

## Afghanistan Community Resilience and Livelihoods Project (CRLP)



*Laborers working on upgrading of Street with Plum Concrete in District 13 of Kabul Province on 14 October 2025. ©UNOPS*

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

|       |                                             |
|-------|---------------------------------------------|
| AIB   | Afghanistan International Bank              |
| AF    | Additional Finance                          |
| AF2   | Additional Financing 2                      |
| AFCO  | Afghanistan Country Office                  |
| ARTF  | Afghanistan Resilience Trust Fund           |
| C1    | Component 1                                 |
| C2    | Component 2                                 |
| C3    | Component 3                                 |
| C4    | Component 4                                 |
| CDC   | Community Development Council               |
| CfW   | Cash for work                               |
| CoC   | Code of Conduct                             |
| CRG   | Community Representative Group              |
| CRLP  | Community Resilience and Livelihoods Proje  |
| CTG   | Committed to Good - Humanitarian Enabler    |
| DfA   | De Facto Authorities                        |
| DNP   | Defects Notification Period                 |
| DoEC  | Directorate of Economy                      |
| ECA   | Entry Criteria for Access                   |
| ERW   | Explosive Remnants of War                   |
| ESCP  | Environmental and Social Commitment Plan    |
| ESF   | Environmental and Social Framework          |
| ESMF  | Environmental and Social Management Frar    |
| ESMP  | Environmental and Social Management Plar    |
| ES    | Environmental and Social                    |
| ESS   | Environment and Social Standards            |
| EPP   | Emergency Procurement Procedure             |
| FGD   | Focus Group Discussion                      |
| FHH   | Female Headed Household                     |
| FM    | Financial Management                        |
| FP    | Facilitating Partner                        |
| GA    | Gozar Assembly                              |
| GBV   | Gender-Based Violence                       |
| GDCMA | General Directorate of Coordination for Mur |
| GDI   | General Directorate of Intelligence         |
| GCC   | General Condition of Contract               |
| GESI  | Gender Equality and Social Inclusion        |
| GiHA  | Gender in Humanitarian Action               |
| GIS   | Geographical Information System             |
| GRM   | Grievance Redress Mechanism                 |
| GRT   | Grievance Redress Team                      |
| GSA   | Grant Support Agreement                     |
| HH    | Household                                   |
| HSSE  | Health, safety, social, and environmental   |
| IDA   | International Development Association       |



|        |                                              |
|--------|----------------------------------------------|
| IDs    | Identity Documents                           |
| IDP    | Internally Displaced Persons                 |
| ISM    | Implementation Support Mission               |
| IPAS   | Integrated Practice Advice and Support       |
| IUFR   | Interim Unaudited Financial Report           |
| KM     | Kabul Municipality                           |
| KPIL   | Kalpataru Projects International Ltd         |
| LiW    | Labor-intensive Work                         |
| LM     | Land Mine                                    |
| M&E    | Monitoring and Evaluation                    |
| MIS    | Management Information System                |
| MoEc   | Ministry of Economy                          |
| MoF    | Ministry of Finance                          |
| MRRD   | Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Develop |
| OHS    | Occupational Health and Safety               |
| PPE    | Personal Protective Equipment                |
| PIU    | Project Implementation Unit                  |
| PSEAH  | Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and |
| POM    | Project Operations Manual                    |
| PP     | Parent Project                               |
| PRRD   | Provincial Rural Rehabilitation and Develop  |
| QC     | Quality Control                              |
| RCC    | Reinforced Cement Concrete                   |
| RFP    | Request for Proposals                        |
| RFQ    | Request for Quotations                       |
| SEA    | Sexual Exploitation and Abuse                |
| SEA/SH | Sexual Exploitation and Abuse/Sexual Haras   |
| SEP    | Stakeholder Engagement Plan                  |
| SG     | Social Grant                                 |
| SMP    | Security Management Plan                     |
| SNF    | Significant Negative Findings                |
| SO     | Social Organizer                             |
| SoP    | Standard Operating Procedures                |
| SP     | Subproject                                   |
| SPP    | Subproject Proposal                          |
| SRM    | Security Risk Management                     |
| SRA    | Security Risk Assessment                     |
| SSA    | Senior Security Assistant                    |
| TA3    | Tri-Annual Report 3                          |
| TPMA   | Third-Party Monitoring Agent                 |
| ToR    | Terms of Reference                           |
| UNOPS  | United Nations Office for Project Services   |
| UXO    | Unexploded Ordnance                          |
| WB     | World Bank                                   |

## PROJECT INFORMATION

The original project Grant Agreement was signed between UNOPS and the World Bank (WB) on 4 May 2022, for a duration of 24 months, ending on 30 April 2024. The project has been amended as follows:

- Amendment No. 1 to the Grant Agreement was signed on 6 June 2023. The Project closing date was extended to 31 August 2024.
- Amendment No. 2 to the Grant Agreement for additional US \$70M from the Afghanistan Resilience Trust Fund (ARTF) Grant was signed on 2 February 2024. The Project closing date was extended to 30 June 2025.
- The Financing Agreement (FA) for US \$84M from the International Development Association (IDA) was signed on 22 May 2024.
- Through an exchange of letters (AFCO/Dir/2024/23 dated 2 May 2024) from UNOPS to WB, the WB established 31 December 2025 as the closing date for the ARTF funding.
- Project restructuring for the inclusion of the revised community mobilization approach in the wake of the dissolution of the Community Development Councils, as well as the incorporation of PSEAH risk mitigation activities concerning the Afghanistan segment of the CASA 1000 Project implementation through a new component 6 under CRLP was concluded on 2 October 2024.
- The project paper for Additional Financing 2 (AF2) (US \$143 million- US \$48m ARTF+ US \$95m IDA) and extension date to 31 December 2027 was finalised with negotiations concluded on 22 October 2025 with a World Bank Board approval date scheduled for 20 January 2026.

| Official Project Title |                                  | Afghanistan Community Resilience and Livelihood (CRL) Project |                    |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| UNOPS Project IDs      | 23455-001, 23455-003 & 23455-004 | Donor                                                         | The World Bank     |
| Start Date             | 4 May 2022                       | End Date                                                      | 31 December 2027   |
| ARTF Project Financing | US\$ 335 Million                 | IDA Project Financing                                         | US\$ 84 Million    |
| Total Funds Received   | US\$ 335 Million                 | Total Funds Received                                          | US\$ 83.83 Million |
| Total Funds Balance    | US\$ 0                           | Total Funds Balance                                           | US\$ 0             |

# 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## 1.1 Key Achievements

This Tri-Annual Report (TA3 2025) provides progress updates for the period 1 September to 31 December 2025.

During the TA3 reporting period, the World Bank conducted one Implementation Support Mission from 15 to 25 September 2025. The objectives of the mission were to:

- i. assess CRLP overall implementation progress.
- ii. review actions taken since May 2025 ISM and June 2025 proposed second Additional Financing (AF2) appraisal mission.
- iii. review the status of the digital payments platform pilot; and
- iv. review findings from the Afghanistan Resilience Trust Fund (ARTF) Third Party Monitoring Agent (TPMA) pertaining to CRLP implementation.

The project received an overall "Satisfactory" rating from the World Bank for the September 2025 ISM.

### Project achievements

This TA3 2025 Report presents the results and achievements for both the Parent Project (PP) and Additional Financing (AF) separately. In subsequent sections, tables have been revised to provide cumulative figures (PP+AF). In those instances, the results of PP have been moved to the Annex section as Annex F, G and H.

*Note: The figures in this report are based on both field data and the CRLP MIS. Field data appear higher than MIS data due to delays in the timely entry of forms and information into the MIS. Data entry and verification are currently in progress, with the aim of eliminating the gap between field and MIS data in the upcoming reporting period. To the extent possible, the figures are marked with MIS or Field Data.*

### 1.1.1 PP Cumulative Progress

The activities under the Parent Project were completed during the TA1 2025 reporting period.

- Under the parent project, Cash for Work (CfW) and Labor-intensive Work (LiW) activities engaged 917,315 households (C1: 755,201, C2: 162,114).
  - 6.6% (60,334) were female laborers (C1: 5.7% (43,207), C2: 10.6% (17,127))
  - The project achieved results exceeding the end target<sup>1</sup> of the Result Framework indicators.
- 22.7 million labor days (C1: 17.9m, C2: 4.8m) were generated (exceeding the end target of 20.7 million).
  - 1.5 million labor days were generated for women (C1: 1m, C2: 0.5m).
  - 27,695 internally displaced persons (IDPs) directly benefited from project activities (C1: 17,950, C2: 9,745).
  - 2,113 returnees directly benefited from project activities (C1:525, C2: 1,550, C3: 38).
- CfW activities were implemented in 5,966 rural communities. 7,645 small-scale subprojects completed under PP.
- LiW activities implemented 520 subprojects across 8 urban cities under the PP.
- US \$144.2 million was disbursed to CfW laborers and Social Grant beneficiaries under Component 1 and Component 3.
- US \$61.2 million contractors' invoices were processed for Component 2, out of which 53.69% of the invoiced amount was paid to the laborers in wages.
- The project distributed Social Grants (SGs) to the most vulnerable, including female-headed households and households headed by persons with disabilities or drug addiction in 6,461 rural communities and urban project sites.
  - 122,450 households (Rural: 84,398, Urban: 38,052) received social grants.
  - 57.2% of the beneficiaries of the social grants were female-headed households.
- 6,563 communities (Rural: 5,965, Urban: 598) received training under Component 4 for strengthening community institutions across rural and urban areas.

<sup>1</sup> The success of the project is measured against the result framework indicators, with approximately 80% of the full target set as the end target. This threshold reflects risk assumptions identified during the project design phase. The full target, however, represents the complete scope and contractual coverage of the project.

- 640,139 community members (291,134 male; 349,005 female) participated in various training sessions related to vulnerable groups' development, community welfare, and disaster risk mitigation. Participants included Community Representative Group (CRG)<sup>2</sup> members, sub-group members, and other community residents.
- The Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) remained functional and responsive. 1,026 grievances were registered through different UNOPS-managed uptake channels (Awaaz, GRM email, project website and Facebook page). The grievances were addressed and closed in a timely manner. The most common concern raised was the delay in payments to laborers. No cases of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) or Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) were reported.
- 179 monitoring spot-checks were conducted by the Monitoring and Evaluation team to verify the implementation of project activities. The spot-check findings were reviewed and addressed in a timely manner.
- 189 physical inspections were carried out by the Quality Control team to ensure the construction works met the quality standards.
- 1,716 site visits were conducted by the Third-Party Monitoring Agent (TPMA) across 29 provinces in rural areas and 8 urban cities.

### 1.1.2 AF1 Cumulative Progress

The implementation of the Additional Financing (AF) was largely completed by the end of December 2025, with the exception of the earthquake response in Kunar, and LiW subprojects in some cities.

#### Component 1

- The initial target was 2,685 communities. However, following the rollout, the actual number identified 21<sup>3</sup> fewer communities than the original target. 58 communities affected by the earthquake in the Chawki district of Kunar province were added to the project. As a result, the total number of target communities is 2,722.
- The formation, registration, and community profiling of CRGs has been completed for all 2,722 communities:
  - 262 were covered by AKF (4 fewer than contracted),
  - 426 by RRAA (2 fewer than contracted),
  - 663 by CHA,
  - 392 by ACTED (1 fewer than contracted),
  - 561 by CDDO (14 fewer than contracted), and
  - 418 by DACAAR (including 58 communities for Earthquake Response).
- Physical implementation work commenced for 3,027 subprojects. As of 31 December 2025, the construction activities for 2,998 subprojects were completed. 29 subprojects under the earthquake response in Kunar are in progress aiming to be completed by the end of January 2026.
- 315,619 households (3.6% female) directly benefited as laborers from CfW activities.
- 2,932 IDP and 1,659 returnee households benefited directly as laborers from CfW activities.
- 6 million labor days have been generated, of which 204,815 labor days are attributed to female laborers.
- 3 million people have benefited from improved access to basic services.

#### Component 2

- 358 community consultations, scoping exercises, and design of subprojects were completed.
- Construction activities for 332 subprojects were completed and the subprojects handed over to the community for use. The contracts of 7 subprojects have been terminated due to various issues including increased material prices due to the border closure with Pakistan. The construction of 10 subprojects has been suspended due to cold weather, with a plan to complete the construction activities of these subprojects during Q1 2026.
- 232 subprojects have been closed following the completion of the Defects Notification Period (DNP).
- 79,984 households (9.7% female) directly benefited as laborers from LiWs.
- 4,153 IDP and 1,627 returnee households benefited directly as laborers from LiWs.
- 2.6 million labor days have been generated, of which 227,097 are attributed to female laborers.

<sup>2</sup> During the PP, the program worked with the Community Development Council (CDCs). CDCs were dissolved by the DfA in May 2024. CRLP developed a new engagement modality based on creation of Community Representative Groups (CRGs) for AF.

<sup>3</sup> 21 communities did not meet the guidelines for minimum 25 households per community that is outlined in POM.



- 2.2 million people have benefited from improved access to basic services.

### **Component 3**

- 3,083 (2,722 rural communities and 361<sup>4</sup> urban sites) finalized beneficiary lists.
- 60,059 eligible beneficiary households including 236 returnees and 2,453 IDPs were identified and received social grants both cash and food packages.
- SG was completed in all 3,083 communities and urban project sites.

### **Component 3b**

- 2,592 communities successfully completed the first three sessions of C3b technical poultry training, which covers an introduction to chicken breeds and their uses, coops construction, feed production, and experience-sharing among women participants.
- All FPs completed procurement and distribution of C3b assets.

### **Component 4**

- The activities under C4 were completed for 2,664 rural and 126 urban communities.
- 156,206 participants (81,341 women; 74,865 men) received C4 training. Of these participants, 4,110 participants trained are in urban areas (2,382 women; 1,728 men).
- 2,164 grain banks and 5,729 kitchen gardens have been established following the C4 training.
- The pilot for UNICEF Health and Nutrition training was conducted in Alingar District of Laghman Province and in Khoram wa Sarbagh District of Samangan Province.
- 89 CRGs were trained in both districts.
  - 74 CRGs were trained in Alingar District of Laghman Province
  - 15 CRGs were trained in Khoram-Wa-Sarbagh District of Samangan Province
- 408 women received health and nutrition training.
  - 180 women in Khoram-Wa-Sarbagh District
  - 228 women in Alingar District

### **Component 5**

- **Financial Disbursements under C1, C2 and C3**
  - US\$ 74.68 million has been disbursed to C1 and C3 beneficiaries since the inception of the AF project.
  - US\$ 36.89 million contractors' invoices were processed for Component 2, out of which 50.6% of the invoiced amount was paid to the laborers.
  - The project successfully piloted digital payments in 4 urban subprojects, 1 rural subproject and 1 social grants site in urban areas.
- **Procurement**
  - The following contract amendments were made:
    - AKF (Lot-1): Contract amendments #6 and #7, ACTED (Lot-2): Contract amendments #3 and #4 to reflect the decrease in CRGs, modification of schedule for completion report, and time extensions.
    - RRAA (Lot-3): Contract amendments #7 and #8 to reflect the decrease in CRGs, modification of completion report schedule and time extension.
    - CHA (Lot-4): Contract amendments #7 and #8 to cover the additional cost due to an increase in the number of urban project sites, modification of the completion report schedule, and time extension.
    - DACAAR (Lot-6): Contract amendments #5, #6, #7, and #8, to reflect the inclusion of the digital pilot payment system, modification of the completion report schedule, inclusion of additional scope in response to the earthquake in the east region, and time extension.
    - CDDO (Lot-5): Contract amendment #6 to reflect the decrease in CRGs.
  - 359 procurement awards were approved under C2. 359 contracts were signed from the inception of AF1 till the end of TA3 2025. 8 contracts were terminated.

<sup>4</sup> In Kandahar, 49 project sites were contracted under AF1. Social grants were distributed in 48 sites. One site was excluded because it had already received grants during the parent project phase. The distribution was therefore conducted across 361 project sites, avoiding duplication of assistance. 4 sites were remaining from Kunduz which were covered in AF1.

- 137 private local construction companies have been engaged in 359 contracts.
- **Stakeholder Engagement**
  - Active engagement was conducted with De Facto Authorities (DfA) at both national and provincial levels, including the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD), Ministry of Economy (MoEc), General Directorate of Coordination for Municipalities Affairs (GDCMA), Provincial Governors, Municipalities and line directorates.
  - Several meetings were held with stakeholders to discuss project progress, plans, and address pertinent issues.
  - Several meetings were conducted with Kunar provincial and district local authorities to discuss the earthquake emergency response project under CRLP, and implementation of the project in close coordination with the committee for earthquake response in Kunar.
  - The DfA provided positive feedback, affirming that CRLP satisfies the needs of the community, with no project-related complaints received from the community.
- **Environmental and Social Management**
  - 3,385 subprojects (C1: 3,027, C2: 358) have been screened for Environmental and Social (E&S) risks.
  - 358 Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) were prepared and added to the works contracts for C2 contractors.
  - 1,592 E&S screening forms for C1 were reviewed by the E&S team through spot checks in the project MIS.
  - FPs, contractors and UNOPS teams cascaded the Occupational Health and Safety awareness to 395,310 laborers in the form of toolbox talks.
- **Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)**
  - The GRM remained operational, with sessions conducted to improve awareness on the uptake channels - Awaaz, GRM email, Facebook, project website.
  - 886 grievances were registered through the various GRM uptake channels.
  - All grievances were reviewed and addressed, with feedback provided to the respective stakeholders.
- **Promoting Gender Inclusion**
  - 787 key personnel of the six FPs received refresher training on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH) and Code of Conduct (CoC).
  - 319,772<sup>5</sup> laborers (12,857 female) received PSEAH+CoC orientation from their respective FPs.
  - 2,364 key staff from contractors have received training on PSEAH + CoC.
  - The contractors cascaded the training to 79,842 laborers (7,701 female laborers).
- **Monitoring**
  - The internal monitoring system remains in place. FPs and UNOPS conducted spotchecks and shared their findings and feedback with the concerned teams.
  - 500+ spot-checks have been completed, 460 by FPs and 44 by UNOPS.
  - 340 have been entered into the MIS, and the remaining forms are currently being processed.
  - Data analysis will be conducted, and the outcomes will be used as lessons learned for AF2.
- **Management Information System (MIS)**
  - Regular technical support was provided to both FPs and UNOPS staff.
  - The MIS was enhanced to integrate M&E reports and enable dual recording of SG distributions at three Kandahar sites which were covered under both PP and AF.
  - Continuous data entry support and verification were carried out for C2 activities, including Project Scoping and Paid Labor Expenditure Reports (Form 8).
  - Data entry for 105 "Onboarding Touchpoint Interview" forms under the Digital Payment Pilot Study was completed.
  - A minor adjustment was applied to the C3-SG 3B package cost, revising it from US\$150 to an average of US\$149.92 per household.
  - 4 sets of monthly GIS maps covering seven cities were produced and shared with the World Bank.

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<sup>5</sup> Based on Field data

- **Third-Party Monitoring and Evaluation (TPMA)**

- TPMA Financial Monitoring reports for Q1 2025 have been completed. Q2 and Q3 2025 are in progress.
- The TPMA Q1 2025 quarterly report was received on 13 July and feedback provided on 29 July.
- The team provided feedback for all eight Rounds of Significant Negative Findings (SNFs).
- C1: TPMA visited 197 rural communities in 20 provinces. 296 deviations were registered and uploaded onto the online platform. 225 deviations were rectified and closed, 51 deviations have been addressed by FPs and are waiting for TPMA verification. 13 deviations are under FP rectification, and 7 deviations were closed with 'not rectifiable' status.
- C2: TPMA social team conducted 44 field visits (including 4 from digital payment project sites) across project sites in 7 cities. The report and findings for 27 subprojects were shared with the CRLP. The C2 Team reviewed the report and provided feedback to the TPMA and World Bank for their review and finalization of the findings report. 25 deviations (4 major and 21 minor) were reported through the ARTF platform. All of them were rectified and verified by TPMA.

- **Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC)**

- Under the rural component, the Quality Assurance Team conducted 42 monitoring spot-checks across all provinces, focusing on key project elements and providing guidance to enhance work quality.
- For urban projects, 267 kick-off meetings were held with contractors.
- 1,378 QA/QC physical inspections were carried out, and 545 quality control plans were reviewed and approved.
- 420 laboratory-based quality tests were physically inspected, with deviations promptly addressed, including issues related to material quality, concrete mix design, workmanship, and compliance with technical specifications.

- **Staffing**

- 145 staff were onboard as of 31 December 2025.

- **Communications and Public Outreach**

- Updates have been posted on the project Facebook page and website, sharing news, procurement opportunities and reports.
- Monthly thematic updates have been shared with the Bank. These updates contain a summary of progress in the thematic areas, a slide deck, photos, a success story and a video.
- The project has leveraged the UN in Afghanistan website and UN working groups to showcase project impact and approaches.

## **Component 6**

- 583 contractors' personnel across seven provinces—Kabul, Nangarhar, Laghman, Kapisa, Panjshir, and Baghlan—received 'Respectful Workplace' training, after which all participants signed the Code of Conduct.
- PSEA/SH community awareness sessions were conducted in 179 communities, reaching 9,043 community members, 45% of whom were women.

### **1.1.3 AF1 TA3 Summary Progress**

#### **Component 1**

- During the reporting period, C1 completed subprojects across various provinces and implemented the earthquake response in Kunar province.
- Significant progress was achieved in ECA assessments and CRG registration in Kunar, with 58 CRGs registered, 58 community profiles completed, and subproject selection finalized.
- 1,267 subprojects were completed under the TA3 2025 reporting period.
- 117,625 households (3.3% female) and 686 IDP directly benefited from CfW activities.
- 2.6 million labor days were generated, including 89,240 labor days for female laborers.
- 1.8 million people have benefitted from improved access to basic services.

#### **Component 2**

- 111 subprojects were completed and handed over to the community for use.

- 134 subprojects were closed following the completion of the DNP.
- 17,234 households (9.92% female) directly benefited as laborers from LiWs.
- 891 IDPs and 437 returnees benefited directly as laborers from LiWs (based on field data).
- 0.77 million labor days were generated, of which 80,000 labor days are attributed to female laborers.
- 0.78 million people have benefited from improved access to basic services.

#### **Component 3a**

- 79 communities and project sites finalized beneficiary lists resulting in the identification of 2,059 eligible household beneficiaries for SG (both cash and food packages).
- 64 rural communities and 74 urban project sites completed social grant distributions.
- 7,578 households benefited from social grants, 4,230 of them headed by women.

#### **Component 3b**

- The FPs completed the distribution of poultry starter packages which included vaccinated chickens, feeders, drinkers, formulated feed, and coop construction materials to eligible women beneficiaries.
- The chickens were distributed following a 15-day quarantine period to ensure biosecurity and health compliance.

#### **Component 4**

- The pilot implementation of Health and Nutrition training for CRLP communities was completed in Alingar District of Laghman Province and Khoram wa Sarbagh District of Samangan Province.
- 89 CRGs have been trained and 408 women have received health and nutrition training.
- UNICEF developed a micro-level field implementation plan. As per the plan, 2 female CRG focal points are selected and invited to the nearest health facilities, where they receive training from Nutrition Counselors. These trained focal points then cascaded the training to the rest of the CRG members and women within their respective communities.

#### **Component 5**

##### **Financial Management**

##### **Digital Payment Pilot**

- UNOPS signed a contract with the Afghanistan International Bank for the provision of digital payment services.
- The project piloted digital payments at 5 subproject sites (four subprojects under C2 and one subproject under C1) and one social grant site in urban areas.
- The terms and conditions of the contracts for the contractors and FPs (DACAAR and ACTED) were amended to incorporate the digital payment process.
- UNOPS onboarded an M&E expert on a retainer contract to capture the lessons from the digital payments processes.
- The labor onboarding for the digital payment system in C2 was successfully completed. Laborers across all four C2 project sites received their first and second payments from AIB through the digital payment process as scheduled.
- Digital payments were piloted for social grants in 1 site in Kabul city.
- C1 digital payment was piloted in Alingar district of Laghman province. 258 laborers were successfully onboarded, including 7 female laborers. 257 laborers successfully withdrew their wages through digital payment.
- As part of the learning agenda, touch-point interviews and observation sessions to document the process and capture laborers' reactions across all digital payment sites are in progress.
- The overall digital payments process ran smoothly within a reasonable timeframe, with strong community acceptance and no significant issues reported.

##### **Procurement**

- During the TA3 2025 reporting period, contract amendments were executed for AKF, ACTED, RRAA, CHA, DACAAR, and CDDO. The common modifications across partners included a reduction in the number of CRGs, adjustments to final completion report timelines, and extensions of contract durations.
- Partner-specific amendments addressed evolving operational needs. ACTED and DACAAR integrated a pilot digital financial payment system into their contracts to enhance payment efficiency and transparency. CHA's contract was amended to accommodate additional costs associated with the expansion of urban project sites, while DACAAR's scope was expanded to

support emergency response activities following the earthquake in the eastern region.

- Under C2, the project team reviewed and refined evaluation criteria based on lessons learned, alongside regular updates to procurement plans and tracking mechanisms to improve procurement efficiency and contract management.
- 11 small-value procurements were completed under operational expenses.
- 7 subprojects were terminated following legal consultation with UNOPS due to contractor inaction or refusal to proceed, while one of these was terminated due to unresolved land ownership issues.
- **Stakeholder Engagement**
  - Active engagement continued with DfA at both national and provincial levels, including the MRRD, MoEc, GDCMA, Provincial Governors, Municipalities and line directorates.
  - Several meetings were conducted with Kunar provincial and district local authorities to discuss the earthquake emergency response project.
- **Environmental and Social Management**
  - 219 E&S screenings have been completed for C1.
  - 265 E&S screening forms were reviewed by the CRLP E&S team in the project MIS.
  - 33,850 laborers (C1: 13,311, C2: 20,539) received OHS-related training in the form of toolbox talks.
  - 42 safeguard orientation training sessions were conducted for contractor staff under C2, in which 252 contractors' key staff were trained.
  - 954 site inspections/spot checks (C1: 25, C2: 931) were conducted.
- **Grievance Redress Mechanism**
  - 304 grievances were registered during the reporting period.
  - All the grievances were addressed and feedback provided to stakeholders.
- **Promoting Gender Inclusion**
  - 200 key personnel of the six FPs received refresher training on PSEAH+CoC.
  - 12,857 laborers (642 female) received PSEAH+CoC orientation from their respective FPs.
  - 252 key staff of the contractors under C2 received training on PPSEAH + CoC through 42 orientation sessions.
  - The contractors cascaded the training to 17,092 laborers (9.6% female laborers) under C2.
- **Enhanced Monitoring Tools**
  - During the TA3 reporting period, 87 monitoring spot-checks were conducted, including 8 carried out by UNOPS and 79 by implementing partners (FPs).
  - The findings identified through these spot-checks were promptly addressed at the field level to ensure compliance and improve implementation quality.
  - To strengthen monitoring and data management, a dedicated spot-check module has been developed within the MIS.
  - As of 31 December 2025, 135 spot-checks were successfully recorded in the MIS, enhancing systematic tracking, follow-up, and reporting of monitoring activities.
- **Management Information System (MIS)**
  - Throughout the TA3 reporting period, regular technical support was provided to both FPs and UNOPS staff to strengthen implementation, reporting quality, and system use.
  - Several enhancements were made to the MIS to improve functionality and data accuracy. These included the integration of M&E reporting features and the introduction of a double-recording mechanism for SG distributions at three project sites in Kandahar to strengthen verification and control processes.
  - Continual daily support was provided for data entry and verification related to C2 activities, including Project Scoping and Paid Labor Expenditure Reports (Form 8).
  - Data entry for 105 Onboarding Touchpoint Interview forms was completed as part of the Digital Payment Pilot Study.
  - A minor adjustment was applied to the C3b package cost, revising it from US\$ 150 to an average of US\$ 149.92 per household to reflect actual expenditure.
  - 4 sets of monthly GIS maps covering seven cities were produced and shared with the World Bank, supporting spatial monitoring, progress tracking, and informed decision-making.

- **Third-Party Monitoring and Evaluation (TPMA)**

- Q1 2025: UNOPS provided the initial findings log and relevant documents/inputs to the TPMA.
- Q2 2025: UNOPS provided documents/inputs for all multiple findings logs (Interim, C1, C3) received from the TPMA.
- Q3 2025: The transaction list and supporting documents were submitted to the TPMA, and UNOPS provided inputs/documents for the sampled list received.
- UNOPS provided additional documents for questionable expenses of Q3 and Q4 of 2023 and Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4 of 2024.
- 124 deviations were identified by TPMA under C1. 136<sup>6</sup> deviations have been addressed, and the remaining are under rectification.
- TPMA infrastructure team conducted 3 visits (one in each Gardiz, Jalalabad and Kabul) and the social team conducted 4 visits in 4 digital payment sites.
- Response has been provided to all eight rounds of Significant Negative Findings and Notable Findings.

- **Quality Control (QC)**

- 43 kick-off meetings were conducted during the reporting period, with C2 contractors to formally introduce the project's Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) framework, including applicable methodologies, standards, and implementation processes.
- 60 Quality Control (QC) plans submitted by C2 contractors were reviewed and approved prior to the commencement of works to strengthen contractor compliance and technical performance.
- 74 physical inspections of material quality testing undertaken across project sites in Kabul, Nangarhar, Herat, Kandahar, Gardez, Mazar, and Ghazni to maintain robust field-based quality oversight. These inspections aimed to verify adherence to technical specifications and construction standards.
- 450 QA/QC inspections were conducted throughout the reporting period. No significant quality-related issues were identified. Minor deviations observed were promptly addressed through immediate corrective measures, ensuring continued compliance with project quality standards.

- **Staffing**

- 3 staff joined the project during the reporting period.

- **Communications and Public Outreach**

- Project information and updates were provided through the project website and Facebook page.
- 4 monthly thematic updates were submitted to the World Bank.
- CRLP contributed to the Food Security & Nutrition dialogue session in the Social Protection Technical Working Group in October 2025.

## **Component 6**

- 448 contractor personnel received Respectful Workplace training in all 7 provinces of the CASA 1000 project.
- 7,643 community members received training on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment (PSEA/SH).
- The SEA/SH risk assessment plan has been drafted.
- 3 CASA 1000 staff members have been hired, including a Senior Diversity and Inclusion Officer and two PSEA/HS trainers.

### **1.1.4 AF2 Preparations**

#### **AF2 POM:**

- The team is in the process of reviewing and revising the POM for AF2. The revised POM should be ready before the signing of the Grant Support Agreements (GSA) with FPs.

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<sup>6</sup> The number of deviations addressed is higher than deviations identified because it includes deviations addressed in previous reporting periods.



**C1, C3 and C4**

- UNOPS conducted internal reflection workshops for all teams focusing on the lessons learned, and discussions on areas for improvement in the upcoming phase.
- Technical discussions with the WB technical team are being conducted to align and adjust the POM accordingly.
- Call for Proposals (CfP) for FPs was issued on 12 December 2025 and FPs were invited to participate through the Grant+ System. A training session on the system was conducted on 15 December 2025 followed by a pre-proposal meeting with the FPs on 17 December 2025. The CfP will remain open with submissions closing at 23:59 (Kabul time) on 03 January 2025. Evaluation will commence immediately after the closing date.
- Discussions on activities to strengthen community-based Disaster Risk Management are ongoing with the World Bank team.
- The digital payments pilot was completed for C1 and C3 and payment procedures under AF2 will be adjusted accordingly.
- A revised approach to the C1 CFW sub-projects implementation has been developed in coordination with UNOPS HQ (IPMG) and Regional Office (Technical Advisor), based on learning from implementation under PP and AF1.

**C2**

- A draft implementation plan for subprojects has been developed and will be finalized upon signing of the WB/UNOPS agreement.
- The digital payment modality process in 4 pilot subprojects is being closely monitored. The resulting insights will be used to further refine and improve the digital payment modality under AF2.
- The design team is exploring labor-intensive construction methods and technologies for use under AF2, with a focus on maximizing the utilization of locally available materials. This includes options such as machined dressed stone and double bituminous surface treatment. The design team has visited different subproject sites to identify any design weaknesses and incorporate improvements in the upcoming design under AF2.

**Project Implementation Support****Environment and Social Safeguards:**

- The ESCP, ESMF, and SEP were revised for AF2 and shared with the World Bank. The ESCP and SEP have been cleared by the World Bank and disclosed on the relevant World Bank and UNOPS websites. The ESMF is currently under review by UNOPS to incorporate feedback from the World Bank.
- Lessons learned from the detailed investigation report on the Samangan land donation issue will be incorporated in AF2 implementation.

**Grievance Redress Mechanism**

- Revision of the GRM Manual in line with the agreed changes is in progress to ensure full compliance with AF2 requirements.

**Gender**

- The Gender Action Plan for AF2 was updated during the TA3 reporting period.

**Communications**

- The Communications Plan for 2026 was submitted for review on 02 December 2025.

**Management Information System (MIS)**

- The Drawdown payment process is currently under development for AF2 in accordance with the new workflow.

**Monitoring**

- The results framework was developed and finalized.
- The description of Community Participatory Monitoring forms, method of implementation and frequency of use were added to the POM.
- The responsibility of relevant stakeholders, UNOPS, FP, TPMA and CRGs, in project monitoring was elaborated in the POM.
- The reporting frequency to the WB has been set quarterly (four reports in a year).

**Procurement**

- The CfPs for 5 lots under the Rural component have been launched.

## Finance

- Budget revision is ongoing, with minor changes being made based on the WB requirements.
- The plan for FPs capacity building and monitoring is being drafted.
- Recruitment of new staff will be initiated in 2026.



*World Bank CMU mission to Badakhshan Province, October 2025 @UNOPS/Rafiullah Hemat*



*World Bank Vice President for Middle East & North Africa, Afghanistan, and Pakistan, Ousmane Dione, meets private contractor at CRLP site in Kabul, December 2025 @UNOPS/Rafiullah Hemat*

## 1.2 De Facto Authorities

During the reporting period, engagement continued with DfA line ministries, MRRD, MoEC, GDCMA, Kabul Municipality (KM), provincial municipalities and provincial directors of MRRD. Good working relationships were maintained between the CRLP team and DfA at central and field level. At the provincial level, the project team has



managed to maintain good relationships with the PRRD, Directorate of Economy (DoEC) and Provincial Municipalities.

