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*On June 27, The Sharif Abad CDC Successfully Completed The Rehabilitation Of 1.8-KM Road In Sharif Abad Village, Farah Center. Now That The Road Rehabilitated, 2,670 People Have Better Access To The Provincial Center And Neighboring Villages.*

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**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK:**

- On June 28, Project Completion Ceremony was held for SIKA-West and MRRD/National Solidarity Program (NSP) projects in Guzara District. Present during the ceremony were the Herat Provincial Governor, DRRD Director, Department of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock Director, Economy Director, the Guzara District Governor, District Development Assembly (DDA) and CDC members, and SIKA-West personnel. SIKA-West handed over 23 completed projects, including 4 rehabilitated schools, 10 flood protection walls, the provision of equipment to 2 schools and 1 DDA, 3 rehabilitated roads, 1 water reservoir and 12 culverts to the Herat DRRD and Guzara District Government.
- On June 23, led by the Farah Provincial Government and DRRD, Project Completion Ceremonies were held for three completed projects in Farah Center. These projects included the construction of two culverts in Qadir Abad village, and rehabilitation of two schools in Cook Bala and Dehak Khord villages, Farah Center. Participants at the ceremonies were the Farah Provincial Government Sectorial Manager, DRRD Deputy Director, Provincial Council Deputy Head, DDA and CDC members and SIKA-West personnel. These projects were awarded by the Farah Provincial Government and DRRD through the mixed Farah Center KSW. Now that the culverts are constructed, 250 families have better access to the Provincial Center and 1,000 students (boys) in Dehak Khord village and 5,500 students (5,050 boys, 450 girls) in Cook Bala village have a better educational environment.
- The CDC grantees completed 20 grant-funded projects in Farah Center, Lash Wa Juwayn, Guzara, Kohsan, and Pashtun Zarghun Districts. These include Flood Protection Walls, Culverts, School Rehabilitation and Equipment, Roads, Water Dividers, and Water Supply Network Grants. These projects were awarded by the respective District Governments and DRRDs to address existing community grievances within our target districts, while also improving GIRoA's ability to deliver basic services.



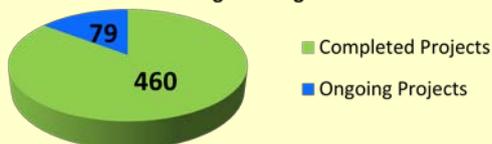
*H.E. Mohammad Asef Rahimi, The Herat Provincial Governor, Cut The Ribbon At The Project Completion Ceremony In Guzara District On June 28.*



*Project Completion Ceremony Was held for three projects in Qadir Abad, Cook Bala and Dehak Khord villages, Farah Center on June 23.*

**Grants & Subcontracts Programming**

- CDCs & DDAs are currently implementing 79 projects valued at AFN 82,996,050/USD\$1,659,921 (AFN 50-USD\$1.00) which will reflect improved service delivery to 187,614 residents across the target districts. (43 out of 79 projects are physically complete and milestone payments are under process, therefore; only 36 projects are actually ongoing).
- IDLG/MRRD provincial and district partners have completed 460 projects valued at AFN 485,113,440/USD\$8,302,657. These projects have benefited 1,397,015 residents. Please refer to Annex A for further details.

**Snapshot of Grant Funded Programming**

- 29 CDC milestone payments totaling USD\$144,289 were processed in Farah Center, Guzara, Kohsan, Pashtun Zarghun, Lash Wa Juwayn, Qala-i-Naw, Bala Boluk and Qadis Districts supporting both IDLG & MRRD-led grant funded solutions to community grievances.

**MONITORING ACTIVITIES**

- SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel conducted 36 joint project site visits in our target districts which yielded 10 deficiencies that were in need of correction. Examples of these deficiencies are outlined in the body of the report.
- As a component of the SIKA-West Final Evaluation, MISTI is interviewing SIKA-West personnel and GIRoA officials in Badghis Province.
- During the week, SIKA-West received 10 verification reports noting projects "executed as reported." Since the beginning of the MISTI verifications, SIKA-West has received 129 verification reports noting work executed. SIKA-West is following up with MISTI on 5 projects that are scheduled for re-verification.
- As part of the program close-out activities, the M&E Department is reviewing SIKA-West documents uploaded in the USAID Afghan Info Database since the beginning of the program. Any missing documents will be uploaded by July 12, 2015.

## FARAH PROVINCE

- On June 28, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel inspected the progress and quality of the community's 9-KM Water Supply Network Project in Kadanak Village, Farah Center. No deficiencies were observed and the Kadanak CDC was working in accordance with their project's specifications. The CDC completed 70% of the project, with oversight and technical support from the Farah Provincial Government and Farah DRRD. This project was designed to provide drinking water for 500 families within the village.
- On June 23, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel visited Farah University to inspect the quality of equipment provided by Zuri Ha CDC. Equipment included 505 student desks, 3 office chairs, 3 office desks, 5 file cabinets, 3 furniture sets, 6 carpets, and stationary. It was observed that the carpets were not of good quality and the CDC was asked to replace them. This project was awarded by the Farah Provincial Government and DRRD in collaboration with the Farah University through the mixed Farah Center KSW. This project was designed to provide a better educational environment for 580 students (290 boys, 190 girls).

