

## Afghanistan Community Resilience and Livelihoods Project (ACRLP)



**Q4 (October-November-December), 2022 Progress Report**  
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## LIST OF ACRONYMS

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| ACBAR | Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief       |
| ARTF  | Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund            |
| CDC   | Community Development Council                    |
| CfW   | Cash for work                                    |
| CRLP  | Community Resilience and Livelihoods Project     |
| CTG   | Committed to Good - Humanitarian Enablers        |
| DFA   | De Facto Authorities                             |
| ECA   | Entry Criteria for Access                        |
| ESF   | Environmental and Social Framework               |
| ESMF  | Environmental and Social Management Framework    |
| GA    | Gozar Assembly                                   |
| FM    | Financial Management                             |
| FP    | Facilitating Partner                             |
| LIW   | Labour Intensive Works                           |
| MoEc  | Ministry of Economy                              |
| MoF   | Ministry of Finance                              |
| MoEc  | Ministry of Economy                              |
| MoF   | Ministry of Finance                              |
| MRRD  | Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development |
| PIU   | Project implementation Unit                      |
| POM   | Project Operations Manual                        |
| RFP   | Request for Proposals                            |
| RFQ   | Request for Quotations                           |
| PRRD  | Provincial Rural Rehabilitation and Development  |
| TPMA  | Third Party Monitoring Agent                     |
| ToR   | Terms of Reference                               |
| UNOPS | United Nations Office for Project Services       |
| WB    | World Bank                                       |

## PROJECT INFORMATION

| Official Project Title |                 | Afghanistan Community Resilience and Livelihood (CRL) Project |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| UNOPS Project ID       | 23455-001       | Donor   | The World Bank  |
| Start Date             | 4 May 2022      | End Date  | 30 April 2024   |
| ARTF Project Financing | USD 265 million | Grant Budget  | USD 100 million |
| Total funds received   | USD 45,494,475  | Fund balance  | USD 54,505,525  |

## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### 1.1 Key Achievements

The project was signed on 4 May 2022. This report is for the 2022 4th quarter (1 October to 31 December). In order to provide the latest information for WB and ARTF donors, this report also covers the latest available information up to submission of report and thus also covers partial 1st quarter (1- 31 January 2023) and is marked with '**In Quarter 1**' or '**Q1 23**:' to indicate as such.

#### General

- The Second Implementation Support Mission (ISM) was successfully conducted on 12-14 December 2022;
- Strong stakeholder management and continuous engagement and transparent relationship were established with DfA at provincial and national level;
- The Management Information System (MIS) is technically operational; all FPs (Agha Khan Foundation on 10 November, 2022; Afghan Aid 10 November, 2022; ACTED 1 December, 2022; CHA 18 December, 2022) were trained except for Lot 6 DACAAR, pending recruitment of their staff, and the data entry by FPs is in progress and the reporting features need to be further improved;
- The Communication Strategy was revised based on the comments from the WB; the CRL web page is up and running;
- The cash delivery and distribution modality under C1 and C3 has been resolved on 05 Jan 2023
- On 06 Dec 2022 The tripartite agreement between UNOPS, AIB, and FPs has been completed, which specifies the financial procedure for the cash disbursement for C1 and C3, and escrow accounts for Lots 1, 2, 3,4 and 6 have been established;
- A total of 246 Grievances were received (168 in Q4 22 and 78 in Q1 23 through 31 January) and processed. No serious issue were reported;
- No Environmental and Social Incident reported during the reporting period;
- No GBV/SEA cases were reported during the reporting period.

#### Component 1 - Rural

- The Procurement process for Lot 2 and Lot 6 was finalised and the Service Contracts were signed with ACTED and DACAAR on 4 October 2022 and on 17 November 2022 respectively;
- Until 31 January, in 17 provinces and 45 districts, 2,508 Communities were re-registered, 1,613 communities' profiles were completed, 592 selected their subprojects and 692 subproject proposals were prepared, namely:
  - Q4 22 - CRLP rollout in 12 provinces and 35 districts, 1400 Communities re-registered, 550 communities profiles completed, 164 selected their subprojects and 270 subproject proposals were prepared; and
  - Q1 23 - CRLP rollout in 5 provinces and 10 districts, 1108 Communities re-registered, 1063 communities profiles completed, 428 selected their subprojects and 422 subproject proposals prepared.
- Following the ECA assessments, it is noted that 100% of the CDCs met the two predefined ECA criteria. In January 2023, CRL conducted a spot check in 9 rural and 3 urban communities in 4 provinces and the ECA compliance was confirmed;

- CfW sub-projects were initiated during January 2023 and work is in progress for 7 sub-projects;
- Secured consent from MRRD and MoEC for 5 FPs to commence their operations and pilot the implementation. No FP-MRRD MoUs were signed until 31 January 2023. The MoUs are to be signed between MRRD and FPs in February 2023;
- On 05 Jan 2023, the cash distribution arrangement for four FPs was finalised. AIB and FMCB will deliver the cash to the community/distribution site, while the FPs will be responsible for the actual distribution to the beneficiaries. The costs associated with the delivery of cash will be borne by the project.
- During the reporting period, inception reports were received from 4 FPs (AKF, ACTED, AfghanAid and CHA), as follows:
  - Inception Report from Afghan Aid was received on 13 October 2022 and was reviewed and approved, and the payments were processed;
  - Inception Report from Agha Khan was received on 10 November 2022 and was reviewed and approved and the payments were processed;
  - Inception Report from CHA was received on 13 November 2022 and was reviewed and approved, and the payments were processed;
  - Inception Report from ACTED received on 22 January 2023 and is under review;
  - Inception Report from DACAAR is pending recruitment of their key and non-key staff.

#### Component 2 - Urban

- Community consultations were completed in 144 subproject sites, namely:
  - Q4 22 (October to December 2022) - 89
  - Q1 23 (31 January 2023) - 55
- The construction activities of 10 sub projects under Component 2 were completed where 5 of them are handed over to the community, and 45 projects are in progress, namely:
  - Q4 22 (October to December 2022) - 36 ongoing;
  - Q1 23 (31 January 2023) - 5 completed, 5 handed over and 45 ongoing;
- As of 31 January 2023, a total of 197,096 labour-days were created through LiW in 7 Urban cities;
  - Q4 22 (October to December 2022) - 115,916 labour days;
  - Q1 23 (31 January 2023) - 81,180 labour days;
- During the reporting period, a total of US\$ 1.57million contractors' invoices were processed, out of which 56.4% of the amounts were paid to labourers as wages/salary in Kabul, Kandahar, Mazar, Herat, Khost, Kunduz and Jalalabad;
  - Q4 22 (October to December 2022) - US\$ 607,652
  - Q1 23 (1- 31 January 2023) - US\$ 970,837

Following instructions from the WB, the signing of new contracts was put on hold by WB from 13 January to 7 February 2023.

- The design and review of 11 subprojects per week is in progress. During the reporting period, the suspension on signing a new contract was still in place and the following progress was made:
  - Q4 22 (October to December 2022) - 61 sub projects were designed and 54 design review certificates were received from UNOPS HQ;
  - Q1 23 (January 2023) - 46 sub projects were designed and 50 design review certificates were received from UNOPS HQ (noting that 7 of the design certificates were received for the packages submitted to UNOPS HQ during Q4 22);
- During the Reporting Period, 107 project designs and design reviews were completed. The procurement of 72 projects is in progress and 26 contracts are ready to be signed with contractors, pending the instruction from the WB, as follows:
  - Q4 22 (October to December 2022) - 69 tenders (RfQs) were launched with 1 cancelled, 62 awards were completed and 51 contracts signed;
  - Q1 23 (1 - 31 January 2023) - 31 Tenders (RfQs) were launched, 14 Awards were received and 5 contracts signed with 24 ready to sign, noting that signing of the contracts were put on hold at the request of WB from 13 January - 7 February 2023;
- Component 3 - Social Grant: Q1 2023 Cash and food distribution were initiated and completed for 65 Households under Component 3.

## 1.2 De Facto Authorities

During the reporting period, the engagement with DfA line Ministries and regional authorities continued. The Project implementation progress, plans and challenges such as signing of the MoU between FPs and MRRD, and access to the works sites were discussed.

- **Kabul Municipality (KM):**
  - Regular bi-weekly joint UNOPS and KM coordination meetings were held. The implementation of LiW works in Kabul under C2, the food and cash distribution under C3 were discussed. Under Component 2, the duplication of projects with other agencies were avoided and community issues were solved. Under Component 3, the ACTED team became able to start Component 3 activities in Kabul on 16 project sites.
- **General Director of Municipalities (GDM)**
  - On 8 November 2022, DfA issued a decree and abolished the GDM. The provincial municipalities are now reporting to the provincial governor office. However, this has not had a major impact on the implementation of the LiW projects.
- **Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD):**
  - On 17 October 2022, as agreed, UNOPS requested MRRD through a letter to introduce the FPs to the PRRD and the Provincial Governor offices. Following several coordination meetings with the MRRD Technical Team, MRRD issued a letter to the PRRDs and the Provincial Governors on 1444/4/13 (26 October 2022);
  - During the reporting period, several coordination meetings were held with the Minister of MRRD and Technical Team. The issue of signing MoU between FPs and MRRD was discussed. The MoU was drafted, reviewed and revised.
  - As planned and agreed, two MoUs (one for the irrigation sector and one for the road sector) will be signed for each of the provinces between FPs and MRRD.
    - Total 52 MoUs for 26 Provinces under 6 Lots will be signed. As of 31 January 2023, no MoUs were signed between FPs and MRRD. It is planned to sign 33 MoUs in Q1 2023 for 17 Provinces.
- **Provincial Governor**
  - The rollout of CRL across the country started with meetings with provincial governors, as follows:
    - Coordination meeting held with Herat Governor on 13 September 2022
    - Coordination meeting held with Mazar Governor on 6 December 2022
    - Coordination meeting held with Samangan Governor on 7 December 2022
    - Coordination meeting held with Kandahar Governor on 30 November 2022
- **Mayors/Provincial Director of MRRD and MoEc**
  - Coordination meeting was held with Kandahar Provincial Director of MoEc and Provincial Director of MRRD on 29 November 2022.
  - Coordination meeting held with Kandahar Mayor on 30 November 2022
  - Coordination meeting held with Mazar Mayor on 6 December 2022
  - Coordination meeting held with Samangan PRRD and Director of MoEc on 7 December 2022
  - Coordination meeting held with Jalalabad Mayor on 4 and 28 December 2022
  - Coordination meeting held with UNAMA Political Affairs team Leader in Jalalabad on 17 November 2022
  - Coordination meeting held with Herat City Mayor on 15 November 2022
  - Coordination meeting held with Kunduz City Mayor on 7 and 21 November 2022
  - Coordination meeting held with Kunduz City Mayor on 01 and 21 December 2022
  - Coordination meeting held with Khost City Mayor on 6 November 2022