#### **Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development**

- During the TA3 reporting period, several meetings were conducted with the MRRD jointly with TPMA and WB to discuss TPMA access related issues and resolve conflict between MRRD and TPMA.
- Several meetings were also conducted with the MRRD to discuss the implementation of CRLP in rural areas. UNOPS and MRRD technical teams followed up on field-level issues through daily communication.
- Several meetings were conducted with Kunar provincial and district local authorities to discuss the earthquake emergency response project.
- The DfA appreciated CRLP activities in both rural and urban areas, and the DfA's relevant Directorates at the provincial level pledged their full support for project implementation.
- The DfA also provided positive feedback, affirming that the CRLP is a project that satisfies the community and people, with no project-related complaints received from the community.

#### **Ministry of Economy**

- Regular monthly meetings were held between UNOPS, KM, GDCMA and MoEc. Coordination and cooperation for smooth implementation were discussed during the meetings.

#### **General Directorate of Coordination for Municipalities Affairs**

- Regular coordination meetings were held between UNOPS and GDCMA, with coordination and cooperation for smooth implementation discussed during the meetings.

#### **Kabul Municipality**

- Regular monthly UNOPS and KM coordination meetings were held. Key points discussed include:
  - Implementation of LiW works in Kabul under C2
  - SG implementation
  - Possible duplication of CRLP subprojects with other agencies
  - Site and community-related matters.

#### **Provincial Municipalities**

- Regular monthly and ad hoc coordination meetings were held between UNOPS and provincial municipalities.
- The implementation of LiW works in 6 cities (Kandahar, Herat, Mazar, Jalalabad, Gardiz and Ghazni) under C2 were discussed.
- The need to avoid duplication between the CRLP subprojects and projects of other agencies was emphasized and strategies to manage it were tabled.
- Site and community-related matters were also discussed.



*UNOPS Country Director and Representative, Katy Webley, meeting with local authorities in Kunar Province, October 2025*

## 2. COMPONENT 1: Emergency Livelihoods Support and Services in Rural Areas

### 2.1 Facilitating Partners

The focus for this reporting period was on completing all activities before FP contract end dates, finalizing subprojects, closing CRGs, reconciling financial and physical assets, and completing final reports. FPs were instructed to enter all required forms and expenditure data into MIS and to promptly submit drawdown requests to UNOPS to facilitate budget disbursement, while minimizing discrepancies between MIS and field data.

In addition, the FP contract with DACAAR was amended to cover 58 CRGs in Chawki district of Kunar affected by the earthquake of 31 August 2025. Coordination was carried out with local authorities, rapid needs assessment surveys were conducted, and FP technical staff were deployed to initiate proposal preparation. These activities were regularly followed up during the reporting period to complete sub-project implementation within four months.

**Table 2.1.1 - Summary of C1 progress (field data)**

| S/N | Item description                          | Total Parent Project | Additional Financing                    |                                              |                                         |          | Grand Total (PP + AF) |
|-----|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|
|     |                                           |                      | Previous reporting period (31-Aug 2025) | Planned as of Reporting Period (31 Dec 2025) | Current reporting period (Sep-Dec 2025) | AF Total |                       |
| 1   | ECA assessments/CRGs Registration (Rural) | 5,968                | 2,664                                   | 2,664                                        | 58                                      | 2,722    | 8,690                 |
| 2   | Community profiling                       | 5,968                | 2,664                                   | 2,664                                        | 58                                      | 2,722    | 8,690                 |
| 3   | CRGs with SPs Selection                   | 5,966                | 2,664                                   | 2,664                                        | 58                                      | 2,722    | 8,688                 |
| 4   | Subprojects proposal preparation          | 7,646                | 2,948                                   | 3,027                                        | 79                                      | 3,027    | 10,673                |
| 5   | Subproject Implementation                 | 7,645                | 2,947                                   | 3,027                                        | 80                                      | 3,027    | 10,672                |
| 6   | Subproject Completion                     | 7,645                | 1,731                                   | 3,027                                        | 1,267                                   | 2,998    | 10,643                |

### 2.2 Community Mobilization Analysis (AF only)

**Table 2.2.1: Summary of CRG members composition**

| Area         | Total CRGs Activated | Total Male CRG members | Total Female CRG Members | Total CRG Members |
|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Rural        | 2,722                | 18,803                 | 1,5791                   | 34,594            |
| Urban        | 98                   | 737                    | 573                      | 1310              |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>2,820</b>         | <b>19,540</b>          | <b>16,364</b>            | <b>35,904</b>     |

**Table 2.2.2: CRG Focal Points membership detail**

| Area         | Total CRGs Activated | Total Male CRG Focal Points | Total Female CRG Focal Points | Total CRG Focal Points |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Rural        | 2,722                | 5,444                       | 2,722                         | 8,166                  |
| Urban        | 98                   | 196                         | 98                            | 294                    |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>2,820</b>         | <b>5,640</b>                | <b>2,820</b>                  | <b>8,460</b>           |

Note: The summary of community mobilization under the parent project is attached as Annex F

## 2.3 Key Outputs

**Table 2.3.1: Component 1, 3 and 4 Key Outputs (based on MIS)**

The data source for this table is MIS, some of the figures might not match with other parts of this or other reports because of the gap between field reported data and MIS.

| Key Output Indicator                                                                           | Cumulative Progress (PP) | Progress as at TA2 reporting period 31/8/2025 (AF) | Progress as at TA3 reporting period 31/12/2025 (AF) | Cumulative Progress (AF) | Total (AF+PP) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| # of provinces covered                                                                         | 26                       | 20                                                 | 1                                                   | 21                       | 29            |
| # of districts covered                                                                         | 67                       | 27                                                 | 1                                                   | 28                       | 94            |
| Form 1: # of CRGs registration completed                                                       | 5,968 <sup>7</sup>       | 2,664                                              | 58                                                  | 2,722                    | 8,690         |
| # of Resource Maps updated/created                                                             | 5,966                    | 2,649                                              | 69                                                  | 2,718                    | 8,684         |
| Form 2: # of communities' profiles completed                                                   | 5,968                    | 2,664                                              | 58                                                  | 2,722                    | 8,690         |
| Form 4: # of CRGs agreements completed                                                         | 5,966                    | 2,645                                              | 77                                                  | 2,722                    | 8,688         |
| # of community project selections completed                                                    | 5,966                    | 2,644                                              | 78                                                  | 2,722                    | 8,688         |
| Form 5: # of Cash for Work plans (Proposals completed)                                         | 7,646                    | 2,946                                              | 81                                                  | 3,027                    | 10,673        |
| # of communities' cash for work started                                                        | 5,966                    | 2,431                                              | 291                                                 | 2,722                    | 8,688         |
| # of communities' cash for work completed                                                      | 5,965                    | 725                                                | 1,943                                               | 2,668                    | 8,633         |
| # of subprojects completed                                                                     | 7,645                    | 1,246                                              | 1,734                                               | 2,980                    | 10,625        |
| # of labor days created                                                                        | 17,909,282               | 3,406,879                                          | 2,634,137                                           | 6,041,016                | 23,950,298    |
| # of labor days created (Male)                                                                 | 16,887,350               | 3,291,248                                          | 2,544,953                                           | 5,836,201                | 22,723,551    |
| # of labor days created (Female)                                                               | 1,021,932                | 115,631                                            | 89,184                                              | 204,815                  | 1,226,747     |
| # of skilled labor days created                                                                | 334,088                  | 123,733                                            | 116,927                                             | 240,660                  | 574,748       |
| # of unskilled labor days created                                                              | 17,575,194               | 3,283,146                                          | 2,517,210                                           | 5,800,356                | 23,375,550    |
| # of laborers employed                                                                         | 761,469                  | 199,399                                            | 118,359                                             | 317,758                  | 1,079,227     |
| # of laborers employed (Male)                                                                  | 718,262                  | 192,750                                            | 113,381                                             | 306,131                  | 1,024,393     |
| # of laborers employed (Female)                                                                | 43,207                   | 6,649                                              | 4,978                                               | 11,627                   | 54,834        |
| # of Returnees and IDPs HH in rural areas who have been provided with services and livelihoods | 18,513                   | 2,799                                              | 4,481                                               | 7,280                    | 25,793        |
| <b>Rural Area (Component 3a only)</b>                                                          |                          |                                                    |                                                     |                          |               |
| Form 9: # of SG plans completed                                                                | 5,945                    | 2,640                                              | 82                                                  | 2,722                    | 8,667         |
| # of communities SG distribution completed                                                     | 5,945                    | 2,639                                              | 83                                                  | 2,722                    | 8,667         |
| # of HHs which received social grants                                                          | 84,398                   | 34,165                                             | 1,272                                               | 35,437                   | 119,835       |
| # of FHHs which received social grant                                                          | 47,873                   | 19,793                                             | 906                                                 | 20,699                   | 68,572        |
| # of HH of persons with disabilities which received social grant                               | 34,831                   | 14,031                                             | 361                                                 | 14,392                   | 49,223        |
| # of HH of persons with drug addiction which received social grant                             | 1,694                    | 341                                                | 5                                                   | 346                      | 2,040         |

<sup>7</sup> Two communities in Sarubi district of Kabul failed to implement their subprojects due to a social issue between the communities. The two were closed as failed subprojects without starting any work in the communities. Thus, two CRGs were registered but with no subproject implementation.

| Urban Area (Component 3a only)                                     |        |        |       |        |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| # of community/mosque profiles completed                           | 516    | 287    | 74    | 361    | 877    |
| # of communities cash distributed                                  | 516    | 270    | 91    | 361    | 877    |
| # of HHs which received social grant                               | 38,052 | 18,316 | 6,306 | 24,622 | 62,674 |
| # of FHHs which received social grant                              | 22,185 | 9,853  | 3,324 | 13,177 | 35,362 |
| # of HH of persons with disabilities which received social grant   | 14,186 | 7,447  | 2,587 | 10,034 | 24,220 |
| # of HH of persons with drug addiction which received social grant | 1,681  | 1,016  | 395   | 1,411  | 3,092  |
| Component 4                                                        |        |        |       |        |        |
| # of communities with compulsory trainings conducted               | 6,566  | 2,664  | 0     | 2,664  | 9,230  |
| # of sub-committees/Sub-groups established <sup>8</sup>            | 18,493 | 8,088  | 2     | 8,090  | 26,739 |

**Before**



**After**



*Rehabilitation of Ander Lachak Road under the Earthquake Response in Kunar District complete December 2025 @FP/DACAAR*

<sup>8</sup> In each rural CRG, 3 subgroups are established (2,664 x 3 = 7,992) and in each urban CRG one subgroup is established (98 x 1 = 98). The total number of subgroups formed is therefore 8,090.



## 2.4 Subproject Status

Table 2.4.1: Cash for work subproject status based on MIS.

| Province Name | Total # of Subprojects selected under AF | Additional Financing           |         |       |                          |         |                         |         |       | # of Subprojects completed (PP) | # of Subprojects completed (AF+PP) |
|---------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|-------|--------------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|-------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|               |                                          | # of Subproject Approved (MIS) |         |       | # of Subprojects Ongoing |         | # of SP completed (MIS) |         |       |                                 |                                    |
|               |                                          | TA2 '25                        | TA3 '25 | Total | TA2 '25                  | TA3 '25 | TA2 '25                 | TA3 '25 | Total |                                 |                                    |
| Badakhshan    |                                          |                                |         |       |                          |         |                         |         |       | 472                             | 472                                |
| Baghlan       |                                          |                                |         |       |                          |         |                         |         |       | 359                             | 359                                |
| Bamyan        |                                          |                                |         |       |                          |         |                         |         |       | 128                             | 128                                |
| Farah         | 172                                      | 172                            |         | 172   | 165                      |         | 5                       | 167     | 172   |                                 | 172                                |
| Faryab        | 198                                      | 198                            |         | 198   | 49                       |         | 149                     | 49      | 198   | 196                             | 394                                |
| Ghazni        | 326                                      | 326                            |         | 326   | 137                      |         | 189                     | 137     | 326   | 370                             | 696                                |
| Helmand       | 213                                      | 213                            |         | 213   | 140                      |         | 73                      | 140     | 213   | 626                             | 839                                |
| Herat         | 142                                      | 142                            |         | 142   | 52                       |         | 72                      | 70      | 142   | 179                             | 321                                |
| Kabul         |                                          |                                |         |       |                          |         |                         |         |       | 416                             | 416                                |
| Kandahar      | 241                                      | 241                            |         | 241   | 61                       |         | 180                     | 61      | 241   | 406                             | 647                                |
| Kapisa        | 68                                       | 68                             |         | 68    | 55                       |         | 13                      | 55      | 68    | 331                             | 399                                |
| Khost         | 77                                       | 77                             |         | 77    | 50                       |         | 27                      | 50      | 77    | 84                              | 161                                |
| Kunarha       | 59                                       |                                | 59      | 59    |                          | 40      |                         | 19      | 19    | 162                             | 181                                |
| Kunduz        | 256                                      | 255                            | 1       | 256   | 137                      |         | 118                     | 138     | 256   |                                 | 256                                |
| Laghman       | 162                                      | 162                            |         | 162   | 109                      |         | 53                      | 109     | 162   | 243                             | 405                                |
| Logar         |                                          |                                |         |       |                          |         |                         |         |       | 78                              | 78                                 |
| Nangarhar     | 152                                      | 152                            |         | 152   | 72                       |         | 80                      | 72      | 152   | 487                             | 639                                |
| Nimroz        |                                          |                                |         |       |                          |         |                         |         |       | 388                             | 388                                |
| Nuristan      | 59                                       | 59                             |         | 59    | 39                       |         | 20                      | 39      | 59    | 198                             | 257                                |
| Paktika       | 69                                       | 69                             |         | 69    | 25                       |         | 44                      | 25      | 69    | 155                             | 224                                |
| Paktya        | 169                                      | 169                            |         | 169   | 124                      |         | 45                      | 124     | 169   | 212                             | 381                                |
| Panjsher      | 60                                       | 60                             |         | 60    | 54                       |         | 6                       | 54      | 60    | 38                              | 98                                 |
| Parwan        | 183                                      | 183                            |         | 183   | 180                      |         | 3                       | 180     | 183   | 271                             | 454                                |
| Samangan      | 51                                       | 51                             |         | 51    | 13                       |         | 38                      | 13      | 51    | 240                             | 291                                |
| Sari Pul      |                                          |                                |         |       |                          |         |                         |         |       | 351                             | 351                                |

|                    |              |              |           |              |              |             |              |              |              |              |               |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Takhar             |              |              |           |              |              |             |              |              |              | 474          | 474           |
| Uruzgan            | 125          | 125          |           | 125          | 76           |             | 49           | 76           | 125          | 330          | 455           |
| Wardak             | 124          | 103          | 21        | 124          | 93           |             | 10           | 114          | 124          | 451          | 575           |
| Zabul              | 121          | 121          |           | 121          | 51           |             | 70           | 51           | 121          |              | 121           |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>3,027</b> | <b>2,946</b> | <b>81</b> | <b>3,027</b> | <b>1,682</b> | <b>40</b>   | <b>1,244</b> | <b>1,241</b> | <b>2,987</b> | <b>7,645</b> | <b>10,632</b> |
| <b>Percentage</b>  |              |              |           | <b>100%</b>  |              | <b>1.3%</b> |              |              | <b>98.7%</b> |              |               |

CRGs subprojects selection shows strong preference for transport (74%) and irrigation (26%) based on community grant investment. Previously, this section was reported based on estimated budget because of fewer subproject completion, but in this reporting period the budget analysis below is based on actual subproject budget.

**Table 2.4.2: Sector-wise analysis of actual cash for work subproject budget**

| Sector                         | Number of SPs | Total Estimated Budget (AFN) | % of Estimated Budget | Average Budget per SP (AFN) |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Transport                      | 2,098         | 3,177,696,999                | 73.81%                | 1,541,075                   |
| Irrigation                     | 916           | 1,115,374,364                | 25.91%                | 1,222,998                   |
| Water Supply                   | 11            | 10,407,275                   | 0.24%                 | 946,116                     |
| Rural Development <sup>9</sup> | 2             | 1,525,250                    | 0.04%                 | 762,625                     |
| <b>Grand Total</b>             | <b>3,027</b>  | <b>4,305,003,887</b>         | <b>100%</b>           | <b>1,441,247</b>            |

*Note: The sector-wise analysis for the parent project is attached as Annex F.*

## 2.5 Digital payment pilot

C1 implemented the digital payment pilot for CfW laborers of one subproject (road rehabilitation project) in Afghan Lam CRG, Alingar district, Laghman Province. 258 beneficiaries were onboarded through biometric registration. 7 female laborers participated in the pilot. All 258 beneficiaries received their payments through bank cards., but one beneficiary did not withdraw his wages from his bank card onsite on the day of payment as he had travelled to another province.



*Biometric registration of laborers in Laghman Province, October 2025 @UNOPS/Rafiullah Hemat*



*A laborer shows his bank card following successful biometric registration and card issuance in Laghman Province, October 2025, @UNOPS/Rafiullah Hemat*

<sup>9</sup> Boundary Wall Construction in Zawol district of Herat

## Insights

### Strengthening climate resilience through community assets

"If this road had not existed, it would have been impossible to deliver supplies to the camp for earthquake affected families by vehicle or by foot," Gul Zaman, a resident of Chawki District in Kunar Province said, referring to a road constructed in the community through CRLP in 2023. He explained how aid was able to reach the community solely through this road. Whilst the road was constructed primarily to improve access to this remote community, it ultimately became a lifeline during the crisis—demonstrating how climate-resilient community assets built today can protect lives for years to come.

Afghanistan faces intensifying climate shocks, including floods, droughts, landslides, and earthquakes. In response, CRLP is supporting vulnerable communities to rehabilitate and construct small-scale infrastructure such as irrigation canals, check dams, gabion and retaining walls, water supply systems, and tertiary roads, designed not only to improve access to basic services, but to reduce exposure to climate risks and protect productive livelihoods.

Through participatory, risk-informed planning, communities develop public resource maps to identify hazard-prone areas and vulnerable population groups before prioritizing their subprojects. For instance, in Kalsak Sofia village in Zawol district of Herat, recognising the high flood risk, the community prioritized the construction of a protection wall. The 180m long wall would protect the lives and livelihoods of 276 families. In December 2025, the village experienced heavy flooding. "In previous years, when these floods occurred we suffered great losses. Our houses, livestock and agricultural lands would be destroyed. Thankfully, when the flood came last night, our village was not damaged," Mohammad Ali, the CRG focal point exclaimed. "If it weren't for this wall, the flood would have taken us away."

As some communities receive too much water, others are faced with inadequate water. Shifting weather patterns have negatively impacted agricultural productivity, the main source of livelihoods in most rural communities. Accordingly, 916 communities selected irrigation subprojects under the additional financing. One such community in the Southeast region selected a water reservoir for their subproject. The water reservoir now irrigates the over 100 acres of farming land including grapevines and almond orchards. Irrigation has increased crop yields, and enhanced food security and agricultural profitability.

For the vulnerable communities that CRLP targets, resilience is no longer an abstract concept. It is the road that remains passable during a crisis, the canal that sustains crops through drought, and the protection wall that keeps floodwaters at bay. By combining immediate livelihood support with climate-resilient infrastructure, CRLP is enabling Afghan communities not only to withstand shocks—but to adapt, recover, and move forward stronger.

## 3. COMPONENT 2: Emergency Livelihoods Support and Services in Urban Areas

**Table 3.1: Overall progress of the LiW until 31 December 2025 for AF1**

| No.              | City      | Community Consultation Completed | Scoping Completed | Design Completed | Handed Over | Closed     | Terminated |
|------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| <b>IDA Fund</b>  |           |                                  |                   |                  |             |            |            |
| 1                | Kabul     | 140                              | 140               | 140              | 115         | 73         | 7          |
| 2                | Jalalabad | 42                               | 42                | 42               | 41          | 31         | 0          |
| 3                | Herat     | 35                               | 35                | 35               | 35          | 25         | 0          |
| <b>Sub Total</b> |           | <b>217</b>                       | <b>217</b>        | <b>217</b>       | <b>191</b>  | <b>129</b> | <b>7</b>   |
| <b>ARTF Fund</b> |           |                                  |                   |                  |             |            |            |
| 4                | Kandahar  | 49                               | 49                | 49               | 49          | 36         | 0          |
| 5                | Mazar     | 36                               | 36                | 36               | 36          | 26         | 0          |
| 6                | Gardiz    | 28                               | 28                | 28               | 28          | 20         | 0          |



|                  |        |            |            |            |            |            |          |
|------------------|--------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|
| 7                | Ghazni | 28         | 28         | 28         | 28         | 21         | 0        |
| <b>Sub Total</b> |        | <b>141</b> | <b>141</b> | <b>141</b> | <b>141</b> | <b>103</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>Total</b>     |        | <b>358</b> | <b>358</b> | <b>358</b> | <b>332</b> | <b>232</b> | <b>7</b> |

**Table 3.2: Progress of LiW in reporting period TA3 2025 for AF1**

| No.              | City      | Community Consultation Completed | Scoping Completed | Design Completed | Handed Over | Closed     | Terminated |
|------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| <b>IDA Fund</b>  |           |                                  |                   |                  |             |            |            |
| 1                | Kabul     | 0                                | 0                 | 0                | 52          | 56         | 7          |
| 2                | Jalalabad | 0                                | 0                 | 0                | 10          | 16         | 0          |
| 3                | Herat     | 0                                | 0                 | 0                | 7           | 10         | 0          |
| <b>Sub Total</b> |           | <b>0</b>                         | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>         | <b>69</b>   | <b>82</b>  | <b>7</b>   |
| <b>ARTF Fund</b> |           |                                  |                   |                  |             |            |            |
| 4                | Kandahar  | 0                                | 0                 | 0                | 12          | 16         | 0          |
| 5                | Mazar     | 0                                | 0                 | 0                | 9           | 6          | 0          |
| 6                | Gardiz    | 0                                | 0                 | 0                | 11          | 16         | 0          |
| 7                | Ghazni    | 0                                | 0                 | 0                | 10          | 14         | 0          |
| <b>Sub Total</b> |           | <b>0</b>                         | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>         | <b>42</b>   | <b>52</b>  | <b>0</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>     |           | <b>0</b>                         | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>         | <b>111</b>  | <b>134</b> | <b>7</b>   |

Note: In TA3 2025 reporting period, 6 subprojects were terminated with the consultation of UNOPS legal due to contractors' inaction or refusal to proceed. One more subproject was terminated due to a land ownership issue (details outlined under section 3.1.1 Kabul City).

**Table 3.3 Overall number of labor related data for AF - as of 31 December 2025**

| No.              | City      | Total Labor Days Generated | Labor Days Generated (Male) | Labor Days Generated (Female) | Total HHs Directly Benefited | HHs Directly Benefited (Male) | HHs Directly Benefited (Female) | % of Female HHs | Total No. of IDPs Directly Benefited | Total No. of Returnees HHs Directly Benefited | Total No. of Indirect Beneficiaries |
|------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>IDA Fund</b>  |           |                            |                             |                               |                              |                               |                                 |                 |                                      |                                               |                                     |
| 1                | Kabul     | 1,016,233                  | 929,716                     | 86,517                        | 30,327                       | 27,572                        | 2,755                           | 9.08            | 981                                  | 563                                           | 685,754                             |
| 2                | Jalalabad | 314,386                    | 280,188                     | 34,198                        | 10,127                       | 8,775                         | 1,352                           | 13.35           | 1,864                                | 275                                           | 240,300                             |
| 3                | Herat     | 254,100                    | 225,594                     | 28,507                        | 8,795                        | 7,682                         | 1,113                           | 12.65           | 617                                  | 75                                            | 270,942                             |
| <b>Sub Total</b> |           | <b>1,584,719</b>           | <b>1,435,498</b>            | <b>149,222</b>                | <b>49,249</b>                | <b>44,029</b>                 | <b>5,220</b>                    | <b>10.60</b>    | <b>3,462</b>                         | <b>913</b>                                    | <b>1,196,996</b>                    |
| <b>ARTF Fund</b> |           |                            |                             |                               |                              |                               |                                 |                 |                                      |                                               |                                     |
| 4                | Kandahar  | 324,128                    | 307,363                     | 16,766                        | 10,416                       | 9,919                         | 497                             | 4.77            | 169                                  | 355                                           | 429,354                             |
| 5                | Mazar     | 253,916                    | 230,420                     | 23,496                        | 7,742                        | 6,905                         | 837                             | 10.81           | 214                                  | 245                                           | 224,150                             |
| 6                | Gardiz    | 205,677                    | 186,871                     | 18,806                        | 6,328                        | 5,767                         | 561                             | 8.87            | 174                                  | 69                                            | 145,307                             |
| 7                | Ghazni    | 212,374                    | 193,565                     | 18,809                        | 6,249                        | 5,645                         | 604                             | 9.67            | 134                                  | 45                                            | 173,150                             |
| <b>Sub Total</b> |           | <b>996,094</b>             | <b>918,219</b>              | <b>77,876</b>                 | <b>30,735</b>                | <b>28,236</b>                 | <b>2,499</b>                    | <b>8.13</b>     | <b>691</b>                           | <b>714</b>                                    | <b>971,961</b>                      |
| <b>Total</b>     |           | <b>2,580,813</b>           | <b>2,353,716</b>            | <b>227,097</b>                | <b>79,984</b>                | <b>72,265</b>                 | <b>7,719</b>                    | <b>9.65</b>     | <b>4,153</b>                         | <b>1,627</b>                                  | <b>2,168,957</b>                    |

**Table 3.4 Number of labor related data for the TA3 2025 reporting period**

| No.             | City      | Total Labor Days Generated | Labor Days Generated (Male) | Labor Days Generated (Female) | Total HHs Directly Benefited | HHs Directly Benefited (Male) | HHs Directly Benefited (Female) | % of Female HHs | Total No. of IDPs Directly Benefited | Total No. of Returnees HHs Directly Benefited | Total No. of Indirect Beneficiaries |
|-----------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>IDA Fund</b> |           |                            |                             |                               |                              |                               |                                 |                 |                                      |                                               |                                     |
| 1               | Kabul     | 443,490                    | 404,013                     | 39,476                        | 10,624                       | 9,611                         | 1,013                           | 9.54            | 514                                  | 214                                           | 362,109                             |
| 2               | Jalalabad | 72,477                     | 64,083                      | 8,394                         | 1,237                        | 1,049                         | 188                             | 15.20           | 212                                  | 15                                            | 65,100                              |
| 3               | Herat     | 50,393                     | 46,396                      | 3,998                         | 1,166                        | 1,058                         | 108                             | 9.26            | 40                                   | 42                                            | 44,412                              |

|           |          |         |         |        |        |        |       |       |     |     |         |
|-----------|----------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-----|-----|---------|
| Sub Total |          | 566,360 | 514,492 | 51,868 | 13,027 | 11,718 | 1,309 | 10.05 | 766 | 271 | 471,621 |
| ARTF Fund |          |         |         |        |        |        |       |       |     |     |         |
| 4         | Kandahar | 62,319  | 57,914  | 4,406  | 1,190  | 1,107  | 83    | 6.97  | 62  | 73  | 112,305 |
| 5         | Mazar    | 52,686  | 47,000  | 5,686  | 1,104  | 972    | 132   | 11.96 | 9   | 70  | 72,190  |
| 6         | Gardiz   | 48,913  | 45,208  | 3,705  | 981    | 905    | 76    | 7.75  | 15  | 10  | 61,387  |
| 7         | Ghazni   | 40,390  | 35,986  | 4,404  | 932    | 822    | 110   | 11.80 | 39  | 13  | 65,800  |
| Sub Total |          | 204,307 | 186,108 | 18,200 | 4,207  | 3,806  | 401   | 9.53  | 125 | 166 | 311,682 |
| Total     |          | 770,667 | 700,599 | 70,067 | 17,234 | 15,524 | 1,710 | 9.92  | 891 | 437 | 783,303 |

**Table 3.5: Overall number of subprojects handed over by sector for AF (31 December 2025)**

| Sector                              | KBL        | KND       | HRT       | MZR       | JLB       | GRZ       | GZN       | Total      | %           |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Transport                           | 109        | 26        | 23        | 27        | 35        | 23        | 20        | 263        | 79          |
| Environmental/Climate <sup>10</sup> | 6          | 23        | 12        | 9         | 6         | 5         | 8         | 69         | 21          |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                  | <b>115</b> | <b>49</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>41</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>332</b> | <b>100%</b> |

## 3.1 Progress per City

### 3.1.1 Kabul (40% of AF subprojects)

The implementation of LiW subprojects in Kabul progressed efficiently during the reporting period, supported by strong coordination with Kabul Municipality and the Economy Directorate of the Ministry of Economy. Regular and ad-hoc coordination meetings were held to discuss project progress and planning including ensuring access for women beneficiaries.

Despite challenges related to cement shortages and price escalation, labor-intensive, small-scale infrastructure projects continued successfully. 56 subprojects were completed and handed over to communities. Financial progress reached 91%. These projects directly engaged 10,624 laborers, with approximately 10% female participation, demonstrating a significant positive impact on community livelihoods and resilience.

#### Challenges Encountered

- **Cement Shortage and Price Escalation:** Contractors in Kabul City experienced a significant cement shortage and price increase. Prices nearly doubled from 370 AFN to approximately 700 AFN per bag for several weeks. This resulted in delays and the extension of approximately 10 subprojects into the upcoming spring season.
- **Contractor Inaction:** Due to cement shortage and price escalation issues, 6 subprojects were terminated, following consultation with UNOPS Legal, because of contractor inaction or refusal to proceed.
- **One subproject in Kabul City was terminated due to a land ownership issue with the National Development Corporation.**

Social grants under C3 have already been distributed in the terminated subproject sites. This has been flagged in MIS to prevent duplication. Implementation of these subprojects will be conducted under AF2 period, utilizing the budgeted funds from AF1.

<sup>10</sup>Environment/Climate subprojects (climate resilience subprojects) are those which significantly enhance resilience to climate change and qualify for a 20% incentive budget. These include canal upgradation, stormwater drainage improvements, park rehabilitation, green space development, watershed management, and the construction of protection and retention structures. However, as the majority of LIWs are carried out in less developed urban areas, each activity is expected to have substantial climatic and environmental effects on the specific geographic area where the subproject is implemented. For instance, a street paving project not only involves the rehabilitation of the pavement itself but also includes activities that directly improve community resilience to climate and disaster risks, such as the rehabilitation of street-side drainage systems, upgrades to culverts, and the construction of retaining or protection structures in certain locations along the street. All of these activities work to mitigate the risks of flood disasters and earth sliding in that particular area, and the street paving itself plays a crucial role in controlling dust in the area.



*Street paved with plum concrete and handed over to the community for use in Gozar #14, District #05, Kabul City, on December 29, 2025 @UNOPS*

### 3.1.2 Kandahar (14% of AF Subproject)

As the second largest city in terms of the number of projects, Kandahar has demonstrated significant progress across all project phases during the reporting period. All 49 planned projects were successfully completed and handed over to the communities. Effective coordination has been established with all relevant stakeholders, including local authorities, UN agencies, and community representatives, ensuring project transparency and responsiveness to local needs.



*Before and after photos of a surface water and flood control canal in Gozar #1, District #14, Kandahar City on 25 Nov 2025 @UNOPS*

### 3.1.3 Herat (9% of AF Subprojects)

In addition to providing temporary work opportunities to locals, IDPs and returnees, the Herat team managed to implement a number of small-scale infrastructure subprojects through labor intensive works. These included street paving, greenery, retaining walls, flood protection walls in flood prone areas. The team maintained good relationships with the CRGs and other local stakeholders, strengthening the local community institutions and ensuring smooth delivery of services.





*Flood protection wall completed in Gozar 6 District #10, Herat City in September 2025 providing a shield for homes, people and livelihoods @UNOPS*

### 3.1.4 Jalalabad (12% of AF subprojects)

Subproject implementation in Jalalabad is almost complete. The last subproject, which is piloting digital payments, is progressing smoothly. No major issues were reported during the TA3 reporting period. Strong stakeholder management and relationships were maintained with the DfA provincial authorities and Jalalabad Municipality. Coordination meetings were held to discuss the project's progress and plans, including women participation and creating a safe working environment for them. The Jalalabad team has successfully integrated 13.41% women into the labor force, overcoming initial cultural hesitations. This was achieved through proactive and early engagement with community leaders and local authorities on the project. Additionally, the project has established strong relationships with UN agencies, particularly UNAMA and OCHA-Jalalabad. Quality assurance remains a priority, with regular site inspections and a structured monitoring system improving accountability.



*Before and after photos of a street paving project handed over to the community for use in Gozar #42, District #8, Jalalabad City handed over on 20 November 2025 (right side) @UNOPS*

### 3.1.5 Mazar-e-Sharif (9% of AF subprojects)

The implementation of LiW progressed smoothly in Mazar-e-Sharif city during the reporting period. Appropriate coordination mechanisms were established with the DfA local authorities, particularly with the office of Mazar-e-Sharif Municipality. Several coordination meetings were held with the mayor and Director of Economy to

discuss status and progress of ongoing projects and find possible solutions to the existing obstacles such as women engagement in the LIW. Close collaboration with Gozar Assemblies and CRGs enabled identification and inclusion of vulnerable women within the project. A safe working environment was ensured for women, with support of the GRM and Gender units of the project.



*Street paved with plum concrete and handed over to the community in Gozar #8, District #9, Mazar City*

### 3.1.6 Gardiz (8% of AF subprojects)

All projects planned under AF1 in Gardiz City have been successfully completed. The project team finalized and handed over all 28 allocated subprojects to the respective communities across six districts of Gardiz City. Strategically implemented in the city's most vulnerable areas, these interventions have delivered substantial socio-economic benefits.

The projects generated 205,677 labor days, providing employment opportunities for 6,328 individuals from various households, including 561 women (approximately 9% of the workforce). On average, each laborer was employed for 33 days. 3.84% of the workforce consisted of IDPs and returnees, reflecting the project's commitment to inclusive economic participation. Overall, an estimated 145,307 community members have indirectly benefited from the interventions.



