

# WEEKLY BULLET POINTS

## Farah Province

### Milestones Achieved

- On July 8<sup>th</sup>, ‘Communications Skills Building’ training was provided to nine Khak-e-Safayd District government staff.
- A coordination meeting was held with the Farah Provincial Governor on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Participants included the DRRD Director, IDLG Regional Coordinator and SIKA-West senior staff. An overview of the MRRD/Stability program activities in Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod Districts was presented to the Farah Governor.
- On July 14<sup>th</sup>, a Project Implementation Coordination meeting was held with 13 representatives from seven CDCs to discuss 10 projects that have been put on hold due to direct threats from AGE. Following the meeting CDC representatives said that tribal elders and *Mullahs* from the community would be reaching out to anti-government elements to find a solution to this issue.
- The Bala Boluk Farmers’ Union, in-line with its communications plan, received three loudspeakers to be used for public announcements.
- 21 Labor intensive grants, building water dividers and refurbishing a community center, are ongoing in Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod Districts.
- Five Auto-mechanic, mobile repairing, embroidery and tailoring vocational trainings in Bala Boluk Districts are ongoing.

## Badghis Province

### Milestones Achieved

- On July 14<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was held with the Deputy Provincial Council Director to invite him to the upcoming DSC meetings. During the meeting an overview of the MRRD/Stability program’s objectives and activities was presented.
- On July 14<sup>th</sup>, Introduction to Stability Program orientation training was provided to 31 women from Qadis District. Topics included definition of stability, sources of instability and root causes. The participants have also been invited to participate in the DSC meetings.
- During the week, the Qadis District Governor, in-line with his communications plan, distributed a series of factsheets and poster highlighting district government services available to residents including health, education, and agriculture.



31 women from Qadis District receive Introduction to Stability Program orientation training on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Herat Province

### Milestones Achieved

- On July 9<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was held with the Shindand District Governor to discuss the use of the ‘Complaint Hotline’ and dissemination of a ‘Peace Poster’. The DG will distribute 500 copies of the poster in public places including clinics, schools and mosques. He also assigned his secretary as the Complaint Hotline focal point.
- On July 15<sup>th</sup>, the Pashtun Zarghun DG chaired the 6<sup>th</sup> DSC with participation of 77 people including 17 women. The meeting aimed to



A woman in Pashtun Zarghun DSC meeting delivered speeches about the roles of women in the community on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

update the participants on the status of the implementation of mitigating activities and propose new projects. By the end of the meeting, the DSC members identified and prioritized 15 soft and hard projects. Women attended the meeting and delivered speeches about the role of women in the community, and announced their support from the MRRD/Stability Program.

- Two carpet weaving vocational training courses were inaugurated in Qalai Rahmdel and Chahar Gosh communities in Shindand District on July 14<sup>th</sup>. These six-month trainings for 50 women were proposed by the DSC members.

## Ghor Province

### Milestones Achieved

- On July 14<sup>th</sup>, ‘How to Develop a Communications Plan’ was provided to two Chaghcharan Youth Association communications focal points. Topics included structure of a plan, objectives and goals, activity time-line and messaging.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Shahrak DSC meeting was held with the participation of 63 people including 12 line-departments representatives, 6 DDA members, 44 community observers and one DRRD staff on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was focused on project selection and establishing the Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee. By the end of the meeting 20 projects have been proposed by the participants. The Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee has been assigned to work on the current conflict between Alam and Azam tribes.
- A coordination meeting was held between the USAID representatives in Chaghcharan, Ghor Provincial Peace Council; PRT representative and SIKA-West staff on July 9<sup>th</sup>. The meeting aimed to boost coordination between the Peace Council and the SIKA-West. The Peace Council and SIKA-West presented an overview of their objectives and activities in Ghor Province. The USAID representative asked SIKA-West to provide technical support to the peace council for to develop capacity.



The Shahrak DSC members vote on the projects selection during the 3<sup>rd</sup> DSC meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup>.