

# WEEKLY BULLET POINTS

## Farah Province

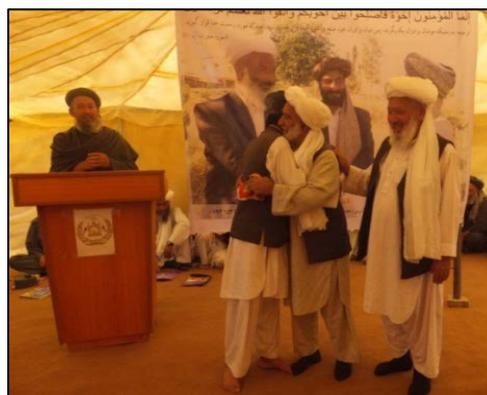
- As part of the Pusht-e Rod District Governor’s work plan, on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, training on ‘How to cultivate cucumber and onion’ was provided to 15 Pusht-e Rod farmers. The farmers learned the standard methods of cultivating and packaging of cucumber and onion. A short training on the Service Providers Catalogue (SPC) usage was provided and 15 copies of the SPC were disseminated.
- An overview of the status of the projects was presented at the weekly coordination meeting with the DRRD on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The DRRD Director asked SIKA-West to provide a detailed report to share with the Provincial Governor.
- The PST Manager attended a coordination meeting organized by the DRRD Director with participation of Farah Provincial Governor, NABDP, NSP and CHA representatives on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The SIKA-West achievements, ongoing activities and challenges were shared with the participants.
- The mobile phone repairing vocational training course in Kanisk Wasat community in Bala Boluk District was completed and 15 students received toolkits to allow them to start their own businesses.
- Five literacy courses for 125 women in Bala Boluk District were completed. Women learned how to read and write basic sentences.
- Thirteen labor intensive grants, including building water dividers and refurbishing community centers, are ongoing in Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod Districts. Six 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.



15 Pusht-e Rod farmers received ‘How to cultivate cucumber and onion’ training on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.



15 students of mobile phone repairing vocational training course received toolkits at the end of the six-month training to start their business.



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## Badghis Province

- In-line with his communications plan, the Qadis District Governor launched a Peace campaign on September 4<sup>th</sup>. As part of the campaign a public meeting was held with participation of 144 *Ulema*, elders and district officials. “This is our responsibility to bring peace in the community,” said an *Ulema* representative. The *Ulemas* used the opportunity to mediate between two politicians and resolved their conflicts. At the end of the meeting, a number of factsheets including education, health, government achievements and agriculture, complaint hotline number and peace brochures were distributed.
- Two separate five-day Project Management training courses were started for 28 members of seven CDCs from Muqur and 28 members of 10 CDCs from Qadis Districts on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Two five-month auto-mechanics 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.

## Herat Province

- The Shindand District Governor, in-line with his communications plan, organized a public meeting with 54 youths on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Shindand Executive Manager emphasized the importance of the youth in bringing security and asked them to join the Afghan National Security Forces. Youth requested the government to provide them education and employment opportunities.
- A five-day Project Management training was kicked off for 28 members of 7 CDCs in Pashtun Zarghun District on September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 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.



28 members of 7 CDCs in Pashtun Zarghun receive Project Management training on September 07<sup>th</sup>.

## Ghor Province

- The Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee (TCRC) held a meeting with the Ghor Deputy Provincial Governor and other government officials on September 5<sup>th</sup>. The participants discussed the conflict in Allah Yar community which included kidnapping and murder and the land dispute between Momini and Sardar tribes in Seya Chob area. By the end of the meeting, four people have been selected to work on these conflicts.
- The weekly coordination meeting with DRRD was held on September 5<sup>th</sup>. An overview of the last week's activities and future plan was presented. The DRRD will introduce a focal point to help the survey team during the feasibility survey in target Districts.



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## WHAT'S NEXT...

- **Ghor** Deputy Provincial Governor will meet with local *Ulema* on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **Farah** agricultural information sharing meeting between 10 farmers from Bala Boluk and 10 farmers from Shindand District has been organized for September 11<sup>th</sup>. Farmers from Bala Boluk will travel to Herat and attend the meeting in Shindand District.
- **Badghis** Project Management training for 48 members of Qadis and Muqur CDCs continues through 9/18.
- **Herat** Public Speaking workshop for 66 female DSC members among all four provinces to include DoWA and DRRD female staff on September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Herat** Kushk District Governor will meet this week at the SIKA-West compound to continue the all-Afghan effort in resolving the current security issue in the district.