*Before and after photos of a plum concrete surface tertiary road handed over to the community for use in Gozar #2, District #2, Gardiz City on 5 September 2025 (hand over date) @UNOPS*

### 3.1.7 Ghazni (8% of AF subprojects)

The implementation of C2 has progressed well in Ghazni City. Throughout the TA3 2025 reporting period, proactive stakeholder management was maintained with the local Authorities. Multiple consultations were held at the provincial level, including meetings with the newly appointed mayor of Ghazni to ensure alignment with local



priorities and proactively address any emerging routine issues. These engagements provided a crucial platform for effective project implementation.

As a result of these collaborative efforts, the team successfully completed all 28 allocated subprojects and handed them over to the respective communities across all districts. These subprojects generated significant socio-economic benefits for the city's most vulnerable communities. 212,374 labor days were created, providing employment for 6,249 individuals from diverse households, including 604 women (approximately 10% of the workforce). On average, each laborer worked for 34 days. Notably, 3% of the workforce comprised IDPs and returnees, demonstrating the project's contribution to inclusive economic opportunities. An estimated 173,150 members of the local communities have indirectly benefited from these projects.



*School children from a nearby girls' school are benefiting from improved access through the Arbaba to Qala Ashrat street paved with Plum Concrete surface(L=505m), Gozar#2, District#4, Ghazni City, 17 September 2025 @UNOPS*

### 3.2 Digital payments pilot

The digital payment was implemented successfully with AIB, the service provider, completing both beneficiary registration and digital payment issuance, with no significant challenges. 902 eligible beneficiaries were onboarded across 4 urban subproject sites. As of the reporting date, all 710 beneficiaries scheduled for payment (100%) were successfully paid through the digital payment system.

| Site                  | # of Beneficiaries registered | # of Beneficiaries actually paid through digital payment | # of Beneficiaries actually withdraw through digital payment | If beneficiaries have not withdrawn yet, what are the reasons?                                                |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Kabul, District 7     | 249                           | 249                                                      | 249                                                          |                                                                                                               |
| Kabul, District 22    | 189                           | 189                                                      | 189                                                          |                                                                                                               |
| Kandahar, District 13 | 125                           | 118                                                      | 118                                                          | 7 laborers were registered but they did not work.                                                             |
| Jalalabad, District 8 | 339                           | 154                                                      | 154                                                          | The project is ongoing and the remaining beneficiaries will receive the payment in the next reporting period. |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>902</b>                    | <b>710</b>                                               | <b>710</b>                                                   |                                                                                                               |



*Biometric registration of laborers in Jalalabad city. October 2025 @UNOPS/Rafiullah Hemat*



*Laborers receiving their wages in Kandahar City, November 2025 @UNOPS*

## Insights

### Transforming urban landscapes through CRLP

As of 31 December 2025, CRLP implemented 332 subprojects in low-income urban communities under AF1 and handed over to community for use, delivering not only urgent service needs, but also improvements in the quality, safety, and functionality of urban environments. One of the most impactful interventions has been the upgrading of 215 kilometers of streets using plum concrete surfacing, a durable and cost-effective technology that strengthens road foundations while improving drainage and longevity. Previously, many of these communities struggled with wet, muddy roads, especially in winter. Now improved roads connect them to essential services like schools, mosques, health facilities and markets. "It only cost me 20 AFN to take a rickshaw, and I reached it within minutes. This road made it possible for me to get help quickly," shared Zarmina, a patient at Charasyab Hospital in Kabul.



*Mothers walk home from Charasyab Hospital on a CRLP-rehabilitated street in District 20, Kabul City*

Complementing road upgrades, the project improved 13 kilometers of sidewalks, creating safer pedestrian routes and enhancing accessibility. These pathways reduce traffic accident risks, improve mobility for women and children, and contribute to more inclusive public spaces.

Fatima, a mother of four from Herat city, shared her relief at the improved sidewalks. "My children go to Goharshad School which is a short distance from here. Before, the road was so muddy that their clothes would get dirty. The little one would slip on the way, and I would be washing clothes every day. Now, with the new road, they reach school on time and return home safely. It gives me real peace of mind as a mother."

Urban greenery is another defining feature of the transformation. Under additional financing, 180,000 square meters of parks and green spaces have been established. These areas mitigate urban heat island effects, improve air quality, and provide communal spaces for families. In these Afghan cities which are facing rapid growth and environmental stress, the parks offer climate adaptation benefits. Drainage and flood mitigation infrastructure further strengthen climate resilience. 2.2 kilometers of rain and surface water drainage upgrades and 16 kilometers of retaining and protection walls have been constructed, protecting communities from climate shocks and transforming the urban landscape.



*Greenery installed by CRLP in Kandahar city*



## 4. COMPONENT 3: Social Grants for Women and Most Vulnerable in Rural and Urban areas

### 4.1 Component 3a. Social Grant Food and Cash Distribution

As of 31 December 2025, 3,084 communities and project sites (100% of the AF1 target) had finalized beneficiary lists, identifying 60,071 eligible household beneficiaries for both cash and food packages assistance. 2,722 communities were identified in rural areas, and 361 sites in urban areas. Social grant distributions were successfully completed in 3,084 communities and project sites (100% of total target), comprising 2,722 rural communities and 361 urban project sites. 60,071 beneficiary households were reached in total.

In rural areas, 35,448 households were reached, comprising 20,694 female-headed households, approximately 58% of the total beneficiary households. 14,408 households with persons with disabilities and 346 households with persons with drug-addiction received food packages.

In urban areas, 24,623 households were reached, comprising 13,176 female-headed households, approximately 53.5% of the total beneficiary households. 10,037 households with persons with disabilities and 1,410 households with persons with drug-addiction received the cash grants.

In addition, a digital payment pilot for Social Grant cash distribution was conducted in District 22 of Kabul City. 70 beneficiaries were registered and issued cards, and all beneficiaries successfully withdrew their funds from their accounts at the project site.

The following table outlines the cumulative coverage and distribution of social grants:

**Table 4.1.1: Cumulative Social Grant status for AF as of 31 December 2025**

| Coverage                        |                      | Communities / Project Sites |                                         |                               | Households                             |                            | HHs Received SGs |                                     |                                         |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Lot #                           | FP                   | Target # in Total           | # with full beneficiary lists completed | # with distribution completed | # of eligible Beneficiaries identified | Total # of beneficiary HHs | # of FHHs        | # of HHs of persons with disability | # of HHs of persons with drug addiction |
| 1                               | AKF                  | 262                         | 262                                     | 262                           | 3,249                                  | 3,249                      | 2,116            | 1,109                               | 24                                      |
| 2                               | ACTED                | 392                         | 392                                     | 392                           | 4,594                                  | 4,594                      | 2,575            | 1,978                               | 41                                      |
| 3                               | RRAA                 | 426                         | 426                                     | 426                           | 6,161                                  | 6,161                      | 3,827            | 2,272                               | 62                                      |
| 4                               | CHA                  | 663                         | 663                                     | 663                           | 8,582                                  | 8,582                      | 4,832            | 3,626                               | 124                                     |
| 5                               | CDDO                 | 561                         | 561                                     | 561                           | 7,304                                  | 7,293                      | 3,836            | 3,406                               | 51                                      |
| 6                               | DACAAR               | 360                         | 360                                     | 360                           | 4,518                                  | 4,518                      | 2,738            | 1,736                               | 44                                      |
| 6                               | DACAAR (EQ Response) | 58                          | 58                                      | 58                            | 1,040                                  | 1,040                      | 775              | 265                                 | -                                       |
| <b>Sub Total for rural area</b> |                      | <b>2,722</b>                | <b>2,722</b>                            | <b>2,722</b>                  | <b>35,448</b>                          | <b>35,437</b>              | <b>20,699</b>    | <b>14,392</b>                       | <b>346</b>                              |
| 2                               | Kabul                | 140                         | 140                                     | 140                           | 9,800                                  | 280                        | 120              | 149                                 | 11                                      |
| 3                               | Herat                | 35                          | 35                                      | 35                            | 2,450                                  | 9,800                      | 5,329            | 3,931                               | 540                                     |
| 3                               | Mazar-e-Sharif       | 36                          | 36                                      | 36                            | 2,515                                  | 2,450                      | 1,139            | 870                                 | 441                                     |
| 4                               | Kandahar             | 49                          | 48                                      | 48                            | 3,232                                  | 2,515                      | 1,324            | 1,061                               | 130                                     |
| 5                               | Gardiz               | 28                          | 28                                      | 28                            | 1,893                                  | 3,232                      | 1,999            | 1,151                               | 82                                      |
| 5                               | Ghazni               | 28                          | 28                                      | 28                            | 1,828                                  | 1,893                      | 833              | 1,031                               | 29                                      |
| 6                               | Jalalabad            | 42                          | 42                                      | 42                            | 2,625                                  | 1,828                      | 912              | 788                                 | 128                                     |
| 1                               | Kunduz               | 4                           | 4                                       | 4                             | 280                                    | 2,624                      | 1,521            | 1,053                               | 50                                      |
| <b>Sub Total for urban area</b> |                      | <b>362</b>                  | <b>361</b>                              | <b>361</b>                    | <b>24,623</b>                          | <b>24,622</b>              | <b>13,177</b>    | <b>10,034</b>                       | <b>1,411</b>                            |
| <b>G. Total</b>                 |                      | <b>3,084</b>                | <b>3,083</b>                            | <b>3,083</b>                  | <b>60,071</b>                          | <b>60,059</b>              | <b>33,876</b>    | <b>24,426</b>                       | <b>1,757</b>                            |



**Table 4.1.2: Social Grant status for TA3 reporting period**

| Coverage                        |                      | Communities / Project Sites |                                         |                               | Households                             |                            | HHs Received SGs |                                   |                                         |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Lot #                           | FP                   | Target # in Total           | # with full beneficiary lists completed | # with distribution completed | # of eligible Beneficiaries identified | Total # of beneficiary HHs | # of FHHs        | # of HHs of persons with disabled | # of HHs of persons with drug addiction |
| 1                               | AKF                  | 262                         | -                                       | -                             | -                                      | -                          | -                | -                                 | -                                       |
| 2                               | ACTED                | 392                         | -                                       | 3                             | 13                                     | 13                         | 12               | 1                                 | -                                       |
| 3                               | RRAA                 | 426                         | -                                       | -                             | -                                      | -                          | -                | -                                 | -                                       |
| 4                               | CHA                  | 663                         | -                                       | -                             | -                                      | -                          | -                | -                                 | -                                       |
| 5                               | CDDO                 | 561                         | -                                       | -                             | -                                      | -                          | 2                | 9                                 | -                                       |
| 6                               | DACAAR               | 360                         | -                                       | 3                             | 16                                     | 16                         | 15               | 1                                 | -                                       |
| 6                               | DACAAR (EQ Response) | 58                          | 58                                      | 58                            | 1,040                                  | 1,040                      | 775              | 265                               | -                                       |
| <b>Sub Total for rural area</b> |                      | <b>2,722</b>                | <b>58</b>                               | <b>64</b>                     | <b>1,069</b>                           | <b>1,069</b>               | <b>804</b>       | <b>276</b>                        | <b>-</b>                                |
| 2                               | Kabul                | 140                         | 14                                      | 69                            | 980                                    | 4,830                      | 2,600            | 1,922                             | 308                                     |
| 3                               | Herat                | 32                          | -                                       | -                             | -                                      | -                          | -                | -                                 | -                                       |
| 3                               | Mazar-e-Sharif       | 31                          | -                                       | -                             | -                                      | -                          | -                | -                                 | -                                       |
| 4                               | Kandahar             | 49                          | -                                       | -                             | -                                      | 1                          | -                | 16                                | 1                                       |
| 5                               | Gardiz               | 28                          | -                                       | -                             | -                                      | -                          | -                | -                                 | -                                       |
| 5                               | Ghazni               | 28                          | -                                       | 2                             | 43                                     | 111                        | 55               | 46                                | 10                                      |
| 6                               | Jalalabad            | 42                          | -                                       | 3                             | -                                      | 201                        | 102              | 96                                | 3                                       |
| 7                               | Kunduz               | 4                           | -                                       | -                             | -                                      | -                          | -                | -                                 | -                                       |
| <b>Sub Total for urban area</b> |                      | <b>354</b>                  | <b>14</b>                               | <b>74</b>                     | <b>1,023</b>                           | <b>5,143</b>               | <b>2,757</b>     | <b>2,080</b>                      | <b>322</b>                              |
| <b>G. Total</b>                 |                      | <b>3,076</b>                | <b>72</b>                               | <b>138</b>                    | <b>2,092</b>                           | <b>6,212</b>               | <b>3,561</b>     | <b>2,356</b>                      | <b>322</b>                              |



*A woman receives her social grant through the digital payment process in Kabul, October 2025 @UNOPS/Abdullah Paktin*

## 4.2 Component 3b. Women's Economic Activities

Implementation of the Women's Economic Activities (WEA) component has been completed during the reporting period. Identified beneficiaries in 2,592 communities showed interest in C3b activities. 17,900 eligible beneficiary households have been identified. The WEA training was delivered to 19,809 female-headed households and community poultry advisors in 2,592 communities. In addition, the following activities have been conducted during the reporting period:

- Vaccinated chickens, feeders, drinkers, formulated feed, and coop construction materials were distributed to eligible women beneficiaries in all 2,592 communities. The chickens were provided following a 15-day quarantine period to ensure biosecurity and health compliance.
- Post-distribution training has been completed in all 2,592 communities where poultry packages have been distributed.
- Monitoring of all activities under Component 3b and follow-up visits carried out by FP staff in coordination with UNOPS personnel.

**Table 4.2.1: C3b Women's Economic Activities- Detailed Profile of Beneficiaries Selection**

| Lot #        | FP     | # of contracted communities | # of comm with full beneficiary lists completed | # of eligible HHs identified | # of CRGs training Sessions conducted | # of eligible women + experienced advisor women participated in training sessions | # of CRGs WEA assets distributed | # of eligible women received WEA assets | # of returnees & IDPs HH received WEA assets |
|--------------|--------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1            | AKF    | 262                         | 262                                             | 1,687                        | 257                                   | 1,687                                                                             | 257                              | 1,687                                   | 0                                            |
| 2            | ACTED  | 392                         | 392                                             | 2,520                        | 375                                   | 3,715                                                                             | 375                              | 2,520                                   | 6                                            |
| 3            | RRAA   | 426                         | 426                                             | 3,482                        | 422                                   | 3,501                                                                             | 422                              | 3,482                                   | 8                                            |
| 4            | CHA    | 663                         | 663                                             | 4,463                        | 641                                   | 4,554                                                                             | 641                              | 4,463                                   | 66                                           |
| 5            | CDDO   | 561                         | 561                                             | 3,570                        | 554                                   | 4,161                                                                             | 554                              | 3,570                                   | 0                                            |
| 6            | DACAAR | 360                         | 360                                             | 2,178                        | 343                                   | 2,191                                                                             | 343                              | 2,178                                   | 0                                            |
| <b>Total</b> |        | <b>2,664</b>                | <b>2,664</b>                                    | <b>17,900</b>                | <b>2,592</b>                          | <b>19,809</b>                                                                     | <b>2,592</b>                     | <b>17,900</b>                           | <b>80</b>                                    |



*C3b new-hatched chicks are thriving and growing well, Kunduz Province.@ FP AKF*



*A C3b beneficiary collects eggs from her poultry, supporting her family's livelihood in Archi District, Kunduz Province.@ FP AKF*

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### Connecting women to markets for sustainable income

Under additional financing, CRLP piloted women economic activities designed to strengthen food security and nutrition, while improving household income. Beyond the training and distribution of poultry packages, the project also emphasized the establishment of market linkages so that the beneficiaries generate sustained earnings from their produce.

Across the targeted districts, social organizers are engaging with communities and shopkeepers to promote reliable demand for eggs produced by the women participating in the poultry activities. In Gizab district of Uruzgan province, for example, social organizers met with local shopkeepers in the Khalaj area village bazaar to encourage them to purchase eggs from project beneficiaries. "Some of the poor families who received poultry support had bought items from our shops on credit. Now, by selling eggs, they are earning income and using it to repay debts and address their financial needs. As shopkeepers, we purchase their eggs at a fair price to support them and encourage their small businesses," said Nisar Ahmad.

In Kajaki district, Mianpushta village of Helmand province, local shopkeepers are also supporting the women's poultry projects. "The eggs produced by the hens distributed by CHA (CRLP facilitating partner) are larger than those from other hens. Our customers prefer these large, natural eggs, and the demand for them is high," one shopkeeper who buys eggs from these households mentioned.

In Maiwand and Miyanishin districts of Kandahar province, social organizers visited shops in the villages, encouraging shopkeepers to purchase eggs from project beneficiaries at fair prices. In Maiwand, some local vendors from the market even go door to door buying eggs from the women. Neighboring families are also supporting the women. In Mizan district of Zabul province, neighbors are the most regular customers. The reputation for quality which the women have gained is helping them secure good prices for their eggs.



In villages near district centers, CRG members have agreed to assign a focal person to collect eggs once or twice weekly and sell them to nearby supermarkets on behalf of some of the women who are not mobile. This collective approach improves access to larger markets and ensures more consistent sales for the project beneficiaries.

"I save the income from eggs which I sell for 8 Afghanis each to the shops in the village. The hens lay 8 to 10 eggs daily. I sell 5 eggs and earn 40 AFN daily. When my food package runs out, I will use the money I have saved.," Bibi Gul, a 46 years old widow from Khatai village, Chahar Dara district in Kunduz province explained.

Through structured market linkages, CRLP supports the most vulnerable women in the community to not only produce food for their families, but also participate in local economies, strengthen food security and nutrition, and generate reliable income that promotes their longer-term resilience.



Beneficiaries show the eggs they are collecting from the chickens provided by CRLP in Bakhmal Kocha of Dasht-e-Archi district in Kunduz province

## 4.3 Returnees and IDPs

**Table 4.3.1: Number of IDPS and returnees under the Parent Project**

| Lot # | Region             | FP Name    | # of Provinc es | # of returnees HHs benefiting |     |    | # of IDP HHs benefiting |       |                  |
|-------|--------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----|----|-------------------------|-------|------------------|
|       |                    |            |                 | CfW                           | LiW | SG | CfW                     | LiW   | SG <sup>11</sup> |
| 1     | Northeast (Kunduz) | AKF        | 3               |                               | 172 |    | 366                     | 453   | N/A              |
| 2     | Center (Kabul)     | ACTED      | 6               | 70                            | 607 |    | 3,514                   | 932   | N/A              |
| 3     | Northwest (Mazar)  | Afghan AID | 4               |                               | 84  |    | 1,130                   | 965   | N/A              |
| 4     | South (Kandahar)   | CHA        | 4               |                               | 259 | 12 | 6,143                   | 744   | N/A              |
| 5     | Southeast (Khost)  | CDDO       | 5               | 74                            | 41  |    | 2,307                   | 515   | N/A              |
| 6     | East (Jalalabad)   | DACAAR     | 4               | 381                           | 287 | 26 | 4,490                   | 2,521 | N/A              |

<sup>11</sup> The Project monitoring forms for SG under PP did not capture IDP data.



|              |        |  |           |            |              |           |               |              |            |
|--------------|--------|--|-----------|------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| 7            | Herat  |  |           |            | 100          |           |               | 3,566        | N/A        |
| 8            | Bamyan |  |           |            |              |           |               | 49           | N/A        |
| <b>Total</b> |        |  | <b>26</b> | <b>525</b> | <b>1,550</b> | <b>38</b> | <b>17,950</b> | <b>9,745</b> | <b>N/A</b> |

**Table 4.3.2: Number of IDPs and Returnees under the Additional Financing (based on MIS)**

| Lot #        | Region             | FP Name | # of Provinces | # of returnees HHs benefiting |              |            | # of IDP HHs benefiting |              |              |
|--------------|--------------------|---------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|              |                    |         |                | CfW                           | LiW          | SG         | CfW                     | LiW          | SG           |
| 1            | Northeast (Kunduz) | AKF     | 2              | 243                           |              | 1          | 166                     |              | 4            |
| 2            | Center (Kabul)     | ACTED   | 4              | 54                            | 556          | 9          | 119                     | 987          | 179          |
| 3            | Northwest (Mazar)  | RRAA    | 3              | 977                           | 245          | 39         | 1,730                   | 206          | 156          |
| 4            | South (Kandahar)   | CHA     | 4              | 156                           | 355          | 85         | 119                     | 169          | 942          |
| 5            | Southeast (Khost)  | CDDO    | 4              | 27                            | 69           | 25         | 148                     | 174          | 338          |
| 6            | East (Jalalabad)   | DACAAR  | 4              | 205                           | 273          | 23         | 650                     | 1,861        | 174          |
| 7            | Herat              |         |                |                               | 70           | 40         |                         | 617          | 297          |
| 8            | Ghazni             |         |                |                               | 45           | 14         |                         | 134          | 363          |
| <b>Total</b> |                    |         | <b>21</b>      | <b>1,659</b>                  | <b>1,613</b> | <b>236</b> | <b>2,932</b>            | <b>4,148</b> | <b>2,453</b> |

Note: The number of IDPs and Returnees show a decrease compared to TA2 because during the subproject implementation the figures were retrieved from Form #2, while after completion of the subproject the actual coverage is reported.

**Table 4.3.3: Number of IDPS and returnees benefited under the PP and AF (Rural and Urban) based on MIS data**

| Lot #        | Region                   | FP Name          | # of Provinces | # of returnees HHs benefiting |              |            | # of IDP HHs benefiting |               |              |
|--------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|
|              |                          |                  |                | CfW                           | LiW          | SG         | CfW                     | LiW           | SG           |
| 1            | Northeast (Kunduz)       | AKF              | 5              | 243                           | 172          | 1          | 532                     | 453           | 4            |
| 2            | Center (Kabul)           | ACTED            | 6              | 121                           | 1,163        | 9          | 3,633                   | 1,919         | 179          |
| 3            | Northwest (Mazar)        | Afghan AID/ RRAA | 5              | 977                           | 329          | 39         | 2,860                   | 1,171         | 156          |
| 4            | South (Kandahar)         | CHA              | 5              | 156                           | 614          | 97         | 6,262                   | 913           | 942          |
| 5            | Southeast (Khost/Gardez) | CDDO             | 5              | 101                           | 110          | 25         | 2,455                   | 689           | 338          |
| 6            | East (Jalalabad)         | DACAAR           | 4              | 586                           | 560          | 49         | 5,140                   | 4,382         | 174          |
| 7            | Herat                    |                  |                |                               | 170          | 40         |                         | 4,183         | 297          |
| 8            | Bamyan                   |                  |                |                               |              |            |                         | 49            |              |
| 9            | Ghazni                   |                  |                |                               | 45           | 14         |                         | 134           | 363          |
| <b>Total</b> |                          |                  | <b>30</b>      | <b>2,184</b>                  | <b>3,163</b> | <b>274</b> | <b>20,882</b>           | <b>13,893</b> | <b>2,453</b> |

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### Work gives life meaning- hope for Afghan returnees

When Muhammad Ayub crossed the border back into Afghanistan after 35 years in Pakistan, he was deeply worried. Ahead of him lay so much uncertainty. With a large family of fourteen relying on him for their next meal, he felt overwhelmed.

Ayub is one of millions of Afghans pushed home in recent years, returning to a country still struggling with

unemployment, fragile infrastructure, and limited essential services. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), nearly 2.7 million Afghans have returned home from Pakistan and Iran, in 2025 alone. This influx places severe strain on communities who are already grappling with poverty, high unemployment and increasing vulnerability to climate change and natural disasters. Even those who never left the country have found themselves competing for scarce work. Similarly for the returnees, their top priority is to secure a job or employment.

Ayub's village in Zurmat district of Paktia province was selected for subproject implementation through CRLP. Consistent with the inclusive aid delivery methodology adopted by CRGs established through the project, Ayub was identified as a vulnerable newcomer in the village and subsequently registered as an unskilled worker.



*Mohammad Ayub standing along the other workers waiting for the work to begin @FP CDDO*

"For the first time since returning, I felt relief," Mohammad Ayub recalled. "Through this project, I found hope—for myself, my children, and my homeland." He joined the project, earning 450AFN a day. With his first payment, he purchased food for his family. His wife could prepare meals for their children and sleep peacefully at night, knowing there was food in their home for the next day. The new road became a beacon of hope for Ayub and his community: a connection to markets, health facilities, and other villages.

Hundreds of kilometers away in Gadali Loye Jumat village, Ahmad Khan, another returnee, rises before the sun every day. As the only breadwinner for a family of twelve, the burden of responsibility bears heavily on him. The short-term job offered by CRLP working on road rehabilitation is keeping his family afloat. "It's not a lot," he says, "but now we eat. I am now able to provide for my family."

The principled and inclusive delivery approach employed by CRLP ensures that the most vulnerable people in the community, including returnees and displaced families, are not left behind.



*Ahmad Khan working along other laborers on road rehabilitation @FP CDDO*

## 5. COMPONENT 4: Strengthening Community Institutions

### 5.1 Strengthening of Community Institutions - training

Table 5.1.1: Actual Number of Communities and Participants trained under C4

| Number of Communities with Training Sessions (TS) completed |       |          |                   |                               |                                                                                |        |                                                                                                     |        |                                                                                                             |        |                               |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Lot #                                                       | FP    | Province | District          | Total # of Actual Communities | TS-1                                                                           |        | TS-2                                                                                                |        | TS-3                                                                                                        |        | TS-4                          | TS-5       |
|                                                             |       |          |                   |                               | A. Disaster and Hazard Mapping<br>B. Disaster Risk Preparedness and Mitigation |        | A. How to Deliver / Provide Inclusive Aid<br>B. Review/ Creation of Communities' Development Vision |        | A. Sub-Group Planning and Mitigating Seasonal Hunger through Grain Banks<br>B. Homestead/ Kitchen Gardening |        | Self-Confidence and Self-Care | Resilience |
|                                                             |       |          |                   |                               | Male                                                                           | Female | Male                                                                                                | Female | Male                                                                                                        | Female | Female                        | Female     |
| 1                                                           | AKDN  | Kunduz   | Archi             | 141                           | 141                                                                            | 141    | 141                                                                                                 | 141    | 141                                                                                                         | 141    | 141                           | 141        |
|                                                             |       |          | Chahar Dara       | 74                            | 74                                                                             | 74     | 74                                                                                                  | 74     | 74                                                                                                          | 74     | 74                            | 74         |
|                                                             |       | Samangan | Khuram Wa Sarbagh | 47                            | 47                                                                             | 47     | 47                                                                                                  | 47     | 47                                                                                                          | 47     | 47                            | 47         |
| 2                                                           | ACTED | Panjshir | Dara              | 21                            | 21                                                                             | 21     | 21                                                                                                  | 21     | 21                                                                                                          | 21     | 21                            | 21         |
|                                                             |       |          | Paryan            | 23                            | 23                                                                             | 23     | 23                                                                                                  | 23     | 23                                                                                                          | 23     | 23                            | 23         |
|                                                             |       | Parwan   | Salang            | 44                            | 44                                                                             | 44     | 44                                                                                                  | 44     | 44                                                                                                          | 44     | 44                            | 44         |
|                                                             |       |          | Shinwari          | 121                           | 121                                                                            | 121    | 121                                                                                                 | 121    | 121                                                                                                         | 121    | 121                           | 121        |
|                                                             |       | Wardak   | Jaghathu          | 115                           | 115                                                                            | 115    | 115                                                                                                 | 115    | 115                                                                                                         | 115    | 115                           | 115        |
|                                                             |       | Kapisa   | Tagab             | 68                            | 68                                                                             | 68     | 68                                                                                                  | 68     | 68                                                                                                          | 68     | 68                            | 68         |
| 3                                                           | RRA   | Herat    | Zawol             | 120                           | 120                                                                            | 120    | 120                                                                                                 | 120    | 120                                                                                                         | 120    | 120                           | 120        |
|                                                             |       | Farah    | Gulistan          | 133                           | 133                                                                            | 133    | 133                                                                                                 | 133    | 133                                                                                                         | 133    | 133                           | 133        |
|                                                             |       | Faryab   | Qaysar            | 173                           | 173                                                                            | 173    | 173                                                                                                 | 173    | 173                                                                                                         | 173    | 173                           | 173        |
| 4                                                           | CHA   | Kandahar | Maywand           | 160                           | 160                                                                            | 160    | 160                                                                                                 | 160    | 160                                                                                                         | 160    | 160                           | 160        |
|                                                             |       |          | Miya Nishin       | 80                            | 80                                                                             | 80     | 80                                                                                                  | 80     | 80                                                                                                          | 80     | 80                            | 80         |
|                                                             |       | Helmand  | Kajaki            | 180                           | 180                                                                            | 180    | 180                                                                                                 | 180    | 180                                                                                                         | 180    | 180                           | 180        |
|                                                             |       | Urozgan  | Gizab             | 123                           | 123                                                                            | 123    | 123                                                                                                 | 123    | 123                                                                                                         | 123    | 123                           | 123        |

|       |        |           |                |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------|--------|-----------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|       |        | Zabul     | Mizan          | 70    | 70    | 70    | 70    | 70    | 70    | 70    | 70    | 70    |
|       |        |           | Shamulzayi     | 50    | 50    | 50    | 50    | 50    | 50    | 50    | 50    | 50    |
| 5     | CDDO   | Paktia    | Zurmat         | 155   | 155   | 155   | 155   | 155   | 155   | 155   | 155   | 155   |
|       |        | Khost     | Nadir Shah Kot | 65    | 65    | 65    | 65    | 65    | 65    | 65    | 65    | 65    |
|       |        | Paktika   | Waza Khwa      | 60    | 60    | 60    | 60    | 60    | 60    | 60    | 60    | 60    |
|       |        | Ghazni    | Ab Band        | 87    | 87    | 87    | 87    | 87    | 87    | 87    | 87    | 87    |
|       |        |           | Bahrami Shahid | 104   | 104   | 104   | 104   | 104   | 104   | 104   | 104   | 104   |
|       |        |           | Nawa           | 90    | 90    | 90    | 90    | 90    | 90    | 90    | 90    | 90    |
| 5     | DACAAR | Laghman   | Alingar        | 158   | 158   | 158   | 158   | 158   | 158   | 158   | 158   | 158   |
|       |        | Nangarhar | Sherzad        | 144   | 144   | 144   | 144   | 144   | 144   | 144   | 144   | 144   |
|       |        | Nuristan  | Mandol         | 58    | 58    | 58    | 58    | 58    | 58    | 58    | 58    | 58    |
| Total |        | 20        | 27             | 2,664 | 2,664 | 2,655 | 2,664 | 2,649 | 2,661 | 2,650 | 2,664 | 2,664 |

#### C4 Rural: Number of participants trained in each training session

| Number of Men and Women Trained |          |                   |                        |                                                                                |        |                                                                                                     |        |                                                                                                             |        |                               |            |
|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|------------|
| FP                              | Province | District          | Total # of Communities | TS-1                                                                           |        | TS-2                                                                                                |        | TS-3                                                                                                        |        | TS-4                          | TS-5       |
|                                 |          |                   |                        | A. Disaster and Hazard Mapping<br>B. Disaster Risk Preparedness and Mitigation |        | A. How to Deliver / Provide Inclusive Aid<br>B. Review/ Creation of Communities' Development Vision |        | A. Sub-Group Planning and Mitigating Seasonal Hunger through Grain Banks<br>B. Homestead/ Kitchen Gardening |        | Self-confidence and Self-care | Resilience |
|                                 |          |                   |                        | Male                                                                           | Female | Male                                                                                                | Female | Male                                                                                                        | Female | Female                        | Female     |
| AKDN                            | Kunduz   | Archi             | 141                    | 2,878                                                                          | 1,765  | 566                                                                                                 | 382    | 435                                                                                                         | 326    | 766                           | 722        |
|                                 |          | Chahar Dara       | 74                     | 1,462                                                                          | 777    | 184                                                                                                 | 69     | 132                                                                                                         | 62     | 390                           | 363        |
|                                 | Samangan | Khuram Wa Sarbagh | 47                     | 1,013                                                                          | 896    | 224                                                                                                 | 134    | 209                                                                                                         | 121    | 13                            | 3          |
| ACTED                           | Panjshir | Dara              | 21                     | 423                                                                            | 319    | 19                                                                                                  | 53     | 28                                                                                                          | 81     | 25                            | 21         |
|                                 |          | Paryan            | 23                     | 576                                                                            | 454    | 102                                                                                                 | 87     | 164                                                                                                         | 33     | 11                            | 0          |



|        |           |                |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|--------|-----------|----------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|        | Parwan    | Salang         | 44    | 806    | 452    | 250    | 163    | 294    | 216    | 149    | 154    |
|        |           | Shinwari       | 121   | 1,609  | 1,239  | 594    | 499    | 519    | 340    | 464    | 310    |
|        | Wardak    | Jaghathu       | 115   | 2,063  | 1,481  | 364    | 141    | 230    | 106    | 249    | 129    |
|        | Kapisa    | Tagab          | 68    | 1,295  | 938    | 151    | 102    | 138    | 111    | 131    | 116    |
| RRA    | Herat     | Zawol          | 120   | 2,983  | 2,126  | 1,089  | 1,035  | 897    | 789    | 1,564  | 1,510  |
|        | Farah     | Gulistan       | 133   | 2,016  | 1,046  | 666    | 348    | 568    | 262    | 47     | 31     |
|        | Faryab    | Qaysar         | 173   | 2,945  | 2,349  | 1,526  | 1,380  | 1,500  | 1,208  | 1,808  | 1,734  |
| CHA    | Kandahar  | Maywand        | 160   | 2,084  | 1,486  | 472    | 373    | 379    | 308    | 179    | 180    |
|        |           | Miya Nishin    | 80    | 1,537  | 1,303  | 455    | 301    | 441    | 372    | 440    | 411    |
|        | Helmand   | Kajaki         | 180   | 4,390  | 2,602  | 265    | 206    | 241    | 153    | 73     | 75     |
|        | Urozgan   | Gizab          | 123   | 2,220  | 1,350  | 969    | 541    | 837    | 531    | 445    | 397    |
|        | Zabul     | Mizan          | 70    | 990    | 816    | 273    | 266    | 288    | 276    | 163    | 161    |
|        |           | Shamulzayi     | 50    | 806    | 785    | 286    | 780    | 208    | 149    | 157    | 158    |
| CDDO   | Paktia    | Zurmat         | 155   | 2,454  | 1,701  | 1,313  | 1,217  | 1,150  | 1,239  | 1,632  | 1,337  |
|        | Khost     | Nadir Shah Kot | 65    | 1,423  | 1,325  | 437    | 464    | 222    | 297    | 243    | 215    |
|        | Paktika   | Waza Khwa      | 60    | 1,725  | 1,471  | 655    | 573    | 735    | 679    | 527    | 609    |
|        | Ghazni    | Ab Band        | 87    | 2,046  | 1,514  | 776    | 761    | 609    | 701    | 963    | 724    |
|        |           | Bahrami Shahid | 104   | 1,878  | 1,540  | 199    | 209    | 62     | 124    | 118    | 28     |
|        |           | Nawa           | 90    | 2,002  | 1,458  | 477    | 428    | 324    | 413    | 699    | 607    |
| DACAAR | Laghman   | Alingar        | 158   | 2,406  | 1,965  | 1,243  | 1,121  | 568    | 504    | 482    | 370    |
|        | Nangarhar | Sherzad        | 144   | 1,656  | 1,365  | 755    | 670    | 641    | 564    | 587    | 538    |
|        | Nuristan  | Mandol         | 58    | 803    | 592    | 137    | 94     | 110    | 84     | 159    | 139    |
| Total  | 20        | 27             | 2,664 | 48,489 | 35,115 | 14,447 | 12,397 | 11,929 | 10,049 | 12,618 | 11,162 |

| RURAL: Component 4 Summary                      |              |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| # of Communities C4 Started                     | 2,664 (100%) |
| # of Communities Completed                      | 2,664 (100%) |
| Total number of participants trained            | 156,206      |
| # of Male Trained                               | 74,865 (48%) |
| # of Female Trained                             | 81,341 (52%) |
| Average # of participants trained per Community | 58           |

