

WEEKLY REPORT

Farah Province

Milestones Achieved

- Prepared the design, drawings and cost breakdowns for refurbishment of three community centers in DPP # 1 and started pre-feasibility studies of three water dividers in DPP # 4 of Bala Baluk district.
- On December 5th, training on “How to Develop a Communications Plan” was provided to three Pusht-e Rod District Stabilization Committee (DSC) communications focal points. The trainings are designed to help the focal points develop a draft three-month communications plan.
- Tribal data was gathered for the Pusht-e Rod District Profile.
- Nine key informant interviews with district entities were completed in Pusht-e Rod District.
- To date 30 employees (seven female, 23 male) have been hired, and four positions are under process.

Challenges/Action

- NSTR

Forward Looking

- Start pre-feasibility studies for the refurbishment of four schools in DPP # 1 of Pusht-e Rod district.
- Prepare the Pusht-e Rod and Bala Baluk Districts’ Communications Plans.
- Prepare for Pusht-e Rod and Bala Baluk DSC meetings, scheduled for December 9th and 11th.

Badghis Province

Milestones Achieved

- As part of preparations for Qadis and Moqur District roll-outs, a team consisting of one representative from each HQ department (Capacity Building, M&E, Stabilization Programming, Community Development, Communications and HR) traveled to Badghis from November 29th - December 6th. Along with the capacity building and support provided to PST and DST staff, on December 1st orientation trainings were also provided to Badghis DRRD staff, and the Qadis and Moqur Districts

Governors, covering Stabilization Programing, Stability Analysis Mechanism (SAM) and DSC formation.



Community members at the Qadis DSC Inaugural meeting at the District Center on December 4th.

- On December 3rd, interviews were conducted for the Qadis and Moqur District Team Leaders, identifying two candidates.
- On December 4th, more than 70 people attended the inaugural Qadis DSC meeting at the District Center. Participants included District Entity representatives, District Development Assembly (DDA) members, influential tribal leaders, Community Development Council (CDC) members, the Badghis DRRD Director, and the District Governor. Orientation trainings were provided to the DSC covering stabilization programing, Stability Analysis Mechanism (SAM) and DSC formation process. The next DSC meeting is scheduled for December 9th.
- To date 10 employees (1 female, 9 male) have been hired and 14 positions are under process.

Challenges/Action

- NSTR

Forward Looking

- Prepare for the second Qadis DSC meeting on December 11th.
- Prepare for roll-out into Moqur district.

Herat Province

Milestones Achieved

- On December 2nd, the Kushk-e Rabat-e Sangi DCS inaugural meeting was held in the District Governor’s compound. A total of 117 people attended the meeting including 30 DSC members (9 female, 21 male), 10 District Entity representatives, and 77 observers. The district governor welcomed the participants and expressed his willingness to support the MRRD/SIKA-West program and urged the other participants for their cooperation with the programs. Participants were introduced to the stability program by GIROA officials and SIKA-West staff.
- As part of preparations for the Pashtun Zarghun District roll-out, Herat PST staff organized a joint meeting with the MRRD Director, Kushk-e Rabat-e Sangi CDC head, and Pashtun Zarghun District Governor to discuss rollout activities.
- On November 29th, two trainings on “The Main Elements of Communications” and “How to Develop a Communications Plan” was provided to three Shindand DSC communications focal points. The communications team will work with the focal points to finalize the communications plan.
- To date 19 employees (4 female, 15 male) have been hired and 9 positions are under process.



Kushk-e Rabat Sangi DSC Inaugural meeting, December 4th, 2012.

Challenges/Action

- During the inaugural Kushk-e Rabat-e Sangi DSC meeting, an issue was raised by some community members, that they were not able to fully participate in the proceedings, and that the SIKA-West presentation was too technical. Staff are reviewing their process and presentations following this feedback.

Forward Looking

- Prepare for the second Kushk-e Rabat-e Sangi, and third Shindand DSC meetings on December 9th and 11th.
- Meet with the Director of Herat DRRD, Pashtun Zarghun District Governor, and CDC head to discuss Pashtun Zarghun roll-out activities.

Additional Herat-HQ Support

- A four-day Peace Journalism training was provided to 25 journalists from Badghis, Herat, Farah and Ghor Provinces on December 2nd – 5th at the Herat Tajarat Hotel conference room. Topics covered included an introduction to conflict, causes of conflict, what is conflict sensitive reporting and the basics of journalism. The journalists produced reports integrating their newfound knowledge. A Facebook group and e-mail network was created for ongoing dialogue among the participants. The journalists were paired so they can contact each other monthly for peer support and encouragement.
- Farah, Herat and Badghis PSTs all continued collecting and verifying data for their respective Service Provider Catalogues. In Farah resource development is in the final stages so work is focused on checking details. In Herat and Badghis data collection is continuing and the new SPC checklist is being used. Illustrations are close to being completed and data entry for the Farah Service Directory into the Illustrator template is also close to completion.
- To date 128 employees (34 female, 94 male) have been hired and 57 positions are under process.



Peace Journalism Training held in Herat for 25 journalists from four provinces, December 2nd – 5th.