

WEEKLY BULLET POINTS

Farah Province

- In-line with its communications plan, the Bala Boluk Farmers' Association held a coordination meeting with participation of 20 farmers and the District Governor on September 18th. The meeting aimed to share experiences growing alternative crops to poppy, especially Saffron cultivation.
- The Bala Boluk DG monitored the work progress of the community center refurbishment in Kanisk village on September 21st. The visit was part of his communications plan to utilize the sub-projects implemented by CDCs as a tool to show how the government is delivering on services.
- On September 23rd, the Pusht-e Rod District Governor, in-line with his communications plan, organized an informative meeting with 15 parents to encourage them to send their children to school. The DG delivered speeches about the importance of education and said, "Educated youth can build a better society."
- Training on Service Providers Catalogue (SPC) usage was provided to Farah Deputy Provincial Governor and line-departments' representatives including Department of Education, Refugees, DoLSA, Public Works, Irrigation, Public Health, and the Farah Municipality. During the week, 26 copies of the SPC were distributed to the above departments.
- Sixteen 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 three projects were canceled with the funds placed back into the District Budget.
- Six auto-mechanic, embroidery and tailoring vocational trainings in Bala Boluk, three Health Education training and seven literacy courses in Pusht-e Rod Districts are ongoing.



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Badghis Province

- The Muqur District Governor representative monitored the motorbike repairing vocational training courses in Zad Ali and Chashma Dozak villages. By the end of the six-month trainings, 30 men will have the skills to be able to start their own business.
- On September 23rd, the Muqur District Governor, in-line with his communications plan, held the monthly coordination meeting with 12 directors of the district line-departments. The DG asked the directors to provide better services to the residents to build trust between the government and the community.
- The 9th Qadis DSC meeting was held with participation of 134 people including 32 women on September 22nd. The meeting aimed to inform the DSC members about the status of the implementation of the mitigation activities and review the previous identified sources of instability in the district. The participants talked about the current conflicts in the district including land disputes. At the end of the meeting, a short Stabilization training was provided and 100 copies of the Peace



Women in Qadis DSC meeting receiving Peace brochures on September 22nd.

Brochures were distributed.

- Two separate five-day project management trainings were kicked off for 37 members of 12 CDCs and another 22 members of 6 CDCs in Qadis District.
- The weekly coordination meeting with the DRRD was held on September 19th. The DRRD Deputy Director was informed and invited to attend the upcoming DSC meeting in Qadis and Muqur Districts.
- Two six-month motorbike repair vocational training course for 30 men in Muqur District are ongoing.
- Two six-month carpentry training courses are ongoing for 30 men in Jawaliq community in Qadis District.

Herat Province

- The Pashtun Zarghun District Governor organized a public meeting with 250 people including influential religious leaders, Arbabs, youth and government staff on September 22nd. The meeting aimed to seek the influential people's support in bringing peace and stability in the community. Speeches about unity, farmers' challenges, security concerns and upcoming presidential election were delivered. The DG pledged to work with other counterparts to address the people's concerns and bring peace in the community and asked the participants to support the local government.
- On September 17th, the Shindand District Governor, in-line with his communications plan, held a coordination meeting with 30 DDA members to share the government achievements and activities in the district. The DG will provide an office to the DDA members in the district government compound. The DDA members pledged to work closely with the government for improvement of the community.
- Seven members of the Kushk Rabat-e Sangi Women's Shura, in-line with their communications plan, met with the Director of DoWA in Herat Province on September 22nd. Women shared their problems in the district including illiteracy, unemployment and violence against women. The DoWA Director pledged to support the poor and marginalized women and said they will have short and long-term plans to address these challenges.
- The Shindand District Governor organized the 10th DSC meeting on September 23rd with participation of 73 people including 20 women. The DG talked about the importance of stability in the community. A female DSC member shared women's concerns and challenges in the district and asked the DSC to provide computers for the Shindand High School. By the end of the meeting, the Shindand Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee was established.
- On September 19th, a meeting was held between DRRD, NABDP and Herat National Security Department (NSD) Director. The NSD Director was briefed about the MRRD/Stability Program and was informed about the letter received from the Kushk-e-Rabat Sangi NSD that anti-government groups have threatened to kidnap and/or assassinate SIKA-West personnel within the district. It was agreed that the Herat NDS would take a few days to look at the situation before providing a final recommendation to DRRD to resume the programming.
- The DRRD weekly coordination meeting with the DRRD was held on September 21st and the last week activities and challenges were shared.



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- 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.

Ghor Province

- In-line with the communications plan, the Ghor Deputy Provincial Governor held a public meeting with 75 youth and civil society organizations' representatives on September 22nd. In an open discussion, participants talked about the importance of peace and stability and roles of youth and government in bringing peace in the community. By the end of the meeting, participants agreed and signed on a written letter to support the government activities in the district, raise public awareness on importance of literacy, fight with corruption, disseminate peace and unity messages and support women's rights.
- As part of the follow up activity to resolve the conflict between Alam and Azam tribes over a conflict started 20 years ago, the Shahrak Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC) members traveled to Oshvan village from September 16th to 18th. Following a total of 12 meetings with the different parties, both sides came to an agreement that they would stop carrying weapons and creating problems. Compensation payouts have been agreed to and any future problems will be solved through mediation.
- On September 21st, a coordination meeting was held with the DRRD and NABDP. The representative of NABDP was invited to attend the next Chaghcharan DSC meeting and provide information about their activities in the district.



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WHAT'S NEXT...

- **Farah** Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod DSC meetings will be held on September 24th and 25th.
- **Badghis** Muqur DSC meeting will be held on September 24th.
- **Herat** Pashtun Zarghun Police Commander will organize public meeting with influential people on September 28th.
- **Herat** Kushk Rabat-e Sangi youth will receive Media training on September 30th.
- **Ghor** Deputy Provincial Governor will meet with 60 women to talk about peace and tribal conflict on September 27th.
- **Ghor** Chaghcharan and Shahrak DSC meetings will be held on September 25th and 28th.