#### C4 Urban: Number of communities trained under each training session

| Urban-Number of Communities with Training Sessions (TS) completed |           |                    |                                                                                                     |        |                             |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|------------|
| FP                                                                | City      | # of Targeted CRGs | TS-2                                                                                                |        | TS-4                        | TS-5       |
|                                                                   |           |                    | A. How to Deliver / Provide Inclusive Aid<br>B. Review/ Creation of Communities' Development Vision |        | Self-Confidence & Self-care | Resilience |
|                                                                   |           |                    | Male                                                                                                | Female | Female                      | Female     |
| RRAA                                                              | Herat     | 14                 | 14                                                                                                  | 8      | 14                          | 14         |
|                                                                   | Mazar     | 55                 | 55                                                                                                  | 55     | 55                          | 55         |
| CHA                                                               | Kandahar  | 29                 | 29                                                                                                  | 29     | 29                          | 29         |
| DACAAR                                                            | Jalalabad | 28                 | 28                                                                                                  | 28     | 28                          | 28         |
| Total                                                             |           | 126                | 126                                                                                                 | 120    | 126                         | 126        |

#### C4 Urban: Number of participants trained under each training session

| Urban- Number of Men and Women trained |           |                        |                                                                                                     |        |                             |            |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|------------|
| FP                                     | City      | Total # of communities | TS-2                                                                                                |        | TS-4                        | TS-5       |
|                                        |           |                        | A. How to Deliver / Provide Inclusive Aid<br>B. Review/ Creation of Communities' Development Vision |        | Self-Confidence & Self-care | Resilience |
|                                        |           |                        | Male                                                                                                | Female | Female                      | Female     |
| RRAA                                   | Herat     | 14                     | 207                                                                                                 | 100    | 119                         | 75         |
|                                        | Mazar     | 55                     | 751                                                                                                 | 649    | 316                         | 241        |
| CHA                                    | Kandahar  | 29                     | 371                                                                                                 | 247    | 61                          | 55         |
| DACAAR                                 | Jalalabad | 28                     | 399                                                                                                 | 379    | 75                          | 65         |
| Total                                  |           | 126                    | 1,728                                                                                               | 1,375  | 571                         | 436        |
| Gender Based Data                      |           | Male                   | 1,728                                                                                               |        | Female                      | 2,382      |
| Total Participants Trained             |           |                        | 4,110                                                                                               |        |                             |            |

### Lot Wise Summary of Grain Bank and Kitchen Gardens Created

| FP           | # of Contracted Communities | # of Communities Grain Bank Created | # of Communities Grain Bank Distributed | # of Communities Kitchen gardens Created | # of Kitchen Gardens Created |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| AKF          | 262                         | 26                                  | 20                                      | 34                                       | 38                           |
| ACTED        | 392                         | 128                                 | 89                                      | 144                                      | 169                          |
| RRA          | 426                         | 426                                 | 323                                     | 222                                      | 248                          |
| CHA          | 663                         | 663                                 | 509                                     | 651                                      | 2366                         |
| CDDO         | 561                         | 561                                 | 561                                     | 546                                      | 1976                         |
| DACAAR       | 360                         | 360                                 | 64                                      | 360                                      | 932                          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>2,664</b>                | <b>2,162 (81%)</b>                  | <b>1,566 (59%)</b>                      | <b>1,957(73%)</b>                        | <b>5,729</b>                 |

### Number of Beneficiaries of Grain Bank and Kitchen Gardens

| Lot #        | FP Name | # Permanent HHs Received GB | # IDP HHs Received GB | # Returnee HHs Received GB | Total # HHs Received GB |
|--------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1            | AKF     | 70                          | 2                     | 7                          | 79                      |
| 2            | ACTED   | 194                         | 9                     | 5                          | 208                     |
| 3            | RRA     | 667                         | 195                   | 116                        | 978                     |
| 4            | CHA     | 3445                        | 32                    | 89                         | 3566                    |
| 5            | CDDO    | 3255                        | 44                    | 10                         | 3309                    |
| 6            | DACAAR  | 341                         | 3                     | 1                          | 345                     |
| <b>Total</b> |         | <b>7972</b>                 | <b>285</b>            | <b>228</b>                 | <b>8,485</b>            |



*Social mobilizer and female CRG and subgroup members weighing the collected grain as part of the process of grain bank creation. Alingar district in Laghman Province @FP/DACAAR*



*Variety of the food items have been collected in of the community of Alingar district of Laghman province December 2025 @FP/DACAAR*

## 5.2 UNICEF Health and Nutrition Training Collaboration

Several coordination meetings were held with UNICEF colleagues regarding the pilot implementation of the Health and Nutrition training in CRLP communities.

- The pilot was completed in Alingar District of Laghman Province and Khoram wa Sarbagh District of Samangan Province in December 2025.
- UNICEF developed a micro-level field implementation plan, which has been shared with UNOPS. As per the plan, 2 female CRG focal points are selected and invited to the nearest health facilities, where they receive training from Nutrition Counselors. These trained focal points then cascade the training to the remaining CRG members within their respective communities.
- 89 CRGs have been trained in two districts
  - 74 CRGs trained in Alingar District of Laghman Province
  - 15 CRGs trained in Khoram-Wa-Sarbagh District of Samangan Province
- 408 women have received health and nutrition trainings to date
  - 180 women in Khoram-Wa-Sarbagh District
  - 228 women in Alingar District

### Insights

#### Communities leading the way: How CRGs are strengthening aid delivery in Afghanistan

In complex and rapidly evolving contexts like Afghanistan where resources are channeled outside of the governmental structures, delivering basic services and livelihoods support at scale requires more than funding, it demands community trust. For CRLP, CRGs have become the cornerstone of that trust.

Following the dissolution of Community Development Councils in 2024, rather than abandon participatory systems built over two decades, CRLP introduced CRGs—locally selected, inclusive community institutions that preserve the principles of proportional representation, gender inclusion, transparency, and accountability. Today, more than 9,500 CRGs are active across rural and urban areas, facilitating community engagement while responding to urgent humanitarian needs.

CRGs provide an effective entry point for aid agencies into communities, as demonstrated by CRLP's timely



response to the Eastern region earthquake. By leveraging CRGs established in 2023, 59 subprojects were rehabilitated in 58 communities within 17 weeks. This effort reached 1,040 vulnerable households with social grants and provided temporary income earning opportunities for 7,400 households, 500 of them headed by women.

Through CRGs, CRLP ensures that communities are not passive recipients of aid. Instead, communities, women included, shape decisions about which irrigation canals to rehabilitate, which protection walls to build, and which households should receive social grants or livelihood opportunities. For instance, in the remote province of Mandol, 10 CRGs came together to resolve a critical access issue that had isolated their villages for decades—they rehabilitated a 30km tertiary road. “There was no road on which a vehicle could travel,” explained Ruqiya, the CRG focal point for the female wing. “We would transport patients on horses or stretchers. Many times, pregnant women died in labor due to delays in reaching the clinic.” The rehabilitation of the road has not only eased access to health facilities, the cost of goods in their communities has decreased significantly as a result of lower transportation costs.

CRGs sustain interventions beyond CRLP and contribute to a long-term agenda of resilience-building. In October 2025, the project visited Doab CRG, in Baharak Doab of Badakshan. The CRG has maintained the canal that was rehabilitated during the parent project of CRLP. CRGs are also proving effective in addressing emerging needs. With millions of Afghans returning from neighbouring countries, CRG subgroups are helping identify returnee households, facilitate livelihood opportunities, and connect families to social assistance in a coordinated and transparent way. CRGs are spearheading disaster risk management and creating kitchen gardens and grain banks. “Seeing the returnee families arriving with nothing was heartbreaking. Thanks to the grain bank, our community could come together to support them. Witnessing their relief and happiness has been truly rewarding” expressed a CRG focal point in Dasht-e-Archi District of Kunduz province.

In fragile contexts, such community-led approaches create a sustainable way to deliver inclusive interventions, and transform the way aid reaches people.



*Grainbanks formed by the female wing of CRGs across different regions @UNOPS/Zeenat Shal*

## 6. COMPONENT 5: UNOPS Implementation Support

### 6.1 MIS and GIS

- During the reporting period, several modifications were implemented to the MIS for Additional Financing.
- Multiple types of M&E Spotcheck reports have been developed and integrated into the MIS.
- The MIS has been modified to allow SG distribution for three project sites in Kandahar to be recorded twice for the same site, based on the exceptional circumstances necessitating this, and no objection from the World Bank.
- As part of the Digital Payment Pilot Study, approximately 105 Onboarding Touchpoint Interview forms from five project sites have been successfully entered into the online survey sheet for analysis.
- The C3B package cost per household has been adjusted from US \$150 to an average of US \$149.92 across 1,699 communities. These revisions were made based on requests from the FPs (CHA- US \$147, ACTED -US \$146, AKF -US \$139, and RRAA- US \$158 and DACAAR- US \$155), and approved by the Rural Team Lead.

- 4 sets of monthly GIS maps for seven cities have been produced and shared with the World Bank.
- Daily support was provided to FP database officers on data entry into the MIS, verification of social and technical documents, and changing of project budget ratio.
- C2 data verification and data entry were carried out
  - 148 Project Scoping information was entered into the MIS.
  - 386 Form 8 (Paid Labor Expenditure report) data entered into the MIS.
  - 399 Form 8 (Paid Labor Expenditure Report) verified in MIS.
  - 43 Form 8 (Paid Labor Expenditure Report) returned for correction in MIS.

## 6.2 Human Resources / Staffing

As of December 2025, 145 CRLP staff were onboard; there are 2 vacant positions pending recruitment. 3 staff were recruited during the reporting period, as below:

- 1 Diversity and Inclusion senior officer under CASA 1000 on 20 September
- Two PSEAH/SH trainers under CASA 1000 on 11 November

### Insights

#### Delivery for and by women- even when it seems impossible

On 7 September 2025, the DfA enforced the ban on women working for NGOs and the UN, prohibiting national women from entering UN premises countrywide. Women have been working at home since. UNOPS has provided power supply units, enhanced internet packages, and office furniture to enable productivity. Women have been able to go from home to project sites directly supporting different functions of construction management, GRM, gender and communications.

“When women couldn't come to offices, UNOPS found ways to bring work to us. By setting up our home environment with the necessary internet and equipment, and fundamentally by extending that level of trust, they ensured continuity. That meant everything for us. It truly made us feel seen, valued, and supported during this challenging time,” expressed one of the women.

Male colleagues have expressed their solidarity with their female counterparts. Supervisors of different sections have increased their team meetings to ensure that women stay engaged and up to date.

With support from the country office, CRLP continues to seek innovative ways for enhanced participation of the women employed by the project. Several in-person meetings have been held with them where the message was reinforced- CRLP will continue to deliver for and by women.

## 6.3 Financial Management

- [TA3 Interim Unaudited Financial Report \(IUFR\)](#) has been produced for the period ending 31 December 2025 for the Parent and AF1 project.
- [Interim Financial Statement](#) has been produced as of 31 December 2025.
- The UNOPS corporate audit report for FY 2024 audit was concluded and the report shared with the WB on 11 November 2025.
- The budget for AF1 (revision 2) was approved by WB based on a parallel co-financing approach.
- Progress was made on the overall project expenditure reporting and reconciliation for the project. The reconciliation has been concluded for 5 FPs: AKF, ACTED, CHA, CDDO, RRAA.
- Bilateral follow up about liquidation of the same is ongoing with the DACAAR.
- Capacity building sessions have been conducted to support FPs.
- Adjustment of the budget for AF2 as per World Bank feedback is in progress.
- Digital payments were made to the pilot projects in both rural and urban components of the project.
- 1,038 laborers and social grant beneficiaries received their wages and grants through the digital payments process. 1,037 of them had withdrawn their wages through AIB agents onsite by the end of the TA3 reporting period.

## Insights

### Advancing resilience through access to secure, modern payment systems

Penetration of banking services and adoption of digital payment systems, particularly in the rural communities, is low in Afghanistan. As part of its broader objective to strengthen community resilience and livelihoods, CRLP is helping bridge this gap by introducing digital payments for laborers and social grant beneficiaries—a major step toward long-term financial inclusion. In partnership with the AIB, CRLP piloted digital payments, bringing banking services to the doorsteps of communities and introducing digital systems to people who would otherwise not access these services.

Normally AIB onboards customers with information from an individual's National Identity Card (Tazkira). CRLP enabled marginalized persons like returnees and women without tazkira to open accounts based on the project's beneficiary registration forms. AIB traveled to each community to conduct biometric registration, issue cards, credit wages into the beneficiary accounts, and offer cash withdrawal services from the beneficiaries' bank cards. CRLP covers all banking and card fees. Beneficiaries can elect to withdraw all their money with the AIB agent on site or do so at a later stage at any of AIBs branches and agents across the country. During this process, beneficiaries received information from AIB about the functionalities and capabilities of the bank card. Although the number of payments into the bank cards is limited due to the short-term nature of CRLP livelihoods activities, the registered beneficiaries can be considered as 'financially included', with access to free banking tools and secure storage of their earnings.

Dad Mohammad, a returnee from Iran, is one of the beneficiaries who participated in the digital payments pilot. Having lived in Iran all his life, he became destitute when he returned to Afghanistan. CRLP provided him with a job and an entry point back into the local economy. Dad Mohammad was able to open an account with AIB and get a bank card which will be functional for five years- a milestone in his efforts to reintegrate into society.

Nasir Ahmad, a young father from District 7 of Kabul, is another beneficiary who participated in the pilot. Nasir has always believed in the value of education and hard work. With a diploma in Finance from Nima Institute, he hoped to build a stable career and give his children the kind of future he dreamed of. But like many educated Afghans, he found himself facing the harsh reality of limited job opportunities. CRLP provided much needed relief by engaging him in meaningful work. "I was struggling to make ends meet for my family and I ended up borrowing a large sum of money," Nasir explained. "Now that I have a job, I can repay that debt." Nasir is one of the few laborers who did not immediately withdraw their money. Instead, he plans to leave it in his account until his work contract ends. Then he will withdraw the lump sum and pay back the money he owes.

Dad Ebrahami also did not withdraw his wages when they were credited into his bank card. He has ambitions to study for a degree at a university. Dad Ebrahami wants to save his money and withdraw it at the end of his contract. He wants to use the money to pay his entrance exam fee for university. "Things will change in this country," Ebrahami said with hope, "and one must be ready for opportunities."

The women who participated in this pilot were equally excited to have a bank card. In areas like Kabul, they can independently go to the bank and withdraw their money. In more restrictive communities, the AIB agents explain to them that they can introduce another person- such as their father or brother-as a secondary cardholder. After biometric registration by AIB, access is granted to the secondary cardholder as well. Once money is credited onto the card, either the primary or secondary cardholder can withdraw the money.

The early results of the digital payment pilot demonstrate strong potential for scaling digital payments across CRLP's national footprint. As CRLP prepares for its next phase of implementation, digital payments are expected to become an integral part of project delivery. Digital payments will support transparency, improve efficiency, strengthen safeguards, and ensure that vulnerable households receive the full value of their entitlements safely and on time.

## 6.4 Communication

The Communications unit has been working to provide regular, adequate, and accurate information to donors, partners, beneficiaries, and key stakeholders through the project's dedicated communication channels. Through narrative and visual storytelling, efforts have been made to demonstrate the impact of CRLP and the project approaches that are enabling delivery at scale in the prevailing environment. Enhanced coordination and collaboration with FPs are helping to promote the visibility and awareness of CRLP. Periodic reports (weekly, monthly thematic updates, triannual) remain a viable vehicle for pictures, success stories and beneficiary quotes.

### Activities during the reporting period

#### 1. Monthly thematic updates

The thematic update consolidates the project results under 6 thematic areas of the project - Women Engagement, Job creation, Private Sector Development, Returnees and IDPs, People using basic services, and Climate Resilience. In addition, photos, success stories and videos are shared with the World Bank through the OneDrive platform. Filming missions were carried out to support the digital payments pilot to produce a comprehensive documentary of the process. Success stories are published on the project website. Videos (which do not feature primarily women) are published on the YouTube channel.

| Month     | Product                                                                                               | Theme                                 |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| September | Success story - <a href="#">Now I have hope again- and goals for my future</a>                        | C3b                                   |
|           | Video - Private sector development                                                                    |                                       |
| October   | Success story - <a href="#">Advancing resilience through access to secure, modern payment systems</a> | Digital pilot                         |
|           | Videos - Earthquake response                                                                          |                                       |
| November  | Success story - <a href="#">Work Gives Life Meaning: The Toil of Afghan Returnees</a>                 | Returnees                             |
|           | Videos- C3b poultry farming                                                                           |                                       |
| December  | Success story - <a href="#">Water, Roads, and the Power of Hope</a>                                   | Climate & People using infrastructure |
|           | Videos - Job creation                                                                                 |                                       |

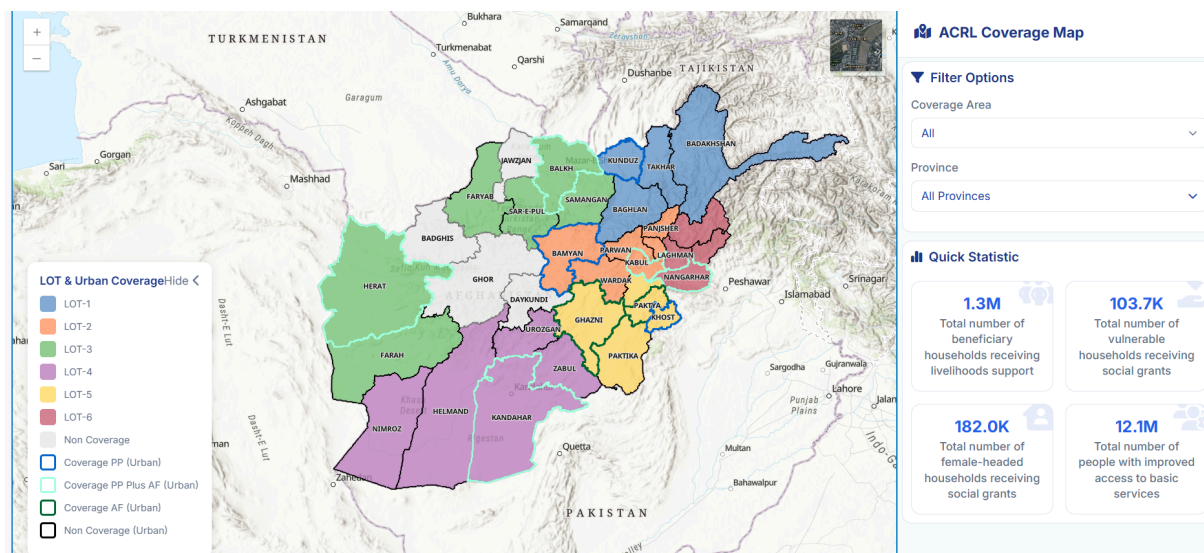
#### 2. Project website

During the period under review, the following activities were carried out for website content management:

- Integration of an [interactive map](#) showing project impact across provinces of Afghanistan
- Upload of project documents- [CRL- Environmental and Social Commitment Plan \(ESCP\) Revised for Second Additional Financing \(AF2\)](#) , [CRL- Project Information Document \(PID\)](#) , [CRL- Project Appraisal Document \(PAD\)](#) , [RL- Project Operations Manual \(POM\)- Revised III](#)
- Project progress reports- [CRL- 1st Tri-Annual 2025 Progress Report.pdf](#)

Success stories were uploaded onto the website to bring visibility on the impact of the project.





Screenshot showing interactive map uploaded on the project website landing page on 17 October 2025

### 3. Social media

During the period under review, the project continued social media campaigns to promote the project website through the Facebook page. The campaign successfully increased the views of the Facebook page with a corresponding spike in website visitors.

### 4. Communications Community of Practice (CoP)

The project continues to work closely with UNOPS focal points for contractors, and communications focal points for the FPs. 2 bi-monthly CoP meetings were held.

### 5. Events

Communications supported the coordination, production of briefing notes and photography for 3 field missions during the reporting period:

- October: World Bank CMU mission to Badakhshan
- October: UNOPS Country Director and Representative mission to Kunar
- December: World Bank Vice President for Middle East & North Africa, Afghanistan, and Pakistan visit to Kabul

The project was conducted several knowledge sharing sessions, most notably

- October: Social Protection Working Group Food and Nutrition dialogue

## 6.5 Quality Assurance and Quality Control

Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) processes were implemented to ensure that LiW and CfW activities consistently met established quality standards. The QA/QC framework encompassed structured planning, methodical testing procedures, regular performance evaluations, and ongoing coordination with implementation teams to maintain compliance and enhance overall work quality as per the contracted documents.

During TA3 reporting period, the following activities were implemented across Component 1 and Component 2: C1 - Rural

- 9 monitoring spot-checks were conducted by the QA team in Kunarha and Ghazni as part of ongoing oversight and quality assurance efforts. In addition to validating adherence to quality control measures, ECA, SGs distribution, compliance with safeguard standards, financial management systems, and the implementation status of Component 4 training activities were also verified.
- Based on the findings from these assessments, technical guidance and corrective recommendations were provided to the FP's field and technical staff. This support aimed to address identified gaps,

reinforce compliance with project POM, and enhance overall implementation quality across all project phases.

#### C2 - Urban

- 43 kick-off meetings were conducted with C2 contractors to initiate project activities and align expectations. During these sessions, contractors were formally introduced to the project's QA/QC framework, including its methodology, procedural requirements, and compliance mechanisms.
- 60 QC plans were submitted by C2 contractors, systematically reviewed, annotated with technical comments, and formally approved in accordance with the project's QA/QC standards and implementation guidelines.
- 74 physical inspections of construction material laboratories for quality tests were conducted across all regions. These inspections were carried out to verify the quality and compliance of construction materials with the project's technical specifications and to ensure adherence to established quality standards throughout project implementation.
- 450 QA/QC physical inspections were conducted across project sites to evaluate adherence to construction and quality standards. Findings and quality-related issues identified during the inspections were documented and communicated to the implementing teams through formal instruction forms. Minor deviations from approved specifications were noted and promptly addressed through immediate corrective actions to ensure continued compliance with project quality requirements:
  - The sub-base materials used in 11 projects were found to be non-compliant with the given drawings and technical specification. Following instructions issued to the contractor, the materials were replaced with appropriate quality according to the contracted documents.
  - In 2 projects, the quality of natural stones for sidewalks were substandard, and stone masonry was observed to have inadequate bonding between the stones, resulting in reduced structural integrity. The workmanship did not fully meet the required quality standards as per the project specifications. The poor quality work was replaced on time by the contractor.
  - Substandard gravel was found and rejected in 5 projects. Contractors then followed the engineers' instructions and replaced the rejected material with aggregates of a suitable quality.
  - Substandard sand was found and rejected in 5 projects. Contractors then followed the engineers' instructions and replaced the rejected material with aggregates of a suitable quality as per the requirement of the technical specification.
  - The concrete mixing ratio in 9 projects, cement type in 2 projects, and slump of the concrete in 2 projects did not meet the requirements of technical specifications of the Projects. The contractors were instructed to produce concrete as per the approved concrete mix design. As per instructions given and follow-up site visits conducted, the contractors prepared the mix of concrete according to the mix design ratio which fulfilled the project requirements.
  - The concrete formwork in 1 project did not meet the technical and design specifications requirements. Follow-up visits verified that the contractor fulfilled the project's criteria and replaced the formwork as directed.
  - In 2 projects, the contractors were utilizing materials and mix ratios that did not comply with the specified requirements for mortar used in stonemasonry works. Following issued instructions and subsequent site inspections, the contractors supplied materials of acceptable quality and prepared the mortar in accordance with the approved mix design ratios, thereby meeting the project specifications.
  - The installed steel grill was not painted with anti-rust and oil-based paint, and the welding was not carried out properly as per the requirements in 2 projects. The contractors were instructed to rectify these issues by applying the appropriate protective coatings and ensuring that all welding works comply with the approved technical specifications. The corrective actions have since been completed at the site.
  - Poor workmanship in the plum concrete and stonemasonry work was found in 11 projects. The contractor was instructed to prevent this anomaly in the future with the application of the engineering norms and project technical specification requirements.
  - At 9 sites, oversized boulders did not comply with the approved design and technical specifications to be used in the concrete works. Upon identification, all non-compliant boulders

were removed and replaced. The contractors were formally instructed to strictly adhere to the approved drawings and technical specifications for the selection and use of boulders in all future works.

- At 3 project sites, the contractors were not applying the approved C2 cold weather measures. Following the issuance of corrective instructions, the contractors implemented the required cold weather protection measures.
- In 6 projects, the subgrade material was found to be non-compliant with the technical specifications. The contractor was directed to remove and replace the deficient material with conforming, high-quality material, and this corrective action has been successfully completed.
- The quality and workmanship of the interlocks in 1 project was not as per the requirements of the project. An instruction for the replacement of the interlocks mentioned was given to the construction company, and the quality of interlocks which did not meet the technical specification requirements were replaced.
- The contractor installed low-quality curb stones, exhibiting honeycombing, uneven surfaces, and visible damage curb stones in 2 projects, in contradiction to the requirements of the contracted technical specification. Instructions were given to the company for the replacement of the curb stone as per the requirement, in which the curb stone was replaced.
- 522 daily progress reports submitted by contractors were reviewed, and relevant technical concerns were identified and communicated back to the contractors for timely resolution and quality improvement.
- 162 mix designs (Concrete, Subgrade, Subbase, Base course, Interlock and Mortar) were reviewed, technically evaluated, and approved following the provision of comments and necessary revisions in accordance with project specifications and quality standards.
- 8 Cold Weather plans of C2 contractors were reviewed and endorsed during the TA3 reporting period.
- 11,955 material quality test results were reviewed to verify compliance with the specified technical standards and to ensure the suitability of construction materials used across project sites.
- 254 technical meetings were held with contractors and UNOPS construction management engineers to discuss and implement measures aimed at improving the quality of project implementation.



*Implementation of cold weather measures at a plum concrete street in Gozar #19, District #17, Kabul City, December 2025 @UNOPS*

## 6.6 Procurement

The procurement progress is as follows component wise:

### 6.6.1 Components 1, 3 and 4 (AF1)

The following activities were completed during TA3 2025 reporting period:

- AKF (Lot-1): Contract amendments #6 and #7 to reflect the decrease of CRGs, modification of schedule for completion report, and time extensions.
- ACTED (Lot-2): Contract amendments #3 and #4, reflecting a decrease in CRGs, including pilot digital financial payment, modification of the schedule for the completion report, and time extension.
- RRAA (Lot-3): Contract amendment#7 and #8 to reflect the decrease in CRG, modification of completion report schedule and time extension.
- CHA (Lot-4): Contract amendment#7 and #8 to cover the additional cost due to an increase in the number of urban project sites, modification of the completion report schedule, and time extension.
- DACAAR (Lot-6): Contract amendments #5, #6, #7, and #8, to reflect the inclusion of the digital pilot payment system, modification of the completion report schedule, inclusion of additional scope in response to the earthquake in the east region, and time extension.
- CDDO (Lot-5): Contract amendment#6 to reflect the decrease in CRGs.

### 6.6.2 Component 2 (AF1)

- 359 procurement awards under C2 were approved, and 359 contracts were signed from the inception of AF1 till the end of TA3 2025. 8 contracts were terminated.
- 137 private local construction companies have been engaged in 359 contracts.
- During the TA3 2025 reporting period no awards have been made.
- The procurement plan and tracking sheets were reviewed and updated on a regular basis.
- Review and adjustment of the evaluation criteria has been done to address the challenges with evaluation and review processes; and incorporate lessons learned from the previous projects. This will ultimately improve the speed of the procurement process and contract management.
- 11 small purchases were awarded under operational expenses.

#### Insights

##### Partnering for impact- CRLP's contribution to job creation

Afghanistan's labor market remains under severe strain. World Bank analysis has highlighted how economic contraction, reduced aid flows, climate shocks and displacement have sharply limited formal employment opportunities since 2021. Many households now rely on irregular daily labor, remittances from family abroad, or humanitarian support to meet basic needs. For women and youth in particular, pathways to dignified work have narrowed considerably. In this context, CRLP demonstrates how strategic partnerships can help protect and create jobs.

At the community level, CRLP has generated more than 30.8 million working days, including 1.7 million for women, through cash-for-work and labor-intensive works in rural and urban areas. Of the 1.3 million jobs created, local artisans such qualified builders, welders and ironmongers are employed as skilled workers. These short-term income opportunities provide immediate relief to vulnerable families, helping them purchase food and essential household items, repay debts and in some instances, reinvest in agriculture or small businesses.

The employment footprint of CRLP however extends far beyond cash-for-work laborers. The project's implementation model is built on a layered partnership structure. A network of national and international NGO plays the role of facilitating partners, employing Afghan engineers, social organizers, community mobilizers, safeguards specialists, finance officers and monitoring staff to deliver activities in rural communities. These roles represent skilled opportunities for Afghan professionals, critically women, and help preserve technical capacity in provinces where few formal jobs exist. During the parent project, FPs employed 1,355 men and 442



women. Under additional financing, 972 men and 324 women were employed across the different target regions.

In urban areas, private sector engagement amplifies the impact of the project. CRLP works with local infrastructure contractors. To date, 208 local private construction contractors have benefited from 878 awards for small-scale infrastructure works. Direct hires by contractors for the parent project were 2,080 men and 780 women. Under additional financing, 1,432 men and 716 women were employed for at least 3 months. The project has also partnered with AIB for the provision of digital payment services. By including the requirement for women to be served by women, CRLP has contributed to creation of opportunities for women in the private sector.

Both FPs and private contractors contribute to local economic growth through local procurement of goods and services. They hire local skilled and unskilled workers, and procure construction materials, groceries, stationery, and personal protective clothing locally. They sustain value chains ranging from quarry operators, materials testing laboratories, commercial rental properties, internet service providers to transport providers. More than 1,000 small suppliers have been engaged in the project.

This ecosystem of partners—UNOPS, NGOs, contractors, suppliers, and communities—creates a multiplier effect. Income flows from worksites into local markets. Professional staff maintain international engineering standards, safeguards, and monitoring expertise; and are retained within the country. Small businesses gain predictable demand in a fragile economy.

“Before the road was rehabilitated, customers rarely came here. During the rainy season, it became almost impossible for anyone to reach our shop. Many days we had goods but no buyers, and our income was very uncertain. Since the road was fixed, people can travel easily in all seasons, more customers come regularly, and our business has finally become stable,” Muhammad Gul, a small shop owner in Kabul who is benefiting from the multiplier effect of CRLP.

In a country where employment opportunities remain limited, CRLP illustrates how coordinated partnerships can do more than deliver community assets. They can sustain jobs, stimulate enterprise, and help Afghans rebuild livelihoods.



*Various small businesses that have benefited from CRLP- steel companies (top left), cement suppliers (top right), sand and aggregates suppliers (bottom left) and materials testing laboratories (bottom right)*

## 6.7 Environmental and Social Management

During the reporting period, the project made significant progress in the implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP). Key areas of achievement included subproject screening, preparation and implementation of ESMPs, awareness training for FPs and urban contractors, and effective stakeholder engagement. Additionally, improvements were made in labor management procedures, gender integration, and GRM awareness.

As part of the subproject scoping process, the project team carried out thorough Environmental and Social (ES) screenings to identify potential risks. Based on these assessments, appropriate mitigation measures were proposed to address any environmental or social concerns, ensuring that risks were managed effectively and the project maintained high standards of compliance and sustainability.

