

Weekly Bullets

Farah Province

- On April 7th, as part of the Bala Boluk District Governor’s communications plan, a public meeting was held with 33 farmers to discuss agriculture issues in the district. The Governor spoke on modernization of agriculture in Bala Boluk District and asked that farmers stop growing poppy. “Let’s earn a *Halal* income for our families and not harm society by growing poppy,” he said during the meeting. Farmers complained about the lack of proper irrigation systems and poor quality seeds as the main problems they face in transitioning to other crops, which may be potential grant projects.
- The Bala Boluk District Governor received support to develop a district health fact sheet. This is one of a series of district government fact sheets for Bala Boluk District, which highlight government services across the district and provide useful information for the community.
- Ongoing literacy and vocational trainings in Farah Province included tailoring training for 30 women and five literacy courses for 125 female beneficiaries in Bala Boluk, along with six literacy courses for 150 students (25 female, 125 male) in Pusht-e Rod, and a basic computer course for 11 people (2 females and 9 males) at the Farah DRRD.



The District Governor spoke on modernization of agriculture in Bala Boluk District and asked farmers not to grow poppy during a public meeting on April 7th.

Badghis Province

- The Qadis District Governor was provided with support and guidance to develop an education factsheet. The factsheet contains information on education facilities in the district and guidance on how parents can enroll their children for the upcoming school year. The factsheet is one of the activities in the district governor’s office communication plan.
- On April 8th, as part of activities to implement a Tribal Engagement Meeting, which was proposed as a mitigating activity by Qadis DSC members, tribal leader information was collected from the District Governor.
- On April 8th, five DRRD staff were provided with Conflict Resolutions Skills training.
- Computer capacity building training for 11 Badghis DRRD staff remains ongoing.



Herat Province

- On April 7th, as part of communications capacity building activities, 30 Pashtun Zarghun DSC members were provided with communications training. Topics included messaging, identifying audiences and choosing effective means for reaching different people. The next training will cover ‘How to Develop a Communication Plan’.
- On April 8th, in line with the Shindand District Governor’s Communication Plan, a second coordination meeting was held with the participation of 20 senior government staff. The participants reported their last month’s activities and plans for the coming month. The District Governor shared information regarding the poppy eradication program and school-book distribution in Shindand District with the participants.
- On April 3rd, community engagement in Pashtun Zarghun was improved when 60 people attended a meeting organized by the Pashtun Zarghun District Governor. District Entity representatives, DDAs and community leaders came together in their own time to discuss projects proposed by DSC members. At the end of the meeting



additional projects were proposed including a bridge construction over the Heray Rod River. These additional projects will be included in the agenda of the next DSC meeting.

- In Shindand, five literacy courses for 125 female beneficiaries were ongoing.

Ghor Province

- On April 2nd, the SIKA-West Chief of Party and Senior Provincial Coordinator traveled to Chaghcharan and briefed the Ghor Deputy Provincial Governor on the MRRD/Stability Program. The Deputy Governor expressed his readiness and support of the first DSC meeting, scheduled on April 29th. In addition, recruiting interviews were also conducted for the Ghor PST Manager and Operations staff.

Additional Herat-based HQ Support

- On April 8th, the pilot baseline survey questionnaire was tested on 20 respondents (10 male, 10 Female) in Herat Province. Some minor changes to the questionnaire were proposed by the contractor recruited to implement the survey. Next week it is expected that the baseline survey will start in six districts of Herat, Farah and Badghis Provinces.



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