

WEEKLY REPORT

Farah Province

Milestones Achieved

- On December 30th and 31st, orientation training on Stabilization Programming and the Stability Analysis Mechanism (SAM) were provided to 16 newly recruited PST and DST staff in Farah Province.
- The technical surveys of 18 water divider projects in Shahr-e-Kohna village in Pusht-e Rod District were undertaken.
- The technical survey of 30 water dividers in Gerani, 10 water dividers in Tapa Sadat, and 10 water dividers in Khoja Khedr villages featured in DPP # 3 in Bala Baluk District were undertaken.
- Project Priority Agreements (PPA) for Shiwan, Kanisk, and Dehzak community center refurbishment projects recommended in DPP #1 in Bala Baluk District were signed. The Project Priority Agreement is a document whereby the Community Development Council (CDC) accepts implementation responsibilities that include: cooperation with the DRRD in project planning an implementation, the provision of project security, safe storage of project equipment, public use of the completed project, adherence to a Maintenance Plan upon project completion, and a 10% community contribution.
- Four key informant interviews with Pusht-e Rod youth association representatives were completed for a communications related baseline.
- To date 31 employees (7 female, 24 male) have been hired, and 8 positions are being recruited.



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Shahr-e-Kohna Water Divider
technical survey, Dec 25th.

Challenges/Action

- The presence of Anti-Government Elements (AGEs) in Bala Baluk and Pusht-e Rod Districts constitutes a security threat for HQ and PST staff attending the DSC meetings, therefore; coordination has been made with Districts Governors to escort the team for the DSC meetings.

Forward Looking

- The Pusht-e Rod and Bala Baluk DSC meetings are scheduled for January 6th and 8th respectively.
- Undertake the feasibility survey of 500m canal excavation/reshaping of Massow and 200m protection wall of Panj Joft Gow villages recommended in DPP #1 in Pusht-e Rod District.
- Sign the Project Priority Agreement for the construction of 16 water dividers in Ganjabad, 24 water dividers in Farahroad, 10 water dividers in Khoja Khedr, 10 water dividers in Tapa Sadat, and 30 water dividers in Gerani villages recommended by DPP #3 in Bala Baluk District.

Badghis Province

Milestones Achieved

- Capacity-based needs assessments were conducted for DRRD staff during a meeting with the Badghis DRRD Director on December 25th.
- As part of data collection activities for the Badghis Service Providers Catalogue (SPC) a meeting was held with the DRRD Deputy Director and relevant departments on December 28th. The DRRD staff provided the required information to the Badghis PST staff.
- Three key informant interviews with district entities for a communications related baseline survey were completed in Qadis and Moqur Districts.
- As part of gender mainstreaming activities, a meeting was held with the Badghis Department of Women's Affairs (DoWA) Director on December 25th (photo). Information regarding the literacy courses and elimination of violence against women's campaigns was exchanged during the meeting.
 - Meeting was held with International Rescue Committee (IRC) Director on December 27th. The meeting was focused on IRC gender-related activities in Qadis and Moqur Districts and their plans for the year 2013.
- To date 14 employees (2 female, 12 male) have been hired and 20 positions are being recruited.



Meeting with DoWA Director,
Dec 25th.

Challenges/Action

- The Qadis and Moqur DSC meetings have frequently been canceled due to the inclement weather. The second Qadis and first Moqur DSC meetings will be held on January 8th and 9th.

Forward Looking

- The second Qadis and first Moqur DSC meetings are scheduled for January 8th and 9th respectively.
- Meet with the DRRD Director to discuss the DRRD staff capacity building plans on January 3rd.
- Meet with Badghis Provincial Council and Economic Department Directors to share the progress of the Stability Program in Badghis PST on January 2nd and 5th.

Herat Province

Milestones Achieved

- A series of orientation trainings (photo), including MRRD/SIKA-West Program Overview, Stability Analysis Mechanism (SAM), Community Development, Stabilization Program, Communications, Human Resources, Gender Awareness and M&E were provided to 11 newly recruited Kushk-e Rabat Sangi and Shindand DST staff on December 31st and January 1st.
- Data collection for the SPCs in Shindand, Pashtun Zarghun and Kushk-e Rabat Sangi District remains ongoing and is scheduled for completion on January 10th.
- To date 25 employees (5 female, 20 male) have been hired and 9 positions are being recruited.



Orientation training to newly recruited Kushk-e Rabat Sangi and Shindand DST staff on January 1st.

Challenges/Action

- The Kushk-e Rabat Sangi DSC meeting has been canceled and subsequently rescheduled due to the inclement weather.

Forward Looking

- The fourth Shindand DSC meeting is scheduled for Jan 8th.
- A meeting with the Herat DRRD Director to share the progress of the Stability Program in Herat PST is scheduled for January 3rd.

Additional Herat-HQ Support

- The Community Development Team undertook the design and drawings of the 10 water divider projects in Khoja Khedr and 24 water dividers in Farahroad villages featuring in DPP #3 in Bala Baluk District based on the technical survey data submitted by PST Technicians.
- On December 30th, a Lessons learned session was held to review the Pashtun Zarghun DSC meeting. All departments' senior staff participated in a discussion on the challenges faced and the proposal of solutions prior the next DSC meeting.
- To date 71 employees (22 female, 49 male) have been hired and 25 positions are being recruited.