### 6.7.1 Environmental and Social Commitment Plan

Activities and progress of this section are prepared in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (ESS) and ESCP. The ESCP sets out material measures and actions that UNOPS shall carry out or cause to be carried out, including, as applicable, the timeframes of the actions and measures, institutional, staffing, training, monitoring and reporting arrangements, and grievance management. The ESCP also sets out the ES instruments that shall be adopted and implemented under the project, all of which shall be subject to prior consultation and disclosure, consistency with the ESS, and in form and substance, and in a manner acceptable to the World Bank.

| Material Measure and Action     | Progress                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Monitoring and Reporting</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Regular reporting to the WB     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>E&amp;S quarterly progress reports were prepared and submitted to the WB. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Q2 2022 Quarterly Report - submitted on 14 August 2022</li> <li>Q3 2022 Quarterly Report - submitted on 14 November 2022</li> <li>Q4 2022 Quarterly Report - submitted on 31 January 2023</li> <li>Q1 2023 Quarterly Report - submitted on 16 May 2023</li> <li>Q2 2023 Quarterly Report - submitted on 9 August 2023</li> <li>Q3 2023 Quarterly Report - submitted on 16 November 2023</li> <li>Q4 2023 Quarterly Report - submitted on 16 February 2024</li> <li>TA1 2024 Tri-annual Report - submitted on 15 June 2024</li> <li>TA2 2024 Tri-annual Report - submitted on 15 October 2024</li> <li>TA3 2024 Tri-annual Report - submitted on 15 February 2025</li> <li>TA1 2025 Tri-annual Report - submitted on 25 June 2025</li> <li>TA2 2025 Tri-annual Report - submitted on 15 October 2025</li> <li>TA3 2025 Tri-annual Report - will be submitted on 15 February 2026</li> </ul> </li> <li>In addition to the above, weekly reports were prepared and submitted to the WB to provide them with regular progress updates on the implementation of the project.</li> <li>All ESCP monitoring and reporting obligations were met within agreed timelines, with no outstanding or overdue actions.</li> </ul> |
| Incident Report                 | <p>During the reporting period, two incidents were recorded: one occupational health and safety incident under C2 and one cash robbery incident under C1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 20 September 2025 at approximately 9:00 AM, an occupational injury occurred at the Karabad Canal (Hindu Sozi) subproject site in District #10 of Herat City under C2. While manually loading stones into a wheelbarrow, stones from the top of a pile slid and trapped a male unskilled laborer's right-hand middle finger. This resulted in a fingertip injury with loss of flesh and nail. The injured worker received immediate first aid at the site and was transported to Herat Government</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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|                                                                                       | <p>Hospital on the same day.</p> <p>Medical treatment included wound cleaning, stitching, and plastic V-Y surgery. The treatment was completed, and the worker was discharged after receiving the required medical care. All medical expenses were fully covered by the contractor. The contractor confirmed that the worker had regularly received occupational health and safety training and site-specific toolbox talks, including on stone handling risks, and that appropriate personal protective equipment was being used at the time of the incident. No unusual workload or time pressure was reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 22 September 2025 at approximately 10:30 AM, an armed robbery occurred in Gawdar Village near the Sarchashma Rustam Khan CRG, Qaisar District, Faryab Province. RRAA field personnel were traveling to the project site in an RRAA vehicle together with a supplier, Mr. Haji Fazaladin, who was carrying AFN 700,000 (approximately US\$ 10,500) received earlier the same day from the RRAA Qaisar District Office. While passing through a narrow section of road, the vehicle was intercepted by two armed individuals on a motorcycle who forcibly stopped the vehicle and seized the cash before fleeing the scene.</li> </ul> <p>No injuries or physical harm were sustained by the RRAA staff or the supplier. Due to the lack of mobile network coverage, reporting was delayed until the team reached an area with connectivity, after which the incident was reported to the community leader, the RRAA office, the General Directorate of Intelligence (GDI), and the District Administration. The site engineer, social organizer (SO), and driver were questioned by the DfA and temporarily detained as part of the investigation. They were released after four days, with follow-up inquiries continuing as required by local authorities. The incident resulted solely in the loss of the supplier's cash, with no liability on the part of the project or RRAA and no impact on project activities, assets, or implementation.</p> <p>Detailed investigation reports and comprehensive corrective action plans for both incidents were submitted to the World Bank, and all required steps were completed in accordance with the ESIRT requirements.</p> |
| Contractors & FPs<br>Periodic E&S Reports                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FPs submitted E&amp;S updates as part of their Tri-annual reports. The reports were reviewed, and comments were provided for redress.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Organizational<br>Structure                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current HR structure includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Environmental and Social Specialist based in Kabul</li> <li>2 GRM Senior Associate based in Kabul</li> <li>7 Environmental and Social Specialists in the regional offices</li> </ul> </li> <li>For the AF, E&amp;S and Health and Safety personnel were added to the FP staff structure. Each FP hired 1 Environmental and Social Management Officer and 1 Health and Safety Officer to manage safeguard activities at the FP level and at the project sites.</li> <li>Each urban contractor hired 1 dedicated Health, Safety, Social, and Environmental (HSSE) person to manage safeguard activities at the project site.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| E&S Assessment                                                                        | <p>Environmental &amp; Social Screening/Assessment of subprojects were completed for C1 and C2. The potential risks were identified, and mitigation measures were proposed.</p> <p>E&amp;S Screening/assessment completed under C1 and C2 for AF1:</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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|                           | <p><b>C1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3,027 E&amp;S screenings have been completed under AF (307 for AKF; 700 for CHA; 432 for DACAAR; 641 for CDDO; 435 for ACTED and 512 for RRAA.). 219 of these screenings were conducted during the reporting period.</li> <li>• All the E&amp;S screening forms including the mitigation measures, were uploaded to the CRLP MIS. 1,592 screening forms were reviewed through spot checks in the MIS, and feedback was provided by the E&amp;S team. 304 spot checks were conducted during the reporting period.</li> </ul> <p><b>C2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 358 E&amp;S screenings have been completed. No new screening was conducted during the reporting period.</li> <li>• Based on these screenings, 358 ESMPs were prepared and added to the works contract for contractors.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key findings:</b> The E&amp;S team observed a notable improvement in contractors' performance in E&amp;S screening compared to the previous reporting period.</p> <p>As observed by the CRLP E&amp;S team, there were some gaps among FPs in correctly applying risk categorization during the E&amp;S screening process. To address and reduce these gaps, the E&amp;S screening checklist was simplified under Additional Financing-2 (AF2) in close coordination with the World Bank team. The revised checklist is easier to understand and use, helping FPs clearly identify risk levels, apply suitable mitigation measures at the project site, and complete screening forms correctly. This improvement will help increase the accuracy and consistency of risk categorization, reduce screening errors, and improve the overall quality of documentation and compliance.</p> <p>The review highlighted that further improvements are still needed in risk categorization/ assessment, mitigation measures, and documentation quality. Despite these gaps, notable progress was achieved compared to the previous reporting period. Field visits include engineers, E&amp;S, and community mobilizers, focusing on awareness raising among FP field teams to ensure proper adherence to E&amp;S procedures, accurate completion of E&amp;S screening forms, and appropriate risk categorization. During the visits few samples of the E&amp;S screening forms and proposed mitigation measures were prepared to serve as a guide for future subprojects. These efforts are ongoing to bring these issues to meet the E&amp;S requirements.</p> <p>The CRLP E&amp;S team continues to engage actively with the FPs to ensure issues are addressed and brought to an acceptable level. Proactive measures taken include providing direct feedback through MIS-based E&amp;S document reviews, conducting joint assessments and field visits with FP field teams, and delivering refresher training to FP staff.</p> |
| Management of Contractors | <p>UNOPS manages contractors through a structured Environmental and Social (E&amp;S) management system in line with the CRLP Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and ESS1 requirements. Based on the environmental and social risks identified through the ESS1 screening and assessment process, contractors are required to implement agreed mitigation measures to ensure that risks are managed and maintained at acceptable levels throughout project implementation.</p> <p>E&amp;S requirements are incorporated into bidding documents, contracts, and site-specific Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs). Contractors are responsible for implementing these measures at site level.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |



UNOPS monitors contractor performance through regular site inspections, joint assessments, document reviews, and MIS-based spot checks to verify compliance with ESS requirements and the effectiveness of mitigation measures. Where non-compliance or gaps are identified, corrective actions are agreed with contractors and followed up to ensure timely implementation and closure.

Clear institutional arrangements are in place to support effective contractor management. Contractors appoint dedicated HSSE personnel at site level, and E&S focal points oversee day-to-day implementation. All contractors have signed Codes of Conduct, reinforcing accountability and compliance with environmental, social, health, and safety standards.

Overall, contractor E&S performance improved during the reporting period compared to the previous tri-annual report, with a reduction in repeated findings and strengthened compliance with ESS1 requirements. No unresolved substantial or medium environmental or social risks related to contractor activities were identified during the reporting period.

**Challenges and corrective actions:**

Some contractors initially recruited E&S staff with limited technical experience, resulting in gaps in documentation quality and application of ESS requirements. To address this, the CRLP E&S team provided targeted capacity building, on the job guidance, and enhanced supervision. These actions have strengthened contractors' understanding and implementation of ESS obligations. Remaining minor findings and corresponding corrective actions are summarized at the end of this table.

**C1 and C2 implementation details:**

Specific implementation data for C1 and C2, including inspections, Code of Conduct signing, and compliance outcomes, are provided below and demonstrate consistent application of the ESS1 contractor management framework across both components.

**C1:**

- E&S requirements were incorporated into FP contracts in line with the CRLP ESMF and ESS.
- 1,592 E&S screening forms were reviewed by the CRLP E&S team through MIS based spot checks (304 during the reporting period), with feedback provided to all FPs.
- 178 site visits and joint assessments were conducted under AF (63 during the reporting period) to verify implementation of agreed mitigation measures.
- FP E&S focal points maintained regular coordination with the UNOPS safeguards team to address emerging issues.
- FP tri-annual E&S reports were reviewed, and comments were provided to strengthen ESS compliance.
- All FP staff signed the Code of Conduct.
- Remaining minor findings and corrective actions are summarized at the end of this table.

**C2:**

- E&S requirements were integrated into bidding documents, contracts, and site-specific ESMPs.
- 2,148 contractor staff signed the Code of Conduct under AF1 (124 during the reporting period).
- 2,472 site inspections were conducted under AF1 (931 during the reporting

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|                                            | <p>period) to monitor contractor compliance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspection findings were formally communicated to contractors, and corrective actions were implemented.</li> <li>• Details on training and capacity support for contractors and laborers are provided in the Capacity Support row of this table.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Labor Management Procedure                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the reporting period, significant progress was achieved in the implementation of the Labor Management Procedure (LMP).</li> <li>• The Labor Management Procedure (LMP) applies to all categories of project workers, including direct workers, contracted workers, and community laborers engaged under C1 and C2.</li> <li>• The project strictly prohibits child labor and forced labor, in line with national labor law and ESS2 requirements. No cases of child or forced labor were identified during the reporting period.</li> <li>• Safeguard training was cascaded daily to laborers under both C1 and C2, ensuring that all workers are aware of safety protocols and best practices. Laborers were equipped with the required PPE, enhancing their safety and compliance with occupational health standards. Refresher training sessions on LMP were conducted, covering essential aspects such as worker rights, grievance mechanisms, and safety protocols.</li> <li>• Regular inspections and spot checks were carried out to ensure adherence to the LMP, with a particular focus on the proper use of PPE and the observance of safety measures. Inspection and spot checks findings are reflected at the end of this table.</li> <li>• The CoC was signed by FPs, contractors, and laborers, showing their commitment to maintaining a safe and respectful working environment.</li> <li>• These efforts collectively demonstrate a strong approach to labor management and a commitment to continuous improvement in safeguarding workers' welfare.</li> <li>• A safe working environment was provided for women at the project site, and they were assigned to culturally acceptable activities (cleaning, traffic management, PPE distribution, dust suppression, and curing of concrete).</li> <li>• 164 labor-related grievances were received and registered through different GRM uptake channels during the reporting period. The categories are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 13 grievances on labor selection</li> <li>○ 1 grievance on labor mobilization</li> <li>○ 5 on OHS (PPE)</li> <li>○ 135 on payment/salaries delay</li> <li>○ 2 on staff recruitment</li> <li>○ 1 labor issue related to coercing</li> <li>○ 7 project staff behavior/attitude</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The majority of payment-related grievances were associated with temporary administrative or procedural delays and were resolved through coordination between FPs, contractors, and the project team within agreed timelines.</li> <li>• For GRM details, please refer to section 6.7.2.</li> </ul> |
| Occupational Health & Safety               | <p>Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) measures were implemented in accordance with the Labor Management Procedure and ESS2 requirements to prevent workplace injuries and promote safe working conditions across all project sites. The approach focused on risk prevention, provision of appropriate personal protective equipment, regular training and supervision, and strengthening site level safety management under both Components 1 and 2. These measures aimed to ensure that workers are protected from occupational hazards and that safe work practices are applied throughout project implementation.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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|                                                                           | <p><b>C1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PPE was provided to the laborers based on the PPE proposal, ensuring their safety and compliance with health and safety regulations. The necessary equipment, including helmets, gloves, and other protective gear, was distributed to workers based on the specific tasks and risks associated with their roles.</li> <li>OHS training was provided to 191,526 laborers at subproject level in the form of toolbox talks by FPs during the reporting period. Details of the training/awareness are provided within this table in the row on capacity support.</li> <li>Access was granted to the FP E&amp;S focal points and staff to undertake OHS training on the UNOPS learning platform.</li> </ul> <p><b>C2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The OHS-related risk mitigation measures were included in the site specific ESMP and disclosed prior to the signing of the contract between UNOPS and implementing contractors.</li> <li>OHS training sessions were provided for contractors. For more details, please refer to the capacity support section below within this table.</li> <li>Laborers (male and female) were equipped with appropriate PPE at the project sites.</li> <li>First Aid Kits are available for each subproject site and are managed by trained personnel.</li> <li>HSSE training was provided to project HSSE personnel by the UNOPS head office in Copenhagen. The training covered the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working at height</li> <li>Traffic Management</li> <li>Excavation and confined space</li> <li>Electricity and energy sources</li> <li>Lifting and hazardous substances</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Inspection findings on OHS are provided at the end of this table.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall, OHS implementation under both C1 and C2 remained satisfactory during the reporting period, supported by high coverage of training, availability of PPE, and effective site-level supervision.</li> </ul> |
| Grievance Mechanism for Project Workers                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please refer to GRM section 6.7.2.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention & Management                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>E&amp;S refresher training on environmental management and pollution prevention was conducted for FPs and contractors under AF.</li> <li>Construction materials and resources such as stone, gravel, soil, crush, water, and other required materials were purchased from suppliers (open market).</li> <li>Dust pollution was managed by water spraying and dampening where necessary, and the practice of good housekeeping at all work sites.</li> <li>The inspection reports for 2,472 sites show that 96.3 % of the inspections indicate effective dust control through water sprinkling.</li> <li>Recommendations to non-compliant contractors included analysis of times or locations where water sprinkling was lacking and increasing the frequency of sprinkling in high-dust areas or during dry, windy conditions.</li> <li>Waste was treated or disposed of from the site to the municipality-designated disposal areas on a regular basis. There was no need for the selection of additional disposal sites during the period under review.</li> <li>Inspection findings on pollution prevention and management are provided at the end of this table.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| Community Health & Safety | <p>Community Health and Safety (CHS) measures were implemented in accordance with ESS4 to protect communities from potential risks associated with project activities. The approach focused on raising awareness, worker inductions, identification and mitigation of site-specific risks, and close supervision of activities under both Components 1 and 2. These measures aimed to ensure that project implementation did not adversely affect surrounding communities and that identified risks were effectively managed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community health and safety awareness and refresher training sessions were conducted for FPs and contractors under the AF to strengthen understanding of community safety risks and mitigation measures at project sites.</li> <li>• Laborers working on the projects received community health and safety inductions from FPs and contractors to ensure awareness of safety protocols, acceptable practices, and responsibilities when working in and around communities.</li> <li>• Community health and safety risks were identified during project preparation and implementation, and appropriate mitigation measures were incorporated into site specific ESMPs and applied at subproject level.</li> <li>• Regular inspections and supervision confirmed that community health and safety measures were effectively implemented, and no community health and safety issues were identified during the reporting period.</li> <li>• Contractors and FPs implemented the agreed mitigation measures to manage community health and safety risks, contributing to safe project execution.</li> <li>• No grievances related to community health and safety were received during the reporting period.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Traffic & Road Safety     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic and road safety measures were prepared and adopted as part of the Generic ESMP in the ESMF.</li> <li>• Traffic and road safety measures were developed and integrated into the subproject ESMP. The inclusion of these safety protocols in the ESMP reflects a proactive approach to mitigating traffic related hazards throughout the project duration.</li> <li>• Under C1, traffic and road safety mitigation measures are included in the E&amp;S screening form during the scoping/risk assessment. According to the revised ESMF, there is no ESMP for C1.</li> <li>• Traffic and road safety measures were designed to address potential risks associated with project related traffic and ensure the safety of both workers and the surrounding community.</li> <li>• Prior to awards with the contractors, the ESMP, incorporating key mitigation strategies, were disclosed in the bidding package. This ensured that all stakeholders, including contractors, were fully aware of their responsibilities related to traffic and road safety before contracts were signed.</li> <li>• By making this information available early on, the project ensured that safety protocols were well understood and can be implemented without delay during the construction and operational phases.</li> <li>• For FPs, the ESMF is shared with them, and they are managing their subprojects in accordance with the ESMF.</li> <li>• To manage traffic effectively, a system of traffic control was implemented in C2 sites which includes assigning traffic controllers to oversee vehicle movements and maintain safety on the roads.</li> <li>• In addition to traffic personnel, the C2 project sites installed safety tapes and safety signs. These precautions created clear boundaries around work areas, reducing the risk of accidents and ensuring that workers and passersby were adequately warned of potential hazards.</li> </ul> |



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|                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The combination of these traffic management and safety measures contributed to the smooth and safe execution of project activities, prioritizing the well-being of both workers and the local community.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| PSEAH Risks                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The PSEAH Action Plan was prepared and adopted as a separate document from the ESMF, upon WB request. Due to its sensitivity, the PSEAH Action Plan is not disclosed publicly but is managed closely by the Gender Focal Point.</li> <li>The PSEAH/ Respectful Workplace action plan for the CASA 1000 Project was prepared and finalized as part of the restructuring papers.</li> <li>The PSEAH Action Plan was revised for AF2 and shared with the World Bank for review.</li> <li>For more details, please refer to the Gender section 6.7.3.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Security Management                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project Security Management Plan (SMP) is in place and effective.</li> <li>The project SMP has been revised for AF2.</li> <li>Security risk management measures were included and adopted as part of the ESMF.</li> <li>FPs and contractors are responsible for the security of their staff and assets.</li> <li>UNOPS Field Security Assistants engaged with the FPs and contractors, provided training on the security related issues, and conducted site visits to ensure that the FPs and contractors are adhering with the security protocols highlighted in the SMP and Security Risk Assessment (SRA).</li> <li>On 22 September 2025, an armed cash robbery incident occurred in Qaisar District, Faryab Province, resulting in the loss of cash carried by a supplier. No injuries were reported, and there was no impact on project activities or assets. The incident was reported to relevant authorities and managed in accordance with ESIRT requirements. Details of this incident are reflected in the row on incident reporting within this table above.</li> <li>For further details on security management, please see Section 6.7.4 - Security</li> </ul> |
| <b>ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE</b>                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Chance Finds                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chance Find Procedures were prepared and adopted as part of the ESMF and included in site specific ESMP.</li> <li>No chance finds were made during the reporting period.</li> <li>All the FPs &amp; contractors are aware of the Chance Finds Procedure which stipulates stopping work immediately upon discovery of any material with possible archaeological, historical, paleontological or other cultural value, to notify relevant authorities and ensure that Chance Find Procedures are carefully followed.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Stakeholder Engagement Preparation and Implementation            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SEP highlighted the successful implementation of stakeholder engagement, information disclosure, and community consultations across various stages of the project.</li> <li>This effort ensured that all stakeholders could meaningfully participate in the process and benefit from the project's outcomes.</li> <li>The SEP emphasized inclusivity, with particular attention to vulnerable groups, and outlined multiple key activities aimed at ensuring transparency and broad stakeholder participation.</li> <li>Key Achievements in Stakeholder Engagement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successful and Inclusive Participation: All relevant stakeholders, such as females, persons with disabilities, the elderly, female-headed households, internally displaced persons, ethnic minorities, and other vulnerable groups, were able to engage in</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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|                             | <p>consultations effectively. Their voices were heard, and their needs and concerns were addressed, allowing them to fully benefit from the project. This level of inclusiveness reflects a commitment to social equity and ensuring that marginalized voices are part of the decision-making process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Multilingual Information Disclosure:<br/>To facilitate effective communication, information was disseminated in multiple languages - Pashto, Dari, English, and other local languages - making sure that language barriers did not prevent stakeholders from accessing essential project information. This multilingual approach was crucial in ensuring that the information reached diverse communities, allowing for informed participation across various segments of society.</li> <li>● Key Activities Implemented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Revision and Disclosure of E&amp;S documents.</li> <li>○ ESCP, SEP, ESMF, and PSEAH Action Plan revised for AF2.</li> <li>○ ESCP and SEP are disclosed on WB and CRLP websites; ESMF will be disclosed once cleared by the World Bank. This ensured transparency in project implementation and allowed stakeholders to review and understand the environmental and social safeguards guiding the project.</li> <li>○ The SEP and ESMF will be translated into local languages (Dari and Pashto) and will be publicly disclosed on the project website and shared with the FPs.</li> <li>○ GRM Outreach:<br/>GRM outreach materials were distributed to FPs and contractors. This widespread dissemination aimed to ensure that stakeholders had access to clear information on how to file grievances and seek resolution. GRM is a vital part of the accountability framework, enabling communities to raise concerns and ensuring that their issues are addressed in a timely manner.</li> <li>○ Ongoing Information Disclosure and Consultations:<br/>Regular consultations and information disclosure processes were continued under C1 and C2 of the project, ensuring ongoing community engagement. This continuous feedback loop ensured that communities were not only consulted at the outset but were kept informed and involved throughout the project's lifecycle.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| Capacity Support (Training) | <p><b>C1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Safeguard refresher training was successfully conducted for FPs under the AF. During these sessions, 784 key staff members from FPs received training in essential safeguard practices, including E&amp;S compliance, and health and safety protocols.</li> <li>● The training also served as an opportunity to share lessons learned from previous project phases, address challenges encountered and gather valuable feedback.</li> <li>● Key takeaways from these training courses included a better understanding of safeguard procedures and the need for more efficient communication and coordination.</li> <li>● Feedback from the participants highlighted the importance of continuous training and improvements to on-site safety measures.</li> <li>● 319,772 laborers received HSSE induction from their FPs under the AF (12,857 during the reporting period). By providing this induction, FPs have contributed to minimizing workplace risks and promoting better labor management across all project sites.</li> <li>● Under the AF, CRLP E&amp;S conducted induction training for 8,000 laborers in addition to the FPs (454 during the reporting period). The UNOPS safeguards team directly conducts site inductions/toolbox talks for the laborers at the project sites during</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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|                             | <p>the spot checks under C1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNOPS headquarters facilitated specialized health and safety training for 152 FP staff under the AF. This training provided an additional layer of guidance, emphasizing the critical importance of occupational health and safety measures in the project's implementation.</li> </ul> <p><b>C2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under AF1, 394 safeguards orientation training sessions were conducted for contractor staff, in which 2,364 contractors' key staff were trained (42 orientation sessions and 252 staff during the reporting period). These trainings aimed to ensure that both male and female contractor staff were well-versed in key safeguard measures to foster a safer and more compliant work environment.</li> <li>79,842 laborers received HSSE induction from their contractors under the AF1 (17,092 laborers during the reporting period). This training ensured that laborers were informed of basic health and safety practices, minimizing risks and promoting a safer working environment across all project sites. By providing this induction, contractors have contributed to minimizing workplace risks and promoting better labor management across all project sites.</li> <li>Under the AF1, CRLP has initiated E&amp;S induction training for laborers in addition to the contractors. The UNOPS safeguards team directly conducts site inductions/toolbox talks for the laborers at the project sites under C2, covering health, safety, and other related subjects before the physical commencement of subprojects. 26,401 laborers have received HSSE refresher training from the UNOPS E&amp;S team (3,447 during the reporting period). This emphasis on laborer training demonstrates the project's commitment to workforce safety and compliance at all levels.</li> <li>UNOPS Headquarters facilitated specialized Health and Safety training for 211 staff of the contractors under AF1, benefiting from this additional layer of guidance, reinforcing the critical importance of occupational health and safety measures in the project's implementation (11 staff during the reporting period). 1,037 contractor staff have been enrolled in this online platform under the PP + AF1 project to take the course. This process is ongoing on a monthly basis.</li> <li>This large-scale training initiative highlights the project's ongoing efforts to prioritize worker safety, reduce risks, and strengthen E&amp;S compliance across all operational levels.</li> </ul> |
| Project Grievance Mechanism | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For GRM details, please refer to section 6.7.2.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

#### Spot-check findings under C1 (AF):

##### 1. E&S screening documents review in MIS

The E&S team conducted a review of E&S documents as spot checks within the CRLP MIS for AF. The team reviewed 53% of subproject proposals (a total of 1,596 with 265 done during the reporting period). E&S screening ensures the quality of ESMF instruments, including the Negative Project List, E&S screening/risk assessment, risk categorization, and proposed mitigation measures. The E&S team provided feedback and shared the following findings with FPs to address the issues and improve future projects. The findings were addressed by the FPs in a timely manner with no outstanding deviation at the end of TA3 2025 Report.

#### Key findings from the document review included:

- The findings indicate that further improvements are still needed in risk categorization/assessment, mitigation measures, and documentation quality. Despite these gaps, notable progress was achieved compared to the previous reporting period. The CRLP E&S team continues to work actively with FPs

through providing direct feedback on documents review in the MIS, joint assessment, field visits and providing refresher training to bring these issues to an acceptable level.

- **Risk Categorization and Mitigation Issues**
  - 22 forms are incorrectly categorized (high risks marked low, low marked high, or marked as 'no risk').
  - Mitigation measures are sometimes unrealistic, too costly, or not linked to identified risks.
- **Documentation Issues**
  - 8 forms duplicated/copied from other projects reduced accuracy, site-specificity and reliability.
  - 10 subprojects using outdated forms reflected inconsistencies and non-compliance.
  - 50 forms missing key details (CRG name, dates, IDs, signatures, photos).
  - 175 forms required no comments and were fully aligned with requirements.

To address the recurring gaps in risk categorization, the CRLP E&S team, in close coordination with the World Bank team, simplified the Environmental and Social (E&S) screening checklist for AF2. The revised checklist is more user-friendly and practical, enabling FPs to better understand risk levels and apply appropriate mitigation measures at the project site. This simplification will strengthen the accuracy and consistency of risk categorization, reduce errors during screening, and contribute to overall improvements in documentation quality and compliance.

## 2. Site visits findings

The UNOPS E&S team conducted 178 site visits for AF under C1 (25 spot checks during the reporting period). The following issues were checked at the sites, and they were found to be in compliance with the project requirements:

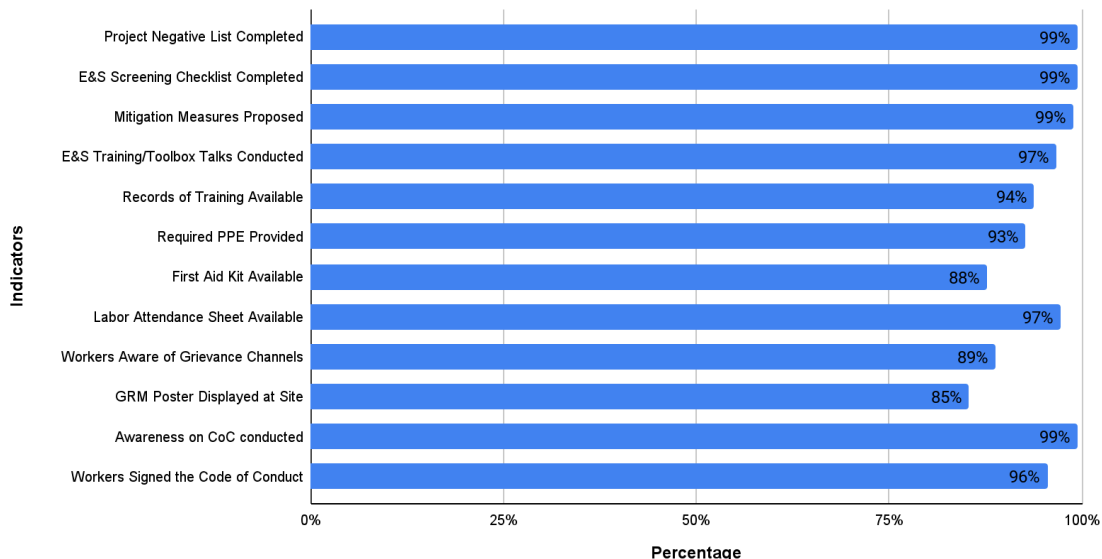
| Spot Check Findings for 178 subproject Sites under C1 - AF                               |                      |                                            |                                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Indicators                                                                               | # of Sites inspected | # of Sites Compliant with E&S requirements | # of Sites not Compliant with the E&S requirements | % of Compliance |
| Project Negative List Completed                                                          | 178                  | 177                                        | 1                                                  | 99%             |
| Environmental & Social Screening Checklist Completed                                     | 178                  | 177                                        | 1                                                  | 99%             |
| Mitigation measures proposed for the identified risk                                     | 178                  | 176                                        | 2                                                  | 98.9%           |
| E&S training/toolbox talks conducted for the laborers                                    | 178                  | 172                                        | 6                                                  | 97%             |
| Records of E&S training/toolbox talks documented and available at the site               | 178                  | 167                                        | 11                                                 | 93.8%           |
| The required PPE, as specified in the PPE proposal provided for the laborers             | 178                  | 165                                        | 12                                                 | 92.7%           |
| First Aid Kit available at the project site                                              | 178                  | 156                                        | 21                                                 | 87.6%           |
| Labor attendance sheet available at the project site                                     | 178                  | 173                                        | 5                                                  | 97%             |
| The laborers know the grievance handling channels                                        | 178                  | 158                                        | 20                                                 | 88.8%           |
| GRM posters are available in the community or project site                               | 178                  | 152                                        | 26                                                 | 85.4%           |
| Awareness provided on CoC, PSEA, Child Labor, Discrimination, Conflict of Interest, etc. | 178                  | 177                                        | 1                                                  | 99%             |
| Have the laborers signed the Code of Conduct?                                            | 178                  | 170                                        | 8                                                  | 96%             |

Spot checks findings were noted and shared with the FPs for rectification. For each of the identified deficiencies, proper mitigation measures/corrective actions were proposed and shared with the FPs for rectifications.



Significant improvements have been achieved since the last reporting period. Deficiencies were substantially reduced or eliminated, due to the team's hard work, commitment, and close monitoring of project sites. The team remains dedicated to addressing the remaining deficiencies and striving to reduce them to zero.

**ESS Compliance Chart Under C1- AF**



#### **E&S inspections findings under C2 (AF1)**

2,472 site inspections were conducted for AF1(931 inspections during the reporting period). The following issues were checked at the sites, and they were in compliance with the project requirements:

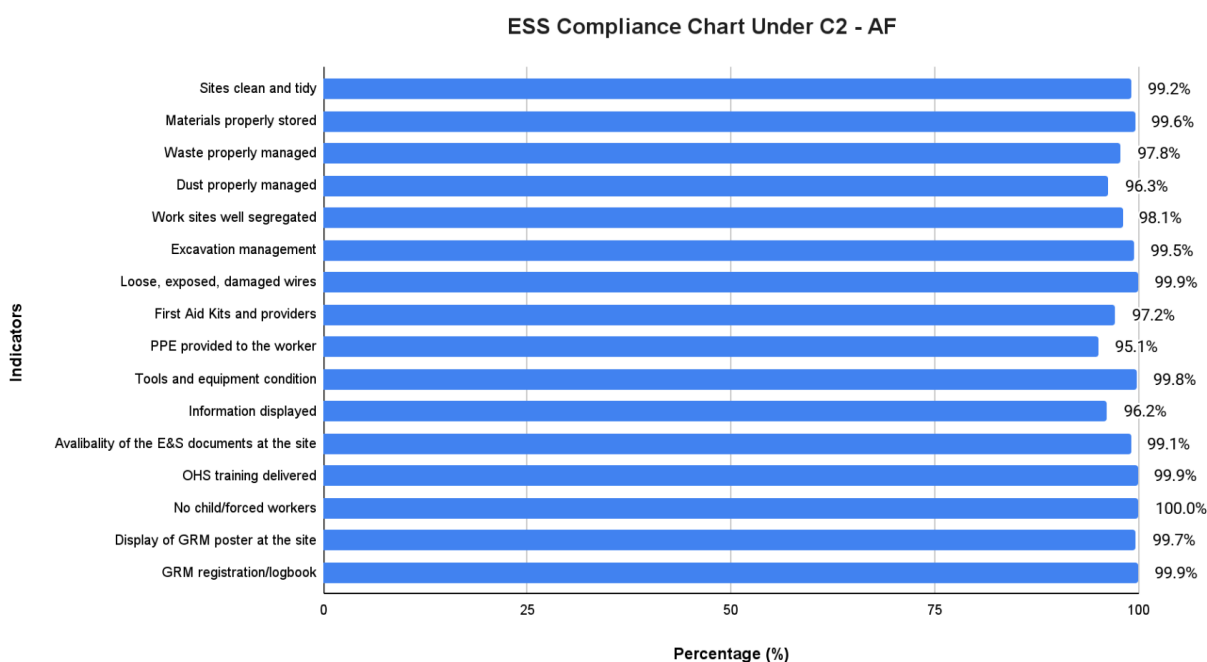
| Inspection findings for 2,472 subproject Sites                                                             |                      |                                            |                                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Indicators <sup>12</sup>                                                                                   | # of Sites inspected | # of Sites Compliant with E&S requirements | # of Sites not Compliant with the E&S requirements | % of Compliance |
| Project sites clean and tidy                                                                               | 2,472                | 2,451                                      | 21                                                 | 99.2%           |
| Waste properly managed (waste collection, transportation, and disposed of in municipality designated areas | 2,472                | 2,461                                      | 11                                                 | 99.6%           |
| Materials properly stored, and walkways are free                                                           | 2,472                | 2,418                                      | 54                                                 | 97.8%           |
| Dust properly managed                                                                                      | 2,472                | 2,381                                      | 91                                                 | 96.3%           |
| Work sites well segregated                                                                                 | 2,472                | 2,424                                      | 48                                                 | 98.1%           |
| Excavation management, trench protection, placement of excavated material, fencing and safety taps.        | 2,472                | 2,459                                      | 12                                                 | 99.5%           |
| No loose, exposed, damaged wires                                                                           | 2,472                | 2,470                                      | 2                                                  | 99.9%           |
| First Aid Kits and providers                                                                               | 2,472                | 2,402                                      | 70                                                 | 97.2%           |
| PPE provided to the worker                                                                                 | 2,472                | 2,351                                      | 121                                                | 95.1%           |
| Information display (Emergency contacts, and site rules)                                                   | 2,472                | 2,467                                      | 3                                                  | 99.8%           |

<sup>12</sup> The approach for inspections and spot checks is different because of the nature of the tools used for C1 & C2. The spot check form for C1 is very simple, while the C2 inspection form is more detailed. For AF, a unified inspection form for both C1 and C2 will be used, with only slight adjustments to account for the difference in tools used. This will help maintain consistency in our monitoring tools.