### 1.3 Main issues

- Suspension of works contract by the WB from January 2023; 26 urban contracts were ready for signature as of 31 January 2023.
- Delay in signing of the MoU between MRRD and FPs limited the ability of the FPs to deliver the project results.
- Extreme cold weather affected the overall CRL Project implementation plan: the construction activities were suspended in 3 provinces (Kabul, Bamyan and Herat) due to cold weather.
- Use of GPS: DfA banned the use of GPS for collecting the data/coordinates in most of the urban and rural areas.

## 2. PROGRESS ON COMPONENT 1: RURAL

### 2.1 Facilitating Partners

During the reporting period, UNOPS signed service contracts for Lot 2 and Lot 6 with ACTED and DACAAR. The ToR for Lot 5 is being prepared and under review. Pending finalisation of the ToR, the Call for Proposals (CFP) will start, which is expected to be completed in March 2023.

Signed contracts with Facilitating Partners (FP):

- Lot 1 - Agha Khan Foundation (AKF) for North East region was signed on 14 September 2022
- Lot 3 - Afghan Aid for North West region was signed on 14 September 2022
- Lot 4 - CHA for South region was signed on 27 September 2022
- Lot 2 - ACTED for Central region was signed on 4 October 2022
- Lot 6 - DACAAR for Eastern region was signed on 17 November 2022
- Lot 5 is in progress

As planned, the inception training was conducted for Lot 1- 4. The inception training for Lot 6 is planned to be conducted by late February 2023. The FPs for Lot 1-4 have commenced with their operation in their respective Provinces and established provincial and district level offices.

- Training of Trainers conducted for Agha Khan conducted on 28 September to 4 October 2022;
- Training of Trainers conducted for ACTED on 20 to 27 November 2022;
- Training of Trainers conducted for Afghan Aid on 2 to 11 October 2022;
- Training of Trainers conducted for CHA on 30 November to 7 December 2022;
- Training of Trainers for DACAAR is pending recruitment of their key and non-key staff.

Following the signature of the services contract, the FPs for Lot 1-4 completed the recruitment of their key and non-key staff.

The Project Operational Manual [Dari, Pashto and English], Data Collection Forms 1-10, GRM Manual, Reporting templates and other informational materials were shared with FPs.

## 2.2 Community Mobilization Analysis

As of 10 January 2023, 1520 (23.6% of the total target) communities have been recorded into MIS. There are additionally around 200 communities for which the “CRLP Form 1” is filled in and are under verification. After their verification the document/information will be entered into MIS.

- The data shows that 100% of the communities meet both ECA 1 and ECA 2. The average membership in the CDC shows 110%<sup>1</sup> which shows a 10% increase compared to the original structure of the CDCs (CDCs are established by CCAP or REACH, previous World Bank funded projects). However, the minimum requirement is 70% participation of members compared to the original membership. Badakhshan province shows 42% increase in membership and Samangan province shows 10% decrease compared to their original membership.
  - The new members were added to the CDC structure through a selection process by the CDC to fill the vacant position and meet the ECA 1 and ECA 2.
- The average original membership in the CDC was 19.8 members while the current average membership is 20.8 members, and there is an overall increase of 1 member on average. Mostly, the increase is noted in Badakhshan and Kapisa (5.6 and 3.5 members) and highest decrease is noted in Samangan and Saripul (2.2 and 1.8 members; Nimroz is not taken into account due to the comparatively small sample size). The average original male membership in the CDC was 10.5 members while the current male average membership is 10.7, and there is an increase of 0.2 members. A total of 110,854 households covered through 593 communities completed community profiles. 80,577 (73%) households identified for CFW, 10,414 (9%) of households identified for Social Grant. Out of all households, 912 (1%) are IDPs, 6,252 (6%) are Female Headed Households, 3,988 (4%) are Disabled Households and 174 (0.2%) are Drug Addicted Households.
- Each community has an average of 187 households, Panjshir (228), Baghlan (224) and Saripul (204) have a higher average compared to other provinces. Takhar (91) has the lowest average number of households compared to other provinces.
- The average number of members in a household is 5.7 people, Faryab (6.2) and Saripul (6.1) have the largest average number of members in a household compared to other provinces. Herat and Panjshir have the lowest number of members in a household (5.1).

## 2.3 Key Outputs

| Key Output Indicator                        | Progress till end of Q3 22 | Progress during Q4 2022 (October - December) | Progress during Q1 2023 (1-31 January 2023) | Cumulative Progress |
|---|----------------------------|--|---|---------------------|
| # of provinces covered                      | 0                          | 12   | 5   | 17                  |
| # of districts covered                      | 0                          | 35   | 10  | 45                  |
| Form 1: # of CDCs re-registration completed | 0                          | 1400   | 1108  | 2,508               |
| # of Resource Map updated/created           | 0                          | 0  | 671   | 671                 |
| Form 2: # of communities profiles completed | 0                          | 550  | 1,063                                       | 1,613               |
| Form 4: # of CDCs agreements completed      | 0                          | 0  | 0   | 0                   |
| # of community project selections           | 0                          | 164  | 428   | 592                 |

<sup>1</sup> The calculation is based on the original number of members when the CDC was established by CCAP/REACH. For example, when the CDC was established by the CCAP/REACH, there were 20 members in the CDC structure, and currently there are two more members, so 22 members in total in the CDC structure. So there is a 10% increase.



|   |   |     |        |        |
|---|---|-----|--------|--------|
| completed   |   |     |        |        |
| Form 5: # of Cash for Work plan (Proposals completed) | 0 | 270 | 422    | 692    |
| Form 9: # of SG plans completed                       | 0 | 75  | 275    | 350    |
| # of communities' Cash for work started               | 0 | 0   | 7      | 0      |
| # of communities' Cash for work completed             | 0 | 0   | 0      | 0      |
| # of subproject completed                             | 0 | 0   | 0      | 0      |
| # of labour days created                              | 0 | 0   | 17,767 | 17,767 |
| # of labour days created (Male)                       | 0 | 0   | 0      | 0      |
| # of labour days created (Female)                     | 0 | 0   | 0      | 0      |
| # of skilled labour days created                      | 0 | 0   | 0      | 0      |
| # of unskilled labour days created                    | 0 | 0   | 0      | 0      |
| # of labourers employed                               | 0 | 0   | 376    | 376    |
| # of labourers employed (Male)                        | 0 | 0   | 0      | 0      |
| # of labourers employed (Female)                      | 0 | 0   | 0      | 0      |
| # of communities SG distribution completed            | 0 | 0   | 9      | 9      |
| # of HHs received social grant                        | 0 | 0   | 65     | 65     |
| # of FHHs received social grant                       | 0 | 0   | 34     | 34     |
| # of DHHs received social grant                       | 0 | 0   | 31     | 31     |
| # of Drug Addict HHs received social grant            | 0 | 0   | 0      | 0      |
| # of communities all sub-committees established       | 0 | 0   | 0      | 0      |
| # of communities compulsory trainings conducted       | 0 | 0   | 0      | 0      |
| <b>Urban Area (component 3 only)</b>                  |   |     |        |        |
| # of community/mosque profile completed               | 0 | 0   | 0      | 0      |
| # of communities cash distributed                     | 0 | 0   | 0      | 0      |
| # of HHs received social grant                        | 0 | 0   | 0      | 0      |
| # of FHHs received social grant                       | 0 | 0   | 0      | 0      |
| # of DHHs received social grant                       | 0 | 0   | 0      | 0      |
| # of Drug Addict HHs received social grant            | 0 | 0   | 0      | 0      |

