

WEEKLY BULLET POINTS

Farah Province

Milestones Achieved

- On July 2nd, the Pusht-e Rod District Farmers Union, in-line with its communications plan, held a meeting with the Farah DAIL Director to share issues regarding poor irrigation systems and lack of a market for agricultural products. The DAIL Director pledged to find a solution using available resources.
- The MRRD/Stability Program was successfully rolled-out into Khak-e-Safayd District on July 7th. The first DSC meeting was held with participation of 49 people. The Stability Program's objectives and its components were explained. Following the Stability Analysis Mechanism (SAM) training, the participants identified three Sources of Instability (SOIs) including insecurity, poverty and illiteracy, and proposed some potential mitigating activities.
- A four-day 'Management and Leadership' training was kicked off for 23 Farah DRRD staff on July 7th. Topics included general management, how to conduct a needs assessment, leadership, leadership style, project cycle management and community mobilization.
- On July 6th, in-line with the Farmers Union communications plan, to boost communications between farmers in Bala Boluk District, a coordination meeting was held between 50 farmers, who shared the outcomes of the Marketing training they received in Herat Province on June 29th.
- The Bala Boluk Farmers Union organized a coordination meeting with the Farah DAIL and exchanged ideas regarding improvements to saffron cultivation in Bala Boluk District on July 8th.
- On July 8th, 'Communications Skills Building' training was provided to nine Khak-e-Safayd District government staff.
- The Farah Gender Working Group meeting was re-established on July 2nd with participation of government and non-government organizations interested in gender activities. The participants exchanged information about gender-related activities.
- Labor intensive grants, building water dividers and refurbishing a community center, are ongoing in Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod Districts.
- Auto-mechanic, mobile repairing, embroidery and tailoring vocational trainings in Bala Boluk Districts are ongoing.



10 farmers from Pusht-e Rod District held a meeting with DAIL Director on July 2nd.



50 farmers from Bala Boluk District gathered and talked about Saffron cultivation extension.

Badghis Province

Milestones Achieved

- On July 3rd, in-line with the DG's communications plan, a mobile phone was provided to the Qadis District Governor's Office as part of the proposed 'Complaint Hotline'. The complaint hotline, manned by a government official, will be set up in the near future to allow residents to share concerns with district officials.

- A coordination meeting was held with the participation of the Badghis Provincial Governor, DRRD Director, USAID, representative, Herat US Consulate Deputy Stabilization Officer and SIKA-West senior staff on July 2nd. The meeting aimed to inform the DRRD of the upcoming HQ quarterly coordination meeting and provide an overview of the MRRD/Stability Program to the Provincial Governor. The DRRD pledged to participate in the quarterly coordination meeting as well as DSC meetings in Qadis and Muqur Districts.
- Three-day ‘Project Cycle Management’ training was kicked-off for 12 members of three CDCs in Muqur District on July 6th.



12 members of three CDCs in Muqur District receive ‘Project Cycle Management’ training on July 6th.

Herat Province

Milestones Achieved

- The Shindand District Governor, in-line with his communications plan, distributed a series of factsheets covering justice, health, district hospital, women and the district directory to residents on July 2nd.
- The Kushk Rabat-e Sangi Women’s Shura with support of Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) provided ‘Local Law and Basic Human Rights’ training to 40 women from Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District on July 5th.
- On July 7th, the Pashtun Zarghun District Governor organized a public meeting with 41 farmers. The meeting aimed to share the district governor’s activities and listen to farmers’ concerns. The head of DDA encouraged the farmers to cultivate saffron, a crop that significantly helps the growth of the economy in the district. The meeting was part of the DG communications plan.
- On July 2nd, in-line with the DG’s communications plan, a mobile phone was provided to the Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District Governor’s Office as part of the proposed ‘Complaint Hotline’.
- The Kushk Rabat-e Sangi 7th DSC meeting was held with participation of 86 people including 20 women on July 7th. Following an overview of the SOIs and mitigating activities, 12 hard and 7 vocational training projects were proposed and prioritized. Women who attended this meeting delivered speeches about the roles of women in the community and announced their support of the MRRD/Stability Program.



40 women from Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District receive “Local Law and Basic Human Rights” training on July 5th.

Ghor Province

Milestones Achieved

- On July 2nd, ‘Main Elements of Communications’ training was provided to 30 Chaghcharan Youth Association members. The training helped the youth to understand the differences between message and slogan, identifying the audiences and choosing the effective means to reach the audiences.
- On July 3rd, the Ghor Deputy PG chaired the 4th Chaghcharan DSC with participation of 72 people including seven influential women. The meeting discussed SOIs identified in previous meetings. By the meeting’s end, 20 hard projects and one soft MA to support the Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee had been prioritized.



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