

WEEKLY BULLET POINTS

Farah Province

Milestones Achieved

- On May 26th, the Pusht-e Rod District Governor with support of MRRD/Stability Program organized the 7th DSC meeting with participation of 25 people including 13 line departments' representatives, 1 DDA member, 9 observers and 2 DRRD staff. An overview of the mitigating activities, project implementation and first milestone payment was presented. During the meeting DSC members established a district level *Ulema* council to improve peace and stability.
- The Bala Boluk farmers' union received support to develop a six-month communications plan aimed at improving methods of communications to raise agricultural productivity and modernize agriculture across the district.
- As part of his communications plan, the Bala Boluk District Governor organized a 'Youth Peace Movement' on May 22nd. Youth wrote peace messages on mud walls covered with bullet holes, hoping never to hear gunfire again. "Youth in Bala Boluk are tired of war and want peace", said one of the youth. "We want peace to have a better future. We do not want fights in our district anymore", he added. The Bala Boluk District Governor encouraged youth to promote peace in the district and said, "Youth are Bala Boluk's future, study well, this is your biggest movement for peace and prosperity in the district".
- On May 21st, marketing training was provided to 13 farmers from Khak-e-Safayd District. The training aimed to introduce effective techniques to increase agricultural productivity and gain provincial markets. At the end of the training farmers understood the importance of marketing and segmentation of market in meeting customers' needs.
- On May 22nd, marketing training was provided to 27 farmers from different villages in Bala Boluk District.
- On May 27th, the Pusht-e Rod Youth Association held coordination meetings with the Farah Counter Narcotic Directorate and the Youth Department under the Information and Culture Directorate. The meeting aimed to coordinate the upcoming football tournament planned by the youth association to raise public awareness on the dangers of poppies and drug addiction. The Directorates' pledged to provide anti-addiction posters and banners during the tournament, and to provide a trophy for the winning team.
- The Kanisk Paen and Tapah Sadat CDCs have been working on demolition of old wall and excavation of foundations of community centers refurbishment, part of projects aimed at improving education.



Pusht-e Rod DSC members receive information regarding the projects implementation and first milestone payment process during the 7th DSC meeting.



"Youth are thirsty for peace", a youth is writing on a mud wall on May 22nd during the Youth Peace Movement.

Badghis Province

Milestones Achieved

- On May 27th, the Qadis Youth Association held a public meeting with more than 50 influential people including the District Governor, *Ulema* and community elders to present information regarding the district youth activities. “Youth are the backbone of the society. Without their involvement and participation it is impossible to reach development in Qadis District”, said of the *Mullahs*. The District Governor requested youth to contribute in peace promotion through youth activities. This meeting was part of the Qadis youth association's communications plan.
- On May 26th, Nutrition training was provided to 9 female Qadis DSC and CDCs members. The training aimed to increase women's knowledge on advantages of fruits and vegetables.



The Qadis District Governor requested youth to contribute in peace promotion through youth activities during the public meeting on May 27th.

Herat Province

Milestones Achieved

- On May 22nd, in-line with the communications plan, the Kushk Rabat-e Sangi Women's Shura held a public meeting for 46 people including the District Governor, district women, and *Ulema* to exchange information regarding women's roles in bringing peace and security in the district. “Women have a significant role in the promotion of peace. Children need to experience peace in their family and then convey it to the society which is the mother's responsibility,” said the District Governor. A woman asked the District Governor to provide them the opportunity to freely attend school. “Education for women and girls is a must. Educated mothers can present righteous children to society,” she added.
- On May 25th, the Pashtun Zarghun District Governor communications plan was signed. The plan aims to encourage local resident's to collaborate with government to ensure district security.
- On May 26th, the Shindand District Governor received ‘Media Relation’ training. The training covered interview techniques, building news and writing press releases. By the end of training, the DG received mentoring to write messages about peace and do a radio interview with Tanin Local Radio, which was broadcast later that day.
- On May 27th, a coordination meeting was held with the Engineering Department of Herat DRRD and MRRD/SIKA-West Regional Coordinator to discuss the DPPs and BoQ, and process of the projects selection and cost estimation.
- During the week, five grant applications for Shindand District have been sent to USAID for review and approval.
- The Pashtun Zarghun 5th DSC meeting scheduled for May 27th was postponed because the District Governor was engaged with military operation in the district. The meeting is rescheduled for June 1st.



A Kushk Rabat-e Sangi woman asked the District Governor to provide them the opportunity to freely attend school during the public meeting on May 22nd.