## 2.4 Subproject Status

### Cash for Work Subproject Status<sup>2</sup>

| FPs                | Province   | # CDCs SPs Selected |       | # of SPs Selected |       | # Ongoing SPs |       | # Completed SPs |       |
|--------------------|------------|---------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|---------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
|                    |            | Q4 22               | Q1 23 | Q4 22             | Q1 23 | Q4 22         | Q1 23 | Q4 22           | Q1 23 |
| Lot 1 - AKF        | BADAKHSHAN | 0                   | 66    | 0                 | 76    | 0             | 0     | 0               | 0     |
|                    | BAGHLAN    | 0                   | 48    | 0                 | 67    | 0             | 0     | 0               | 0     |
|                    | TAKHAR     | 0                   | 135   | 11                | 126   | 0             | 0     | 0               | 0     |
| Lot 2 - ACTED      | BAMYAN     | 0                   | 2     | 0                 | 2     | 0             | 0     | 0               | 0     |
|                    | KABUL      | 0                   | 0     | 0                 | 0     | 0             | 0     | 0               | 0     |
|                    | KAPISA     | 26                  | 37    | 44                | 71    | 0             | 0     | 0               | 0     |
|                    | PANJSHIR   | 19                  | 5     | 22                | 10    | 0             | 0     | 0               | 0     |
|                    | PARWAN     | 18                  | 15    | 29                | 31    | 0             | 0     | 0               | 0     |
|                    | WARDAK     | 0                   | 0     | 0                 | 0     | 0             | 0     | 0               | 0     |
| Lot 3 - Afghan Aid | FARYAB     | 23                  | 22    | 41                | 44    | 0             | 0     | 0               | 0     |
|                    | HIRAT      | 13                  | 14    | 24                | 22    | 0             | 0     | 0               | 0     |
|                    | SAMANGAN   | 0                   | 0     | 0                 | 0     | 0             | 0     | 0               | 0     |
|                    | SARI PUL   | 54                  | 33    | 99                | 54    | 0             | 0     | 0               | 0     |
| Lot 4 - CHA        | HELMAND    | 0                   |       | 0                 | 0     | 0             | 0     | 0               | 0     |
|                    | KANDAHAR   | 0                   | 23    | 0                 | 24    | 0             | 0     | 0               | 0     |
|                    | NIMROZ     | 0                   | 5     | 0                 | 5     | 0             | 0     | 0               | 0     |
|                    | URUZGAN    | 0                   | 34    | 0                 | 45    | 0             | 0     | 0               | 0     |
| Lot 5 -            | GHAZNI     |                     |       |                   |       |               |       |                 |       |
|                    | KHOST      |                     |       |                   |       |               |       |                 |       |
|                    | LOGAR      |                     |       |                   |       |               |       |                 |       |
|                    | PAKTIKA    |                     |       |                   |       |               |       |                 |       |
|                    | PAKTYA     |                     |       |                   |       |               |       |                 |       |
| Lot 6 - DACAAR     | KUNARA     |                     |       |                   |       |               |       |                 |       |
|                    | LAGHMAN    |                     |       |                   |       |               |       |                 |       |
|                    | NANGARHAR  |                     |       |                   |       |               |       |                 |       |
|                    | NURISTAN   |                     |       |                   |       |               |       |                 |       |
|                    |            |                     | 592   |                   | 847   |               | 0     |                 | 0     |

Note: There are 7 sub projects started in Herat (2), Parwan (2), Panjshir (1) and Kapisa (2) as pilot in January-2023 but due to some processing disbursement in MIS not reflected in MIS.

## 3. PROGRESS ON COMPONENT 2: URBAN

### Update across stages for Labor Intensive Works (LiW) - Q4 22 (October - December 2022)

<sup>2</sup> There are 7 sub projects started in Herat (2), Parwan (2), Panjshir (1) and Kapisa (2) as pilot in January, 2023 which are yet to be reflected in the MIS

| No. | City         | Community Consultation completed | # of Projects Scoping completed | # of Projects Design completed | # of Projects Procurement completed | # of Projects in construction phase | # of Projects Completed | # of Projects Handed Over |
|-----|--------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1   | Kabul        | 41                               | 51                              | 20                             | 13                                  | 13                                  | 0                       | 0                         |
| 2   | Kandahar     | 13                               | 13                              | 10                             | 4                                   | 4                                   | 0                       | 0                         |
| 3   | Herat        | 12                               | 13                              | 6                              | 4                                   | 4                                   | 0                       | 0                         |
| 4   | Jalalabad    | 14                               | 12                              | 5                              | 5                                   | 5                                   | 0                       | 0                         |
| 5   | Mazar        | 4                                | 13                              | 5                              | 6                                   | 6                                   | 0                       | 0                         |
| 6   | Kunduz       | 1                                | 0                               | 6                              | 2                                   | 2                                   | 0                       | 0                         |
| 7   | Khost        | 1                                | 3                               | 5                              | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                       | 0                         |
| 8   | Bamyan       | 3                                | 5                               | 2                              | 2                                   | 0                                   | 0                       | 0                         |
|     | <b>Total</b> | <b>89</b>                        | <b>110</b>                      | <b>61</b>                      | <b>36</b>                           | <b>36</b>                           | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                  |

#### Update across stages for Labor Intensive Works (LiW) - Q1 23 (1- 31 January 2023)

| No. | City         | Community Consultation Completed | # of Projects Scoping completed | # of Projects Design completed | # of Projects Procurement completed | # of Projects in Construction phase | # of Project completed | # of Project Handed Over |
|-----|--------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1   | Kabul        | 34                               | 29                              | 16                             | 0                                   | 2                                   | 1                      | 2                        |
| 2   | Kandahar     | 9                                | 9                               | 18                             | 10                                  | 4                                   | 1                      | 3                        |
| 3   | Herat        | 4                                | 4                               | 0                              | 1                                   | 2                                   | 2                      | 0                        |
| 4   | Jalalabad    | 2                                | 3                               | 0                              | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                      | 0                        |
| 5   | Mazar        | 2                                | 2                               | 2                              | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                      | 0                        |
| 6   | Kunduz       | 0                                | 3                               | 3                              | 3                                   | 1                                   | 1                      | 0                        |
| 7   | Khost        | 0                                | 0                               | 5                              | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                      | 0                        |
| 8   | Bamyan       | 4                                | 4                               | 2                              | 2                                   | 0                                   | 0                      | 0                        |
|     | <b>Total</b> | <b>55</b>                        | <b>51</b>                       | <b>46</b>                      | <b>16</b>                           | <b>9</b>                            | <b>5</b>               | <b>5</b>                 |

#### Number of estimated labour days for ongoing subprojects Q4 22 (October - December 2022)

| No. | City           | # of HHs Directly Benefited | # of Labour Days Generated | Amount Labor's Wage Paid (USD) | # of Male Labourers | # of Female Labourers | % of Female Labourers |
|-----|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1   | Kabul          | 1,430                       | 29,067                     | 174,402                        | 1,272               | 158                   | 11.0                  |
| 2   | Kandahar       | 751                         | 36150                      | 216,900                        | 751                 | 0                     | 0.0                   |
| 3   | Herat          | 559                         | 11,532                     | 69,192                         | 443                 | 116                   | 20.8                  |
| 4   | Jalalabad      | 1,008                       | 15924                      | 95,544                         | 919                 | 89                    | 8.8                   |
| 5   | Mazar-e-sharif | 738                         | 17,884                     | 107,301                        | 706                 | 32                    | 4.3                   |
| 6   | Kunduz         | 105                         | 2,670                      | 16,020                         | 92                  | 13                    | 12.4                  |
| 7   | Bamyan         | 0                           | 0                          | 0                              | 0                   | 0                     | 0.0                   |
| 8   | Khost          | 165                         | 2689                       | 16,134                         | 154                 | 11                    | 6.7                   |

|              |              |                |                |              |            |             |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| <b>Total</b> | <b>4,756</b> | <b>115,916</b> | <b>695,493</b> | <b>4,337</b> | <b>419</b> | <b>8.81</b> |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|------------|-------------|

### Number of estimated labour days for ongoing subprojects Q1 23 (1- 31 January 2023)

| No.          | City           | # of HHs Directly Benefited | # of Labour Days Generated | Amount Labor's Wage Paid (USD) | # of Male Labourers | # of Female Labourers | % of Female Labourers |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1            | Kabul          | 1,407                       | 29,474                     | 176,844                        | 1,289               | 118                   | 8.4                   |
| 2            | Kandahar       | 1,258                       | 9,425                      | 56,550                         | 1,207               | 51                    | 4.1                   |
| 3            | Herat          | 243                         | 9,344                      | 56,064                         | 222                 | 21                    | 8.6                   |
| 4            | Jalalabad      | 843                         | 6,732                      | 40,392                         | 747                 | 96                    | 11.4                  |
| 5            | Mazar-e-sharif | 508                         | 17,178                     | 103,071                        | 356                 | 152                   | 29.9                  |
| 6            | Kunduz         | 424                         | 787                        | 4,722                          | 351                 | 73                    | 17.2                  |
| 7            | Bamyan         | 0                           | 0                          | 0                              | 0                   | 0                     | 0.0                   |
| 8            | Khost          | 482                         | 8,240                      | 49,440                         | 443                 | 39                    | 8.1                   |
| <b>Total</b> |                | <b>5,165</b>                | <b>81,180</b>              | <b>487,083</b>                 | <b>4,615</b>        | <b>550</b>            | <b>10.65</b>          |

## 3.2 Progress across cities

### 3.2.1 Kabul (40% of CRLP subprojects)

The LiW sub-projects implementation in Kabul is progressing very smoothly, appropriate coordination mechanisms have been established with Kabul Municipality. During Q4 22 and Q1 23 through 31 January 2023, regular and ad-hoc coordination meetings were held with the Kabul Municipality. The Project progress, plan and issues including access to women beneficiaries were discussed.

Key achievements for Kabul during Q4 22 include: 41 community consultation, 51 sub project scoping, 20 sub project designs and design review were completed, while 34 community consultation, 29 scoping and 16 design and design reviews were completed in Q1 23 through 31 January 2023.

For Kabul, the procurement of 16 sub projects was completed and the works commenced on the ground (13 in Q4 22 and 3 in Q1 23 through 31 January 2023), of which, the LiW activities for three sub projects were completed, and 2 were handed over to the community in Q1 23.

A total of 2,837 HHs are directly benefiting (assigned as labourers). As of 31 January 2023, approximately US\$ 600K of the contractors' invoices were processed (US\$ 265,734 in Q4 2022 and US\$ 333,609 in Q1 23) and transferred to their bank accounts. Approximately US\$ 300K are paid to labourers.

On average, 9,535 unskilled and 933 skilled labour days are expected to be generated for each of the ongoing subprojects in Kabul city. As such, the total number of labour days generated in Q4 22 is 29,067 and in Q1 23 is 29,474 for skilled + unskilled labourers.

Data collection and scoping has also been completed for the watershed management projects in the hilly areas of Kabul City and discussion with UNMAS is ongoing to identify and eliminate the risks of UXOs.



