

WEEKLY REPORT

Farah Province

Milestones Achieved

- Training on “Communications Skills” was provided to 17 farmers from Dehzak Community in Bala Baluk District on December 23rd. The training aimed to enable these community members to effectively communicate their needs to GIRA officials. At the end of the training three farmers were selected as communications focal points to receive further trainings on communications skills and make a communications plan.
- On December 24th, five Pusht-e Rod Youth Association focal points received training on “How to Make a Communications Plan”. During the training they designed their six-month communications plan. In this plan they included a Football Tournament, organizing 90 matches between the 20 football teams in Pusht-e Rod District. During the competitions messages about peace, stabilization, and unity will be disseminated.
- Seven key informant interviews with district entities for a communications related baseline survey were completed in Pusht-e Rod District.
- The technical survey of water divider projects in Ganjabad, and Farahroad communities in Bala Baluk District and four school refurbishment projects in Mula Mohammad Yaqub, Tapa Shiran, Chapak Dokin and Khoja Abdullah Bidar communities in Pusht-e Rod District were completed.
- To date 31 employees (seven female, 24 male) have been hired, and four positions are being recruited.



“How to Make a Communications Plan” Training, Pusht-e Rod Youth Association focal points, Dec 24th.

Challenges/Action

- NSTR

Forward Looking

- Start the technical survey of Shahr-e-Kohna water divider projects in Pusht-e Rod District.
- Complete the technical survey of water divider projects in Gerani, and Khoja Khedr villages in Bala Baluk District.
- Follow up recruitment of PST and DST candidates.

Badghis Province

Milestones Achieved

- On December 19th, as part of coordination activities, a meeting was held with Badghis DRRD Director to improve collaboration between DRRD and PST Staff. During the meeting a capacity building needs assessment was conducted for DRRD staff.
 - On December 19th, a meeting was held with USAID representative. This meeting was focused on the progress of the activities in the target districts in Badghis Province.

- A series of M&E related trainings, Stability Programming, community developments and communications were provided to newly recruited PST and DST Staff.
- Separate meetings were held with the Head of Badghis Water Supply Department and National Area-Based Development Program (NABDP) representatives on December 19th and December 23rd. During the meetings the departments discussed their activities in Qadis and Moqur Districts.
- Two key informant interviews with district entities for a communications related baseline were completed in Qadis District.
- To date 13 employees (2 female, 11 male) have been hired and 17 positions are being recruited.

Challenges/Action

- NSTR

Forward Looking

- Conduct the Qadis second DSC meeting on January 1st, and Moqur's first DSC meeting on January 2nd.

Herat Province

Milestones Achieved

- On December 22nd a meeting was held with the head and deputy head of Pashtun Zarghun Community Development Council (CDC) to discuss the agenda of the Pashtun Zarghun first DSC meeting. The CDC head expressed his willingness and support from Stability Program and will invite the female CDC members to participate in the DSC meeting.
- The Pashtun Zarghun DSC was formally established in an inaugural meeting in the district center on December 25th. The DSC was officially formed and 31(6 female, 25 male) out of the 127 attendees were determined to be DSC members. Participants included District Entity representatives, District Development Assembly (DDA) members, influential tribal leaders, Community Development Council (CDC) members, and the District Governor. Orientation training on the MRRD/Stability Program and DSC formation was provided to the participants.
- To date 24 employees (5 female, 19 male) have been hired and 10 positions are being recruited.



Pashtun Zarghun's Inaugural DSC Meeting, December 25th.

Challenges/Action

- As part of the preparation for Pashtun Zarghun first DSC meeting was held on December 22nd with the Herat DRRD Director. The DRRD Director was asked to send a representative for this meeting but he rejected and said the DRRD will not support the Stability Program anymore. A meeting between USAID, the DRRD Director and the SIKA West ACOP and DCOP has been arranged for next week to discuss this issue.

Forward Looking

- Conduct the second Kushk-e Rabat Sangi DSC meeting.