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| Tools and equipment (condition, regular checking, maintenance, storage, guards in place) | 2,472 | 2,377 | 95 | 96.2% |
| Availability of the E&S documents at the site                                            | 2,472 | 2,449 | 23 | 99.1% |
| OHS training delivered                                                                   | 2,472 | 2,469 | 3  | 99.9% |
| No child/forced workers                                                                  | 2,472 | 2,472 | 0  | 100%  |
| Display of GRM poster at the site                                                        | 2,472 | 2,464 | 8  | 99.7% |
| GRM registration/logbook                                                                 | 2,472 | 2,470 | 2  | 99.9% |

Inspection findings were noted and shared with the contractors for rectification. For each of the above-mentioned identified deficiencies, proper mitigation measures were proposed according to the project site specific ESMP, ESMF, labor management procedure, GRM guideline, and UNOPS Health and Safety Management Plan. UNOPS conducted follow-up inspections to ensure that the proposed mitigation measures are applied, and corrective action has been taken by the contractors.

Significant improvements have been achieved during this reporting period. Deficiencies have been substantially reduced or eliminated, due to the team's hard work, commitment, and close monitoring of project sites. This marks a notable accomplishment for the reporting period. The team remains dedicated to addressing the remaining deficiencies and striving to reduce them to zero.



#### Corrective actions implemented by contractors for the three main findings:

##### 1. Material storage and waste management

- The contractors disposed of waste in municipality-designated areas.
- Contractors segregated waste to improve waste management.
- Unusable materials and waste were separated at work sites.
- Segregated waste was taken to the designated municipal disposal areas.
- Contractors held awareness sessions for workers on how to collect, store, and segregate waste properly.

##### 2. Construction Safety PPE

- Workers were promptly provided with the necessary PPE.

- Contractors' health and safety officers inspect workers' PPE daily.
- Workers are instructed to report to the Safety Officer if they need new or replacement PPE.
- Workers receive health and safety inductions on proper PPE use and maintenance.
- During safety talks, workers were encouraged to report any issues, including lack of PPE or unsafe practices, using the GRM system.
- Contractors were reminded to supply all required PPE in line with their contract.

### 3. Information display (Emergency contacts, and site rules)

- Contractors displayed the emergency contact numbers for the nearest clinic, police station, fire services, and other essential services in clearly visible locations on the project site.
- The Contractors conducted awareness sessions for workers on the use of these emergency contacts and the information displayed on site posters.

### 4. First Aid Kit

- First aid kits supplied at project sites.
- Responsible person assigned to management of the first aid kits.

The contractors successfully addressed and rectified all findings and deficiencies noted during the inspection within the given timeline. This demonstrates their commitment to maintaining high standards of safety, quality, and compliance. By taking immediate corrective actions, the contractors ensured that all issues were resolved efficiently, minimizing any potential delays or disruptions to the project. Additionally, their ability to meet the specified timeline reflects effective project management and responsiveness to regulatory requirements. Going forward, regular monitoring and proactive maintenance will help prevent similar deficiencies from recurring, ensuring continuous adherence to established standards and project goals.



Cascading ES training to laborers by the UNOPS E&S team under C1 Kunar Province October 2025 (left), FP E&S team under C1 Kunar, Province November 2025 (centre) and UNOPS E&S team under C2 in Kabul Province, November 2025 (right)



Cascading the ES training to laborers by the First Aider at the subproject site under C2. Information posters can be seen in the background, November 2025

## 6.7.2 Grievance Redress

### Parent Project

1,026 grievances/cases were received, resolved and archived under the Parent Project.

- 817 grievances/cases (79.63%) were received from C2
- 168 grievances/cases (16.37%) were received from C1
- 41 grievances/cases (4%) were received from C3

Table 6.7.2.1: Aggregate by Organization

| FP Name      | LOT # | # of cases received | # of cases resolved |
|--------------|-------|---------------------|---------------------|
| AKF          | 1     | 11                  | 11                  |
| ACTED        | 2     | 28                  | 28                  |
| Afghan Aid   | 3     | 13                  | 13                  |
| CHA          | 4     | 101                 | 101                 |
| CDDO         | 5     | 18                  | 18                  |
| DACAAR       | 6     | 0                   | 0                   |
| UNOPS        |       | 855                 | 855                 |
| <b>Total</b> |       | <b>1,026</b>        | <b>1,026</b>        |

**Note:** A total of 171 grievances/cases were registered by FPs under the Parent Project, while 855 cases registered by UNOPS.

### Additional Financing 1:

Since the inception of Additional Financing, 886 grievances/cases have been registered through different GRM uptake channels as follows:

- 514 cases/grievances (58.01%) have been received from urban areas for C2.
- 294 cases/grievances (33.18%) have been received from rural areas for C1.
- 70 cases/grievances (7.90%) have been received under SG 3A (C3) from both rural and urban areas.
- 8 cases/grievances (0.90%) have been received under SG 3B (C3) from rural areas.

**Note:** As a result of the continuous efforts of CRLP in raising awareness on the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) across both urban and rural subprojects, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of cases and grievances being reported. In recent months, the GRM team has been receiving a significant volume of cases on a daily basis. This trend demonstrates not only the growing confidence of communities in utilizing the mechanism but also highlights the effectiveness of GRM outreach initiatives, particularly in rural areas where access to such platforms has traditionally been limited. The increase in reporting can therefore be regarded as a positive indicator of transparency, accountability, and enhanced community engagement in project implementation.

### Component 1 - Rural:

Grievance Redress Teams (GRTs) have been established at the community level. Additionally, FPs established two grievance redress teams, one for normal cases and one for SEA/GBV/SH grievances. All 6 FPs under AF received training related to the Project GRM. The GRM focal points were trained on how to register grievances/cases and redress them in a timely manner, considering transparency, confidentiality, and the principle of "do no harm" for each issue.

**Table 6.7.2.2: List of GRTs established by FPs**

| FP Name      | LOT # | Normal GRC   |                |                   | SEA/GBV/SH GRC |                |                   |
|--------------|-------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
|              |       | Male Members | Female Members | Total GRC Members | Male Members   | Female Members | Total GRC Members |
| AKF          | 1     | 8            | 1              | 9                 | 8              | 4              | 12                |
| ACTED        | 2     | 8            | 1              | 9                 | 8              | 3              | 11                |
| RRAA         | 3     | 5            | 5              | 10                | 5              | 5              | 10                |
| CHA          | 4     | 3            | 5              | 8                 | 3              | 6              | 9                 |
| CDDO         | 5     | 3            | 3              | 6                 | 3              | 4              | 7                 |
| DACAAR       | 6     | 8            | 3              | 11                | 8              | 4              | 12                |
| <b>Total</b> |       | <b>35</b>    | <b>18</b>      | <b>53</b>         | <b>35</b>      | <b>26</b>      | <b>61</b>         |

### Component 2 - Urban:

The contractors are required to establish the GRT at every project site where the project implementation takes place. During the TA3 2025 reporting period, 351 GRTs have been established at the project sites.

### Number of grievances reported by uptake channels

- 694 (78.32%) of grievances/cases have been received through the Awaaz Hotline number.



- 18 (2.03%) of grievances/cases have been received through CRLP GRM email.
- 174 (19.63%) of grievances/cases have been received by FPs (including Others uptake channel).

**Table 6.7.2.3: Number of grievances registered by uptake channels**

| Uptake Channel | TA3 2024 period # of registered grievances | TA1 2025 period of registered grievances | TA2 2025 period of registered grievances | TA3 2025 period of registered grievances | Cumulative # of registered grievances | Cumulative # of resolved grievances | Cumulative # of grievances under process |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Hotline Number | 66                                         | 116                                      | 371                                      | 258                                      | 811                                   | 773                                 | 38                                       |
| Web Portal     | 0                                          | 0                                        | 0                                        | 0                                        | 1                                     | 1                                   | 0                                        |
| Social media   | 0                                          | 0                                        | 0                                        | 0                                        | 0                                     | 0                                   | 0                                        |
| Verbal         | 0                                          | 0                                        | 0                                        | 0                                        | 0                                     | 0                                   | 0                                        |
| Petition       | 0                                          | 0                                        | 0                                        | 0                                        | 0                                     | 0                                   | 0                                        |
| Email          | 2                                          | 5                                        | 8                                        | 6                                        | 21                                    | 20                                  | 1                                        |
| SMS            | 0                                          | 0                                        | 0                                        | 5                                        | 5                                     | 3                                   | 2                                        |
| Other          | 0                                          | 0                                        | 7                                        | 0                                        | 7                                     | 7                                   | 0                                        |
| FP             | 0                                          | 6                                        | 1                                        | 34                                       | 41                                    | 31                                  | 10                                       |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>68</b>                                  | <b>127</b>                               | <b>387</b>                               | <b>303</b>                               | <b>886</b>                            | <b>835</b>                          | <b>51</b>                                |

**Table 6.7.2.4: Cases registered by main category (TA3 reporting period)**

| Type        | Total | Male % | Female % | No Consent |
|-------------|-------|--------|----------|------------|
| Grievances  | 795   | 80.1%  | 3.5%     | 16.4%      |
| Suggestions | 35    | 85.7%  | 14.3%    | 0.0%       |
| Enquiries   | 56    | 82.1%  | 12.5%    | 5.6%       |

**Table 6.7.2.5: Number of cases reported by gender (TA3 reporting period)**

| Gender       | # of registered grievances | # of resolved grievances | # of grievances under process |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Male         | 713                        | 663                      | 50                            |
| Female       | 40                         | 40                       | 0                             |
| No Consent*  | 133                        | 132                      | 1                             |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>886</b>                 | <b>835</b>               | <b>51</b>                     |

Note: The grievances registered under no-consent could be from females as in most cases females do not want to disclose their identity.

**Table 6.7.2.6: Grievances priority (TA3 reporting period)**

| Priority     | # of grievances | Percentage  |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Low          | 885             | 99.9%       |
| Medium       | 1               | 0.1%        |
| High         | 0               | 0.0%        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>886</b>      | <b>100%</b> |

Note: Grievances received through the GRTs are not captured in the MIS and are not reflected in this report.

**Table 6.7.2.7: Grievances registered in provinces**

| S. N | Provinces | # of Grievances Received and Resolved |
|------|-----------|---------------------------------------|
|------|-----------|---------------------------------------|

|              |            | During TA3<br>2024 | During TA1<br>2025 | During TA2 | During TA3 2025 | Cumulative |
|--------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1            | Kunarha    | 0                  | 0                  | 0          | 1               | 1          |
| 2            | Herat      | 0                  | 17                 | 18         | 10              | 45         |
| 3            | Kabul      | 41                 | 28                 | 125        | 90              | 284        |
| 4            | Kapisa     | 0                  | 0                  | 0          | 0               | 0          |
| 5            | Kandahar   | 3                  | 15                 | 38         | 32              | 88         |
| 6            | Khost      | 0                  | 1                  | 3          | 3               | 7          |
| 7            | Kunduz     | 0                  | 2                  | 11         | 33              | 46         |
| 8            | Balkh      | 3                  | 23                 | 28         | 8               | 62         |
| 9            | Nangarhar  | 11                 | 17                 | 30         | 9               | 67         |
| 10           | Faryab     | 0                  | 1                  | 1          | 2               | 4          |
| 11           | Wardak     | 0                  | 4                  | 21         | 23              | 48         |
| 12           | Sare Pul   | 0                  | 0                  | 0          | 0               | 0          |
| 13           | Badakhshan | 0                  | 0                  | 0          | 0               | 0          |
| 14           | Takhar     | 0                  | 0                  | 0          | 0               | 0          |
| 15           | Uruzgan    | 0                  | 0                  | 15         | 2               | 17         |
| 16           | Helmand    | 0                  | 0                  | 23         | 28              | 51         |
| 17           | Baghlan    | 0                  | 0                  | 0          | 0               | 0          |
| 18           | Laghman    | 0                  | 1                  | 4          | 0               | 5          |
| 19           | Parwan     | 0                  | 3                  | 10         | 18              | 31         |
| 20           | Ghazni     | 6                  | 4                  | 28         | 15              | 53         |
| 21           | Paktya     | 1                  | 3                  | 18         | 8               | 30         |
| 22           | Paktika    | 0                  | 6                  | 2          | 1               | 9          |
| 23           | Zabul      | 3                  | 0                  | 4          | 6               | 13         |
| 24           | Samangan   | 0                  | 2                  | 0          | 1               | 3          |
| 25           | Farah      | 0                  | 0                  | 2          | 2               | 4          |
| 26           | Panjsher   | 0                  | 0                  | 6          | 12              | 18         |
| <b>Total</b> |            | <b>68</b>          | <b>127</b>         | <b>387</b> | <b>304</b>      | <b>886</b> |

During the TA3 reporting period, the overall frequency of site inspections was increased notably across project locations under both C1 and C2. These inspections were complemented by consistent awareness-raising initiatives aimed at strengthening community knowledge and engagement with the GRM. In addition to verbal sessions, informational flyers and GRM banners were distributed to beneficiaries and community members, ensuring that information on the GRM was widely accessible. These efforts were undertaken in both urban and rural areas, thereby promoting inclusivity and enhancing the visibility of the mechanism across diverse project contexts.

**Table 6.7.2.8: Grievances registered by category (excluding enquiries and suggestions)**

| Grievance Category                 | Grand Total | Percentage |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Corruption                         | 34          | 3.83%      |
| Environmental/OHS                  | 22          | 2.48%      |
| Financial Management & Procurement | 2           | 0.22%      |
| Gender                             | 0           | 0          |
| Labor and Wages                    | 343         | 38.71%     |
| Misbehavior of Staff               | 35          | 3.95%      |
| Monitoring                         | 1           | 0.11%      |
| Recruitment & Staffing             | 14          | 1.58%      |
| Social                             | 73          | 8.23%      |

| Grievance Category        | Grand Total | Percentage  |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Stakeholder Consultation  | 24          | 2.70%       |
| Subproject design         | 64          | 7.22%       |
| Subproject Implementation | 153         | 17.26%      |
| Suggestion                | 35          | 3.95%       |
| Inquiry                   | 56          | 6.32%       |
| Other                     | 30          | 3.38%       |
| <b>Grand Total</b>        | <b>886</b>  | <b>100%</b> |

During the reporting period, all the grievance uptake channels (Awaaz toll free 410, FP, Email CRLP Communication, email [crl.shekayat@unops.org](mailto:crl.shekayat@unops.org), Website [www.acrlp.org](http://www.acrlp.org) and Facebook) were active and responsive to the complainants' concerns.

### Result of the Supplementary Review of the GRM in Rural Area during August 2025:

During the supplementary review of the GRM, the system was reviewed in 40 CRGs across all FPs. The review findings are as follows:

- The GRM system was in place and awareness was raised within the community and beneficiaries.
- 273 grievances were raised by the community, of which 51% were resolved verbally with no records in the Logbook. The literacy level and minor nature of the grievances are the main reasons for not registering them in the Logbook.
- Women's access to the GRM was directly confirmed with women in 21 CRGs and indirectly through male in 19 CRGs.
- The GRT was considered the most convenient channel by 80% of CRGs/communities, while 20% preferred the Awaaz Tollfree line.
- The community awareness regarding GRM is good. Various outreach materials and orientations were provided to the communities by the FPs.
- Key issues during the supplementary spot check includes the time constraints, female access to the CRGs, GRT level of literacy, questionnaire, target group.

### 6.7.3 Gender

#### Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment + Gender Equality & Social Inclusion:

- As of 31 December 2025, 784 staff from the six FPs had received PSEAH training under the AF.
- During the current reporting period, 200 FP staff received orientation on PSEAH, CoC, new IEC materials developed by the PSEA Network, and lessons learned from CRLP implementation. All new IEC materials were shared with all six FPs.
- 319,772 laborers (12,857 during the reporting period, 642 of whom were women) received PSEAH and CoC training through their respective FPs. These sessions also served as platforms to share lessons learned from previous project phases, address implementation challenges, and collect feedback from workers.
- PSEAH and CoC training was also delivered to C2 contractors during kick-off meetings. Since the start of AF, 394 orientation sessions have been held, reaching 2,364 key contractor staff. During the reporting period alone, 42 orientation sessions were conducted, reaching 252 contractor staff.
- 79,842 laborers received PSEAH and CoC induction from their contractors since the commencement of AF, including 17,092 laborers during the reporting period (9.6% women).
- New GBV Focal Points were selected under C2, and training was delivered on PSEAH, CoC, and the new PSEA Network IEC materials. A follow-up meeting with FP GBV focal points was held in October 2025, during which participants discussed key achievements, challenges, and recommendations related to:
  - Increasing the number of women laborers
  - The impact of the PVPV law on women's inclusion
  - Social Organizers' site visits

- Approaches to strengthening women's engagement in project activities
  - Women's Participation and Community-Level Outcomes
- Updates were shared on C3b activities and community feedback, highlighting positive outcomes for women beneficiaries.
  - Women reported high satisfaction with the receipt of food packages and chickens.
  - Eggs produced by the hens are sold to generate income, enabling female-headed households to purchase essential food items (such as salt, sugar, and cooking oil), school supplies for children, and to repay debts.
  - In some cases, hens have begun hatching chicks, further strengthening household livelihoods.
- Women are also engaged as laborers in CfW activities, undertaking culturally appropriate tasks such as traffic management, sewing burlaps for curing concrete, washing safety vests, site cleaning, housekeeping, and preventing children from accessing worksites. Women laborers work in separate locations from male laborers to ensure safety and cultural acceptability.
- Although most projects have now been completed and FP staff have demobilized, some female staff continue to support TPMA activities. The ban on women UN staff has also had secondary impacts on INGOs and NGOs, exacerbated by funding constraints.

### **Social Organizers and Field Engagement**

- Follow-up meetings were held with SOs from FPs and contractors during monitoring missions conducted in September, October, and November 2025. Discussions focused on implementation challenges and the impact of the PVPV law on staff mobility.
- Key findings included:
  - Female SOs are able to conduct field visits from their homes and are accompanied by a mahram during missions.
  - In most communities, female SOs retain access to women beneficiaries and move with caution.
  - Female SOs conduct regular in-person visits in 1,573 communities.
  - In 928 communities, a mixed approach is used, combining in-person engagement with mobile phone sessions.
  - In 164 communities, women SOs are unable to physically access the community and conduct sessions exclusively via mobile phone.
  - Village-level women's meetings are possible in 1,087 communities, while 1,414 communities facilitate meetings at the mohalla level.
  - A significant achievement for female SOs was the successful delivery of C3b training in all communities, distribution of chickens to beneficiaries, and ongoing follow-up support.
  - All required facilities continue to be provided to women staff, including computers, desks, chairs, home internet, mobile top-up cards, and transport support for field visits. Coordination with communities remains strong, with communities demonstrating high levels of support and appreciation for the CRLP.
  - Female SOs employ adaptive outreach strategies to reach women beneficiaries, including meetings hosted in selected homes, engagement facilitated by community leaders (malaks), presenting themselves as guests, or using culturally acceptable pretexts such as selling embroidery products.

### **Impact of PVPV Law on Female Staff and Operations**

A meeting held on 22 October 2025 with female SOs highlighted operational challenges resulting from the PVPV law. While the law has not completely halted field engagement, it has negatively affected women's mental well-being and mobility, particularly due to the mahram requirement. In rural areas, alternative engagement approaches have been adopted, including coordination through trusted male colleagues, community elders (mullahs and wakil guzars), and smaller group visits.

On 7 September 2025, the DfA banned UN female staff from entering the UNOCA compound in Kabul, with similar restrictions imposed across other locations later that week. Female UN staff continue to work remotely.

### **Adaptive Strategies and Mitigation Measures**

Despite constraints, female SOs continue to engage communities through in-person visits, phone calls, and



platforms such as WhatsApp. Meetings with women are now conducted in smaller groups to reduce visibility. Women CRG focal points have played a critical role in disseminating information and supporting vulnerable households.

Challenges include increased psychological distress, restricted access to workplaces, and reduced participation in decision-making. Mitigation measures include:

- Hiring couples where feasible.
- Ensuring mahram support.
- Continued awareness-raising; and
- Ongoing engagement with local authorities, which has resulted in verbal agreements permitting field visits in some provinces.
- PSEAH training on the new PSEA Network IEC materials was delivered to all UNOPS CRLP staff.

### **Code of Conduct Compliance**

- CRLP continues to ensure that all newly hired project staff, contractors, and FP staff sign the Code of Conduct.
- 787 FP staff have signed the CoC since the start of AF, including 492 during the reporting period.
- 2,364 contractor staff signed the CoC under AF, including 252 during the reporting period.
- 79,842 C2 laborers received CoC orientation since AF1 inception, including 17,092 during the reporting period.

### **Monitoring Missions**

- 17 monitoring missions were conducted across Kabul, Nangarhar, Laghman, Panjshir, and Ghazni, covering 9 C2 subprojects and 8 C1 and C3 CRGs.
- Awareness was raised on:
  - Implementation of the Gender Action Plan and the minimum 7 percent women laborer target.
  - Women's engagement in subproject selection and implementation.
  - CoC compliance by FPs and contractors.
  - Safe working environments for women.
  - Access to GRM channels and awareness materials.
  - Delivery of PSEAH and CoC orientations; and
  - Women's representation in CRG structures as part of ECA criteria.
- Awareness of GRM uptake channels among female laborers was found to be satisfactory across all visited sites, with women identifying GRTs, wakil guzars, social organizers, and the Awaaz 410 helpline as reporting channels.
- Corrective actions included reminders to laborers on GRM channels, guidance to contractors on culturally appropriate task assignments and time flexibility for women, and reinforcement of SO roles in supporting women laborers.

### **Coordination and Knowledge Sharing**

CRLP actively participated in Gender in Humanitarian Action (GiHA) working groups, GBV AoR coordination, the PSEAH Network, and the Gender Team Group, focusing on women's inclusion strategies, updates on DfA decrees, GBV capacity building, and dissemination of new IEC materials.

A CRLP women's personnel meeting was organized on 25 November 2025, in collaboration with internal communications and administration teams. The meeting included:

- A well-being session led by a stress counselor
- A session on digital violence in commemoration of the 16 Days of Activism Against GBV, under the theme "UNiTE to End Digital Violence Against All Women and Girls"
- Updates from the UNOPS Country Director and Head of Programmes on prevailing restrictions
- CRLP also commemorated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 9 December 2025 hosting an internal knowledge-sharing session to promote diversity and inclusion.

### **Planning and Policy Alignment**

The GBV Action Plan has been updated and approved by the World Bank for AF2, and the overall CRLP Gender

Action Plan has also been updated accordingly.

#### 6.7.4 Security

The overall security situation during the TA3 reporting period reflects a delicate balance. The prevailing economic hardship, high unemployment rates, and deepening humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan have heightened security concerns. Rising food insecurity and restricted access to essential services have contributed to an increase in petty crime, particularly in urban centers. The forced return of Afghan refugees from Pakistan and Iran has become a critical factor impacting Afghanistan's overall security situation both directly and indirectly. 6 security incidents were reported within the CRLP Area of Responsibility (AoR) during the period:

- A robbery incident involving AFN 700,000 (US\$ 10,500) on 22 September 2025 in Qaisar District, Faryab Province. The details of the incidents and actions implemented are recorded under the Environmental and Social Management section.
- On 16 September 2025 at approximately 12:20 PM, during routine excavation works at the Construction of Noshijan Canal Protection Wall (350 m), Gozar #4, District #15, Kandahar City, a laborer struck a suspicious object with a pickaxe.
- On 16 October 2025, during routine canal cleaning activities in District #15, Kandahar City, workers discovered a suspicious metallic object partially buried in the mud along the canal bank, suspected to be a UXO.
- An incident involving the discovery of an anti-vehicle mine occurred on 10 November 2025 at the Upgrading of Qalai Omar Street with Plum Concrete Surface (L = 1,150 m), located in Gozar #21, District #14, Kabul Urban Project site.
- An incident involving the discovery of an unexploded ordnance (UXO) was reported on 8 September 2025 at the Misri Khil CRG project site in Jaghatoo District, Wardak Province.
- On 15 November 2025, a suspicious metallic object partially buried in the soil was discovered during routine excavating activities for subgrade preparation under the Construction of Urdo Bazar Plum Concrete Street Project (Total Length: 385m), District #13, Kandahar City.

Project teams maintained safe and uninterrupted access to all implementation sites, both in the cities and in regional areas, allowing for continued monitoring and oversight activities. Regular security coordination meetings were conducted with all FPs, both virtually and in person across various provinces. Additionally, the CRLP Security Team carried out field visits to provincial locations and urban contractor project sites to assess on-the-ground conditions and provide support. Monthly CoP meetings were institutionalized with FPs and contractors. The meetings have improved collective risk awareness, enhanced information-sharing, and supported harmonized implementation of security protocols across partners.

The following is an update from each region:

##### Northeast Region (Kunduz and Samangan)

- 3 coordination meetings were held with FP security focal points and staff at both provincial and district levels.
- 3 refresher security awareness training sessions were conducted for FP teams during the TA3 reporting period in Kunduz and Samangan provinces, aimed at strengthening their preparedness and operational security capacity.
- SRA, SMP and security related SoPs have been shared with Urban contractors for implementation at their project sites.
- Based on the evolving security context, the SoP for SoP's LM\_UXO\_ERW and SoP's related to Cash Handling and robbery prevention have been reviewed and updated once again for further implementation by FP's and contractors.
- CoP meetings were conducted with all CRLP FP's and contractors whose main agenda was to discuss and share their approaches and discuss and focus on best practice to apply by each.

##### North Region (Mazar)

- 2 coordination meetings were conducted with FP site staff and provincial management teams to reinforce the importance of safety and security in project implementation. The sessions facilitated the

security risk assessments and the development and revision of the SMP and associated SoPs.

- 2 refresher security awareness sessions were delivered to RRAA security focal points and staff in Mazar, utilizing a hybrid format to maximize participation and reach.
- 2 kickoff meetings were held with urban contractors during the reporting period, in which they were thoroughly briefed on the project security management and Contractors' responsibilities.
- The urban project sites were visited on a weekly basis throughout its implementation period, and all laborers received comprehensive induction on security protocols and emergency response procedures.
- A routine monthly security Awareness session and coordination meeting were held for urban contractors' staff and SFPs in Mazar City, focusing on Implementation of SoPs for Land Mine, Unexploded Ordnance and Explosive Remnants of War (LM\_UXO\_ERW) and Cash Handling and robbery prevention, emergency response procedures, and site-specific security measures.
- 18 sessions were also conducted for Jalalabad-based urban contractors, their security focal points, staff, and field workers during kick-off meetings and field visits.
- CoP meeting among all CRLP rural FPs and urban contractors' security Focal points to discuss and share their experiences and approaches with each other and focus on best practices to implement by all CRLP stakeholders.
- Training and development approach:
  - Awareness training session to FP and contractors' SFPs and field staff at their provincial and district level offices.
  - Awareness to contractors through kick off meetings prior to project start at the CRL Project provincial offices.
  - Coordination meeting with FPs and contractors on a monthly basis.
  - Induction to the laborers during the site visit of the FPs and contractors' subprojects.
  - Lessons learned to share with FP and contractors as best practice to implement in their subproject sites.

#### **Central Region (Kabul, Wardak, Kapisa, Panjshir and Parwan)**

- 5 routine coordination meetings were held with FP and contractors' focal points at both provincial and district levels.
- Targeted security training sessions were delivered for FP staff and urban contractors operating in Kabul and surrounding provinces.
- The training modules reinforced operational security standards and were tailored to address contextual threats in the Central Region. Key topics covered included:
  - Implementation of the SMP and SOPs
  - Threat identification and situational awareness
  - Risk mitigation strategies
  - Evacuation and relocation procedures
  - Secure cash handling protocols
  - UXO/ERW awareness sessions
  - Coordination with local authorities
  - Emergency communications and incident reporting
- Cash Handling and robbery prevention SOP for central region and Kabul urban projects was reviewed, updated, and re-shared with all relevant contractors and FPs to ensure alignment with evolving security dynamics.
- Compliance monitoring mechanisms were strengthened to confirm that contractors are integrating these protocols into their day-to-day operations.
- 2 security incidents occurred in the central region during the reporting period:
  - An incident involving the discovery of an anti-vehicle mine occurred on 10 November 2025 at approximately 11:30 hrs at the Upgrading of Qalai Omar Street with Plum Concrete Surface (L = 1,150 m), located in Gozar #21, District #14, Kabul Urban Project site. Following the discovery, the device was safely neutralized through a controlled detonation conducted by the district de facto authorities at around 02:00 hrs. No casualties or material damage were reported.
  - An incident involving the discovery of an unexploded ordnance (UXO) was reported on 8 September 2025 at the Misri Khil CRG project site in Jaghatoo District, Wardak Province. The

item identified was an 81 mm Illumination Mortar Round (M816), discovered buried underground within the project area. The site was immediately reported and secured upon identification. According to the demining team's report (AREA), a local GDI member who removed the item from the project site indicated that the round was lacking explosive material; however, it was treated and managed as a UXO until its removal in accordance with safety protocols. The UXO was physically removed from the site, and no casualties or material damage were reported. The incident had no reported impact on project implementation.



*Morning induction and security briefing to the laborers in the central region on 6 September 2025 @UNOPS*

#### **East Region (Nangarhar, Laghman & Nuristan)**

- 6 routine coordination meetings were conducted with FP at both provincial and district level.
- 4 security sessions were delivered to DACAAR security focal persons and staff at district level.
- 20 sessions were also conducted for Jalalabad-based urban contractors, their security focal points, staff, and field workers during kick-off meetings and field visits.
- UXO/ERW risk reduction sessions were included to raise awareness about explosive remnants of war and unexploded ordnance, particularly relevant for rural areas and high-risk operational zones.
- Cash Handling and Robbery Prevention SOP for the Eastern region and for Jalalabad urban projects was updated and re-shared with all relevant FP and contractors to ensure compliance with current security requirements.
- Contractors have been encouraged to institutionalize these measures in daily operations and incident preparedness.



*Security awareness session for urban contractors' staff and security focal points in Jalalabad city on 13 October 2025 @UNOPS*



### **Southeast Region (Paktia, Paktika, Khost & Ghazni)**

- 5 coordination meetings were conducted with FP, and contractors. These meetings focused on ensuring that contractors remained fully informed and reassured of the continued security support provided by ACRLP SSA throughout project implementation.
- Security awareness sessions were delivered to contractors and their SFPs, with a focus on Security Risk Management (SRM) protocols and the effective application of risk mitigation measures.
- 24 field visits were conducted during which SFPs received practical briefings on UXO handling, secure cash handling, and compliance with essential security procedures.
- Targeted security awareness sessions were also conducted for laborers, covering UXO risk awareness, cash handling, medical evacuation, and emergency evacuation procedures, particularly relevant for high-risk operational environments.

### **South West Region (Kandahar, Helmand, Uruzgan and Zabul)**

#### **Urban (Kandahar City):**

- Contractors' SFPs have received security awareness sessions regarding SRM protocols to enforce adherence and effective implementation of risk mitigation measures.
- 23 site visits were conducted to urban sites to oversee the implementation of SMP and SOPs. During site visits, contractors are briefed on the effective implementation of UXO handling, Cash Handling, Medical evacuation and emergency evacuation required for carrying out the project safely and securely.
- 3 coordination meetings were held with urban contractors during the TA3 reporting period.
- 3 security incidents occurred in the region during the reporting period:
  - On 16 September 2025 at approximately 12:20 PM, during routine excavation works at the Construction of Noshijan Canal Protection Wall (350 m), Gozar #4, District #15, Kandahar City, a laborer struck a suspicious object with a pickaxe. All activities were immediately stopped, and workers were moved to the designated assembly point. The incident was reported to the MAPA Hotline, the nearest police station, and the UNOPS CRLP Security Unit. The DRC demining team arrived the same day, safely removed the identified UXO, and confirmed that the site was clear of any further suspicious objects.
  - On 16 October 2025, during routine canal cleaning activities in District #15, Kandahar City, workers discovered a suspicious metallic object partially buried in the mud along the canal bank, suspected to be a UXO. All activities were immediately stopped, workers were assembled at the designated assembly point, and a headcount was conducted. The incident was reported to the MAPA Hotline, the nearest police station, and the UNOPS CRLP Security Unit. The MACA demining team arrived the same day, safely removed the UXO, carried out a thorough area clearance, confirmed the site was free of any additional suspicious objects, and normal project activities resumed thereafter.
  - On 15 November 2025 at approximately 10:10 AM, during routine excavating activities for subgrade preparation under the Construction of Urdo Bazar Plum Concrete Street Project (Total Length: 385m), District #13, Kandahar City, laborers discovered a suspicious metallic object partially buried in the soil. The object resembled an unexploded ordnance (UXO). The contractor immediately informed the relevant CRL Security Unit and received the relevant measures and instructions from him and also contacted DMAC. The demining team arrived at the site at approximately 10:00 AM on 16 November 2025, during which time all activities in the surrounding area were halted and the site was fenced off to restrict access. The demining team professionally identified and safely removed the UXO, conducted a physical assessment of the area, and added that no further suspicious objects were seen. Additionally, they provided a UXO awareness session to all laborers on site.

#### **Rural:**

- 5 Missions were conducted to Faryab, Helmand, Uruzgan, Zabul and Kandahar relevant districts to monitor the SMP, SOPs and confirm contingency plans are in place.
- 6 coordination meetings, in person and virtual, were held with the FP (CHA) and FP (RRAA) where security topics were discussed and lessons learned were shared as follows:
  - The FPs should adhere to the cash handling protocol.



- Refresher training should be delivered to the CfW workers regarding the UXO risk management.
- 2 in-person Security awareness sessions were held for RRAA field staff regarding the effective implementation of security SMP and SOPs particularly Cash Handling SOP.