**Photo:** Construction of stone masonry wall of Khairabad Chaman Street and side drains, District-20, Kabul City on 27 Dec 2022

### 3.2.2 Kandahar (15% of CRLP sub-projects)

The sub-project LiW implementation in Kandahar is progressing smoothly, appropriate coordination mechanisms have been established with Kandahar local de facto authorities, including the Office of the Kandahar Governor and the Municipality. During Q4 22 and Q1 23 through 31 January 2023, several coordination meetings were held with the Municipality. The Project progress, plan and issues were discussed.

Key achievements in Q4 22 include 13 community consultation, 13 sub project scoping, 10 sub projects design and design review were completed, while in Q1 23, 9 community consultation, 9 scoping and 18 design and design review were completed through 31 January 2023 .

For Kandahar, the procurement process of 14 sub projects was completed (4 in Q4 22 and 10 Q1 23) and the implementation of LiW commenced on the ground. 4 sub projects were completed which out of 3 were handed over to the community.

A total of 2,009 HHs are directly benefiting (assigned as a labour) from the ongoing subprojects. As of 31 January 2023, approximately US\$ 354,828 of the contractors' invoices were processed (\$243,358 in Q4 22 and \$111,470 in Q1 23) and transferred to their bank accounts of which around US\$ 177,414 are paid to labourers.

On average, 7,233 unskilled and 943 skilled labour days are expected to be generated for each of the ongoing subprojects in Kandahar city. As such, the total number of labour days generated in Kandhar during Q4 22 is 36,150 and in Q1 23 through 31 January 2023 is 9,425.

Likewise, the activities related to Component 3 have also started in multiple project sites and the lists of beneficiaries are under development.

On 24 January 2023, UNOPS along with UNDP, UNICEF and UN-HABITAT were requested by the Department of Foreign Affairs of Kandahar to have a meeting with the Head of Economic Department and Mayor of Spin Boldak. The meeting took place at the Governor's office and the purpose of the meeting was to start humanitarian and construction activities in the district of Spin Boldak, which was terribly impacted by floods a few months back.

The overall objective and geographical coverage of ACRLP was explained and ensured the DFA that the subject matter will be discussed with UNOPS/ACRLP authorities.

In Kandahar the ECA assessment was completed in 91 Urban CDCs. All CDCs met the predefined ECA criteria.



**Photo:** Before and after condition of Protection Wall for Sahil Drainage Channel, Dist#12 of Kandahar city

### 3.2.3 Herat (14% of CRLP sub-projects)

The sub-project LiW implementation in Herat is progressing smoothly. Strong stakeholder management relationship has been built with the DfA at the local level in Herat.

Key achievements during Q4 22 include completion of 12 community consultation, 13 subproject scoping, 6 sub projects design and design review, while Q1 23, 4 community consultation and 4 scoping were completed in Q1 23 through 31 January 2023.

For Herat, the procurement process of 5 sub projects were completed (4 in Q4 22 and 1 in Q1 23) and the small works contracts were awarded. The physical works of 4 were commenced in Q4 22, and 1 in Q1 23 which will be handed over to the community in the next quarter.

Total 602 HHs are expected to be directly benefiting (assigned as a labour) from the ongoing subprojects out of which 23% are females. As of 31 January 2023, approximately, US\$69,706 of the contractors' invoices were processed

(\$44,450 in Q4 22 and \$25,256 in Q1 23 through 31 January 2023) and transferred to their bank accounts of which around US\$ 34,853 are paid to labourers.

On average, 6,296 unskilled and 737 skilled labour days are expected to be generated for each of the ongoing subprojects in Herat city. As such the total number of labour days generated in Q4 22 is 11,532 and in Q1 23 through 31 January 2023 is 9,344.

In Herat the ECA assessment was completed in 36 Urban CDCs. All CDCs met the predefined ECA criteria.

### 3.2.4 Jalalabad (10% of CRLP sub-projects)

The sub-project LiW implementation in Jalalabad is progressing very smoothly. No major issue was reported during the period. Strong stakeholder management and relationship has been established with the DfA provincial authorities in particular with the Jalalabad Municipality. Regular coordination meetings were held, the project progress, plans and challenges including the ban of women working with I/NGOs were discussed.

Key achievements during Q4 22 include, 14 community consultation, 12 scoping completed, 5 sub projects designed, 5 sub projects procurement/contract completed and 5 physical works commenced, while in Q1 23 through 31 January 2023, 2 community consultation and 3 scopings were completed.

A total of 1,851 HHs are directly benefiting (assigned as a labour).

As of 31 January 2023, approximately US\$ 305,213 of the contractors' invoices were processed (\$44,331 in Q4 22 and \$260,882 in Q1 23) and transferred to their bank accounts of which around US\$ 152,607 are paid to labourers.

On average, 9,827 unskilled and 1,059 skilled labour days are expected to be generated for each of the ongoing subprojects in Jalalabad city. As such, the total number of labour days generated in Q4 22 is 15,924 and in Q1 23 is 6,732. The ECA verification was completed by Jalalabad team in 23 CDCs, whereby all of the CDCs meet both ECAs.



**Photo:** Stone patching and PCC work is in progress in front of Nangarhar University, District-7 of Jalalabad city on 18 Dec 2022

### 3.2.5 Mazar-e-Sharif (9% of sub-projects)

The implementation of LiW works under Component 2 is ongoing smoothly in Mazar-e-Sharif city. Appropriate coordination mechanisms have been established with the DfA Local authorities in Mazar-e-Sharif particularly with the office of Mazar Mayor. During the reporting period, several coordination meetings were held with the Mayor. The project progress, plan and challenges including women engagement in the LiW works were discussed.

On 6 December 2022, the UNOPS Country Director and Representative met with the Mazar-e-Sharif Governor. The CRL Project progress, plan and the level of coordination with DfA line ministries and departments at local and national levels were discussed.

Achievements in Q4 22 include, 4 community consultation, 13 subprojects scoping, 5 sub projects design and design reviews were completed, while in Q1 23, 2 community consultation, 2 scoping and 2 design and design review were completed.

The procurement process for 6 sub projects was completed (6 in Q4 22 and Q1 23) and the physical works commenced on the ground.

A total of 1,246 HHs are expected to directly benefit (assigned as a labour) from the ongoing subprojects out of which 15% are females. As of 31 January 2023, approximately US\$ 158,991 of the contractors' invoices were processed (\$0.00 in Q4 22 and \$158,991 in Q1 23) and transferred to their bank accounts of which around US\$ 79,496 are paid to labourers.

On average, 11,748 unskilled and 648 skilled labour days are expected to be generated for each of the ongoing subprojects in Mazar-e-Sharif city. As such, the total number of labour days generated in Q4 22 is 17,884 and in Q1 23 through 31 January 2023 is 17,178.



**Photo:** HSSE induction to the male skilled and unskilled labourers at project site, district#9 of Mazar-e-Sharif

### 3.2.6 Kunduz (7% of CRLP sub-projects)

The implementation of the CRLP LiW under Component 2 is progressing smoothly in Kunduz city. Strong stakeholder management and relationship has been built and maintained with the DfA local authorities. During Q4 22 and Q1 23 through 31 January 2023, several coordination meetings were held at the provincial level departments,



particularly with the office of Kunduz Mayor. The project progress, plans and issues were discussed.

Key achievements during Q4 22 include, 1 community consultation, 6 sub projects design and design review completed, while in Q1 22 scoping and 3 design and design reviews were completed.

The procurement process of 5 sub projects was completed (2 in Q4 22 and 3 in Q1 23) and physical works commenced on the ground. The construction activities of 1 sub-project was completed in Q1 23.

A total of 529 HHs are directly benefiting (assigned as a labour) from the ongoing subprojects. As of 31 January 2023, approximately US\$ 33,530 of the contractors' invoices was processed (\$0.00 in Q4 22 and \$33,530 in Q1 23) and transferred to their bank accounts of which around US\$ 16,765 are paid to labourers.

In mid November 2022, Agha Khan Foundation commenced the CDC mobilisation and conducted ECA assessment in Urban CDC areas. A total of 21 CDCs were assessed and all 21 CDCs met the ECA criteria. Following the ECA assessment by the FP, the Urban component initiated the sub projects scoping in the mentioned Urban CDCs.



Before

After

**Photo:** Before and After Photos, of Khayaban Oluqby Subproject Completed at 22 December 2022, Kunduz, Afghanistan

### 3.2.7 Khost (3% of CRLP sub-projects)

The implementation of CRL Project Component 2 is progressing smoothly in Khost city. Strong stakeholder management and relationship has been built and maintained with the DfA local authorities. During Q4 22 and Q1 23 through 31 January 2023, several coordination meetings were held at the provincial level departments, particularly with the office of Khost Mayor. The project progress, plans and issues were discussed.

Key achievements in Q4 22 include, 1 community consultations, 3 scopings, 5 sub projects design and design review were completed, while scoping and 3 design and design review were completed. During the reporting period, the physical works of 4 sub projects commenced and are ongoing.

A total of 647 HHs are directly benefiting (assigned as a labour) from the ongoing subprojects. As of 31 January 2023, approximately US\$ 54,219 of the contractors' invoices was processed (\$7,120 in Q4 22 and \$47,099 in Q1 23) and transferred to their bank accounts of which around US\$ 27,110 are paid to labourers.

The ECA assessment for 17 sub projects in CDC areas was successfully completed in November 2022. All CDCs met both ECAs.



**Photo:** Excavation activities for Matoon Wrgaha to Prison in Sarankoot main road, District-5, Khost Province

### 3.2.8 Bamyan (2% of CRLP sub-projects)

Following completion of the 13 community consultation and subproject scoping, 4 sub projects designs were completed. The implementation of LiW has been postponed due to winter cold weather in Bamyan. No substantial progress on the ground for the Q4 reporting period is noted.

