

WEEKLY BULLET POINTS

Farah Province

Milestones Achieved

- On July 28th, the District Governor (DG) organized the 9th Pusht-e Rod DSC meeting with 50 people in attendance. The DSC members discussed and analyzed the presence of insurgent groups and influence of neighboring countries, two Sources of Instability (SOIs) identified previously, and proposed some new mitigation activities. At the end of the meeting, 10 copies of the Service Providers Catalogue (SPC) were disseminated to the DSC members. Eight women from Pusht-e Rod District participated in a separate meeting on the same day.
- As part of the anti-addiction campaign in Pusht-e Rod District, the Youth Association organized a roundtable and discussed about the dangers of drugs on July 24th. The roundtable was broadcast on Farah local radio.
- The 11th Bala Boluk DSC meeting was held on July 29th with participation of 47 people. The DSC members were updated on the status of the implementation of mitigation activities in Bala Boluk District. A separate meeting was held with 20 influential women in the District Governor's house. The women reviewed the SOIs and mitigation activities and agreed on the implementation of the proposed projects.
- To improve the communications between youth and government officials, the Pusht-e Rod Youth Association organized an *Iftar* (evening meal) on July 28th. Almost 100 officials, youth and *Ulemas* participated in this gathering. The District Governor delivered speeches about the roles of youth in the district and appreciated their initiatives during the last months, specially the football tournament.
- A three-day training on the Service Providers Catalogue (SPC) promotion, dissemination plan and public speaking was provided to the Herat and Farah PST Resource Development Officers.
- Twenty labor intensive grants, including building water dividers and refurbishing a community center, are ongoing in Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod Districts. Three projects are currently on-hold due to security issues.
- Five auto-mechanic, mobile repairing, embroidery and tailoring vocational trainings in Bala Boluk Districts are ongoing.



Eight women from Pusht-e Rod District participated in a gender-disaggregated DSC meeting on July 28th.



The Pusht-e Rod Youth Association organized an Iftar on July 28th.

Badghis Province

Milestones Achieved

- The Qadis District Governor received support to develop 'Peace Brochures' highlighting the responsibilities of the community members in bringing peace. One thousand copies of the brochure will be distributed during the peace campaign on August 2013.
- Two six-month carpentry training courses were launched for 30 men in Jawaliq community in Qadis District.

Herat Province

Milestones Achieved

- In order to improve the communications between *Ulema* and religious leaders, the Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District Governor organized a public meeting with 40 *Ulemas* on July 23rd. The DG highlighted the important roles of *Ulema* in bringing peace and stability in the community and asked them to promote peace through their sermons at prayers. The meeting was part of the DG communications plan.
- A three-day ‘Project Cycle Management’ training was provided to 18 members of five CDCs in Pashtun Zarghun District from July 23rd to 25th.
- Five carpet weaving vocational trainings for 125 women and five literacy courses for another 125 women in Shindand District are ongoing.



Women in Shindand District receive carpet weaving training.

Ghor Province

Milestones Achieved

- A coordination meeting was held with the Director of Department of Women’s Affairs (DoWA) to invite 40 women from government and non-government entities to participate in the communications training scheduled for August 6th.
- During the week, the feasibility survey of road rehabilitation projects in Nahoor Shewij, Akhta khana Sufla, kharestan, Rakhna Safid and Cheshma Sakina communities in Chaghcharan District was completed.