## BADGHIS PROVINCE

- On June 23, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel traveled to Yarkasi Kondalan village, Qala-i-Naw to monitor the work progress on the community's 72.5-ML Flood Protection Wall construction project including 72.5-ML Gabion Mattress. It was observed that the plain cement concrete on the top of the wall was not properly done. The CDC was instructed to remove the concrete and re-do the work. The CDC completed 70% of the work on their project. This project was awarded by the Badghis Provincial Government and DRRD through the mixed Qala-i-Naw KSW. The project was designed to safeguard 50 Jeribs of farmland, and 176 homes from being damaged by seasonal flooding.
- On June 29, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel inspected the work quality and progress on the community's 31-Ml Gabion Flood Protection Wall construction project in Zad Ali Uliya village, Muqur District. No deficiencies were observed. The CDC completed 47% of the work on their project. This project was awarded by the Muqur District Government and Badghis DRRD through the Muqur mixed KSW. The project was designed to safeguard 600 homes and 200 Jeribs of farmland from flooding.

## HERAT PROVINCE

- On June 24, the Shir Ali Khan CDC successfully completed the Ziaratgah School Rehabilitation including 398-ML surrounding wall construction project in Ziaratgah village, Guzara District; with oversight and technical support from Guzara District Government and Herat DRRD. This project was awarded by the Guzara District Government and Herat DRRD in collaboration with the Education Department to address the lack of illiteracy within the village and provide a better educational environment for 2,486 students (1,100boys, 1,386 girls).
- On June 24, SIKA-West Engineer and M&E Personnel inspected the quality of equipment provided to the Guzara District Development Assembly (DDA) Office. Equipment included 50 office chairs, 2 manager chairs, 4 file cabinets, 15 carpets, 80-M curtains, 1 furniture set, 3 noticeboards, 3 book cabinets, 3 garbage bins, and stationary. All the equipment was provided in accordance with the project's specifications.



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**The Kadanak CDC Constructing A 9-KM Water Supply Network In Kadanak Village, Farah Center: Expected To Provide Drinking Water For 500 Families Within The Village.**



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**Equipment Including Student Chairs, Office Chairs And Desks, Furniture, Carpet And Stationary Were Provided To Farah University: Expected To Provide A Better Educational Environment For 580 Students (290 Boys, 190 Girls).**



**The Chahar Bagh CDC Completed The School Rehabilitation Project In Chahar Bagh Village, Farah Center: Expected To Provide A Better Educational Environment For 1,530 Students (750 Boys, 780 Girls).**



**The Yarkasi Kondalan CDC Completed 70% Of The Work On Their 72.5-ML Flood Protection Wall Construction Project In Yarkasi Kondalan Village, Qala-I-Naw: Expected To Safeguard 50 Jeribs Of Farmland And 176 Homes From Being Flooded.**

This project was awarded by the Guzara District Government and Herat DRRD through the Guzara mixed KSW. The project was designed to provide a better working environment for the DDA members (20 males, 10 females).

## 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 Chaghcharan, Du Layna, Shahrak, Pusht-e Rod, Bala Boluk, Lash Wa Juwayn, Pashtun Zarghun, Kohsan, Kushk-e Rabat Sangi, and Shindand Districts and all program staff withdrew. SIKA-West no longer report on activities from these districts.
- The District Support Team Office in Qadis was closed on May 31 and all program staff withdrew. The remaining ongoing projects within the district will be monitored and completed by the Badghis PST personnel.
- The Herat and Farah PST Offices will be closed on June 30, 2015.

## CHALLENGES

- SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel could not conduct project site inspections for 3 projects in Muqur District due to insecurity which resulted in the delay of USD\$18,661 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 Zad Ali Uliya CDC Constructing A 31-ML Gabion Flood Protection Wall In Zad Ali Uliya Village, Muqur District: Expected To Safeguard 600 Homes And 200 Jeribs Of Farmland From Being Damaged By Seasonal Flooding.**



**School Equipment Including 4 Office Desks, 4 Office Chairs, 2 File Cabinets, 100 Students' Desks, 2 Notice Boards, And 2 Carpets Were Provided To Heachka Girls School In Muqur District: Expected To Provide Better Educational Facilities To 413 Students (Girls).**



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**The Shir Ali Khan CDC Completed The Rehabilitation Of Their Community's School In Guzara District: Expected To Provide A Better Educational Environment For 2,486 students (1,100boys, 1,386 girls).**

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**Office Equipment Including 50 Office Chairs, 2 Manager Chairs, 4 File Cabinets, 15 Carpets, 80-M Curtains, 1 Furniture Set, 3 Noticeboards, 3 Book Cabinets, 3 Garbage Bins, And Stationary Were Provided To The Guzara DDA Office.**