### 3.3 Plan For Next Quarter - Component 2

| No.          | City Name | Community Consultation | Scoping    | Design     | Procurement | Implementation | Handover  |
|--------------|-----------|------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|
| 1            | Kabul     | 49                     | 55         | 50         | 40          | 33             | 13        |
| 2            | Khost     | 0                      | 0          | 13         | 13          | 17             | 4         |
| 3            | Bamyan    | 0                      | 0          | 5          | 8           | 6              | 0         |
| 4            | Kunduz    | 20                     | 15         | 10         | 10          | 10             | 5         |
| 5            | Mazar     | 24                     | 24         | 15         | 12          | 10             | 6         |
| 6            | Jalalabad | 20                     | 15         | 15         | 10          | 12             | 5         |
| 7            | Kandahar  | 30                     | 30         | 25         | 20          | 27             | 7         |
| 8            | Herat     | 30                     | 20         | 20         | 20          | 10             | 6         |
| <b>Total</b> |           | <b>173</b>             | <b>159</b> | <b>153</b> | <b>133</b>  | <b>125</b>     | <b>46</b> |

## 4. ENTRY CRITERIA FOR ACCESS

### Component 1 - Rural

In accordance with the Project Operation Manual (POM), there are two defined and mandatory Entry Criteria for Access (ECAs) that shall apply for all project areas with established CDCs. The two ECAs are: established CDCs in the project areas are not prohibited to operate; and women's involvement continues in established CDCs.

As of 31 January 2023, the contracted FPs completed ECA assessment in 2,490 CDCs (1543 in Q4 22 and 947Q1 23). To ensure that the selected CDCs are meeting the ECA requirements, UNOPS applied three sources/levels of verification/ checks.

Source 1 - Verification through MIS. In MIS, the system does not verify the "CRLP Form 1 CDC Re-registration" until the data entries match the ECAs. The status of all those CDCs remains unverified, in the event there is any problem with the "CRLP Form 1".

Sources 2 - Data Analysis: At the second level, the MIS data is analysed by the M&E to ensure that the re-registered CDC meets the ECA. The analysis conducted on 8th January 2023, showed the following results:

- 1,453 communities have been entered into the MIS, 100% of the communities met both ECA 1 and ECA 2, there was only 1 community in Nimroz province which did not meet ECA 2. This was due to a misunderstanding by the Social Organizer which was resolved after communicating the issue to the FP.
- In terms of percentage, 1,050 communities show that the number of current CDC members are between 70 to 100% compared to the original number of members of the CDC. 403 communities show an increase in the number of new members in the CDC compared to the original number of members. There is no CDC with less than 70% members compared to the original structure.
- There are 388 (27%) CDCs which do not have new members, all members are old (elected) members. 83 (6%) CDCs have completely introduced new members, 981 (67%) of CDCs have both new and old members.
- There are 571 (39%) CDCs which do not have new male members, all male members are old (elected) members. 93 (6%) CDCs have completely introduced new male members, 788 (55%) of CDCs have both new and old male members.

### Number of Communities meet ECA 1 (70%) group by percentage

| Province           | 0%       | 01-39%   | 40-69%   | 70-100%     | 101-119%   | 120-149%   | more than 150% | Grand Total |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|------------|------------|----------------|-------------|
| BADAKHSHAN         |          |          |          | 108         | 16         | 45         | 102            | 271         |
| BAGHLAN            |          |          |          | 54          | 7          | 7          |                | 68          |
| FARYAB             |          |          |          | 115         | 13         | 1          |                | 129         |
| HIRAT              |          |          |          | 52          | 3          | 2          | 3              | 60          |
| KANDAHAR           |          |          |          | 51          | 15         | 16         | 12             | 94          |
| KAPISA             |          |          |          | 14          | 32         | 21         | 7              | 74          |
| NIMROZ             |          |          |          | 2           |            |            |                | 2           |
| PANJSHER           |          |          |          | 15          | 6          |            |                | 21          |
| PARWAN             |          |          |          | 34          | 13         | 8          | 2              | 57          |
| SAMANGAN           |          |          |          | 89          | 1          |            |                | 90          |
| SARI PUL           |          |          |          | 123         |            |            |                | 123         |
| TAKHAR             |          |          |          | 308         | 11         | 28         | 25             | 372         |
| WARDAK             |          |          |          | 85          | 3          | 2          | 2              | 92          |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1050</b> | <b>120</b> | <b>130</b> | <b>153</b>     | <b>1453</b> |

**Table 2: Number of Communities meet ECA 2 (40%) group by percentage**

| Province   | 0-39% | 40% | 41-59% | 60-79% | Grand Total |
|------------|-------|-----|--------|--------|-------------|
| BADAKHSHAN |       |     | 271    |        | 271         |

|                    |          |           |             |          |             |
|--------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| BAGHLAN            |          |           | 68          |          | 68          |
| FARYAB             |          |           | 129         |          | 129         |
| HIRAT              |          |           | 60          |          | 60          |
| KANDAHAR           |          | 27        | 67          |          | 94          |
| KAPISA             |          | 21        | 53          |          | 74          |
| NIMROZ             |          | 1         | 1           |          | 2           |
| PANJSHER           |          | 1         | 20          |          | 21          |
| PARWAN             |          | 18        | 39          |          | 57          |
| SAMANGAN           |          | 5         | 85          |          | 90          |
| SARI PUL           |          | 3         | 118         | 2        | 123         |
| TAKHAR             |          | 16        | 356         |          | 372         |
| WARDAK             |          | 3         | 88          | 1        | 92          |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>95</b> | <b>1355</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>1453</b> |

### Component 2 - Urban

- **Khost Province**
  - As agreed with the World Bank, the CRLP Social Organizers initiated the ECA assessment for the CDC area. During Q4 22 through 22 November 2022, nine (9) CDCs were assessed, whereby all 9 CDCs met the ECA criteria.
- **Nangarhar Province:**
  - The CRLP Social Organizers conducted ECA Assessment for 23 CDCs (0 in Q4 22 and 23 IN Q1 23). All 23 CDCs met the ECA criteria. **BALKH**  
The ECA Assessment was completed for 22 CDCs that meet the ECAs.
- **HIRAT**  
The ECA Assessment was completed for 48 CDCs that meet the ECAs.
- **KANDAHAR**  
The ECA Assessment was completed for 62 CDCs that meet the ECAs.
- **KUNDUZ**  
The ECA Assessment was completed for 6 CDCs that meet the ECAs.
- **ECA Assessment by the FPs in Urban CDC area**
  - As planned, FPs started with the ECA assessment in most of the mentioned cities by the end of November 2022.

## 5. PROGRESS ON COMPONENT 3- SOCIAL GRANTS

- The process of identification of households for social grants in 16 provinces has started, the social grant profiles have been completed for 350 communities - (75 in Q4 22 and 275 in Q1 23 through 31 January 2023).
- As a pilot, the cash and food distribution under C3 was completed for 9 CDCs in the rural areas, 65 beneficiaries in 4 provinces (Q1 23).

## 6. PROGRESS ON COMPONENT 4- STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS

- The step by step guidelines were prepared and shared with the World Bank for final review
- Several coordination meetings were conducted with UNICEF to finalise the community based nutrition and health facilitation guidelines.

## 7. PROGRESS ON COMPONENT 5- UNOPS IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

## 7.1 M&E, MIS, GIS

- . The MIS system development for C1, 2 and 3 (Rural and Urban) is completed. Data entry is in progress. (<https://www.acrlp.org/MIS>)
  - o The results are integrated for both Rural and Urban in MIS and data is flowing into the website.
- . The MIS is reviewed and approved by the UNOPS ICT architecture team;
- . The project website is technically functional in three languages - Dari, Pashto and English; (<https://www.acrlp.org>).
- . As one of the uptake channels, the GRM module development in MIS is completed and is ready for grievance registration (<https://www.acrlp.org/Grievance.aspx>)
- . MIS training is provided to FPs for Lot 1-3;
- . List of Rural and Urban CDCs, CDC Members, and GIS Maps are shared with FPs for Lots 1-4 and 6;
- . GIS standard Maps are created for 8 Cities;
- . Reporting Mechanism and Templates developed and introduced to FPs and Urban teams;
- . M&E Guideline and Monitoring questionnaires have been drafted for internal purposes;
- . TPMA Monitoring Tools have been reviewed and aligned with CRLP and necessary comments provided for improvement of the monitoring tools.

## 7.2 Human Resources / Staffing

During Q4 22 reporting period, several team members separated/resigned.

## 7.3 Financial Management

- [IUFR](#) produced for the period ending 31 December 2022.
- [Interim Financial Statement](#) produced as of 31 December 2022.
- Budget revisions were completed.
- Fund Flow analysis for 'the last mile distributions' was completed.
- Designated escrow accounts in Afghanistan International Bank (AIB) for cash disbursement to beneficiaries have been established for Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

## 7.4 Communications

- Communications Strategy was finalised and the World Bank comments were incorporated.
- The project logo was finalised.
- An email address for the Website and Facebook of ACRLP has been created and active [info-crlp@unops.org](mailto:info-crlp@unops.org).
- CRLP website and facebook page are frequently updated with the latest news from the field.
- The project ESMF and GRM guidelines along with the other documents were translated and finalised.

## 7.5 Quality Assurance and Quality Control

- The project Quality Assurance Plan was developed and in place.
- The contractor's QC Plans for each awarded project was reviewed and endorsed.
- 60 site Quality Control and Assurance inspections were conducted in Q4 22, issues were identified and corrective actions were applied.
- The subproject daily logs under Component 2 are reviewed, defects are identified related to the quality of the work, and instructions are shared with the region's Leads for correction.

