

WEEKLY REPORT

Program Highlights

Local national staff had the majority of the week off to celebrate *Eid al-Adha* from October 25-30, including the weekend. During this time there were no major program highlights as international staff in Herat HQ also conducted a mandatory two-day Hostile Environment Training (HEAT) over this period. In Farah, Community Development staff continued conducting surveys of four potential water divider projects in Bala Baluk District, and focused on organizing the upcoming Bala Baluk District Stabilization Committee (DSC) meeting.

Administration:

No change from last week. To date, 101 employees (29 female and 72 male) have been hired and 50 positions are in the hiring process.

Farah Province

Summary of Achievements

As mentioned above, Farah staff were on public holidays for most of the week, however, the Provincial Support Team (PST) staff moved ahead with conducting an initial survey for USAID approval and estimated project costs for water dividers in four villages in Bala Baluk District.

Specific Milestones Achieved

- PST staff continued preparations for the next Bala Baluk District Stabilization Committee meeting on November 4th. Preparations included coordination with the Bala Baluk District Governor, regarding extending an invitation to the *Ulema*, and organizing food and refreshments.
- Human Resource staff finalized the recruitment of a Bala Baluk District Support Team (DST) Communications Officer.
- An initial survey and cost estimate was conducted by PST Community Development staff of water dividers in the four villages of Teppa Sadat, Tudanak-e Haji Malek Sher, Tudanak-e Abdul Wodud, and Tudanak-e Abdul Ghani in Bala Baluk District.
- PST staff collected a list of 100 potential students for proposed tailoring courses in eight villages of Pusht Rod District.

Challenges/Action

- NSTR. Ongoing insecurity is causing the some travel issues for PST and DST staff.

Forward Looking

- Next week PST and DST staff will be involved with coordinating the November 4th Bala Baluk DSC monthly meeting, where ongoing training will be provided on the use of the

Stabilization Analysis Matrix, as well as Communications and Community Development training.

- Initial surveys of water dividers in Grani, Ganjabad, Siyah Jangal, and Khawja Khedr villages of Bala Baluk District will also be carried out.
- Next week the PST Deputy Manager will fly to Herat to receive ongoing training from Herat HQ staff.

Badghis Province

Summary of Achievements

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Specific Milestones Achieved

- NSTR

Challenges/Action

- NSTR in terms of programmatic challenges

Forward Looking

- Next week PST staff plan to concentrate on collecting data for the District Profile, as well as carrying out tasks assigned by Herat HQ.
- Next week the PST Deputy Manager will fly to Herat to receive ongoing training from Herat HQ staff.

Herat Province

Summary of Achievements

Local national staff had the majority of the week off to celebrate *Eid al-Adha* from October 25-30, including the weekend. During this time there were no major program highlights, however, PST staff continued collecting information for the Shindand Service Provider Catalogue (SPC), and completed a number of administrative chores.

Specific Milestones Achieved

- All PST members were involved in collecting data to be included in the Shindand SPC.

Challenges/Action

- NSTR

Forward Looking

- PST staff plan to continue collecting data for the Shindand District SPC.
- Staff will also be involved in coordinating orientation trainings for the recent PST recruits.
- The District Support Team (DST) recruiting drive will also move ahead in Shindand District, guided by the Human Resource Department.

- As part of capacity building needs assessment, staff plan to conduct meetings with DRRD officials to assess training needs of the DRRD staff.
- Next week the PST Deputy Manager will be located in the Herat HQ office to receive ongoing training from Herat HQ staff.