

WEEKLY BULLET POINTS

Farah Province

Milestones Achieved

- The District Governor organized the Bala Boluk 12th DSC meeting on August 27th with a total of 91 people in attendance. The DG appreciated the presence of the Pusht-e Rod DSC members and *Ulemas* in the meeting and thanked the MRRD/Stability Program for providing the opportunity to discuss the district issues with the influential leaders. Following analysis of the previous identified sources of instability, some mitigation activities were proposed. 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 31 women DSC members at the DG home. Women shared their challenges specially lack of education facilities, lack of job opportunities and insecurity. At the end of the meeting a short training on the Service Providers Catalogue (SPC) usages was provided to the participants and 120 copies of the SPC were disseminated to the participants.
- The Khak-e-Safayd District Governor chaired the 2nd DSC meeting on August 31st with participation of 82 people. The DDA members and *Ulema* talked about the importance of stability and asked the participants to support the program. The DSC members were updated on the status of the implementation of the current mitigation activities and proposed and prioritized 11 new MA's.
- The Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod Districts Governors, in-line with their communications plan, met with the Farah Provincial Governor on September 2nd. The DGs reported on their MRRD/Stability Program activities and achievements in their districts.
- Thirty two copies of the Farah SPC were disseminated during the five-day Project Management training on August 28th to the members of 8 CDCs in Pusht-e Rod District.
- On September 2nd, 'Media' training was provided to 8 government staff from Khak-e-Safayd District. By the end of the training, participants learned about media relations, interview techniques and how to write press releases.
- During the week, the feasibility survey of four proposed projects in Khak-e-Safayd District was completed.
- Fifteen labor intensive grants, including building water dividers and refurbishing a community center, are ongoing in Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod Districts. Five projects are currently on-hold due to security issues and three projects were canceled with the funds placed back into the District Budget.
- Five auto-mechanic, mobile repairing, embroidery and tailoring vocational trainings in Bala Boluk and three Health Education training courses in Pusht-e Rod Districts are ongoing.



The Khak-e-Safayd DSC members proposed and prioritized 11 new mitigation activities during the meeting on August 31st.

Badghis Province

Milestones Achieved

- The Muqur 6th DSC meeting was held with support of the District Governor on August 27th. In total 150 people including 36 women participated in the meeting. DSC members were informed that they used their allocated budget and the future DSC meetings will be focused on the stabilization trainings, conflict

resolution activities and lobbying with other donors for their projects using the Service Providers Catalogue (SPC).

- The Qadis first *Ulema* and Tribal Engagement meeting, a mitigation activity identified by the DSC members, was held with participation of 200 religious scholars and government officials on September 1st. The DG used the meeting to discuss the security issues in Langar-e-Sharif Cluster.
- On September 2nd, the Muqur District Governor organized a meeting with 56 *Ulema* to share the district government activities and highlight the *Ulemas'* roles in bringing peace and security in the district. "This is the DG responsibility to share the district information with the community and provide opportunity for the residents to share their concerns with the government," said one of the *Ulema*.
- On August 29th, the weekly coordination meeting was held with the DRRD to share the Qadis and Muqur DSC meetings' outcomes.
- One five-month motor-bike repairing vocational training course for 15 men in Chashma Dozdak Sofla community in Muqur District is ongoing.
- Two six-month carpentry training courses are ongoing for 30 men in Jawaliq community in Qadis District.



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Herat Province

Milestones Achieved

- The Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District Governor, in-line with his communications plan, organized a public meeting with 40 teachers on August 27th. The DG emphasized the roles and responsibilities of the teachers in district development. Teachers shared the education challenges in the district.
- On September 2nd, in-line with the Kushk Rabat-e Sangi Women Shura communications plan, an 'Advocacy' training was provided to 40 women including DSC members, teachers and local women to raise their awareness and build their capacity to participate in the decision making process.
- The Pashtun Zarghun District Governor, in-line with his communications plan, organized a public meeting with 75 *Ulema* and religious elders to highlight their roles and responsibilities in rising school attendance on September 2nd. "Education is a must for our kids, both boys and girls. They are our future and this is our responsibility to provide them this opportunity," said the DG.
- Five carpet weaving vocational trainings for 125 women and five literacy courses for another 125 women in Shindand District are ongoing.
- On September 2nd, SIKA-West received a letter from the Kushk-e-Rabat Sangi National Security Department that anti-government groups have threatened to kidnap and/or assassinate SIKA-West personnel within the district. As a result, SIKA-West has suspended field activities within the district until this threat has been thoroughly investigated and the safety of our field personnel can be assured.



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Ghor Province

Milestones Achieved

- The Shahrak 4th DSC meeting was held on August 31st with participation of 92 people. The meeting aimed to update the DSC members on the Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee's activities and achievements. An overview of the status of the implementation of the mitigation activities was presented. Following the analysis of the identified sources of instability, some new mitigation activities were prioritized.
- The Chaghcharan six-month communications plan was approved by Deputy Provincial Governor and USAID.



New mitigation activities were prioritized by the Shahrak DSC members on August 31st.