- Concrete, sub-base, and base-course mix designs are reviewed, comments were shared with the contractor. After revision, the mix designs were endorsed.
- The contractors' testing laboratories were physically assessed and certified based on required technical requirements.
- Various works quality tests were conducted, reviewed and documented.
- UNOPS quality management procedures (quality plan, assurance, and control) are applied to the ongoing projects.
- The UNOPS construction management forms/tools have been used to report and record the QC related issues.
- On 13 October 2022, training on Construction Management Forms applied to the ongoing projects was conducted for all engineers under C2.
- Cold weather work plan was reviewed and approved by QA/QC team for various construction projects.

## 7.6 Procurement

### 7.6.1 CRLP Components 1, 3 and 4

During the Reporting Period, Service contracts were signed for Lot 4 and Lot 6 with CHA and DACAAR on 27 September and 17 November 2023.

### 7.6.2 CRLP Component 2

- Procurement strategy (with specific approach for market engagement) and generic evaluation criteria were developed for Component 2 works. The evaluation criteria were reviewed and revised several times to ensure a right balance between the quality and time for evaluation, taking into consideration the project's target of 41 contracts per month;
- The PPSD and Procurement plan reviewed, updated and submitted for review.
- Uniform approach to general issues (like insurances, PGs, etc) are being agreed upon.
- Several meetings were held with CRLP urban personnel in preparation for RfQs (including the process of raising requisition, providing the technical package, including design certificate from UNOPS IPMG, to provide the method statement (including, the work plan, Health, Safety, Social and Environmental plan, Quality Management Plan etc) along with the technical package to be used in the RFQ).
- 57 works contract signed with 26 contracts pending signature by Contractors.

## 7.7 Environmental and Social Management & Gender

### Key Achievements

- During the project scoping, the project team conducted Environmental and Social Screening. The potential risks have been identified and the appropriate mitigation measures have been proposed. A total of 161 screenings were completed (110 in Q4 22 and 51 in Q1 23) from which 107 ESMPs have been prepared.
- The ESMP is part of the RfQ and works contract. The project safeguard team conducted several site visits and monitored the HSSE to ensure the mitigation measures are in place and effective.
- The safeguard team also delivered training to Agha Khan, Afghan AID, ACTED and CHA on 3-4 October 2022, 10-11 October 2022, 24-26 November 2022 and 6-7 December 2022 respectively. A total of 158 FPS' personnel received the training.
- The safeguard training was conducted for 52 contractors under C2 (36 in Q4 22 and 16 in Q1 23). A total of 260 Contractors' personnel received the training.
- 34 site visits were conducted during the reporting period (26 in Q4 22 and 8 in Q1 23). No significant challenges were identified.
- The safeguard document process (screening checklist, ESMP, HSSE Plan...etc) is ongoing for each subproject.

- During the reporting period, the implementation of the ESMF requirements were inspected at the project sites. The physical works were progressing in compliance with the ESCP, ESMF (SEP, LMP, SEA/SH).
- The simplified ESMP was put in place and effective. The contractor staff is now well aware of the ESMF requirement.
- The contractor put in place mitigation measures for all risks identified in the simplified ESMP. The construction sites were isolated for unauthorised access. Various site safety sign boards were installed and the solid waste was managed properly.
- The contractors’ engagement with the community was in line with the CRL Project Stakeholder Engagement Plan.
- The GA Representatives assured their cooperation toward the smooth implementation of the projects.
- During the site visits it has been noticed that the project sites were tidy and clean, for the sake of management and response to an emergency.
- The contractors’ documents were reviewed at the site. The UNOPS and contractor staff provided toolbox talks to the labour on various activities such as excavations, scaffolding, concrete works, workplace management.
- The labours were equipped with required safety PPE such as hard hats, safety shoes, vest ...etc.
- For protecting underground services, the excavated sites were surrounded with high visible safety tape.
- The traffic management was in place and satisfactory. The contractors hired female traffic management personnel at the site.

## ESMPs Completed

| S/N          | Provinces | Number of ESMPs Completed in Q4 22 | Number of ESMPs Completed in Jan 23 |
|--------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1            | Kabul     | 20                                 | 16                                  |
| 2            | Kandahar  | 10                                 | 18                                  |
| 3            | Herat     | 6                                  | 0                                   |
| 4            | Jalalabad | 5                                  | 0                                   |
| 5            | Mazar     | 5                                  | 2                                   |
| 6            | Kunduz    | 6                                  | 3                                   |
| 7            | Khost     | 5                                  | 5                                   |
| 8            | Bamyan    | 2                                  | 2                                   |
| <b>Total</b> |           | <b>61</b>                          | <b>46</b>                           |

### 7.7.1 Environmental and Social Commitment Plan

Activities and progress of this section is prepared in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (**ESSs**) and Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (**ESCP**). Without limitation to the foregoing, 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, grievance management. The ESCP also sets out the environmental and social (E&S) instruments that shall be adopted and implemented under the Project, all of which shall be subject to prior consultation and disclosure, consistent with the ESS, and in form and substance, and in a manner acceptable to the World Bank.

| Material Measure and Action     | Progress |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Monitoring and Reporting</b> |          |

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| Regular reporting/Quarterly to the WB   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As agreed with the WB, ESCP quarterly report shall be prepared and submitted to the WB as part of the overall CRL Project Progress Report. As such, this section has been added to the Quarterly Progress Report.</li> <li>E&amp;S quarterly progress report for Q2 (14 Aug 22), Q3 (14 Nov 22) &amp; Q4 (31 Jan 23) prepared and submitted within the overall CRL Quarterly Progress Report to WB.</li> </ul>  |
| Incident Report   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During the reporting period, no incident was recorded</li> </ul>  |
| Contractors & FPs Quarterly E&S Reports   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FPs (AfghanAid, AKF, CHA and DACAAR) submitted the Q4 22 Report</li> </ul>  |
| <b>ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS</b> |  |
| Organisational Structure  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PIU Safeguard staff recruitments completed during Q3 22, and following positions were filled. During Q4 22, the HSSE analyst and GRM Senior Associate were separated/resigned; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Safeguard Senior Associate</li> <li>Social Safeguard Senior Associate</li> <li>HSSE Analyst</li> <li>GRM Senior Associate</li> <li>Diversity and inclusion Associate (Gender).</li> </ul> </li> <li>8 E&amp;S focal points have been assigned for C2 (Kabul, Kandahar, Nanagarhar, Bamyan, Khost, Kunduz, Herat &amp; Mazar).</li> <li>4 E&amp;S focal points have been assigned for C1 (Agha Khan, Afghan AID, ACTED and CHA).</li> </ul>  |
| E&S Assessment  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental &amp; Social Screenings/Assessment of sub-projects is ongoing. 161 sub-projects have been screened (110 in Q4 22 and 51 in Q1 23). The potential risks have been identified and proper mitigation measures have been proposed.</li> <li>A total of 107 Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) were prepared (61 in Q4 22 and 46 Q1 23) and added to the works contract for contractors.</li> </ul>   |
| Management of Contractors   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>E&amp;S requirements have been incorporated in all bidding processes, on an ongoing basis.</li> <li>(36 in Q4 22 + 16 in Q1 23) safeguard orientation training (Environmental &amp; Social Management, Health and Safety, GRM &amp; Gender) were conducted for contractors staff (Male &amp; Female) in C2 and this process is ongoing. A total of 260 contractors' personnel were trained on the ESMF and ESMP requirements (52* 5 contractors' staff for each project = 260 people)</li> <li>Regular inspections for ESMP implementation are ongoing, 26 E&amp;S inspections were conducted during Q4 22 and 8 inspections in Q1 23 The UNOPS standard forms for monitoring the works HSSE was used.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>ESS 2: LABOUR AND WORKING CONDITIONS</b>   |  |
| Labor Management Procedure  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Labour management procedures were included and disclosed as part of the ESMF, and they are included in the Simplified ESMP and added as an Annex in bidding documents for C2 contractors and disclosed prior to signing of the contract between UNOPS and implementing NGO/contractors.</li> <li>Training session on Labor Management Procedure conducted for 4 FPs (Agha Khan, Afghan Aid, ACTED and CHA) and 52 Contractors, this process is ongoing for the remaining FPs and Contractors.</li> <li>The Code of conduct was prepared and approved by WB for CRLP workers (Direct workers, contracted workers, primary supplier and community worker).</li> <li>The Code of Conduct was translated into local languages (Dari &amp; Pashto).</li> <li>CRLP staff signed Code of Conduct and this process is ongoing for FPs and Contractors staff and workers.</li> <li>Safe working environment is provided for females at the project site and they are assigned to light works such as cleaning, traffic management, water spray and similar.</li> </ul> |
| Occupational Health & Safety  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OHS measures were included and adopted as part of the ESMF and its Generic</li> </ul>   |



