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USG Agricultural Strategy: Objective 2.1

Mission

Conduct quality assessments and checks on the completed Alingar Extension and Training Center in Laghman Province, Afghanistan.

Objectives of mission

Ensure the work on the new extension and training center was completed to the outlined standards so that it will be sustainable and meet the requirements of the Alingar Extension Agent.

Lessons learned

Providing space for District Extension Agents to work from gives them a base from which to host jirgas, provide training to residents of near by villages, as well as develop and coordinate further projects through out their given districts. In Alingar District, the Extension Agent says he has already begun to host agricultural jirgas at the new facility and is in the process of developing ag-centric training for the population of Alingar. The Extension Agent also states that he is helping to coordinate an agricultural coop in the district.

Plan of action on lessons learned

Conduct additional assessments in Alingar District in order to ensure that the Extension Agent is getting full use of the center. Work with the Extension Agent in order to identify trainings needed by the population of Alingar. Work with the Extension Agent in order to identify high impact projects that can be completed throughout the District.



(Left): The completed Alingar Extension and Training Center, located in Alingar District, Laghman Province. The facility will provide the Alingar Extension Agent a place to operate from, as well as conduct classes and trainings for the population in Alingar District.

(Right): Solar power panels are seen atop the completed Extension and Training Center in Alingar. With a power grid that is sketchy at best, a solar power system will give the new facility more reliable power for operating computers and other electronic devices.



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Attend the District Stability Framework training with Mr. Dawlatzai, the Director of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (DAIL) of Laghman Province, being conducted in Laghman Province, Afghanistan.

Objectives of mission

Provide GIRoA officials, and Coalition Forces, with a tool to assist them in identifying sources of instability in the Province, and thus allowing them to better identify areas of need to be addressed.

Lessons learned

Any training that improves the knowledge base of local GIRoA officials directly improves their capacity. The process towards transition in Laghman Province has begun, therefore improving the abilities and capacities of GIRoA officials, such as the DAIL, is vital in ensuring they are able to provide services to the population of the Province.

Plan of action on lessons learned

Continue to mentor the DAIL and his staff as transition continues. Work with GIRoA to identify additional training opportunities that will enhance capacity. Gradually continue to shift additional responsibilities and duties from NGOs and Coalition Forces to the DAIL and his staff as their capacity and ability to perform them increases.



Above: Mr. Dawlatzai, center, DAIL for Laghman Province along with members of his staff, attend the District Stability Framework training held in Laghman Province.

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