

Weekly Bullets

Farah Province

- On April 14th, more than 30 school children attended a ‘Kids Drawing for Peace’ event, which was part of the Pusht-e Rod District Governor’s communications plan. Children wrote messages on a ‘Peace Wall’ and painted peace-related pictures, which they then carried throughout the district calling for peace in the community. 12-year-old Hayatulla, one of the children at the event, said: “War has destroyed our community and we children want peace”. The District Governor welcomed the children’s initiative by saying: “This is the first time we have experienced a peace movement from the community, especially the children in Farah”.
- In line with the Pusht-e Rod District Governor’s communications plan a public meeting was organized with 15 farmers and members of farmers’ cooperatives on April 10th to highlight government actions towards improving agriculture in the district. During the meeting farmers identified issues such as lack of improved seeds, lack of short term loans, lack of markets, and poor irrigation as their main problems. They asked the District Governor to provide them with trainings on the cultivation of onions and cucumber, and on improving marketing skills.
- The second round of Project Management training was kicked off for 40 members of 10 Bala Boluk CDCs on April 14th. By the end of the five-day training, participants will learn how to prepare a project work plan, procurement plan, activity summary and timeline, readying them for the first milestone payment.
- Three six-month vocational training courses including auto mechanic and mobile repair for 30 men and tailoring for 15 women were kicked off with an opening ceremony on April 8th in Bala Boluk District.
- To date, USAID has approved 22 Grant Applications put forward by the Bala Buluk DSC and four for the Pusht-e Rod DSC.



Hayatulla (far right) holds a ‘We Children Want Peace’ poster during the “Kids Drawing for Peace” event on April 14th.



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Badghis Province

- On April 13th, the Badghis PST Stability Officer traveled to Muqur District to visit the flood affected villages and invite DDA member to the next DSC meeting in order to discuss potential rehabilitation projects.
- On April 9th, ‘Main Elements of Communications’ training was provided to 15 Muqur DSC members, covering messaging, identifying audiences and selecting means for effective communication. On April 11th, the ‘How to Develop a Communications Plan’ training was provided to two Muqur communications focal points.
- The Qadis Youth Association held a meeting with the Director of Badghis Information and Culture Department on April 10th to coordinate their upcoming volleyball tournament, which is being organized to support education and school attendance – part of the associations



Muqur DSC members will decide at the next meeting whether to use grant funding to help rebuild Kharistan, a flood affected village in the district.

communications plan. During the meeting the Director pledged his support for youth activities and said he will provide the winning team with a trophy.

Herat Province

- During the week, feasibility surveys of two proposed projects in Pashtun Zarghun, seven in Kushk Rabat-e Sangi and six in Shindand Districts were completed.
- As part of efforts to address illiteracy and lack of education, an Sol identified by Shindand DSC members, a meeting was held between the Shindand Deputy Chief of Police and the PST Stabilization Officer on April 15th to raise the possibility of a coordination meeting between the DSC, Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and community elders to guarantee the safe passage of children to schools and improve security in schools.



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Additional Herat-based HQ Support

- On April 14th, the PST Managers, deputies and DST Leaders participated in a three-day Facilitation training, which will be used to improve the quality of DSC meetings.
- On April 14th, a three-day Communications and Resource Development training was provided to three Provincial Resource Development Officers from Badghis, Farah and Herat Provinces. The topics included, an introduction to communications, communications plan development, introduction to resource development, overview of data collection for SPC and maintenance of the SPC. The training will be cascaded to the DRRD staff and district line departments.