

WEEKLY REPORT

Farah Province

Milestones Achieved

- On February 4th, as part of roll-out activities for Khaki Safed District a meeting was held at the district center with the participation of 65 people including the District Governor, line departments' representatives and influential leaders. During the meeting the MRRD/Stability Program was introduced to the participants. The program was welcomed by the District Governor and he requested that the people attending support it.
- The feasibility survey and cost estimation of the 10 km road rehabilitation project featured in DPP #1 in Pusht-e Rod District was completed on February 4th.
- The technical survey of 57 water divider projects in Qala Mulla Aman, and Shahr-e-Kohna Community Development Councils (CDCs) featured in DPP #1 in Pusht-e Rod District were completed.
- The Project Priority Agreement (PPA) and Mirab Agreement for water divider projects in Qala Mulla Aman and Shahr-e-Kohna CDCs featured in DPP #1 in Pusht-e Rod District were signed.
- The feasibility survey of Massow canal excavation and Panj Joft Gaw canal protection wall projects featured in DPP #1 in Pusht-e Rod District was completed on February 6th.
- The drawings and quantity estimation of water divider projects in Tapa Shiran and Gajgin CDCs featured in DPP #1 of Pusht-e Road District was completed.
- Following a meeting with the DRRD Director, a draft Dissemination Concept was prepared for the Farah Service Provider Catalogue (SPC), detailing the distribution process and proposed recipients. This concept also provides guidance on the numbers of catalogues to be printed and how the SPC would be presented across different levels of target audiences including district entities and communities.
- As part of activities to develop a communications plan for the Pusht-e Rod Youth Association, a profile which containing the background information about the association, its past activities and future plans was developed.
- During the week USAID provided feedback and then approved 11 out of 19 Grant Applications for Bala Buluk District.
- In Bala Buluk, one vocational training for 15 women and five literacy courses for 125 female beneficiaries are ongoing.
- In Pusht-e Rod, three literacy courses for 75 students (25 female, 50 male) are ongoing.
- In Farah DRRD one computer course for 11 people (2 females and 9 males) is on ongoing.



Roll-out meeting, Khaki Safed District on February 4th.



Water divider technical survey, Qala Mulla Aman village.

- To date 31 employees (Professional staff: 2 female, 21 male; and Support staff: 1 female, 7 male) have been hired, and 4 positions are in the recruitment process. In addition to this number, 10 STTAs have been directly hired as literacy, computer and tailoring instructors.

Challenges/Action

- The CDCs Capacity Assessment and Grant Application forms for the Dehzak CDC featured in DPP#3 and Safarak CDC featured in DPP#4 in Bala Buluk District were postponed due to re-election of the CDCs Board of Management.

Forward Looking

- Sign Project Priority Agreement (PPA) and Mirab Agreement with the Gaskin, Balandi, and Tang Namada, CDCs featured in DPP #1 Pusht-e-Rod District.
- Sign the PPA, and CDC capacity assessment forms for the Khoja Abdullah Bidar and Mulla Mohammad Yaqoob school refurbishment projects featured in DPP #1 in Pusht-e-Rod District.
- Sign the CDC capacity assessment forms with the Gajgin, Tapa and Tapa-e-Shiran CDCs for the water divider projects featured in DPP #1 in Pusht-e-Rod District.
- Conduct the fifth Pusht-e-Rod and seventh Bala Buluk DSC meetings rescheduled for February 10th and 12th.

Badghis Province

Milestones Achieved

- During the week a series of capacity building trainings including, CDC Needs Assessments, CDC Project Priority Agreement, CDC Grant Application, conflict resolution and leadership were provided to Badghis PST and DST staff.
- On February 4th, a series of capacity building trainings including, CDC Grants Application Process, Survey and Checklist, Report Writing and Project Site Visit Assessment and Conflict Resolution were provided to six Qadis District government staff including the District Governor.
- To date 28 employees (Professional staff: 2 female, 18 male; Support staff: 0 female, 8 male) have been hired, and 7 positions are being recruited.



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Capacity Building trainings for Qadis District government staff on February 4th.

Challenges/Action

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Forward Looking

- Conduct Project Cycle Management Training for Qadis District government staff
- Conduct Qadis and Muqur DSC needs assessments
- Conduct Conflict Resolution Training for Qadis DDA members

Herat Province

Milestones Achieved

- On February 3rd, as part of communications capacity building activities for Kushk DSC members, training on “Main Elements of Communications” was provided to 37 DSC members. At the end of the training three people were selected as the DSC communications focal points. On the same day, training on “How to Develop a Communications Plan” was provided to the selected focal points. At the end of the training a Communications Plan was drafted.
- On February 5th, a series of capacity building trainings including, CDC Grants Application Process, Report Writing and Project Site Visit Assessment and Stability Trends were provided to 38 Shindand District government staff .
- On February 4th, the Communications Department worked with the Shindand Acting District Governor to send a pilot SMS to 385 elders and *Arbabs* across the district. The message announced the near completion of the new Shindand hospital. SMS is an excellent way to reach remote tribal leaders quickly on important issues, and the pilot will be replicated in other districts.
- Communications plans’ of the Kushk Women’s Shura, the District Governor and the Farmers’ Cooperative have been drafted and are now under the review.
- To date 30 employees (Professional staff: 4 female, 21 male; Support staff: 1 female, 4 male) have been hired, and 6 positions are being recruited.



Main Elements of Communications training for Kushk DSC members on February 3rd.

Challenges/Action

- Main Elements of Communications training scheduled for the Pashtun Zarghun District Government staff on February 4th was canceled due to floods. The training has been rescheduled for February 12th.

Forward Looking

- Conduct Site Survey Training for Shindand District Governmental staff on February 10th.
- Conduct the “Main Elements of Communications” training to Pashtun Zarghun District Government staff on February 12th and “How to Develop a Communications Plan” training to their communications focal points on February 13th.

Additional Herat-based HQ Support

- A one-day environmental screening training was provided to HQ and Herat PST, Shindand and Kushk DST Community Development staff on February 5th.
- On January 30th, media training was provided to all communications HQ, PST and Bala Buluk DST staff. The training covered basic media relations, press interview techniques and how to write a press release. Communication staff will begin media training with district level leadership at the end of February.
- To date 84 employees (Professional staff: 13 female, 49 male; Support staff: 10 female, 12 male) have been hired, and 15 positions are being recruited.