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The Dehak Khord CDC Successfully Completed The Rehabilitation Of Dehak Khord Boys School In Dehak Khord Village, Farah Center. Now That The School Is Rehabilitated, 1,000 Students (Boys) Have A Better Educational Environment.

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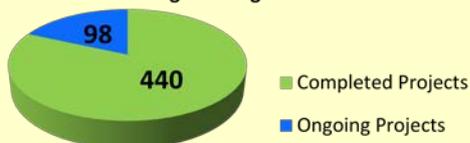
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK:

- On June 20, the SIKA-West Farah Provincial Support Team (PST) Manager attended the Farah DRRD Coordination meeting. Participants included the Farah DRRD staff, National Area-Based Development Program (NABDP), National Rural Access Program (NRAP), and the National Solidarity Program (NSP) representatives. SIKA-West provided an overview of the activities and achievements in Farah Center and Lash Wa Juwayn District. The participants were informed that SIKA-West program activities will be completed in Lash Wa Juwayn and Farah Center on June 20 and 30, 2015 respectively.
- SIKA-West will hand over the second SIKA-West Program Transition Package to both IDLG and MRRD SIKA-Units on June 18 and 19. The package includes copies of the Stabilization Programming materials, Governance IDLG Approved Training materials, Gender Mainstreaming materials, M&E DSW Training materials, Stabilization Community Impact Assessments and the Governance Department Pre & Post Training Assessments.
- The CDC grantees completed 19 grant funded projects in Farah Center, Lash Wa Juwayn, Qadis, and Pashtun Zarghun Districts. These include Flood Protection Walls, Culverts, School Rehabilitation and Equipment Grants. These projects were awarded by the respective District Governments and DRRD's to address existing community grievances within our target districts while also improving GIROA's ability to deliver basic services.

Grants & Subcontracts Programming

- CDCs & DDAs are currently implementing 98 projects valued at AFN99, 393,300/USD\$1,817,866 (AFN 50-USD\$1.00) which will reflect improved service delivery to 251,102 residents across the target districts.
- IDLG/MRRD provincial and district partners have completed 440 projects valued at AFN 468,218,990/USD\$8,013,619. These projects have benefited 1,333,268 residents. Please refer to Annex A for further details.

Snapshot of Grant Funded Programming



- 36 CDC milestone payments totaling USD\$154,847 were processed in Farah Center, Muqur, Guzara, Kohsan, Pashtun Zarghun, Lash Wa Juwayn, Qala-i-Naw, and Qadis Districts supporting both IDLG & MRRD-led grant funded solutions to community grievances.



A Project Completion Ceremony Was Held For Two School Rehabilitation Projects, Farah Center.

Led by the Farah Provincial Government and DRRD and in collaboration with the Education Department, a Project Completion Ceremony was held for two School Rehabilitation Projects in Chah Korteh and Qala Behbood villages, Farah Center on June 17. Present during the ceremony were the Farah Provincial Deputy Governor, the Provincial Council Deputy Head, the Education Department Director, CDCs' members, schools authorities, and SIKA-West personnel. These projects were awarded by the Farah Provincial Government and Farah DRRD in collaboration with the Education Department through the mixed Farah Komite Sobate Woleswali. Now that the schools are rehabilitated, 1,761 students (girls) in Chah Korteh and 2,200 students (girls) in Qala Behbood High Schools have better educational environment. *“These two projects are very important, now that the schools are rehabilitated, students would have a better and safe educational environment,”* Mr. Saber Farooqi, the Education Department Director.

MONITORING ACTIVITIES

- DRRD District Social Workers (DSWs), SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel conducted 36 joint project site visits in our target districts which yielded 12 deficiencies that were in need of correction. Samples of these deficiencies are outlined in the body of the report.
- As a component of the SIKA-West Final Evaluation, MISTI started interviews in Badghis Province with our program personnel and GIROA officials on June 22.
- During the week, SIKA-West received 3 verification reports noting projects “executed as reported”. Since the beginning of the MISTI verifications, SIKA-West has received a total of 116 verification reports noting work executed. SIKA-West is following up with MISTI on 5 projects that are scheduled for re-verification.

FARAH PROVINCE

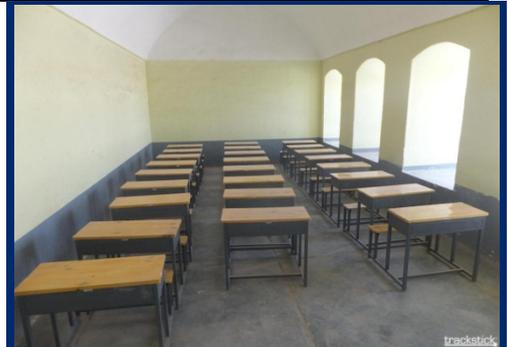
- On June 18, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel visited the Abo Abdullah Taqi School in Tawisk Village, Farah Center, to inspect the quality of school equipment provided by the Now Deh Payen CDC. Equipment included 106 student desks, 20 office chairs, 2 furniture sets, 3 file cabinets, 4 carpets, 3 heaters, and stationary. No deficiencies were observed. This project was awarded by the Farah Provincial Government and DRRD in collaboration with Farah Department of Education through the mixed Farah Center KSW. The project was designed to provide a better educational environment for 636 students (boys).
- On June 17, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel organized a project site visit to monitor the work progress and quality of a 68-ML Stone Masonry Flood Protection Wall construction project in Leftan village, Lash Wa Juwayn District. The inspectors were pleased with the work quality and asked the CDC to continue their work in accordance with the project's specifications. The CDC completed 70% of the work on their project. The project was awarded by the Lash Wa Juwayn District Government and Farah DRRD through the male KSW. The Project was designed to safeguard 500 Jeribs of farmland from being damaged by seasonal flooding.