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|   | <p>ESMP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mitigation Measures were included in the Simplified ESMP and Health and Safety Management Plan and disclosed prior to signing of contract between UNOPS and implementing NGO/contractors.</li> <li>All Labors (Male &amp; Female) at the project sites were equipped with proper PPE Health and Safety toolboxes that are conducted on a daily basis to labourers before work commencement.</li> <li>First Aid Kit and fire extinguisher are available for each sub-project site.</li> </ul>  |
| Grievance Mechanism for Project Workers                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GRM Manual has been prepared and approved by WB.</li> <li>Training on GRM was conducted for 4 FPs (Agha Khan Afghan Aid, ACTED and CHA) and 52 Contractors, and this process is ongoing.</li> <li>Grievance Registration form, GRM logbook and GRC list is shared with Contractors and are available at project sites.</li> <li>GRCs are established at subproject sites (urban).</li> <li>GRM forms have been established in the MIS. For details on the number of grievances reported, please see section 7.7.3.</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>Mitigation Measures were included in the Simplified ESMP and disclosed prior to signing of contract between UNOPS and implementing NGO/ contractors.</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>Air pollution is managed by water spraying and dampening where necessary and Practice of good housekeeping at the work site.</li> <li>As observed during the site inspections, no dust was seen because almost in all sub-projects the excavation materials and road/street surface or detours are already wet but still the contractors are advised to sprinkle with water the dirt where it creates the dust.</li> <li>Waste is treated or disposed of from the site to the designated Landfield on a regular basis. Waste materials are transported to the municipality-designated disposal areas. No need for selection of additional disposal sites.</li> <li>Contractors were provided with waste bins in contractor site camp.</li> </ul> |
| <b>ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>                                 |   |
| Community Health & Safety   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The community Health and Safety risks were identified, and appropriate mitigation measures were included in the Simplified ESMP.</li> <li>The Health and Safety Management Plan was disclosed prior to signing of contract between UNOPS and implementing NGO/contractors.</li> <li>Training Presentation on community health and safety delivered to 4 FPs and 52 Contractors.</li> <li>Community health and safety is a serious issue for UNOPS, all the contractors are oriented to take care of community health and safety in their project sites. No issue with regards to the community health and safety were identified during the inspection.</li> <li>The contractors for C2 implemented the proposed mitigation measures highlighted in the ESMP, helping to manage the risks.</li> <li>In addition, daily site induction training/ Toolbox talk for contractor personnel, visitors and CDCs were conducted by contractor's E&amp;S staff.</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>Mitigation Measures were included in the Simplified ESMP and Health and Safety Management Plan and disclosed prior to signing of the contract between UNOPS and implementing NGO/contractors.</li> </ul>  |
| SEA/SH Risks  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEA/SH Action Plan was prepared and adopted as a separate document from the ESMF, upon WB request, the SEA/SH Action Plan has not been disclosed.</li> <li>Mitigation Measures for SEA/SH included in the Simplified ESMP.</li> <li>Code of Conduct is prepared and signed by UNOPS - CRL staff, it will also be signed by FPs and Contractors staff and labores.</li> <li>Training sessions on GBV/SEA/HS conducted for UNOPS staff, and also for 4 FPs and 52 Contractors as part of the inception training, this process is ongoing for the remaining FPs and Contractors.</li> <li>8 Sites inspection is conducted by Diversity and inclusion Associate (Gender) and this process is ongoing.</li> <li>No report on SEA/SH during the reporting period.</li> </ul>   |

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| Security Management  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security risk management measures included and adopted as part of the ESMF.</li> <li>• FPs and Contractors are responsible for the security of their staff and assets. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No security incident was reported at the CRL Project site during Q4 2022 + Q1 23 through 31 January 2023;</li> </ul> </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 simplified ESMP.</li> <li>• No chances were found during the reporting period.</li> <li>• All the contractors are advised to stop work immediately upon discovery of any material with possible archaeological, historical, paleontological, or other cultural value, and notify relevant authorities and carefully follow Chance Find Procedures.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b> |  |
| Stakeholder Engagement Preparation and Implementation            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) is prepared, adopted and disclosed on WB, UNOPS and CRLP websites.</li> <li>• ESMF was prepared and disclosed on WB, UNOPS and CRLP websites.</li> <li>• ESMF and Stakeholder Engagement Plan is translated into the local languages (Dari &amp; Pashto) and translated versions will also be disclosed on mentioned websites.</li> <li>• ESMF and SEP are shared with FPs to manage their projects and engage stakeholders accordingly.</li> <li>• Information disclosure and consultations with communities and other stakeholders are ongoing.</li> <li>• All implementers and informal community structures/CDCs and members of vulnerable groups from project-affected communities are able to participate fully in the consultation process and enjoy project benefits.</li> <li>• Key methods used for information disclosure to the different project stakeholders are community meetings in coordination with local leaders and CDC members, phone communication (SMS), notice boards and social media. Information is disclosed in Pashto/Dari, English, and other respective local languages. Local leaders and CDC members are requested to inform communities in community meetings and through disclosure on social media.</li> <li>• Women, persons with disabilities (PWDs), elderly, female-headed households, IDPs, ethnic minorities and other members of vulnerable groups participated effectively and meaningfully in consultative processes and their voices are heard.</li> </ul> |
| Capacity Support (Trainings)                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental and Social management training materials and capacity-building agenda was prepared and approved by WB.</li> <li>• Training on the ESM Framework and standards, on gender related and Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) requirements and Grievance Response Mechanism (GRM) requirements was delivered to all CRLP personnel. See the section above.</li> <li>• Trainings for 4 FPs (Agha Khan, Afghan AID, ACTED &amp; CHA) were delivered and around 158 staff of mentioned FPs trained on (ESS, ESMF, E&amp;S Screening process, Stakeholder Engagement, Labor Management and working conditions, Community Health &amp; Safety, Occupational Health &amp; Safety, Incident/Accident, GBV/SEA/SH/Gender &amp; GRM).</li> <li>• Safeguard Orientation Training for 52 Contractors were conducted and around 260 personnel of the contractors trained on E&amp;S requirements, ESMP implementation, labour management procedures, GRM, health and safety, and GBV/SEA/SH.</li> <li>• Induction and toolbox talks are ongoing by contractors for their Labours.</li> </ul>   |
| Project Grievance Mechanism                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A GRM Manual has been prepared and finalised. In addition, several orientation sessions were conducted to FPs, Contractors, CRLP staff and Awaaz team.</li> <li>• Meanwhile, the GRM Manual explains the procedures for uptake channels register, and facilitates the resolution of SEA/SH complaints.</li> <li>• The GRM outreach materials were developed and shared with FPs and contractors.</li> <li>• For more details, please refer to section 7.7.3.</li> </ul>   |

## 7.7.2 Gender

- **A Gender Action Plan** has been developed for the project. The project's dedicated Gender Associate is recruited and the Gender Specialist (50% to the project and 50% to the country office) is hired. General Gender Action Plan for CRLP developed by gender unit and is shared with the head of the project for review.
- **Code of Conduct (CoC):** Signed by all CRLP staff at UNOPS. The CoC is shared with FPs and contractors and instructed to be signed by all FPs' and Contractors' key staff, AfghanAid has confirmed that their staff has signed the CoC while the signing of CoC is ongoing for the other 3 FPs. The Contractors' workers are receiving orientation on CoC and signing a list of participation for the record. The Gender Associate as the focal point and regularly conducts orientation on CoC to contractors in each kickoff meetings and it will be cascaded to their labours by their key staff.
- **PSEAH:** All CRLP staff at UNOPS and the FPs' key staff were oriented by UNOPS through different sessions and the orientation cascaded to the rest of the FPs' staff by FPs.
- **Monitoring Visits:** 8 site visits were conducted during the quarter. The key challenges for female workers were identified like DfA restrictions on female labourers and appropriate measures have been proposed. The women participation rate in the LiWs under C2-Urban varies across the country based on the cultural context;

## 7.7.3 Grievance Redress

- A total of 246 grievances in different forms have been registered through GRM, 15.1% of the issues were qualified as grievances, 3.5% of the issues were inquiries and 81.4% were suggestions.
- Experience from other projects (CCAP and REACH) show that reporting on exact figures from the communities is not possible due to several reasons e.g. change in members of the GRCs, loss of logbooks in the community, literacy level and no office space for GRCs. Since it is not possible to collect accurate figures on the number of grievances resolved at the community level, the grievances which are resolved at the community level won't be reflected in the project result-framework.

| Provinces    | # of Grievances received and resolved during Q4 2022 | # of Grievances received and resolved during 1-31 January 2023 | Total      |
|--------------|--|--|------------|
| Bamyan       | 0  | 0  | 0          |
| Herat        | 0  | 1  | 1          |
| Kabul        | 9  | 4  | 13         |
| Kandahar     | 3  | 4  | 7          |
| Khost        | 2  | 14   | 16         |
| Kunduz       | 0  | 3  | 3          |
| Mazar        | 15   | 2  | 17         |
| Nangarhar    | 139  | 49   | 188        |
| Faryab       | 0  | 1  | 1          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>168</b>   | <b>78</b>  | <b>246</b> |

| Grievance Category                                  | Grand Total |
|---|-------------|
| Labour and Wages                                    | 39.92%      |
| Safeguard (Environment, Social and Health & Safety) | 27.91%      |
| Behaviour/ Efficiency of Staff                      | 9.30%       |
| Subproject Implementation                           | 8.53%       |
| Subproject design                                   | 8.53%       |
| Suggestion  | 5.04%       |
| Recruitment & Staffing                              | 0.39%       |

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| <b>Gender</b>      | <b>0.39%</b>   |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>100.00%</b> |

- The UNOPS Afghanistan office manages an Inter-Agency Information and Accountability Centre (IAIAC) known as Awaaz Afghanistan is an inter-agency call centre (a two-way communication and accountability mechanism) that responds to the information and communication needs of affected populations in Afghanistan and allows affected populations to shape their own relief and recovery. Based in Kabul and functioning as a toll-free humanitarian helpline, Awaaz Afghanistan is a link to the partnership between those who wish to assist and those who need assistance and is accountable to both constituencies.

Supported by the Humanitarian Country Team, with current funding from the Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund (AHF) and the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), Awaaz's primary objective is to promote two-way communication between affected populations.

AWAAZ is one of the uptake channels for receiving and registering the complaints. The AWAAZ will be linked with the CRL Project MIS system, in which all the complaints will be registered, processed and the feedback will be provided accordingly.

