

STABILIZATION IN KEY AREAS – WEST (SIKA-West) WEEKLY UPDATES

Week: June 9 - 14, 2012

Program

- **SIKA-W Provincial Stabilization Team (PST) orientation** – was held from June 10th – 14th with 22 SIKA-W staff and four PRRD staff attending from Herat, Farah and Baghdis Provinces. All IRs and other departments gave presentations to new staff and then two days were set aside for departmental training.
- **Progress on SIKA-W Rollout in Farah** – Bala Baluk District .
- **Additional rollout planning for Herat and Baghdis provinces** –suspended xxxxxxxx
- **IR1 reviewed applications** – SPD reviewed and short listed candidates from 60 applicants for the HQ IR1 Stability Program Officer positions
- IR1 updated Bala Baluk District engagement
- IR3 produced an internal work plan to guide activities towards achieving project indicators and objective
- **Human Resources** – To date 74 employees (25 female and 49 male) or 84% of proposed staff have been hired and 14 positions, including PSTs, are in the process of being hired.
- **Expatriate Mobilization:** 9/9 (100%) expatriate personnel are in place. OSC has proposed their IR3 Replacement candidate with Carmel Whelton. Technical and travel concurrence was provided. Rate approval is pending.

SIKA-West LN Recruitment				
Staff	Herat Office	Herat Province	Farah Province	Badghis Province
Hired	52	6	8	8
In process	10	2	1	1
Females hired	20	2	2	1
Males hired	32	5	6	7

Security

- Initial security upgrades complete.
- Blast film is on the two office locations, the remainder is still currently being installed.
- Multiple security moves have been conducted around the city to the following, U.S consulate, Camp Arena, Airport, MRRD without encountering any problems.