*Delivering Security Awareness session to FP (RRAA) field staff at Zawal district of Herat Province on 07 September 2025 @UNOPS*



*DMAC team delivering a UXO awareness session to laborers in Kandahar City on 16 November 2025 @UNOPS*



*The investigation team interviewed the community leader where the robbery took place to assess the current security settings and gather relevant insights regarding the incident on 20 October 2025 @UNOPS*

## 6.8 Project Monitoring

Project monitoring is progressing effectively, with various mechanisms established to ensure implementation meets accepted quality standards and operational requirements. The overall project monitoring progress is as follows:

- Spot-Checks:
  - 470+ monitoring spot-checks have been completed (of which 44 by UNOPS), with 340 have been entered into the MIS. Following the spot-check missions, findings were shared with the FPs with the proposed corrective actions After cleaning the data, further analysis will be conducted, and a report will be shared with the WB.
  - The Project team undertook regular field visits to monitor the implementation of the GAP, HSSE, and QC Plans, with detailed findings presented in their respective sections.

- Regular Reports:
  - 5 tri-annual reports have been submitted to the WB since 2024.
  - Weekly progress reports are prepared and submitted to the WB.
  - FPs regularly submit weekly updates, bi-monthly reports, and tri-annual reports.
- Significant Negative Findings (SNF) Review: The team provided feedback for Rounds #1 and #8 of the SNF and shared with WB.
- Project Management:
  - The Result framework is regularly monitored and updated.
  - The digital payment pilot learning agenda data collection process has been completed and the analysis of round 3 data collection is under process.

## 6.9 Third-Party Monitoring Agent (TPMA)

### Financial Monitoring

The review of the TPMA expenditure report for quarterly reports is currently underway.

| REPORT       | STATUS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS                                                                             | Due Date    |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Q2 2022      | Finalized                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                               | N/A         |
| Q1 & Q2 2023 | Finalized                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                               | N/A         |
| Q3 2023      | TPMA report is received by project for review on 21 Nov 2024, inputs provided by UNOPS on 17 Dec 2024, waiting to receive the final report, reminder sent on 09 Feb 25, another reminder for final report is sent to TPMA on 05 Mar 2025<br>Additional documents were provided in the questionable expenses findings log to the WB on 22 Sep 2025.         | Action required for resolving the pending findings by Ahmed Shah's pending review             | N/A         |
| Q4 2023      | TPMA draft report is received by project for review on 3 Jan 2025, inputs provided by Urban team on 08 Jan 2025, inputs provided by rural team on 02 Feb 2025 waiting to for TPMA review, reminder for final report is sent to TPMA on 05 Mar 2025<br>Additional documents are provided in the questionable expenses findings log to the WB on 22 Sep 2025 |                                                                                               |             |
| Q1 2024      | TPMA submitted its final report on 06 May 2025.<br>Additional documents are provided in the questionable expenses findings log to the WB on 22 Sep 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                               |             |
| Q2 2024      | TPMA submitted the final report on 30 Aug 2025, findings are shared with respective units to provide additional documents, additional documents/inputs are submitted to TPMA on Oct 19 2025                                                                                                                                                                | TPMA to review the additional documents and resolve the finding amount in the upcoming report | N/A         |
| Q3 2024      | TPMA submitted the final report on 30 Aug 2025, findings are shared with respective units to provide additional documents, additional documents/inputs are submitted to TPMA on Oct 19 2025                                                                                                                                                                | TPMA to review the additional documents and resolve the finding amount in the upcoming report | N/A         |
| Q4 2024      | TPMA submitted the final report on 23 Oct 2025, additional documents/inputs are provided to TPMA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | TPMA to review the additional documents and resolve the finding amount in the upcoming report | N/A         |
| Q1 2025      | Initial findings log is submitted by TPMA on 10 Oct 2025, documents/inputs are provided to TPMA on 29 Oct 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | TPMA to review the documents                                                                  | 15 Nov 2025 |

| REPORT  | STATUS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS                                 | Due Date                                                                         |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Q2 2025 | Interim findings log is submitted by TPMA on Oct 18, documents/inputs are provided to TPMA on 3 Nov 2025, additional finding log for C1 was submitted by TPMA on 01 Dec 2025 for which the inputs and documents are provided on 04 Dec 2025. Findings log for C3 was submitted by TPMA on 04 Dec 2025 for which the inputs and documents were provided on 14 Dec 2025. Documents are provided to the interim findings log on 20 Dec 2025. | TPMA to review the documents for C2 and C3 and C1 | 18 Dec 2025 for C1<br>28 Dec 2025 for C3<br>04 Jan 2025 for interim findings log |
| Q3 2025 | Transactions list along the supporting documents are submitted to TPMA on 30 Oct 2025, the sampled list is provided by TPMA on 27 Nov 2025, UNOPS has provided the inputs/documents on 11 Dec 2025.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | TPMA to review the documents for C2, C1 and C3    | 11 Feb 2026                                                                      |

The TPMA 2025 First Quarterly Report for the period of 19 February to 16 April was received on 13 July, UNOPS has reviewed the report and provided comments/feedback and clarification and shared with the WB on 29 July.

Several joint WB, CRLP and TPMA coordination meetings were held to discuss a range of issues related to the TPMA processes, procedures and timelines. The TPMA Monitoring Framework, Protocol and Tools are finalized to comply with the new ECA being rolled out, and to respond to findings from recent reports.

## C2 - Urban

TPMA's infrastructure team conducted 39 field visits across project sites as detailed below:

- Round 1: 17 sites were visited between November 10-14, 2024.
- Round 2: 8 sites were visited between February 16-20, 2025.
- Round 3: 2 project sites visited in March 2025 (one in Kabul and one in Jalalabad).
- Round 4: 7 projects sites visited in May 2025 (one in each C2 city)
- Round 5: 2 project sites visited in August 2025 (one in Kabul and one in Ghazni).
- Round 6: 2 project sites visited in September 2025 (one in Gardiz and one in Jalalabad).
- Round 7: 1 project site visited in October 2025 in Kabul City.

To date, 25 deviations (4 major and 21 minor) have been reported through the ARTF platform. All of them have been rectified and verified by TPMA in the ARTF platform.

TPMA social team conducted 44 field visits (including 4 digital payment sites) across project sites in 7 cities. The report and findings for 27 subprojects have been shared with the CRLP. The C2 Team has reviewed the report and provided feedback to the TPMA and World Bank for their review and finalization of the findings report.

The table below shows the status of C2 deviations:

| Flag               | Not rectifiable | Rectification in progress | Rectified | Grand Total |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Major              |                 |                           | 4         | 4           |
| Minor              | 1               |                           | 20        | 21          |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>1</b>        |                           | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b>   |

## C1 - Rural

TPMA has visited a total of 197 rural communities in 20 provinces. 296 deviations have been registered and uploaded onto the online platform. 225 deviations are rectified and closed, 51 deviations have been addressed by FPs and waiting for TPMA verification, 13 deviations are under FP rectification, and 7 deviations are closed with not rectifiable status.

The table below shows the status of deviations:

| Flag  | Not Rectifiable | Pending verification by TPMA | Rectification in progress by FP | Rectified | Grand Total |
|-------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Major | 3               | 29                           | 2                               | 67        | 101         |
| Minor | 4               | 22                           | 11                              | 158       | 195         |
| Total | 7               | 51                           | 13                              | 225       | 296         |

## 7. COMPONENT 6: CASA 1000 PSEAH Implementation

In November 2025 the recruitment of the CASA 1000 team was completed with the recruitment of the Diversity and Inclusion Senior Officer/GBV Specialist (female) and two PSEA/SH trainers (one male and one female). These appointments have contributed to the achievement of the intended objectives of the CASA-1000 Project under the CRLP.

Following the resolution of contractual issues between DABS and KPIL in October 2025, KPIL deployed its teams and subcontractors to the project sites in Kunduz and Baghlan provinces and resumed construction activities under the CASA-1000 Project.

During the reporting period, both KEC and KPIL personnel and their sub-contractors received “Respectful Workplace” training conducted in all provinces located along the CASA 1000 corridor (Kunduz, Baghlan, Panjshir, Kapisa, Kabul, Laghman and Nangarhar). 583 personnel have received PSEA/SH training. These capacity-building efforts enhanced contractors’ knowledge of PSEAH requirements and contributed to adherence to the CASA-1000 project safeguard standards. Upon completion of the training, all participants signed the Code of Conduct, reaffirming their commitment to maintaining a safe and respectful work environment.

The table below shows the cumulative number of PSEA/SH training participants related to both KEC and KPIL companies:

Number of contractors’ staff and workers received the PSEA/SH training

| No. | Province  | District/ Project Site | Contractor Received PSEA/SH Training | No of Participants |
|-----|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1   | Kabul     | Kabul- KEC Office      | KEC staff & Engineers                | 24                 |
|     |           | Sarobi                 | AZCC/KEC                             | 54                 |
| 2   | Laghman   | Mehtarlam city         | KHACC/KEC                            | 22                 |
|     |           | Qarghai                | AQACC                                | 39                 |
|     |           | Bad Pakh               | KHACC & ZFCC                         | 27                 |
| 3   | Nangarhar | Behsood                | RVCC/KEC                             | 17                 |
|     |           | Momandara              | MBRCC/KEC                            | 16                 |
|     |           | Goshta                 | FSCC, ZSCC & FSCC                    | 77                 |
|     |           | Lalpura                | TSCC/KEC                             | 20                 |
| 4   | Kapisa    | Mahmood Raqi           | SEC/KEC                              | 43                 |
|     |           | Tagab                  | KHACC/KEC                            | 49                 |
| 5   | Baghlan   | Puli Hisar             | NAECC/KEC                            | 17                 |
|     |           | Nahrin                 | KPIL                                 | 82                 |
| 6   | Kunduz    | Center                 | KPIL                                 | 27                 |
| 7   | Panjshir  | Paryan                 | BACC                                 | 22                 |
|     |           | Hes-i-Awal             | SCCC                                 | 16                 |
|     |           | Unaba                  | KEC                                  | 13                 |
|     |           | Khenj                  | KEC                                  | 18                 |

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| <b>Total participants</b> | <b>583</b> |
|---------------------------|------------|

In line with KEC's and KPIL implementation plans, UNOPS also conducted community awareness sessions to local communities located within the 2Km of the CASA 1000 Transmission corridor. The awareness sessions are focused on the Respectful Workplace principles and the reporting channels in case of the SEA/SH incidents related to The CASA project activities. During the reporting period, the community awareness sessions about PSEA/SH were conducted in 44 communities: including 32 communities in Kama district of Nangarhar, 6 communities in Kunduz city, and 6 communities in Burka and Nahrin districts of Baghlan provinces. 3,138 participants (40-45% of them women) participated in the awareness sessions. These efforts have significantly contributed to increasing community knowledge and participation in safeguarding measures.

Number of total community members participated during the SEA/SH awareness sessions

| No.   | Province  | District/ Project Site | No. of Communities Received PSEA/SH Awareness | No. of Participants |
|-------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1     | Laghman   | Mehtarlam city         | 6                                             | 320                 |
|       |           | Qarghayee              | 71                                            | 5,396               |
| 2     | Nangarhar | Behsood                | 21                                            | 1,200               |
|       |           | Kama                   | 32                                            | 2560                |
| 3     | Kunduz    | Khan Abad              | 11                                            | 330                 |
|       |           | Kunduz city            | 6                                             | 360                 |
| 4     | Baghlan   | Jelga                  | 4                                             | 120                 |
|       |           | Burka                  | 3                                             | 158                 |
|       |           | Nahrin                 | 3                                             | 140                 |
| Total |           |                        | 157                                           | 10,584              |

The SEA/SH Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan for the CASA-1000 Project has been drafted and will be submitted to the World Bank upon completion of internal review and finalization.



## 8. KEY CHALLENGES AND MITIGATION MEASURES

The CRLP continues to manage and mitigate challenges that arise, and threaten or risk the smooth, efficient and timely implementation of the project. Few issues that challenged the project in TA3 2025 reporting period are:

### 1. Lack of a consistent implementation plan of the CASA 1000 contractors

CASA-1000 contractors do not follow a consistent or sequential approach to tower construction along the corridor. Lack of structured planning has constrained the development of a comprehensive SEA/SH and community mobilization and awareness plan and its implementation of the CASA 1000 activities in the sites.

**Mitigation Plan:** Monthly coordination meetings were conducted with the contractors to provide their monthly plan and provide a list of the workers, skilled and unskilled laborers, for organizing the SEA/SH training.

### 2. Increase in Cement Price across the country

In August 2025, cement prices in local markets rose sharply by 50-70%, increasing from an average of AFN 370 to AFN 650. This surge led to shortages in supply. Contractors and suppliers attribute the increase to recent flooding and the closure of Pakistan-Afghanistan border. Cement shortages and price increases negatively impacted project progress during the TA3 reporting period.

**Mitigation Plan:** Contractors were advised to utilize alternative cement other than the Pakistani brands for concrete works.

### 3. Completion of the C2 activities by end of December 2025

**Contractual Issues (6 Subprojects):** Six subprojects were terminated due to contractors' inaction or refusal to proceed. This includes three subprojects where the contractor failed to commence work despite handover and a Notice to Correct (UNOPS Legal advised termination). For three subprojects where the contractor requested a cost adjustment of the contract and changes in implementation modality (both denied) and subsequently refused to proceed.

**Land Ownership Dispute (1 Subproject):** One subproject in Kabul City was terminated due to a land ownership dispute with the National Development Corporation (NDC). Despite discussions with the community and Kabul Municipality the issue remained unresolved. Due to scope changes, implementation time limitations, and the winter season the Project was terminated.

**Mitigation Measures:** The 7 subprojects will be re-tendered in 2026 and implemented during the AF2 phase. The subprojects will utilize funds allocated in the AF1 budget.

## **9. ANNEXES**

### **Annex A:** IUFR for the period ending 31 December 2025

- IUFR produced for the period ending 31 December 2025

### **Annex B:** Interim Financial Statement as of 31 December 2025

- Interim Financial Statement produced as of 31 December 2025

## Annex D: Results Framework (MIS)

| Project Development Objectives(s)                                                                                                              |          |                        |                                |                             |                     |                     |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------|
| The objective of the Project is to provide short-term livelihood opportunities and deliver urgent essential services in rural and urban areas. |          |                        |                                |                             |                     |                     |         |
| Project Development Objectives Indicators                                                                                                      |          |                        |                                |                             |                     |                     |         |
| Indicator Name                                                                                                                                 | Contract | End Target             | Progress up to Last Tri-annual | Current Tri-annual Progress | Cumulative Progress | Percentage Progress | Remarks |
| Provide short-term livelihood opportunities and urgent essential services in rural and urban areas                                             |          |                        |                                |                             |                     |                     |         |
| Number of beneficiary households receiving livelihoods support (Number)                                                                        | PP       | 700,000                | 917,315                        |                             | 917,315             | 100%+               |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | AF       | 300,000                | 260,521                        | 134,789                     | 395,310             | 100%+               |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | Total    | 1,000,000              | 1,177,836                      | 134,789                     | 1,312,625           | 100%+               |         |
| Number of vulnerable households receiving social grants (Number)                                                                               | PP       | 100,000                | 122,450                        |                             | 122,450             | 100%+               |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | AF       | 50,000                 | 52,481                         | 7,578                       | 60,059              | 100%+               |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | Total    | 150,000                | 174,931                        | 7,578                       | 182,509             | 100%+               |         |
| Number of female-headed households receiving social grants (Text)                                                                              | PP       | Monitored for progress | 70,058                         |                             | 70,058              |                     |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | AF       |                        | 29,646                         | 4,230                       | 33,876              |                     |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | Total    |                        | 99,704                         | 4,230                       | 103,934             |                     |         |
| Number of people with improved access to basic services (Number)                                                                               | PP       | 7,400,000              | 10,291,877                     |                             | 10,291,877          | 100%+               |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | AF       | 4,200,000              | 2,525,141                      | 2,411,157                   | 4,936,298           | 100%+               |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | Total    | 11,600,000             | 12,817,018                     | 2,411,157                   | 15,228,175          | 100%+               |         |
| Intermediate Results Indicators by Components                                                                                                  |          |                        |                                |                             |                     |                     |         |
| 1. Emergency Livelihoods Support and Services in Rural Areas                                                                                   |          |                        |                                |                             |                     |                     |         |
| Number of working days created Component 1 (Number)                                                                                            | PP       | 17,300,000             | 17,909,282                     |                             | 17,909,282          | 100%+               |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | AF       | 10,400,000             | 3,399,416                      | 2,641,600                   | 6,041,016           | 58.1%               |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | Total    | 27,700,000             | 21,308,698                     | 2,641,600                   | 23,950,298          | 86.5%               |         |
| Number of working days created for women (Text) <span style="color: red;">(new indicator)</span>                                               | PP       | Monitored for progress | 1,021,932                      |                             | 1,021,932           |                     |         |

| Project Development Objectives(s)                                                                                                                                                                 |          |                        |                                |                             |                     |                     |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| The objective of the Project is to provide short-term livelihood opportunities and deliver urgent essential services in rural and urban areas.                                                    |          |                        |                                |                             |                     |                     |                |
| Project Development Objectives Indicators                                                                                                                                                         |          |                        |                                |                             |                     |                     |                |
| Indicator Name                                                                                                                                                                                    | Contract | End Target             | Progress up to Last Tri-annual | Current Tri-annual Progress | Cumulative Progress | Percentage Progress | Remarks        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | AF       |                        | 115,575                        | 89,240                      | 204,815             |                     |                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Total    |                        | 1,137,507                      | 89,240                      | 1,226,747           |                     |                |
| Number of beneficiary households receiving cash for work (Number)                                                                                                                                 | PP       | 608,000                | 755,201                        |                             | 755,201             | 100%+               |                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | AF       | 292,000                | 197,994                        | 117,625                     | 315,619             | 100%+               |                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Total    | 900,000                | 953,195                        | 117,625                     | 1,070,820           | 100%+               |                |
| Number/type of rural climate-resilient activities completed (clean water, sanitation, road rehabilitation, agroforestry, etc.) (Number)                                                           | PP       | 4,000                  | 7,645                          |                             | 7,645               | 100%+               |                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | AF       | 2,000                  | 1,244                          | 1,741                       | 2,985               | 100%+               |                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Total    | 6,000                  | 7,648                          | 1,741                       | 10,630              | 100%+               |                |
| Number of people in rural areas benefiting from basic climate-resilient infrastructure services (clean water, sanitation, road rehabilitation, agroforestry, etc.) disaggregated by gender (Text) | PP       | 5,400,000              | 6,595,981                      |                             | 6,595,981           | 100%+               |                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | AF       | 2,600,000              | 1,208,029                      | 1,764,667                   | 2,972,696           | 100%+               |                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Total    | 8,000,000              | 7,804,010                      | 1,764,667                   | 9,568,677           | 100%+               |                |
| People who benefit from improved access to sustainable transport infrastructure and services (number) (new indicator)                                                                             | PP       | Monitored for progress | 4,786,221                      |                             | 4,786,221           |                     |                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | AF       |                        | 958,214                        | 1,409,386                   | 2,367,600           |                     |                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Total    |                        | 5,744,435                      | 1,409,386                   | 7,153,821           |                     | Only Transport |
| Number of rural communities reached with program activities (Number)                                                                                                                              | PP       | 5,000                  | 5,966                          |                             | 5,966               | 100%+               |                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | AF       | 2,000                  | 719                            | 1,949                       | 2,668               | 100%+               |                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Total    | 7,000                  | 6,685                          | 1,949                       | 8,634               | 100%+               |                |
| Displaced people (including returnees) and people in host communities provided with services and livelihoods (Text) (new indicator)                                                               | AF       | Monitored for progress | 198,309                        | 365,433                     | 563,742             |                     |                |
| Returnees in rural areas who have been provided with services and                                                                                                                                 | PP       | Monitored for progress | 129,325                        |                             | 129,591             |                     |                |

| Project Development Objectives(s)                                                                                                              |          |                        |                                    |                                |                                    |                     |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| The objective of the Project is to provide short-term livelihood opportunities and deliver urgent essential services in rural and urban areas. |          |                        |                                    |                                |                                    |                     |         |
| Project Development Objectives Indicators                                                                                                      |          |                        |                                    |                                |                                    |                     |         |
| Indicator Name                                                                                                                                 | Contract | End Target             | Progress up to Last Tri-annual     | Current Tri-annual Progress    | Cumulative Progress                | Percentage Progress | Remarks |
| livelihoods (number) (Text) <sup>13</sup> (new indicator)                                                                                      | AF       |                        | 11,641                             | 22,141                         | 33,782                             |                     |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | Total    |                        | 140,966                            | 22,141                         | 163,373                            |                     | .       |
| 2. Emergency Livelihoods Support and Services in Urban Areas                                                                                   |          |                        |                                    |                                |                                    |                     |         |
| Number of working days created Component 2 (Number)                                                                                            | PP       | 3,440,000              | 4,761,071                          |                                | 4,761,071                          | 100%+               |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | AF       | 2,260,000              | MIS: 1,789,776<br>Field: 1,810,145 | MIS: 760,170<br>Field: 770,667 | MIS: 2,549,946<br>Field: 2,580,813 | 100%+               |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | Total    | 5,700,000              | MIS: 6,550,847<br>Field: 6,571,216 | MIS: 760,170<br>Field: 770,667 | MIS: 7,311,017<br>Field: 7,341,883 | 100%+               |         |
| Number of working days created for women (Text) (new indicator)                                                                                | PP       | Monitored for progress | 498,978                            |                                | 498,978                            |                     |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | AF       |                        | MIS: 155,578<br>Field: 157,029     | MIS: 68,337<br>Field: 70,067   | MIS: 223,915<br>Field: 227,097     |                     |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | Total    |                        | MIS: 654,556<br>Field: 656,007     | MIS: 68,337<br>Field: 70,067   | MIS: 722,893<br>Field: 726,074     |                     |         |
| Number of beneficiary households receiving livelihood support through labor-intensive work (Number)                                            | PP       | 92,000                 | 162,114                            |                                | 162,114                            | 100%+               |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | AF       | 48,000                 | MIS:                               | MIS: 17,164                    | MIS: 79,691                        | 100%+               |         |

<sup>13</sup> In the next reporting period, the SG beneficiaries will be added with this indicator



| Project Development Objectives(s)                                                                                                                                                        |          |                        |                                          |                                      |                                          |                     |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| The objective of the Project is to provide short-term livelihood opportunities and deliver urgent essential services in rural and urban areas.                                           |          |                        |                                          |                                      |                                          |                     |          |
| Project Development Objectives Indicators                                                                                                                                                |          |                        |                                          |                                      |                                          |                     |          |
| Indicator Name                                                                                                                                                                           | Contract | End Target             | Progress up to Last Tri-annual           | Current Tri-annual Progress          | Cumulative Progress                      | Percentage Progress | Remarks  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |                        | 62,527<br>Field:<br>62,750               | Field:<br>17,234                     | Field: 79,984                            |                     |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | Total    | 140,000                | MIS:<br>224,641<br>Field:<br>224,864     | MIS:<br>17,164<br>Field:<br>17,234   | MIS:<br>241,805<br>Field: 242,098        | 100%+               |          |
| Number/type of urban climate-resilient activities completed (road rehabilitation, water infrastructure, drainage, sanitation, canal cleaning, etc.) (Text)                               | PP       | 400                    | 520                                      |                                      | 520                                      | 100%+               |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | AF       | 250                    | 221                                      | 111                                  | 332                                      | 100%+               |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | Total    | 650                    | 741                                      | 111                                  | 852                                      | 100%+               |          |
| Number of urban residents benefiting from basic climate-resilient infrastructure services (road rehabilitation, water infrastructure, drainage, sanitation, canal cleaning, etc.) (Text) | PP       | 2,000,000              | 3,695,896                                |                                      | 3,695,896                                | 100%+               |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | AF       | 1,550,000              | MIS:<br>1,317,112<br>Field:<br>1,385,654 | MIS:<br>646,490<br>Field:<br>783,303 | MIS:<br>1,963,602<br>Field:<br>2,168,957 | 100%+               |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          | Total    | 3,550,000              | MIS:<br>5,013,008<br>Field:<br>5,081,550 | MIS: 646,490<br>Field:<br>783,303    | MIS:<br>5,659,498<br>Field:<br>5,864,853 | 100%+               |          |
| Urban residents who benefit from improved access to sustainable transport infrastructure and services (Text) <i>(new indicator)</i>                                                      | AF       | Monitored for progress | MIS:<br>1,219,225<br>Field:<br>1,056,840 | MIS: 619,800<br>Field:<br>780,508    | MIS: 1,839,025<br>Field:<br>1,817,348    |                     |          |
| Number of cities reached with program activities (Number)                                                                                                                                | PP       | 8                      | 8                                        |                                      | 8                                        | 100%                | 5 cities |

| Project Development Objectives(s)                                                                                                                  |          |                        |                                    |                                  |                                    |                     |                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| The objective of the Project is to provide short-term livelihood opportunities and deliver urgent essential services in rural and urban areas.     |          |                        |                                    |                                  |                                    |                     |                 |
| Project Development Objectives Indicators                                                                                                          |          |                        |                                    |                                  |                                    |                     |                 |
| Indicator Name                                                                                                                                     | Contract | End Target             | Progress up to Last Tri-annual     | Current Tri-annual Progress      | Cumulative Progress                | Percentage Progress | Remarks         |
|                                                                                                                                                    | AF       | 7                      | 7                                  |                                  | 7                                  | 100%                | overlap with PP |
|                                                                                                                                                    | Total    | 10                     | 10                                 |                                  | 10                                 | 100%                |                 |
| Displaced people (returnees and IDPs) and people in host communities provided with services and livelihoods (number) (Text) <i>(new indicator)</i> | PP       | Monitored for progress | 1,310,866                          |                                  | 1,310,866                          |                     |                 |
|                                                                                                                                                    | AF       |                        | MIS: 901,287<br>Field: 1,764,000   | MIS: 568,369<br>Field: 1,043,000 | MIS: 1,469,656<br>Field: 1,764,000 |                     |                 |
|                                                                                                                                                    | Total    |                        | MIS: 2,212,153<br>Field: 1,764,000 | MIS: 568,369<br>Field: 550,000   | MIS: 2,780,522<br>Field: 2,114,000 |                     |                 |
|                                                                                                                                                    |          |                        |                                    |                                  |                                    |                     |                 |
| Displaced people (returnees and IDPs) provided with services and livelihoods (number) <sup>14</sup> <i>(new sub indicator)</i>                     | PP       | Monitored for progress | 79,065                             |                                  | 79,065                             |                     |                 |
|                                                                                                                                                    | AF       | Monitored for progress | MIS: 30,723<br>Field: 31,164       | MIS: 26,782<br>Field: 9,296      | MIS: 57,505<br>Field: 40,460       |                     |                 |
|                                                                                                                                                    | Total    |                        | MIS: 109,788<br>Field: 110,229     | MIS: 26,782<br>Field: 9,296      | MIS: 136,570<br>Field: 119,525     |                     |                 |
| 3. Social Grants for Women and the Most Vulnerable in Rural and Urban Areas                                                                        |          |                        |                                    |                                  |                                    |                     |                 |

<sup>14</sup> In the next reporting period the SG beneficiaries will be added with this indicator

| Project Development Objectives(s)                                                                                                              |          |                        |                                |                             |                     |                     |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------|
| The objective of the Project is to provide short-term livelihood opportunities and deliver urgent essential services in rural and urban areas. |          |                        |                                |                             |                     |                     |         |
| Project Development Objectives Indicators                                                                                                      |          |                        |                                |                             |                     |                     |         |
| Indicator Name                                                                                                                                 | Contract | End Target             | Progress up to Last Tri-annual | Current Tri-annual Progress | Cumulative Progress | Percentage Progress | Remarks |
| Number of vulnerable households receiving cash transfers, social/livelihood grants (Number)                                                    | PP       | 100,000                | 122,450                        |                             | 122,450             | 100%+               |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | AF       | 50,000                 | 52,481                         | 7,578                       | 60,059              | 100%+               |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | Total    | 150,000                | 174,481                        | 7,578                       | 182,509             | 100%+               |         |
| Number of female-headed households (Text)                                                                                                      | PP       | Monitored for progress | 70,058                         |                             | 70,058              |                     |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | AF       |                        | 29,646                         | 4,230                       | 33,876              |                     |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | Total    |                        | 99,704                         | 4,230                       | 103,934             |                     |         |
| Number of vulnerable households with persons with disabilities (Text) <sup>15</sup>                                                            | PP       | Monitored for progress | 52,392                         |                             | 52,392              |                     |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | AF       |                        | 22,835                         | 3,348                       | 26,183              |                     |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | Total    |                        | 75,226                         | 3,348                       | 78,574              |                     |         |
| Number of women benefiting from women's economic activities assistance (Text) <i>(new indicator)</i>                                           | AF       | Monitored for progress | 6,564                          | 11,336                      | 17,900              |                     |         |
| Share of rural female-headed households (C3b beneficiaries) engaged in a livelihood activity (Percentage) <i>(new indicator)</i>               | AF       | 40%                    | 21%                            | 29%                         | 50%                 | 100%+               |         |
| 4. Strengthening Community Institutions for Inclusive Service Delivery especially for Women                                                    |          |                        |                                |                             |                     |                     |         |
| Number of CDCs operating under the project and receiving social and technical support (Number)                                                 | PP       | 5,000                  | 6,695                          |                             | 6,695               | 100%+               |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | AF       | 2,400                  | 2,762                          | 58                          | 2,820               | 100%+               |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | Total    | 7,400                  | 9,457                          | 58                          | 9,515               | 100%+               |         |
| Number of established CDCs with women participating (Number)                                                                                   | PP       | 5,000                  | 6,695                          |                             | 6,695               | 100%+               |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | AF       | 2,400                  | 2,762                          | 58                          | 2,820               | 100%+               |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | Total    | 7,400                  | 9,457                          | 58                          | 9,515               | 100%+               |         |

<sup>15</sup> Since there is no indicator for households of persons with drug addiction in the RF, thus, the figure was added to households of persons with disabilities indicators.

| Project Development Objectives(s)                                                                                                              |          |            |                                |                             |                     |                     |         |
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| The objective of the Project is to provide short-term livelihood opportunities and deliver urgent essential services in rural and urban areas. |          |            |                                |                             |                     |                     |         |
| Project Development Objectives Indicators                                                                                                      |          |            |                                |                             |                     |                     |         |
| Indicator Name                                                                                                                                 | Contract | End Target | Progress up to Last Tri-annual | Current Tri-annual Progress | Cumulative Progress | Percentage Progress | Remarks |
| <b>5. Implementation Support</b>                                                                                                               |          |            |                                |                             |                     |                     |         |
| Percentage of grievances received that are resolved (Percentage)                                                                               | PP       | 70         | 100                            | 100                         | 100                 | 100%                |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | AF       | 70         | 88                             | 6                           | 94                  | 100%                |         |
| Percentage of sampled community respondents (male/female) satisfied with project activities (Percentage)                                       | PP       | 70         | 100                            |                             | 100                 | 100%                |         |
|                                                                                                                                                | AF       | 70         | 0                              |                             | 0                   |                     |         |

\* The total number of working days has decreased because of some written mistakes in Form 08 of some projects.

