and 200 homes from seasonal flooding.
 - On May 9, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel visited the Abdul Ghafour Shahid High School in Sofak village in order to monitor the quality of equipment provided by the Sor Tapa Owwad Haji CDC to address the shortage of materials within the school, which has 671 students (395 boys, 276 girls). Materials present during the inspection included 55 student desks, 25 office chairs, 6 office desks, 5 file cabinets, and stationary. Awarded by the Ghor Provincial Government, in collaboration with the Ghor Department of Education through the mixed



The Farah Provincial Council (PC) Head, Two Other PC Members, SIKA-West DCOP, Engineers And M&E Personnel Inspecting Work Progress On Abo Nasr Farahi High School Rehabilitation Project: Expected To Provide A Better Educational Environment For 1,000 Male Students.



The Jar Khoshk CDC Completed 86% Of The Work On Their 60-ML Canal Lining Project In Jar Khoshk Village, Qala-I-Naw: Expected To Safeguard 280 Houses And 20 Jeribs (9.8 Acres) Of Farmland From Flooding.



The Kushk-E Rabat Sangi DSW, SIKA-West Engineers And M&E Personnel Inspecting The Work Progress On The Community's 60-ML Flood Protection Wall Construction Project: Expected To Safeguard 300 Jeribs (1,482 Acres) Of Farmland And 200 Houses From Seasonal Flooding.

Chaghcharan KSW, the project will address the shortage of materials within the Abdul Ghafour Shahid High School and respond to the community's request to provide a better educational environment for their local students.



School Equipment Including Office Desks, Chairs, Cabinets, Were Provided To The Abdul Ghafour Shahid High School To Provide A Better Educational Environment For 671 Students (395 Boys, 276 Girls).

- In line with overall monitoring efforts, the M&E Department randomly called 32 laborers on 25 project sites in Kushk-e Rabat Sangi, Kohsan, Qadis, Qala-i-Naw, Chaghcharan, Lash Wa Juwayn, Du Layna, and Guzara 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 noticed that one laborer did not receive his wage in accordance with the CDC Grant Agreement. SIKA-West M&E and Community Development Department followed up with the CDC to make sure the laborer is paid his outstanding wage.
- SIKA-West submitted the Hard Projects' Verification Tracker to MISTI on May 18. This tracker includes GPS points for recently completed projects and highlights those project sites that are re-scheduled for verification by MISTI in Bala Boluk, Pashtun Zarghun, and Muqur Districts.

CHALLENGES

- Due to current insecurity within Bala Boluk District, the M&E Department was unable to collect GPS coordinates for five projects within the district. The SIKA-West Security Department has recommended postponing future travel within the region until the security environment is more permissive.
- On May 3 and 4, 2015, the ANSF launched military operations in Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod Districts and Farah Center to address current threats from AGEs. As a result, SIKA-West personnel movements within Farah were restricted on the mentioned dates.
- SIKA-West had problems with inputting Afghan Info data for the January-March 2015 Quarter. This was a result of the changes in the Afghan Info Database format which led to loss of some of the data from the system. Although some of the data was recovered, there are still challenges in adding additional data lost or amending some data in the system. SIKA-West is working with the ACOR to resolve the situation.
- Participation of females in the KSW meetings was low during the month of May. SIKA-West has followed up this issue and shared it with USAID, SIKA-Unit, IDLG and MRRD for further action.

DELIVERABLES

As per the SIKA-West contractual deliverables, the following documents were submitted to USAID:

- April 2015 Monthly Report
- Weekly Reports

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