- The Terms of Reference (ToR) for the National Grievance Redress Committee (GRC) and GBV/SEA/SH have been prepared. These GRCs will address the grievances with high priority and do trend analysis of the grievances. The national GRC will comprise of UNOPS Head of Support Services (HSS) or Head of Programme (HoP), CRLP Project Head, Senior Project Manager, and Urban or Rural Lead and GRM Associate. Based on the nature of the grievance, representatives from HR, Finance, Procurement, Security, Safeguard and other departments can be part of the committee for the given case. High priority and or complex grievances will be addressed by the National GRC. Grievances of low and medium priority can be referred to the FP/Urban GRC by the Senior Project Manager or GRM Associate. The GBV/SEA/SH GRC will comprise of International Gender Specialist, GRM Senior Associate, Social Safeguard Specialist, and Gender Specialist. Based on the nature of the grievance, representatives from Urban, Rural, HR, Finance, Procurement, Security, Safeguard and other departments can have membership of the committee for the case.
- A dedicated email address for Grievance Redress has been developed as one of the grievance uptake channels. Those citizens which have access to the internet can register their grievances through the GRM official email address ([crl.shekayat@unops.org](mailto:crl.shekayat@unops.org)).
- The GRM manual was drafted and the World Bank's comments were incorporated in the final version. The manual will be translated into Dari and Pashto languages. The initial English version of the manual is shared with Facilitating Partners. Pending the final review of the GRM Manual by the WB, it will be reshared with the FPs.

## 7.8 Security

- No security incident reported at the CRL Project site during Q4 2022 + Q1 23 through 31 January 2023;

## 7.9 Monitoring Findings

- In non-CCAP and non-REACH covered areas staff required additional time to prepare necessary data. Aybak district of Samangan is an example where it will take time to compile data. In Samangan, PRRD banned any change in CDC and subcommittee members. As a result, the field team has not yet addressed those CDCs which do not meet ECA criteria. UNOPS management has been informed about this situation and the limitations it has presented. Community awareness and understanding regarding the project activities in Cheshma Hesar CDC of Argo district and Shahgan CDCs in Warduj district. Social organisers were emphasised to plan one or two days to review the overall key objectives of the program with entire communities in a mass meeting. During the verification process by FPs, it was found that there were some households being listed twice. After confirmation by the CDC members, the duplicated names were

removed from the list. During the verification process by FPs, it was found that there were several households that had single members which were counted during the process. The team was advised to double check those households. The single member households who did not meet the minimum requirement criteria were removed from the beneficiary list. The contractor under C2 in Kabul, Paghman District used uncalibrated survey and testing equipment. Contractor was instructed to remove the uncalibrated equipment from the site. The contractor took corrective action, calibrated the equipment and provided the equipment calibration certificate on 25 October 2022.

- During the site inspection from District #1 of Kabul City, the QC team identified that one company has issues with the concrete mixing, slump test rate, no presence of contractor technical team at the site and low workmanship in stone masonry works have been observed and the contractors were advised and rectified immediately.

## 8. THIRD PARTY MONITORING AGENT (TPMA)

- During the reporting period, extensive review, revision and finalisation of forms took place,
- Nothing to report in this quarter on issues/deviations.

## 9. KEY CHALLENGES AND MITIGATION MEASURES

- Issue #1 - Suspension signing of works contract at the instruction of WB from 13 January 2023;
  - As instructed by the WB, signing of new small works contract were put on hold since early January 2023;
  - As agreed, UNOPS continued with scoping, design, design review and procurement of subprojects to the stage of contract award and signing;
  - As of 31 January 2023, procurement of 26 sub projects were completed and ready for signature;
  - UNOPS is awaiting to receive instruction from the WB, enabling the signing of pending works contract;
- Mitigation 1 - UNOPS shall continue with procurement of works to the award stage. Pending further instruction by the WB, UNOPS will either continue with the suspension or sign the contract with the contractors;
  - Pending signing of the contract, the contractors will mobilise to the site and start with the implementation of activities.
- Issue #2 - Delay in signing of the MoU between MRRD and FPs
  - Signing of MoU between MRRD and FPs is very crucial. The FPs are unable to operate without MoUs are signed and in place;
  - Two MoUs will be signed with FPs for each of the Provinces - one for C1 and one for C3;
  - During the reporting period, the Project had several coordination meetings with the MRRD technical team as well as the Minister. The issue of MoU were discussed;
  - The draft MoU was prepared, reviewed and revised several times;
  - As of 31 January 2023, no MoU was signed between MRRDD and FPs. In the MoU, there is a language of "FPs to provide user access of the online system to MRRD". This is a concern for the WB and requires clarification/revision in the MoU, though MRRD verbally confirmed that they don't need user access to the MIS system.
  - The proposed revised language has been drafted, agreed with the WB, and shared with the MRRD focal point for revision in the actual MoU.
- Issue #3 - Extreme cold weather affected the overall CRL Project implementation plan: the construction activities were suspended in 3 provinces (Kabul, Bamyán and Herat) due to cold weather. However, in a few urban and rural areas, the construction works continued.

- The cold weather has had a significant impact on the concrete works. To minimise the impact of cold weather, the project planned implementation of sub-projects without concrete works, for instance the gravel surface road, canal cleaning, snow cleaning and similar.
- Mitigation 3 - The sub-projects which include concrete works, the “cold weather concrete works methodology” will be developed and shared with the contractor. The methodology will include adding antifreeze admixture to the concrete, warming up the water, steam curing (if required), and covering concrete works overnight and/or at the time the temperature goes below 4 C;
  - UNOPS QA/QC Team will conduct regular inspection of the concrete works during the winter season to ensure the works quality is within the tolerance specified in the project technical specifications;

## Annex D: Results Framework

| 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   | Baseline | End Target             | Progress up to Last Quarter  | Current Quarter Progress   | Cumulative Progress  | Percentage Progress | Remarks    |
| <b>Provide short-term livelihood opportunities and urgent essential services in rural and urban areas</b>  |          |                        |  |  |  |                     |            |
| Number of beneficiary households receiving livelihoods support (Number)  | 0        | 700,000                | 0  | 10,390   | 10,390   | 1.5%                |            |
| Number of vulnerable households receiving social grants  | 0        | 100,000                | 0  | 65   | 65   | 0.1%                |            |
| Number of female-headed households receiving social grants   | 0        | Monitored for progress | 0  | 34   | 34   |                     | Rural only |
| Number of people with improved access to basic services  | 0        | 7,400,000              | 0  | 70,000   | 70,000   | 0.9%                | Com2 only  |
| Intermediate Results Indicators by Components  |          |                        |  |  |  |                     |            |
| <b>1. Emergency Livelihoods Support and Services in Rural Areas</b>  |          |                        |  |  |  |                     |            |
| Number of working days created, Component 1  | 0        | 17,300,000             | 0  | 17,767   | 17,767   | 0.1%                |            |
| Number of beneficiary households receiving cash for work   | 0        | 608,000                | 0  | 376  | 376  | 0.1%                |            |
| Number/type of rural activities completed (clean water, sanitation, road rehabilitation, agroforestry, etc.)                                     | 0        | 4,000                  | clean water = 0<br>sanitation = 0<br>road rehabilitation = 0<br>agroforestry = 0 | clean water = 0<br>sanitation = 0<br>road rehabilitation = 0<br>agroforestry = 0 | clean water = 0<br>sanitation = 0<br>road rehabilitation = 0<br>agroforestry = 0 | 0%                  |            |
| Number of people in rural areas benefiting from basic infrastructure services (clean water, sanitation, road rehabilitation, agroforestry, etc.) | 0        | 5,400,000              | clean water = 0<br>sanitation = 0<br>road rehabilitation = 0<br>agroforestry = 0 | clean water = 0<br>sanitation = 0<br>road rehabilitation = 0<br>agroforestry = 0 | clean water = 0<br>sanitation = 0<br>road rehabilitation = 0<br>agroforestry = 0 | 0%                  |            |
| Number of rural communities reached with program activities  | 0        | 5,000                  | 0  | 2,753  | 2,753  | 55%                 |            |

| 2. Emergency Livelihoods Support and Services in Urban Areas   |       |                        |   |         |         |      |              |
|--|-------|------------------------|---|---------|---------|------|--------------|
| Number of working days created, Component 2  | 0     | 5,500,000              | 0 | 190,016 | 190,016 | 3.5% |              |
| Number of beneficiary households receiving livelihood support through labour-intensive works   | 0     | 92,000                 | 0 | 10,014  | 10,014  | 11%  |              |
| Number of IDP households   | 0     | Monitored for progress | 0 | 470     | 470     |      |              |
| Number/type of urban activities completed (road rehabilitation, water infrastructure, drainage, sanitation, canal cleaning, etc.)                                | 0     | 400                    | 0 | 10      | 10      | 2.5% |              |
| Number of urban residents benefitting from basic infrastructure services (road rehabilitation, water infrastructure, drainage, sanitation, canal cleaning, etc.) | 0     | 2,000,000              | 0 | 70,000  | 70,000  | 3.5% |              |
| Number of cities reached with program activities   | 0     | 8                      | 8 | 0       | 8       | 100% |              |
| 3. Social Grants for Women and the Most Vulnerable in Rural and Urban Areas  |       |                        |   |         |         |      |              |
| Number of vulnerable households receiving social grants  | 0     | 100,000                | 0 | 65      | 65      | 0.1% | AKDN and CHA |
| Number of female-headed households   | 0     | Monitored for progress | 0 | 34      | 34      | 0%   |              |
| Number of vulnerable households with persons with disabilities   | 0     | Monitored for progress | 0 | 31      | 31      | 0%   |              |
| 4. Strengthening Community Institutions for Inclusive Service Delivery especially for Women  |       |                        |   |         |         |      |              |
| Number of CDCs operating under the project and receiving social and technical support  | 0     | 5,000                  | 0 | 2,508   | 2,508   | 50%  |              |
| Number of established CDCs with women participating  | 4,000 | 5,000                  | 0 | 2,508   | 2,508   | 50%  |              |
| 5. Implementation Support  |       |                        |   |         |         |      |              |
| Percentage of grievances received that are resolved  | 0     | 70                     | 0 | 100     | 100     | 100% | Urban        |
| Percentage of sampled community respondents (male/female) satisfied with project activities  | 0     | 70                     | 0 | 0       | 0       | 0    |              |