



WEEKLY REPORT

Farah Province

Milestones Achieved

- 2000 brochures were sent to the Farah Department of Women’s Affairs (DoWA) for release on International Elimination of Violence against Women Day on November 25th. The Farah DoWA distributed 200 brochures at the Farah Teacher Training Center on November 25th, and the rest of the brochures will be distributed to schools and public places throughout the province.
- In Bala Baluk five Pashto literacy courses for 125 illiterate women were officially launched at the Farah DRRD on November 22nd. More than 20 people from the Farah DRRD, influential women from the Bala Baluk District, Gender Working Group members, literacy teachers, and NGOs’ representatives attended the opening ceremony.
- During the week literacy trainings were held for 125 women in the communities of Ganjabad, Shewan, Gerani, ,Kaneshk, and Dehzak in Bala Baluk District. The trainings consist of two-hour sessions, six times a week, and will end in April of 2013.
- A full day of communications skills-building training was provided to 30 Pusht-e Rod youths on November 28th. Participants from the two main youth associations in the district elected six youth representatives to be communications focal points, and receiving future mentoring.
- A training on “How to Develop Communication Plan” was provided to Bala Baluk DSC focal points on November 26th.
- Information on 15 female former drug users was collected from the DoWA supported WADAN health clinic, in preparation for future vocational trainings. The women identified recently completed a drug rehabilitation treatment program at the clinic.
- The Gender Working Group met at the DRRD conference room on November 27th and discussed brochure distribution, and the launching of additional literacy courses for women in Farah Province.
- A pre-feasibility study of water dividers in Amin Abad village in Bala Baluk district for DPP # 4 (Water Divider construction) was started. A hand sketch of the project and cost breakdown was prepared. A detailed cost breakdown and technical drawings for three community centers in Bala Buluk district of Farah province was also prepared, and is currently being revised.



Students reading DoWA brochures at the Farah Teacher Training Center, during International Elimination of Violence against Women Day on November 25th.

- To date 24 employees (3 female, 21 male) have been hired, and five positions are under process.

Challenges/Action

NSTR

Forward Looking

- An initial survey of the Amin Abad and Piuw communities' water divider projects will be started on November 26th.
- Brochures will be distributed in Pusht-e Rod and Bala Buluk districts.

Badghis Province

Milestones Achieved

- As part of roll-out activities for Qadis and Moqur districts, meetings were held with Badghis Governor, Qadis and Moqur districts governors and Director of DRRD.
- To date 10 employees (1 female, 9 male) have been hired and 13 positions are under process.

Challenges/Action

- A proposed roll-out mission to Badghis was postponed due to weather condition. The trip will take place next week.

Forward Looking

- Preparations will be completed for roll-out into Qadis and Moqur districts, including conducting meetings with influential leaders in the area and finalizing DSC meeting dates.
- Key informant interviews with district entities in Qadis and Moqur Districts will be completed.

Herat Province

Milestones Achieved

- As part of the preparation for Pashtun Zarghun rollout, Herat PST staff met with the Director of MRRD and asked him to coordinate with Pashtun Zarghun District Governor to discuss the rollout activities.
- Herat PST met with DRRD Director and discussed the training needs of DRRD staff.
- Herat PST staff also received capacity building training in preparation for the Kushk-e Rabat-e Sangi and Pashtun Zarghun rollouts. Topics covered included SPC development, Community Development Practices and M&E Practices.

- To date 16 employees (2 female, 14 male) have been hired and 7 positions are under process.

Challenges/Action

- NSTR

Forward Looking

- Organize the DSC formation meeting in Kushk-e Rabat-e Sangi district which will be held on December 2nd, 2012.
- Herat PST is working with Herat DoWA to organize the printing of “Elimination of Violence Against Women” brochures.
- Data collection will continue for the Shindand SPC, and Pashtun Zarghun District Profile.
- Conduct training for Shindand DSC communications focal points on November 29th on how to develop a communication plan.
- Proposed meeting with Pashtun Zarghun District Governor to discuss the roll-out.

Additional Herat-HQ Support

- The curriculum for the Peace Journalism training planned for December 2nd - 5th was finalized. Topics covered include introduction to conflict, causes of conflict, and what is conflict sensitive reporting. Journalists are travelling from Badghis, Herat, Farah and Ghor to attend, along with media trainers from Afghan media institutions NAI and WASSA.
- A three-day capacity building Training of Trainers (ToT) session was held for 11 SIKA-West staff in order to improve their ability to train provincial and district counterparts.
- To date 119 employees (29 female, 90 male) have been hired and 48 positions are under process.