

WEEKLY BULLET POINTS

Farah Province

- The inter-district agricultural information exchange between 10 farmers from Bala Boluk and 10 farmers from Shindand District was held on September 11th. Farmers from Bala Boluk traveled to Shindand District of Herat Province and exchanged information on effective methods of pomegranate and wheat cultivation. This meeting was part of the Bala Boluk Farmers' Association communications plans.
- On September 12th, in-line with its communications plan, the Pusht-e Rod Youth Association organized a “Peace Poem Writing” competition to promote peace culture. Sixty youths, *Ulemas* and influential people attended the event.
- Training on Service Providers Catalogue (SPC) usage was provided to nine members of the Farah Provincial Council on September 14th. During the week, 18 copies of the SPC were distributed to the government line departments.
- The auto-mechanic training course in Shiwan Wasat and tailoring in Dehzak Akbar Abad communities in Bala Boluk District were completed. By the end of the month, 15 men and 15 women will receive toolkits to provide them with the opportunity to start a business.
- The Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod District Governors monitored the work progress of the community center refurbishment and water divider construction projects on September 12th. These visits are part of their communications plans to utilize the sub-projects implemented by CDCs as a tool to show how the government is delivering on services.
- On September 14th, the Bala Boluk District Governor visited the families of the victims of the fight between Afghan National Forces and Taliban in Ganj Abad village. The DG expressed sympathy and condolences and distributed food items provided by SIKA-West.
- The Pusht-e Rod District Governor, in-line with his communications plan, visited the Chine school and officially launched the first day of the school on September 15th. The DG encouraged parents to send their children to school. At the end of the ceremony, the DG distributed 200 notebooks to the students.
- Five literacy courses for 125 women in Bala Boluk District were completed. During the course women learned how to read and write basic sentences.
- Fourteen 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 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

- More than 900 people including youths, *Ulemas* and government officials watched the final football match in Qadis District. The two-week football tournament was organized to raise public awareness on the dangers of drug addiction. Speeches about the importance of sport were delivered and the winning team received a trophy provided by the Sport Department of Badghis Province.
- Two five-month auto-mechanic repairing 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.



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Herat Province

- On September 10th and 12th, two separate “Public Speaking” workshops were held for 36 female DSC members from Badghis and Farah, 32 female DSC members from Herat and Ghor Provinces and representatives of Herat DoWA, DRRD and Provincial Governor Office. The workshops aimed to increase the women’s confidence in sharing their challenges and grievances at the DCS meetings and build a network among the female DSC members. Women who have never spoken in public before gave short presentations at the podium using a microphone. At the end of the workshop, women exchanged telephone numbers to share ideas in the future.
- On September 12th, a meeting was held with the Kushk Rabat Sangi District Governor in order to find a solution to ongoing security issues in the district. At the end of the meeting the DG had agreed to organize a Jurga between relevant DEs and CDCs to gain community support..
- The weekly coordination meeting with the DRRD was held on September 14th. The meeting focused on the inauguration of the proposed projects. The DRRD mentioned that the Provincial Governor is interested to participate at the inauguration ceremonies.
- 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.



In total 68 female DSC members and representatives of DoWA and DRRD received Public Speaking training to increase their confidence in sharing their challenges and grievances at the DCS meetings.

Ghor Province

- The Ghor Deputy Provincial Governor (DPG) organized the Chaghcharan Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee coordination meeting with 83 *Ulemas* on September 11th. The DPG spoke about the tribal conflict, as a source of instability, and highlighted the important roles of *Ulema* in conflict resolution process. The DPG requested *Ulemas* to deliver peace and stability messages to the community. The *Ulemas* asked the DPG to include them in the Ghor High Peace Council, and decided to broadcast the achievements of this meeting through local media.



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- On September 14th, the Shahrak Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee held a meeting to discuss the conflict between Alam and Azam tribes over a conflict started 20 years ago which resulted in the deaths of almost 48 people from both sides in Oshan village. At the end of the meeting, a team of 30 members was assigned to travel to Oshan village on September 15th and mediate between the conflicted parties.
- The weekly coordination meeting with the DRRD was held on September 14th. An overview of the last week activities was presented.

WHAT'S NEXT...

- **Farah** Bala Boluk farmers, in-line with their communications plan, will hold coordination meeting with farmers to share their last month activities and challenges on September 18th.
- **Badghis** Qadis DSC meeting will be held on September 22nd.
- **Herat** A Jirga will be held at the Kushk Rabat Sangi District Center on September 17th to gain community support for the MRRD/SIKA-West program.
- **Herat** Kushk Rabat-e Sangi DG will organize the “Peace Ceremony” to celebrate the International Peace Day on September 21st.
- **Herat** Shindand DG meeting with the DDA members will be held on September 18th.
- **Herat** Pashtun Zarghun DG will hold a public meeting with 250 *Ulemas*, influential people and teachers on September 22nd.
- **Ghor** Deputy Provincial Governor will meet with 100 members of civil society organizations to discuss about the tribal conflicts on September 22nd.
- **Ghor** Chaghcharan DSC meeting will be held on September 23rd.