BADGHIS PROVINCE

- On June 16, the Sultan Ha and Haji Qurban Ha CDCs successfully completed the construction of a 100-ML Gabion Flood Protection Wall in Mohammad Ali Khan village, Qadis District, with oversight and technical support from Qadis District Government and Badghis DRRD. This project was designed to safeguard 50 homes, 80 Jeribs of farmland, and an existing road from being damaged by seasonal flooding. This project was awarded by the Qadis District Government and Badghis DRRD through the mixed KSW.
- On June 20, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel traveled to Abdul Khaleq village, Muqur District to inspect the work progress of a 74-ML Flood Protection Wall construction project. It was observed that some laborers did not wear safety clothing. The Abdul Khaleq, Sadudin and Arbab Amir CDCs were asked to provide safety clothing for all laborers, or the next milestone payment would not be authorized. The CDCs completed 40% of the work on their project. This project was awarded by the Muqur District Government and the Badghis DRRD through the mixed KSW. The project was designed to safeguard an existing road and two schools from being damaged by flooding.

HERAT PROVINCE

- On June 20, the Qala Wakil CDC with oversight and technical support from Guzara District Government and Herat DRRD successfully completed the construction of 8 culverts in Qala Wakil village, Guzara District. This project was awarded by the Guzara District Government and Herat DRRD through the mixed KSW. Now that the culverts are constructed, 5,000 people have easier access to the District Center and neighboring villages.
- On June 22, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel visited the Dadshan High School in Dadshan village, Guzara District to inspect the quality of school equipment provided by the Dadshan CDC. Equipment included 100 students' desks, 5 office desks, 30 office chairs, 4 carpets, 3 file cabinets, and 2 white boards. The CDC provided all the equipment in accordance with their project's specification. This project was awarded by



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School Equipment Was Provided To Abo Abdullah Taqi School In Tawisk Village, Farah Center: Expected To Provide A Better Educational Environment For 636 Students (Boys).



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The Leftan CDC Completed 70% Of The Work On Their 68-ML Flood Protection Wall Construction Project In Leftan Village, Lash Wa Juwayn District: Expected To Safeguard 500 Jeribs Of Farmland From Seasonal Flooding.



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The Qadir Abad Wa Mullah Kamal CDC Constructing 2 Culverts And 45-ML Flood Protection Wall Construction In Qadir Abad Village, Farah Center: Expected To Improve Access For 250 Families To The Provincial Center.



The Paye Zeyarat CDC Constructing A 46.5-ML Flood Protection Wall In Paye Zeyarat Village, Qala-I-Naw. Once Complete, The Flood Protection Wall Will Safeguard 150 Homes, And An Existing Road From Being Damaged By Seasonal Flooding.

the Guzara District Government and Herat DRRD in collaboration with the Herat Education Department through the mixed KSW. The project was designed to provide a better educational environment and facilities for 974 students (Boys).

GHOR PROVINCE

- All programming activities are now complete in Ghor Province (Chaghcharan, Shahrak, and Du Layna Districts).
- The Ghor provincial staff are engaged in reviewing, organizing and archiving program records. The Ghor Provincial Support Team (PST) Office will be closed on June 30, 2015, after which date, SIKA-West will no longer report activities from the province.

STATUS OF PROGRAM OFFICE CLOSURES

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

CHALLENGES

- SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel could not conduct project site inspections for 7 projects in Pashtun Zarghun, and 4 projects in Guzara Districts due to insecurity which resulted in the delay of USD\$46,297 in milestone payments.

WHAT'S NEXT

- DRRD DSWs, SIKA-West Engineers, and M&E Personnel plan to undertake 46 project site visits across our remaining target districts. These visits are to assess project quality, collect data, and provide guidance to grantees, so that SIKA-West can confirm that projects are completed in line with engineering specifications.



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The Sultan Ha And Haji Qurban Ha CDCs Completed Construction Of A 100-ML Gabion Flood Protection Wall In Mohammad Ali Khan Village, Qadis: Expected To Safeguard 50 Homes, 80 Jeribs Of Farmland, And An Existing Road From Flooding.



The Abdul Khaleq, Sadudin And Arbab Mir Cdc's Constructing A 74-ML Flood Protection Wall In Abdul Khaleq Village, Muqur District: Expected To Safeguard An Existing Road And Two Schools From Being Damaged By Seasonal Flooding.
 GZ-4-004- Constructions of 8 Slab Culverts in Qala Wakil Village



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The Qala Wakil CDC Successfully Completed The Construction Of 8 Culverts In Qala Wakil Village, Guzara District: Expected To Improve Access For 5,000 People To The District Center And Neighboring Villages.



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