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The Zad Shahi And Sad Yaka CDCs Completed The Construction Of A 112.5-ML Flood Protection Wall In Sad Yaka Village, Qala-I-Naw: Expected To Safeguard 208 Homes And 300 Jeribs Of Farmland From Being Damaged By Flooding.

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HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK:

- On July 15, SIKA-West handed over our second Program Transition Package to our IDLG and MRRD SIKA-Unit partners. This package included copies of Community Development, Stabilization, Governance, Gender and M&E program work product and capacity building records, which may be utilized by IDLG and MRRD for further district governance and development programming.
- SIKA-West program personnel, led by the DCOP met with our COR and USAID representatives from our sister programs (RADP-West, SHAHAR, ISLA, Women In Government, OSSD) in Kabul on July 14. This meeting focused on areas where current and future USAID programming can engage with Komite Sobate Woleswali's (District Stabilization Forums) as a platform to discuss future district governance and development needs. SIKA-West presented an overview of the Komite Sobate Woleswali, which are now operating independently utilizing available IDLG funding and provide a perfect forum to continue with future USAID district based programming.

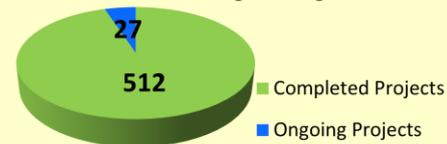
Status of Program Office Closures

- Ghor Province:** Programming activities are complete in Chaghcharan, Du Layna, and Shahrak Districts.
- Herat Province:** Programming activities are complete in Shindand, Pashtun Zarghun, Kushk-e Rabat Sangi, Kohsan, and Guzara Districts.
- Farah Province:** Programming activities are complete in Khak-e-Safayd, Bala Boluk, Pusht-e Rod, Lash Wa Juwayn and Farah Center.
- Badghis Province:** Programming activities are complete in Qadis District and the District Support Team (DST) Office has been closed. 9 projects are ongoing in Muqur District and 4 projects remain ongoing in Qala-i-Naw. Programming activities are scheduled to be completed by August 06, 2015.

Grants & Subcontracts Programming

- CDCs & DDAs are currently implementing 27 projects valued at AFN 29,361,600/USD\$587,232 (AFN 50-USD\$1.00) which will reflect improved service delivery to 36,730 residents across the target districts. (14 out of 27 projects are physically complete and milestone payments are under process, therefore; only 13 projects are actually ongoing).
- IDLG/MRRD provincial and district partners have completed 512 projects valued at AFN 537,070,690/USD\$9,189,084. These projects have benefited 1,547,899 residents. Please refer to Annex A for further details.

Snapshot of Grant Funded Programming



- 29 CDC milestone payments totaling USD\$140,336 were processed supporting both IDLG & MRRD-led grant funded solutions to community grievances.

Badghis Province

- SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel conducted 13 joint project site visits in Muqur, and Qala-i-Naw. No deficiencies were observed.
- On July 21, the Taraki Khoshnow, Lemari and Yousof Zai CDCs, with oversight and technical support from the Muqur District Government and Badghis DRRD, successfully completed the construction of a 130-ML Gabion Flood Protection Wall in Taraki Khoshnow village, Muqur District. The Badghis DRRD and Muqur District Government awarded this project to safeguard 300 homes and 80 Jeribs of farmland from being damaged by seasonal flooding.
- On July 25, SIKA-West Engineers and M&E personnel traveled to Mir Ha village, Qala-i-Naw to inspect the work quality and progress of a 34-ML Gabion Flood Protection Wall project. The Mir Hai Lamani and Khaja Ha Wa Sini Ha CDCs completed 100% of the work on their project. The Badghis Provincial Government and DRRD awarded this project to the CDCs through the mixed Qala-i-Naw KSW to safeguard 50 Jeribs of community's farmland from seasonal flooding.
- On July 25, the Paye Ziyarat and Qashlaq Kalan CDCs successfully completed the construction of a 46.5-ML Flood Protection Wall project in Paye Ziyarat village, Qala-i-Naw. Now that the Flood Protection Wall is constructed, 150 homes and a road will be safeguarded from being damaged by seasonal flooding. The Badghis Provincial Government and the DRRD awarded this projects to the CDCs through the mixed Qala-i-Naw KSW to respond to the community's grievances.



The Taraki Khoshnow, Lemari And Yousof Zai CDCs Completed The Construction Of A 130-ML Flood Protection Wall In Taraki Khoshnow Village, Muqur: Expected To Safeguard 300 Homes And 80 Jeribs Of Farmland From Flooding.



The Mir Hai Lamani And Khaja Ha Wa Sini Ha CDCs Completed 100% Of The Work On Their 34-ML Flood Protection Wall Construction Project: Expected To Safeguard 50 Jeribs Of Farmland From Flooding.

MONITORING & EVALUATION:

- SIKA-West has uploaded current data to the USAID Afghan Info Database for the FY2015, QIII. Information provided, includes Financial Data, PMP Indicators and status of Grant Funded Projects.
- The M&E Department has updated the SIKA-West Hard Projects' Verification Tracker for the period of July 2-27, 2015 and shared this record with MISTI. Verified GPS coordinates for 15 grant funded projects in Guzara, Kohsan, Kushk-e Rabat Sangi, Qadis and Lash Wa Juwayn Districts were added.

CHALLENGE:

- SIKA-West is still waiting for MISTI re-verification reports for 5 projects; Bala Buluk (2), Farah Centre (1), Pashtun Zarghun (1) and Qadis (1).

WHAT'S NEXT:

- SIKA-West Engineers and M&E Personnel plan to undertake 11 project site visits in Muqur and Qala-i-Naw. These visits are designed to assess project quality, collect data, and provide guidance to grantees, so that grant funded projects are completed in line with engineering specifications.
- SIKA-West plans to complete all remaining grant funded infrastructure programming by August 06, 2015. Our program anticipates that the final value of our Grants Under Contract (GUC) will be in/around USD\$9,750,000, depending on currency exchange rates.
- The M&E Department will provide our final programming updates to the USAID TraiNet on August 3rd, 2015
- The final Quarterly Report (April-June, 2015) and Weekly Reports numbered 169, 170 & 171 will be uploaded into the USAID Development Experience Clearinghouse (DEC) portal by SIKA-West field staff no later than August 15th, 2015, contingent on USAID COR approval. Remaining updates will be provided by our Home Office Team, as required.