

WEEKLY BULLET POINTS

Farah Province

Milestones Achieved

- On June 29th, a joint ‘Saffron Producing’ training was provided to 25 farmers from Bala Boluk District of Farah and Pashtun Zarghun District of Herat Province at the Herat Department of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (DAIL) offices. By the end of the training, farmers learned different methods of Saffron cultivation and processing. “This would be a great step for enhancing the agreements and collaboration between Herat and Farah farmers,” said the DAIL Director. On June 30th, a site visit was facilitated to Pashtun Zarghun District to provide practical training to the farmers, covering methods they had learned the previous day.
- On June 25th, in-line with communications plans, mobile phones were given to the Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod District Governors’ 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.
- On June 30th, Project Implementation and Quality Control training was provided to 16 foremen and supervisors of the Todanak Haji Malek Shier Khan, Khwajahan, Gajgin and Tapah-e- Sadat CDCs of Bala Boluk and Pusht-e Rod Districts.
- On June 27th, the Bala Boluk District Governor organized the 10th regular DSC meeting with participation of 56 people including 10 women. An overview of the ongoing projects in Bala Boluk was presented. The *Ulema* delivered a speech about the importance of peace and stability and expressed their full support to the program. Some new mitigation activities were proposed by the DSC members including vocational trainings and water dividers.
- On June 26th, a meeting was held with a representative of UNAMA in Farah Province. An overview of the MRRD/Stability program gender-components was presented.
- Table below shows project implementation status in Bala Boluk District:



On June 30th, the *Babai Saffron* (Father of Saffron) showed the farmers how to prepare the land for Saffron cultivation.

| BALA BOLUK PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITY | | | |
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| # | Project Details | CDC implementer | Work completed during the week |
| BB-03-004 | Construction of 4 unit water dividers | Khawaja Han | Security issues – work on hold for the week. |
| BB-03-005 | Construction of 4 unit water dividers | Garani Ziarat | Security issues – work on hold for the week. |
| BB-01-002 | Refurbishment of one story building Community Center | Kanisk Payeen (Lower) | Security issues – work on hold for the week. |
| BB-03-009 | Construction of 10 unit water dividers | Tapah Sadat | Excavation of 5 new water dividers foundation 100% completed. Pointing of Fasje Bala Zera Gora water divider 100% completed. |
| BB-04-001 | Construction of 14 unit water dividers | Amin Abad | Due to threats from anti-government elements and the reported theft of project funding from the CDC, the project has been stopped until the CDC is able to settle this issue. |
| BB-03-010 | Construction of 11 unit water dividers | Khwaja Kheder | Couldn't start work due to security concerns |
| BB-03-006 | Construction of 8 unit | Todanak Malik Shir | Stone masonry, pointing, Dry/Grouting Stone Pitching of two |

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| | water dividers | Khan | water dividers 100% completed. PCC on the two water divider walls 97% completed. |
| BB-03-008 | Construction of 8 water dividers | Todanak Ab Wadood | PCC under foundation of one divider 100% completed. PCC under foundation of one divider 30% completed. Stone masonry of one water divider 20% completed. |
| BB-04-003 | Construction of 13 water dividers | Safarak | Stone masonry, Dry /Grouting, stone pitching, and Pointing of two water dividers 100% completed. PCC on the two water divider walls 97% completed. All activities of third water divider 100% completed. |
| BB-01-001 | Refurbishment of Aqa Del Community Center | Shiwan Payeen | Due to security problems they could not continue their work during the week. |
| BB-03-002 | Construction of 4 unit water dividers | Alokozi (Grani) | Due to threats from anti-government elements and the reported theft of project funding from the CDC, the project has been stopped until the CDC is able to settle this issue. |

- Auto-mechanic, mobile repairing, embroidery and tailoring vocational trainings in Bala Boluk Districts are ongoing.

Badghis Province

Milestones Achieved

- On June 25th, a coordination meeting was held with the Director of Department of Women Affairs (DoWA) to plan the upcoming Badghis Gender Working Group meeting in the coming week.
- The Muqur District Governor’s communications plan was developed and signed on June 26th.
- A coordination meeting was held with the Peace Training Research Organization (PTRO) on June 29th. Both parties shared their activities in Badghis. The PTRO pledged to provide training to 60 members of the Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee in Qadis District.
- The weekly coordination meeting between the DRRD and USAID was held on June 27th. The DRRD Director suggested providing an incentive for the participants of the upcoming vocational trainings.

Herat Province

Milestones Achieved

- On June 25th, in-line with their communications plan, the Kushk Rabat-e Sangi women *shura*, with support of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) provided ‘Human Rights’ training to 40 women in Kushk Rabat-e Sangi district. The training aimed to boost women’s legal and civil rights awareness according to Islam and *Sharia* law. At the end of the training, an overview of the AIHRC’s objectives and their available services was provided to the participants.
- On July 1st, the 8th Shindand DSC meeting was held with participation of 96 people including 25 women, a significant number comparing to the previous DSC meetings. Following an overview of the sources of instability, a number of mitigating activities were proposed and prioritized by the DSC members. The influential *Ulema* invited by DG delivered speeches about the importance of stability and announced their support and commitment to the MRRD/Stability program.
- On June 26th, the Kushk Rabat-e Sangi District Governor organized a public meeting with 31 district athletes. The District Executive Manager emphasized the important roles of sport in bringing peace



Women in Kushk Rabat-e Sangi district receive ‘Human Rights’ training on June 25th.



A female DSC member share women’s concerns in the district and ask the DSC members to involve women in decision making process during the Shindand DSC meeting on July 1st.

and stability in the community, and asked the youth to encourage their friends to sport. “Government should engage youth in sport by providing sport facilities in the district,” said one of the athletes. The meeting was part of the DG communications plan.

Ghor Province

Milestones Achieved

- On June 24th, ‘Main Elements of Communications’ training was provided to 20 Shahrak District officials. The participants understood the importance of communication, identifying audiences and benefiting available tools to reach those audiences. The training ended with conducting communications needs assessment and a follow-on ‘How to Develop Communications Plan’ training for identified focal points.
- On June 26th, the 2nd Shahrak DSC meeting was held with participation of 75 people including 15 line departments’ representatives, 11 DDA members, 48 community observers and 1 DRRD staff. An overview of the MRRD/Stability Program, project criteria and prioritization process was presented. The DSC members decided to consult with their respected community members and come back with a list of mitigating activities at the next DSC meeting.
- From June 22nd to 28th, the Tribal Conflict Resolution Committee, working in cooperation with the Ghor Provincial Peace Committee, organized several meetings and discussions with the Awlad-e-Morad, Awlad-e-Qasir and Awlad-e-Aman tribal leaders in Allah Yar village to resolve the current conflicts in the area, which included kidnapping and murder. By the end of the mission, a number of conflicts have been resolved by the committee.



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