## Annex E: Environmental and Social Commitment/Planned Activities

January - March 2026

| Material Measure and Action                                                          | Commitment/Planned Activities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Monitoring and Reporting</b>                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Regular Reporting</b>                                                             | Prepare and submit to the WB the 1st quarterly Report for 1 January - 31 March 2026. The Environmental, Social, Health and Safety Performance including the progress update on the implementation of ESCP, Stakeholder Engagement Plan, and GRM will be provided in the TA Report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Incident and Accidents</b>                                                        | <p>Notify the WB within 48hrs after learning of the incident or accident using the reporting templates required by the WB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial incident report (Part B) within 48 hours.</li> <li>Incident investigation detailed report (Part C) within 10 days. Depending upon the nature of the investigation, it may take longer but should not exceed 30 days.</li> <li>Incident corrective action plan.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Contractors' Periodic Reports</b>                                                 | <p>UNOPS to receive quarterly reports from the FPs. The ES is part of the overall FPs' quarterly progress reports.</p> <p>UNOPS to carry out regular inspection of the C2 Project site and submit inspection reports to UNOPS and HQ and the WB.</p> <p>The ES performance from the FPs and Contractors Reports will be reflected in the 1st quarter report which is due by 15 April 2026.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>ESS1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Organizational Structure</b>                                                      | <p>The organization structure is in place and will be maintained through the project implementation for AF2.</p> <p>Ensure the FPs and Contractors hire ES Specialists prior to the commencement of activities under the AF2.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Environmental and Social Assessment</b>                                           | UNOPS assesses the E&S by using E&S tools and instruments such as the ESHS guidelines, E&S screening, ESMP, LMPS, Security Risk measures and the PSEAH action plan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Management of Contractors</b>                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorporate the E&amp;S requirements in the ESHS specification of the procurement document and contracts with FPs and Contractors.</li> <li>Ensure all FPs and contractors adhere to E&amp;S standards and project requirements.</li> <li>Conducting safeguard refresher training for FPs under the AF2.</li> <li>Conducting safeguard training for private contractors under the AF2.</li> <li>Conducting E&amp;S coordination meetings with FPs &amp; Contractors, as needed.</li> <li>Conducting E&amp;S regular monitoring/inspections/spot checks to ensure FPs &amp; Contractors comply with E&amp;S requirements.</li> </ul> |
| <b>ESS2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS</b>                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |



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| <b>Labor Management Procedures</b>                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement labor management procedures to ensure fair, safe, and legal labor practices.</li> <li>• Conducting LMP training for the laborers on a regular basis before the commencement of works.</li> <li>• Carry out inspections to ensure adherence to the LMP.</li> <li>• Signing of code of conduct by FPs and contractors' key staff. The FPs and Contractors will cascade the CoC orientation to the laborers.</li> <li>• Deploy female laborers wherever possible and ensure a safe working environment is provided.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Occupational Health and Safety</b>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that the ES screening is conducted properly for all SPs by the FPs and Contractors.</li> <li>• Ensure all the potential OHS are identified and appropriate mitigation measures/plans are proposed.</li> <li>• Ensure the implementation of OHS risk mitigation plans on the ground by the FPs and Contractors.</li> <li>• Ensure FPs and Contractors cascade the OHS training to all workers and the training is recorded.</li> <li>• Ensure FPs and Contractors provide PPE for laborers proportionally based on the nature of the activities and risk level.</li> <li>• Ensure First Aid Kits are available at the project site.</li> <li>• Conducting regular inspections to ensure OHS requirements are considered on project sites.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Grievance Redress Mechanism for Project Workers</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a transparent and accessible grievance mechanism for all project workers.</li> <li>• Maintaining the Project GM throughout the project period.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>ESS4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optimize resource use and minimize environmental impact through efficient practices and pollution prevention.</li> <li>• Assess environmental and social impacts, identify risks and propose mitigation plans in the ESMPs.</li> <li>• Conduct training on environmental management and pollution prevention for FPs and Contractors.</li> <li>• Monitor and report on resource use and pollution prevention.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>ESS4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Community Health and Safety</b>                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess and manage specific risks and impact to the community health and safety through proper screening of the SP and identifying potential hazards/risks as a result of the project implementation.</li> <li>• Implement mitigation measures and engage with communities to raise awareness of potential risks.</li> <li>• Training session on community health and safety to contractors, FPs, and laborers.</li> <li>• Regularly monitor and report on community health and safety.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Traffic &amp; Road Safety</b>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure the safety of road users and project staff through effective traffic and road safety measures.</li> <li>• Assess and manage traffic and road safety risk. Include mitigation measures in the Simplified ESMP and disclose prior to the signing of the contract between UNOPS and implementing NGOs/contractors.</li> <li>• Training session on traffic and road safety to contractors, FPs, and laborers.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| <b>SPEECH RISKS:</b>                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement the project PSEAH Plan. Ensure the PSEAH risk and mitigation measures are included in the ESMP and added to the procurement document.</li> <li>• Prevent and address PSEAH risks within the project framework.</li> <li>• Provide training to all staff and contractors.</li> <li>• Establish a confidential reporting mechanism and ensure swift investigation and resolution of complaints.</li> <li>• Signing of the Code of Conduct by UNOPS, FPs, Contractors, and Laborers.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Security Management</b>                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate with FPs to implement the Security Management Plan and SOPs throughout the project implementation.</li> <li>• Maintain a secure environment for project staff, assets, and communities.</li> <li>• Conduct regular Security Risk Assessments and propose risk management measures.</li> <li>• Implement a Security Management Plan.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>ESS10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engaging with stakeholders throughout the project lifecycle, ensuring their input and concerns are addressed.</li> <li>• Information disclosure and regular community consultations</li> <li>• Sharing the GRM outreach materials with FPs and Contractors and their availability on the FB page and on the project site.</li> <li>• Maintaining the Project GM throughout the project period.</li> </ul>                                                                                              |
| <b>Project Grievance Mechanism</b>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining and operating an accessible Project GRM to receive and facilitate resolution of concerns and grievances in relation to the project, promptly and effectively in a transparent manner. The GRM will receive, register and facilitate the resolution of PSEAH complaints including through the referral of survivors to relevant GVB service providers.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Capacity Support (Training)</b>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build the capacity of project staff, contractors, and local stakeholders in E&amp;S management.</li> <li>• Implementing the Capacity Building Plan.</li> <li>• Delivering the training program covering essential E&amp;S topics like E&amp;S management, OHS, PSEAH, and grievance mechanisms.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## Annex F: Parent Project- C1: Emergency Livelihoods Support and Services in Rural Areas

### Community Mobilization

In rural areas 5,968 CDCs<sup>16</sup> were reactivated; all the CDC community profiles were completed. Additionally, all of the CDCs met ECA 1 and ECA 2 requirements.

In urban areas, 727 CDCs were reactivated, with 598 CDC profiles completed.

#### CDC membership detail

| Rural CDC Members Summary |                                 |                                   |                            |                           |                                |                                  |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Total Reactivated CDCs    | Total Original male CDC members | Total Original Female CDC members | Total Original CDC members | Total current CDC members | Total current male CDC members | Total current Female CDC members |
| 5,968                     | 56,136                          | 41,639                            | 97,775                     | 103,595                   | 55,591                         | 48,004                           |

| Urban CDC Members Summary |                                 |                                   |                            |                           |                                |                                  |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Total Reactivated CDCs    | Total Original male CDC members | Total Original Female CDC members | Total Original CDC members | Total current CDC members | Total current male CDC members | Total current Female CDC members |
| 727                       | 7,873                           | 7,832                             | 15,705                     | 13,942                    | 7,279                          | 6,663                            |

| Urban + Rural CDC Members Summary |        |        |         |         |        |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| 6,695                             | 64,009 | 49,471 | 113,480 | 117,537 | 62,870 | 54,667 |

**Table 2.2.2: CDC Key membership detail**

| Rural CDC Key Members Summary     |                               |                                 |                          |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Total current CDC members         | Total CDC Male Office Bearers | Total CDC Female Office Bearers | Total CDC Office Bearers |
| 103,595                           | 14,968                        | 8,782                           | 23,750                   |
| Urban CDC Members Summary         |                               |                                 |                          |
| Total current CDC members         | Total CDC Male Office Bearers | Total CDC Female Office Bearers | Total CDC Office Bearers |
| 13,942                            | 1,471                         | 1,437                           | 2,908                    |
| Rural + Urban CDC Members Summary |                               |                                 |                          |
| Total current CDC members         | Total CDC Male Office Bearers | Total CDC Female Office Bearers | Total CDC Office Bearers |
| 117,537                           | 16,439                        | 10,219                          | 26,658                   |

<sup>16</sup> This project activity was implemented before the dissolution of CDCs

### Household coverage through CDC completed profiles (5,968 CDCs)

| Province          | Total Household  | # of HH for CfW | # of IDP HH   | Number of Eligible HH for Social Grant |               |                                       |                          | Average HH per CDC | Average HH size |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|                   |                  |                 |               | # of SG HH (A+B+C)                     | # of FHH (A)  | # of Persons with disabilities HH (B) | # of Drug addicts HH (C) |                    |                 |
| Badakhshan        | 86,958           | 70,766          | 1             | 6,607                                  | 3,405         | 3,151                                 | 51                       | 231                | 5               |
| Baghlan           | 55,425           | 40,702          | 288           | 4,255                                  | 2,649         | 1,598                                 | 8                        | 215                | 6               |
| Takhar            | 88,031           | 67,673          | 77            | 8,464                                  | 5,022         | 3,420                                 | 22                       | 193                | 6               |
| Bamyan            | 9,612            | 7,736           | 67            | 1,374                                  | 623           | 732                                   | 19                       | 87                 | 6               |
| Kabul             | 61,082           | 42,927          | 1,633         | 7,665                                  | 3,852         | 3,552                                 | 261                      | 244                | 6               |
| Kapisa            | 32,941           | 23,931          | 795           | 3,273                                  | 2,315         | 915                                   | 43                       | 172                | 5               |
| Panjsher          | 5,949            | 4,720           | 11            | 614                                    | 349           | 262                                   | 3                        | 192                | 5               |
| Parwan            | 25,711           | 19,682          | 512           | 3,160                                  | 2,042         | 1,079                                 | 39                       | 190                | 6               |
| Wardak            | 27,019           | 15,806          | 496           | 2,665                                  | 1,153         | 1,424                                 | 88                       | 84                 | 6               |
| Faryab            | 29,464           | 21,790          | 7             | 2,361                                  | 1,317         | 1,002                                 | 42                       | 222                | 6               |
| Herat             | 33,609           | 23,053          | 519           | 2,486                                  | 1,310         | 1,152                                 | 24                       | 282                | 5               |
| Samangan          | 44,874           | 33,198          | 319           | 3,292                                  | 2,040         | 1,245                                 | 7                        | 223                | 6               |
| Sari Pul          | 49,445           | 27,065          | 285           | 3,861                                  | 2,679         | 1,124                                 | 58                       | 192                | 6               |
| Helmand           | 141,665          | 122,042         | 84            | 11,023                                 | 5,492         | 5,095                                 | 436                      | 253                | 8               |
| Kandahar          | 45,462           | 35,156          | 1,147         | 3,520                                  | 1,517         | 1,893                                 | 110                      | 129                | 8               |
| Nimroz            | 58,582           | 47,617          | 4,559         | 3,712                                  | 2,565         | 1,101                                 | 46                       | 171                | 7               |
| Uruzgan           | 27,828           | 24,181          | 353           | 2,338                                  | 1,295         | 1,004                                 | 39                       | 127                | 6               |
| Ghazni            | 14,512           | 12,066          | 19            | 1,645                                  | 676           | 889                                   | 80                       | 46                 | 6               |
| Khost             | 8,925            | 7,604           | 489           | 1,114                                  | 509           | 526                                   | 79                       | 126                | 9               |
| Logar             | 5,104            | 3,992           | 429           | 572                                    | 263           | 299                                   | 10                       | 70                 | 6               |
| Paktika           | 17,877           | 14,043          | 234           | 1,427                                  | 804           | 596                                   | 27                       | 120                | 9               |
| Paktya            | 23,565           | 20,082          | 1,136         | 1,966                                  | 1,142         | 797                                   | 27                       | 130                | 10              |
| Kunarha           | 20,142           | 17,243          | 954           | 1,774                                  | 1,210         | 543                                   | 21                       | 136                | 6               |
| Laghman           | 20,435           | 17,345          | 172           | 2,024                                  | 1,294         | 610                                   | 120                      | 108                | 7               |
| Nangarhar         | 52,241           | 47,211          | 2,019         | 3,627                                  | 2,263         | 1,309                                 | 55                       | 158                | 7               |
| Nuristan          | 23,846           | 21,714          | 1,345         | 2,071                                  | 1,414         | 639                                   | 18                       | 124                | 6               |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>1,010,304</b> | <b>789,345</b>  | <b>17,950</b> | <b>86,890</b>                          | <b>49,200</b> | <b>35,957</b>                         | <b>1,733</b>             | <b>163</b>         | <b>7</b>        |
| <b>Percentage</b> |                  | <b>78%</b>      | <b>2%</b>     | <b>9%</b>                              | <b>5%</b>     | <b>4%</b>                             | <b>0.17%</b>             |                    |                 |

### Number of actual cash for work subproject by sector

| Sector                               | # of SPs     | Total Actual Budget (AFN) | % of Actual Budget | Average Budget per SP |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Transport <sup>17</sup>              | 4,192        | 5,880,046,657             | 59.43%             | 1,404,830             |
| Irrigation                           | 3,309        | 3,927,335,221             | 39.63%             | 1,186,865             |
| Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene | 98           | 48,414,649                | 0.49%              | 494,027               |
| Education                            | 21           | 22,782,090                | 0.23%              | 1,084,861             |
| Environmental/Climate                | 20           | 17,790,156                | 0.18%              | 889,508               |
| Building                             | 5            | 2,956,123                 | 0.03%              | 591,225               |
| Power                                | 1            | 1,190,550                 | 0.01%              | 1,190,550             |
| Agricultural                         |              |                           |                    |                       |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                   | <b>7,646</b> | <b>9,900,515,446</b>      | <b>100.00%</b>     | <b>977,409</b>        |

<sup>17</sup> Over 98% of the subprojects fall within the transport and irrigation sectors, with these sectors also receiving 99% of the block grant allocation.



## Annex G: Parent Project- C2: Emergency Livelihoods Support and Services in Urban Areas

### G.1 Summary of progress

Table G.1: C2 Summary of Physical Progress (Parent)

| No.   | City      | Community Consultation Completed | Scoping Completed | Design Completed | Implementation Stage | Handed Over to Community | Closed after DNP |
|-------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1     | Kabul     | 200                              | 200               | 200              | 0                    | 200                      | 200              |
| 2     | Kandahar  | 77                               | 77                | 77               | 0                    | 77                       | 77               |
| 3     | Herat     | 72                               | 72                | 72               | 0                    | 72                       | 72               |
| 4     | Jalalabad | 46                               | 46                | 46               | 0                    | 46                       | 46               |
| 5     | Mazar     | 46                               | 46                | 46               | 0                    | 46                       | 46               |
| 6     | Kunduz    | 38                               | 38                | 38               | 0                    | 38                       | 38               |
| 7     | Bamyan    | 13                               | 13                | 13               | 0                    | 13                       | 13               |
| 8     | Khost     | 28                               | 28                | 28               | 0                    | 28                       | 28               |
| Total |           | 520                              | 520               | 520              | 0                    | 520                      | 520              |

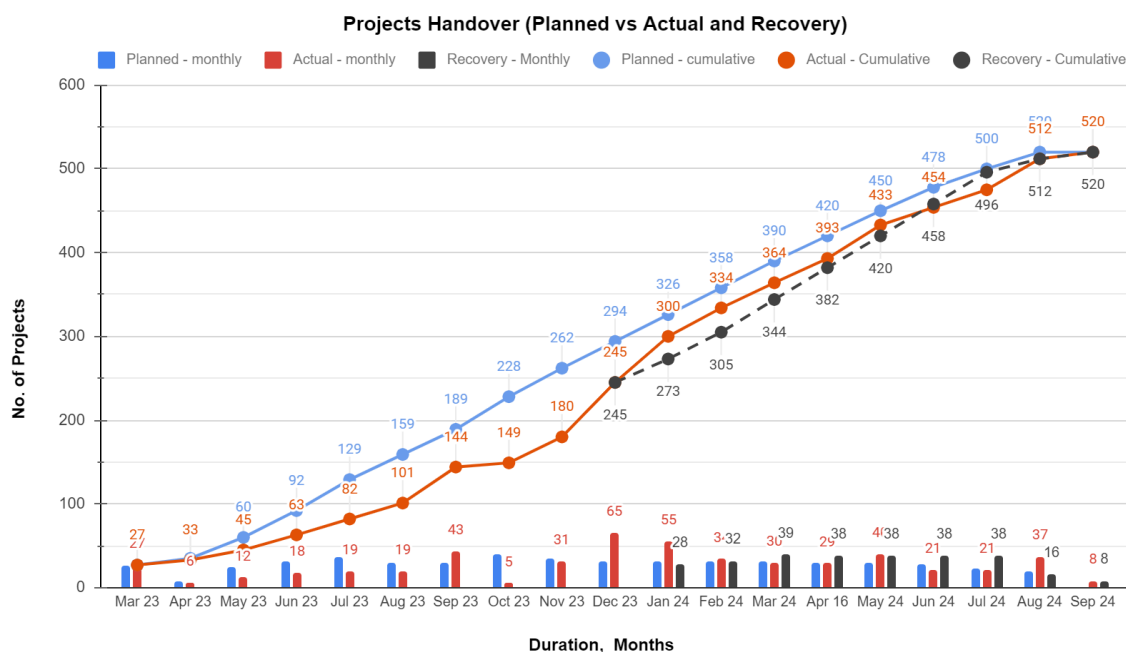


Figure G1 - C2 Sub Projects handed over to the community (Parent Project).

**Note:** All sub projects under the Urban Component of the CRLP are completed. Out of the 520 subprojects handed over to the community, 69 focus specifically on climate resilience initiatives, including recreational parks, greenery, protection and retaining walls, irrigation canals, and surface water drainage systems.

**Table G.2. Financial Summary (Parent)**

| No.          | City      | Financial Progress<br>(Amount, USD) | Financial Progress<br>(% to Total Allocated Budget) | Contracted<br>(Amount, USD) | Average for One Project, (Amount, USD) | % of the Contract amount as labor |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1            | Kabul     | 22,982,902.30                       | 103.27                                              | 22,993,600.11               | 114,968.00                             | 51.81                             |
| 2            | Kandahar  | 8,270,111.41                        | 100.61                                              | 8,220,246.96                | 106,756.45                             | 52.35                             |
| 3            | Herat     | 7,641,219.93                        | 98.10                                               | 7,707,705.93                | 107,051.47                             | 56.70                             |
| 4            | Jalalabad | 5,552,911.30                        | 99.81                                               | 5,348,118.92                | 116,263.45                             | 55.90                             |
| 5            | Mazar     | 4,321,239.40                        | 94.25                                               | 4,584,839.03                | 99,670.41                              | 61.10                             |
| 6            | Kunduz    | 3,003,047.62                        | 96.52                                               | 3,050,178.27                | 80,267.85                              | 50.74                             |
| 7            | Bamyan    | 1,531,451.08                        | 137.63                                              | 1,546,133.16                | 118,933.32                             | 50.39                             |
| 8            | Khost     | 3,566,886.26                        | 119.49                                              | 3,631,107.27                | 129,682.40                             | 53.44                             |
| <b>Total</b> |           | <b>56,869,769.30</b>                | <b>99.63%</b>                                       | <b>57,081,929.65</b>        | <b>109,772.94</b>                      | <b>53.69</b>                      |

**Table G.3. Labor Contribution Data (Parent)**

| No.          | City      | Total No. of HHs Directly Benefited | Labor Days Generated | Estimated laborer's Wage Paid (USD) | No. of Male HHs | No. of Female HHs | % Female HHs | Total No. of IDPs Directly Benefited | Total No. of Indirect Beneficiaries |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1            | Kabul     | 60,112                              | 1,847,534            | 11,907,958                          | 54,409          | 5,703             | 9.49         | 932                                  | 1,177,420                           |
| 2            | Kandahar  | 23,099                              | 676,859              | 4,329,599                           | 22,191          | 908               | 3.93         | 744                                  | 597,840                             |
| 3            | Herat     | 24,893                              | 672,906              | 4,332,313                           | 21,550          | 3,343             | 13.43        | 3566                                 | 690,431                             |
| 4            | Jalalabad | 18,547                              | 502,517              | 3,103,935                           | 16,024          | 2,523             | 13.60        | 2521                                 | 336,450                             |
| 5            | Mazar     | 12,053                              | 420,987              | 2,640,469                           | 10,680          | 1,373             | 11.39        | 965                                  | 518,035                             |
| 6            | Kunduz    | 9,798                               | 246,189              | 1,523,811                           | 7,893           | 1,905             | 19.44        | 453                                  | 196,430                             |
| 7            | Bamyan    | 4,242                               | 128,596              | 771,760                             | 3,727           | 515               | 12.14        | 49                                   | 40,390                              |
| 8            | Khost     | 9,370                               | 273,257              | 1,906,044                           | 8,513           | 857               | 9.15         | 515                                  | 138,900                             |
| <b>Total</b> |           | <b>162,114</b>                      | <b>4,768,844</b>     | <b>30,515,888</b>                   | <b>144,987</b>  | <b>17,127</b>     | <b>10.56</b> | <b>9,745</b>                         | <b>3,695,896</b>                    |

**Table G.4: Overall number of subprojects closed and handed over by sector for PP**

| Sector                    | KBL        | KND       | HRT       | JLB       | MZR       | KNZ       | KST       | BMN       | Total      | Percentage  |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Transport <sup>18</sup>   | 192        | 64        | 63        | 26        | 37        | 37        | 26        | 6         | 451        | 86.73%      |
| Irrigation                |            | 1         | 7         | 9         |           |           |           | 4         | 21         | 4.04%       |
| Environmental/<br>Climate | 8          | 12        | 2         | 11        | 9         | 1         | 2         | 3         | 48         | 9.23%       |
| <b>Grand Total</b>        | <b>200</b> | <b>77</b> | <b>72</b> | <b>46</b> | <b>46</b> | <b>38</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>520</b> | <b>100%</b> |

<sup>18</sup> This sector encompasses various types of subprojects, including the construction and rehabilitation of streets, tertiary roads, side drains, culverts, etc.

## Annex H: Parent Project- C3: Social Grants for Women and Most Vulnerable in Rural and Urban areas

Throughout this reporting period, social grants continued to be disbursed to the most vulnerable households, with a particular focus on female-headed households. The delivery process involved a detailed and transparent identification of eligible households, ensuring that the assistance reached those who needed it the most. To ensure community participation and inclusivity, the female CDC<sup>19</sup> wings played an active role in conducting outreach sessions and participating in the beneficiary selection processes.

UNOPS received numerous success stories from beneficiaries, expressing their appreciation and positive feedback regarding the impact of the grant on their lives. The SG has played a critical role in helping households meet their basic needs, alleviating some of the financial burdens they face. As a result, a significant number of beneficiaries have expressed their desire for the SG program to be extended for an additional two to three cycles, highlighting its importance and effectiveness in providing support during challenging times.

In both rural and urban areas, significant progress was made. Social grant distribution was completed for 6,461 communities. This includes 5,945 communities in rural areas and 516 project sites in urban areas.

A total of 124,950 households were identified as eligible beneficiaries. Social grants were distributed to 122,450 beneficiaries, comprising 84,398 in rural and 38,052 in urban, with 57.2% of the recipients being female-headed households. The shortfall in coverage occurred in Helmand province, due to budget limitations for that location.

**Table 4.1: Social Grant status**

| Component 3 in Rural and Urban Areas |                       |                                              |                              |                                       |                                                          |                                 |                                                           |                                                               |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lot #                                | # of Provinces/Cities | # of CDCs beneficiaries' selection completed | # of eligible HHs identified | # of CDCs food distribution completed | <sup>20</sup> Total # of beneficiary HHs received the SG | # of FHH received food packages | # of HHs of persons with disability received food package | # of HHs of persons with drug addiction received food package |
| 1                                    | 3                     | 1,092                                        | 19,326                       | 1,092                                 | 19,325                                                   | 11,076                          | 8,166                                                     | 83                                                            |
| 2                                    | 6                     | 1,033                                        | 18,732                       | 1,033                                 | 18,732                                                   | 10,314                          | 7,951                                                     | 467                                                           |
| 3                                    | 4                     | 710                                          | 12,000                       | 710                                   | 11,999                                                   | 7,340                           | 4,524                                                     | 135                                                           |
| 4                                    | 4                     | 1,464                                        | 20,593                       | 1,464                                 | 18,123                                                   | 9,568                           | 7,984                                                     | 571                                                           |
| 5                                    | 5                     | 785                                          | 6,724                        | 785                                   | 6,724                                                    | 3,394                           | 3,106                                                     | 224                                                           |
| 6                                    | 4                     | 861                                          | 9,496                        | 861                                   | 9,495                                                    | 6,181                           | 3,100                                                     | 214                                                           |
| <b>Total for Rural</b>               |                       | <b>5,945</b>                                 | <b>86,871</b>                | <b>5,945</b>                          | <b>84,398</b>                                            | <b>47,873</b>                   | <b>34,831</b>                                             | <b>1,694</b>                                                  |
| 1                                    | Kunduz                | 34                                           | 2,380                        | 34                                    | 2,380                                                    | 1,128                           | 1,061                                                     | 191                                                           |
| 2                                    | Kabul                 | 200                                          | 14,260                       | 200                                   | 14,249                                                   | 8,678                           | 5,285                                                     | 286                                                           |
| 2                                    | Bamyan                | 13                                           | 988                          | 13                                    | 988                                                      | 532                             | 427                                                       | 29                                                            |
| 3                                    | Herat                 | 72                                           | 4,826                        | 72                                    | 4,826                                                    | 2,916                           | 1,286                                                     | 624                                                           |
| 3                                    | Mazar                 | 46                                           | 3,291                        | 46                                    | 3,291                                                    | 1,994                           | 1,265                                                     | 32                                                            |
| 4                                    | Kandahar              | 77                                           | 6,883                        | 77                                    | 6,867                                                    | 3,768                           | 2,761                                                     | 338                                                           |
| 5                                    | Khost                 | 28                                           | 1,773                        | 28                                    | 1,773                                                    | 877                             | 776                                                       | 120                                                           |
| 6                                    | Nangarhar             | 46                                           | 3,678                        | 46                                    | 3,678                                                    | 2,292                           | 1,325                                                     | 61                                                            |
| <b>Total for Urban</b>               |                       | <b>516</b>                                   | <b>38,079</b>                | <b>516</b>                            | <b>38,052</b>                                            | <b>22,185</b>                   | <b>14,186</b>                                             | <b>1,681</b>                                                  |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                   |                       | <b>6,461</b>                                 | <b>124,950</b>               | <b>6,461</b>                          | <b>122,450</b>                                           | <b>70,058</b>                   | <b>49,017</b>                                             | <b>3,375</b>                                                  |

<sup>19</sup> This intervention of the project was implemented before the dissolution of CDCs.

<sup>20</sup> Not all eligible HHS identified received SG due to budget constraints

## Annex I: Parent Project- C4: Strengthening Community Institutions

- As of 31 August 2024, a total of 6,563 CDCs in rural and urban areas received training under this component.
- In each community, 3 sub-committees were formed, Vulnerable Groups' Development (VGD), Community and Family Welfare (CfW) and Disaster Risk Mitigation (DRM), with an average number of members of 20.
- 640,139 people (291,134 male and 349,005 female) received various training sessions. Beneficiaries included CDC, sub-Committee and community members.
- On average, 100 members were trained for each CDC (approximately 20 CDC members, 60 sub-committee members and 20 community residents who are not CDC members. In most communities, more than 20 residents attended the training).
- Of the CDCs that received training, 5,965 CDCs were in rural areas.
  - 602,465 CDC and sub-committee members (274,390 male and 328,075 female) received training.
  - 17,895 male wing and 17,895 female wing of CDC sub-committees were established.
- 598 CDCs received training sessions in urban areas.
  - 37,674 CDC and sub-committee members (16,744 male and 20,930 female) received four training sessions.
  - 598 Male wing and 598 female wing CDC sub-committees are established.

### Sub-Committee Establishment:

**Rural Areas:** 17,895 male wing and 17,895 female wing CDC sub-committees are established.

**Urban Areas:** 598 male wing and 598 female wing CDC sub-committees are established.

**Total:** 18,493 Sub-Committees are established in rural and urban areas.

**Table 5.1: Actual Number of participants trained under C4 in Rural and Urban areas**

| Total Communities to be Covered           | Actual # of Communities Trained                        | Average CDC Members Trained |        | Average Sub-Committee Members Trained |         | Average Community Members Trained |        | Total Participants Trained | Male/Female Total |         |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|--------|----------------------------|-------------------|---------|
|                                           |                                                        | Male                        | Female | Male                                  | Female  | Male                              | Female |                            | Male              | Female  |
| Rural: Per Community Participants Trained |                                                        |                             |        |                                       |         |                                   |        |                            |                   |         |
| 5,968                                     | 1                                                      | 10                          | 10     | 26                                    | 34      | 10                                | 11     | 101                        | 46                | 55      |
|                                           | Rural: Overall Participants Trained (All Lots Summary) |                             |        |                                       |         |                                   |        |                            |                   |         |
|                                           | 5,965                                                  | 59,650                      | 59,650 | 155,090                               | 202,810 | 59,650                            | 65,615 | 602,465                    | 274,390           | 328,075 |
| Urban: Per Community Participants Trained |                                                        |                             |        |                                       |         |                                   |        |                            |                   |         |
| 598                                       | 1                                                      | 10                          | 10     | 8                                     | 12      | 10                                | 13     | 63                         | 28                | 35      |
|                                           | Urban: Overall Participants Trained (All Lots Summary) |                             |        |                                       |         |                                   |        |                            |                   |         |
|                                           | 598                                                    | 5,980                       | 5,980  | 4,784                                 | 7,176   | 5,980                             | 7,774  | 37,674                     | 16,744            | 20,930  |
| Grand Total                               |                                                        |                             |        |                                       |         |                                   |        |                            |                   |         |
| 6,566                                     | 6,563                                                  | 65,630                      | 65,630 | 159,874                               | 209,986 | 65,630                            | 73,389 | 640,139                    | 291,134           | 349,005 |

**Table 5.2: Number of Grain Banks and Kitchen Gardens Created**

| Lot #                               | Lot 1 | Lot 2 | Lot 3 | Lot 4 | Lot 5 | Lot 6 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b># of Grain Banks Created</b>     | 905   | 1,003 | 573   | 1,473 | 474   | 860   |
| <b># of Kitchen Gardens Created</b> | 803   | 2,354 | 716   | 5,057 | 1,598 | 1,909 |

### Health and Nutrition Training

UNICEF delivered the health and nutrition training sessions in only 139 CDCs across nine provinces, that is, Nimroz, Laghman, Kabul, Kunar, Bamyan, Panjshir, Herat, Kapisa and Samangan Provinces. There was no further progress due to the DfA suspension of UNICEF activities in September 2023.

Good coordination existed among the UNICEF and CRLP staff and FPs. Project field staff were available to support UNICEF colleagues in the field to maintain the coordination with CDCs/Sub-Committees and create a conducive environment for them to train the targeted groups but due to suspension from DfA, the trainings did not proceed.

**Table 5.4: Number of CDCs trained, and visits conducted**

| Total CDCs to be covered | # of CDCs Trained | % of progress as per CDCs | # of Food and Nutrition Visits | # of Health Visits | # of Women Trained Food and Nutrition | # of Women Trained Health | Total (Men & Women Trained) |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 5,968                    | 139               | 2%                        | 139                            | 129                | 3,539                                 | 3,079                     | 6,520                       |



## Annex J: Parent Project- Project Monitoring

### Parent Project:

Under the parent project, the monitoring system, reporting system and tools were developed and managed. Several monitoring reports and CRLP progress reports (weekly, quarterly and tri-annual reports) were produced and circulated to different stakeholders.

Given the resource challenges, support for Monitoring was provided by various units, including QA/QC, Safeguard, GRM, and Regional Operation Officers. This collaboration enabled the completion of 179 spot checks across 22 rural provinces and 4 out of the 8 urban cities (Balkh, Herat, Kunduz and Nangarhar).

The spot checks were conducted at different intervals, meaning the areas assessed varied. For example, ECA verification was completed for 127 communities, while labor payment verification was conducted in 148 communities. The table below shows the 179 spot checks which are completed.

**Table 6.8.1 Number of spot-checks completed under parent project:**

| Province           | # of Spot-checks | # of Communities     |                   |                        |                       |                      |                    |                          |                                |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                    |                  | Partial ECA verified | Full ECA Verified | Labor Payment Verified | Social Grant Verified | Financial Management | Safeguard Verified | Sub projects QC Verified | Training Use-fullness Verified |
| Badakhshan         | 8                | 5                    | 3                 | 8                      | 8                     | 8                    | 8                  | 8                        | 0                              |
| Balkh              | 16               | 0                    | 8                 | 3                      | 3                     | 3                    | 3                  | 3                        | 5                              |
| Bamyan             | 12               | 0                    | 12                | 12                     | 12                    | 12                   | 12                 | 12                       | 1                              |
| Faryab             | 3                | 0                    | 3                 | 3                      | 3                     | 3                    | 3                  | 3                        | 1                              |
| Ghazni             | 1                | 0                    | 1                 | 1                      | 1                     | 1                    | 1                  | 1                        | 0                              |
| Helmand            | 4                | 0                    | 4                 | 4                      | 4                     | 4                    | 4                  | 4                        | 2                              |
| Herat              | 14               | 3                    | 7                 | 11                     | 11                    | 11                   | 11                 | 11                       | 3                              |
| Kabul              | 13               | 6                    | 7                 | 8                      | 5                     | 8                    | 8                  | 8                        | 0                              |
| Kandahar           | 12               | 4                    | 8                 | 12                     | 12                    | 12                   | 12                 | 12                       | 5                              |
| Kapisa             | 2                | 0                    | 2                 | 2                      | 0                     | 0                    | 0                  | 0                        | 0                              |
| Khost              | 2                | 0                    | 2                 | 2                      | 1                     | 2                    | 2                  | 2                        | 0                              |
| Kunduz             | 12               | 0                    | 0                 | 4                      | 8                     | 4                    | 4                  | 4                        | 4                              |
| Laghman            | 6                | 0                    | 6                 | 6                      | 5                     | 6                    | 6                  | 6                        | 4                              |
| Logar              | 1                | 0                    | 1                 | 1                      | 1                     | 1                    | 1                  | 1                        | 1                              |
| Nangarhar          | 14               | 1                    | 8                 | 14                     | 14                    | 9                    | 9                  | 9                        | 0                              |
| Nuristan           | 10               | 1                    | 9                 | 10                     | 10                    | 10                   | 10                 | 10                       | 0                              |
| Paktia             | 2                | 0                    | 2                 | 2                      | 1                     | 2                    | 2                  | 2                        | 1                              |
| Paktika            | 2                | 0                    | 2                 | 2                      | 2                     | 2                    | 2                  | 2                        | 2                              |
| Panjshir           | 7                | 0                    | 6                 | 7                      | 6                     | 6                    | 6                  | 6                        | 0                              |
| Parwan             | 3                | 1                    | 2                 | 3                      | 1                     | 1                    | 1                  | 0                        | 1                              |
| Saripul            | 13               | 0                    | 13                | 12                     | 7                     | 12                   | 13                 | 13                       | 5                              |
| Takhar             | 14               | 1                    | 13                | 13                     | 13                    | 8                    | 8                  | 8                        | 0                              |
| Uruzgan            | 2                | 0                    | 2                 | 2                      | 2                     | 2                    | 2                  | 2                        | 2                              |
| Wardak             | 6                | 0                    | 6                 | 6                      | 6                     | 6                    | 6                  | 6                        | 0                              |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>179</b>       | <b>22</b>            | <b>127</b>        | <b>148</b>             | <b>136</b>            | <b>133</b>           | <b>134</b>         | <b>133</b>               | <b>37</b>                      |

## Annex K: Third-Party Monitoring Agent (TPMA)

### **Parent Project:**

Under the parent project, TPMA had a total of 428 (rural: 381 and urban: 47) monitoring findings; those findings were addressed by FPs, contractors and UNOPS.

### **Rural Area**

The TPMA dashboard included 381 deviations, categorized as minor (243), major (128), and critical (10). All deviations were addressed by FPs, among these, 335 deviations were closed as rectified and 46 were closed as non-rectifiable. Currently, there is no pending deviation under the Parent Project. The table below shows a summary of deviations:

**Table 6.9.1: Deviations Status under Rural PP**

| Flag               | Not rectifiable | Rectified  | Grand Total |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| Critical           | 2               | 8          | 10          |
| Major              | 23              | 105        | 128         |
| Minor              | 21              | 222        | 243         |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>46</b>       | <b>335</b> | <b>381</b>  |

### **Urban Area**

All identified deviations by the TPMA under the PP were resolved and closed on the TPMA online platform. There is no pending deviation.

**Table 6.9.2: Deviations Status under Urban PP**

| Flag               | Not rectifiable | Rectified | Grand Total |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Critical           |                 | 6         | 6           |
| Major              |                 | 4         | 4           |
| Minor              | 1               | 36        | 37          |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>1</b>        | <b>46</b> | <b>47</b>   |