

# WEEKLY BULLET POINTS

## Farah Province

- With support of the District Governor, the Pusht-e Rod 11<sup>th</sup> DSC meeting was held with participation of 39 people on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Following a discussion on sources of instability, five hard mitigation activities including road rehabilitation and installation of solar water pumps were proposed and prioritized. By the end of the meeting, the Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee was established. The committee will mediate and resolve the current conflicts in the district. Separate meeting was held with 20 influential women at the Farah PST office and a short Stability Analysis Mechanism (SAM) training was provided.
- The Bala Boluk DG chaired the 13<sup>th</sup> DSC meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> with participation of 48 people. The DSC members analyzed the previous sources of instability and prioritized five new mitigation activities. By the end of the meeting, 31 people have been chosen as the members of the Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee.
- The Bala Boluk DG's representative, DRRD and DDA members monitored the work progress of the community center refurbishment in Dehzak village and the Pusht-e Rod DG monitored the literacy training course in Chin Farsi village on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Pusht-e Rod DG talked about the importance of education for both men and women and pledged to provide more education opportunities in the future.
- Fifteen labor intensive grants, including building water dividers and refurbishing community centers, are ongoing in Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod Districts. Four projects are currently on-hold due to security issues and four projects were canceled with the funds placed back into the District Budget.
- Six motor-bike repairing, embroidery and tailoring vocational trainings in Bala Boluk, three Health Education training and seven literacy courses in Pusht-e Rod Districts are ongoing.



The Pusht-e Rod District Governor visited the literacy course in Chin Farsi and spoke with community residents. The DG pledged to provide more education opportunities for women.



Labors working to construct the water divider in Ziyarat community in Bala Boluk District. Water divider construction is a mitigation activity identified by the DSC

## Badghis Province

- The Qadis Youth Association held a public meeting with 51 youths from different villages from Qadis District on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Youth shared challenges they face in the community and discussed about their last month activities and achievements. Youth explored ways to involve in the social, cultural and political affairs in the district.
- The Muqur 7<sup>th</sup> DSC meeting was organized with participation of 112 people including 23 women on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The DSC members analyzed the previous sources of instability including illiteracy, poverty, lack of transparency in government administration and poppy cultivation. The Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC) identified five ongoing tribal conflicts in the district which will be discussed at the next TCRC meeting.

- The Muqur District Governor monitored the tailoring vocational training course in Zad Ali village on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Women were happy and thanked the DG for providing such opportunities for them.
- Two six-month motorbike repairing vocational training courses for 30 men, two-six months tailoring trainings for 40 women in Muqur and two six-month carpentry training courses for 30 men in Jawaliq community in Qadis District are ongoing.

## Herat Province

- The Pashtun Zarghun 8<sup>th</sup> DSC meeting was held with participation of 89 people on September 29<sup>th</sup>. An overview of the mitigation activities was presented. The DSC members established a Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee. The committee will mediate and resolve the current conflicts in the district. The DG along with the DSC members inaugurated five infrastructure projects including construction of protection walls, construction of a small bridge and rehabilitation of Ghahistan High School.
- On September 26<sup>th</sup>, the Kushk Rabat-e Sangi and Pashtun Zarghun District Governors, in-line with their communications plans, to encourage the youth to sport and disseminate peace messages provided sport clothes and equipment with the peace messages on them to the football and volleyball players. Players wore cloths with the peace messages during the football match.
- The Herat PST senior staff attended the monthly DRRD program coordination meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Representatives of national and international organization presented their activities in Herat. An overview of the SIKA-West activities and achievements was also presented.
- Five labor intensive grants, including construction of protection wall and school refurbishment are ongoing in Pashtun Zarghun District.
- Five carpet weaving vocational trainings for 125 women and five literacy courses for another 125 women in Shindand District and five tailoring vocational trainings for 100 women in Pashtun Zarghun District are ongoing.



Students at Jawaliq community in Qadis District practice carpentry skills



In total 125 local women receive carpet weaving training in Shindand District. Carpet weaving is a well-known profession in this district for women.

## Ghor Province

- The Chaghcharan 6<sup>th</sup> DSC meeting was held with support of the Ghor Deputy Provincial Governor (DPG) on September 25<sup>th</sup> with a total of 75 people including 12 women in attendance. The DPG briefed the participants about the achievements of the Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee and said “Most of the people know Ghor as a province of tribal conflicts and we should put more efforts to end this.” By the end of the meeting, an overview of the status of the implementation of the mitigation activities was presented.
- The Ghor Deputy Provincial Governor, in-line with his communications plan, organized a public meeting with 55 representatives of the Chaghcharan Women Association and line-



On September 24<sup>th</sup>, during the public meeting, in an open discussion, women highlighted the roles of women in bringing peace and conflict resolution in the community.

departments' staff on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The meeting aimed to discuss the roles of women in bringing peace and conflict resolution in the community. Following an open discussion, participants came to an agreement that they would condemn the tribal conflicts and work to bring unity among the tribes specially women, government should pave the way to have more women in Ghor Peace Council and other government offices and government should provide education opportunities and health facilities.

- The Shahrak 5<sup>th</sup> DSC meeting was held with participation of 62 people on September 28<sup>th</sup>. The Acting DG requested the SIKA-West to help the respected CDCs to implement their projects as soon as possible due to harsh winter in this district. An overview of the status of the implementation of the mitigation activities was presented.
- Project Management training was kicked off for 20 members of five CDCs from Chaghcharan.

## WHAT'S NEXT...

- **Farah** Pusht-e Rod and Khak-e-Safayd District youth will receive Media training on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Farah** Pusht-e Rod youth organize informative meeting with farmers about dangers of poppy cultivation on October 1<sup>st</sup>
- **Badghis** Muqur Ulema and Tribal Engagement meeting will be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Badghis** Qadis DG will organize public meeting with 50 district entities' representatives on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Herat** Police Commander meeting with influential leaders of Pashtun Zarghun District is rescheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Ghor** Chaghcharan and Shahrak communication officers will receive a one-week Internal Communications training from October 2-9.