

Monthly Newsletter May 2019

Saemaul Undong Team of AIRD Visited Parwan Province

The technical team of Saemuel undong traveled to Parwan province on May 13, 2019, to participate in community-based activities.

The purpose of the trip was to motivate the villagers to consistently identify new and effective ways to integrate the development model of Saemuel undong considering the intentions of this model (co-operation, self-help and perseverance) in Afghanistan, in partnership with the government and local institutions not only in Parwan Province, but also in 33 other provinces. The chairman of the CDC in the village of Mian Shakh expressed: “The purpose of these collective community-based activities is to promote the culture of cooperation among the villagers and encourage them to carry out small and large activities using existing facilities, so gradually we will have significant development in the village”. In addition, the beauty and improvement in the village is one of the priorities of this development model. He also added that changing villager’s mind toward development and creating a sense of ownership for future activities is very essential.

This collective activity consisted of two parts: first, the launch of a road paving project of one kilometer that was carried out by villagers voluntarily, as well as the people of the neighboring villages. Making this road connects 600 hectares of agricultural land to other main roads. The difference in this project was in using the bottom-up (people-centered) approach that was identified by the locals themselves.

At the start of the program, a brief information was given about the importance of group work, cooperation, environmental issues and on the vision and principles of Saemuel undong.

The second purpose of the trip is to coordinate and discuss with the women members of CDCs about the further plan and implementation of this year's activities in the two villages (Mian Shakh and Manara).





Administrative Meeting of Afghanistan Institute of Rural Development

The administrative meeting of the Afghanistan Rural Development Institute, led by AbdulSamad Bahir Stanikzai. The meeting was held on Thursday, May 26, with the presence of all staff members, in order to be aware of the activities and future plans of all units of the institute.

Mr. Stanikzai Institute's Acting Executive Director, said the purpose of this meeting is to develop plans in coordination with all units and transform it into a unitary plan of the Institute for the next six months and 2020, to pursue four main perspectives:

1. National Development and Peace Framework;
2. National Priority Programs;
3. Strategy of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development;
4. The Five-Year Strategic Plan for the Institute;

During this meeting, research and survey, professional, education and training, Rural Technology Park, scholarships and fellowships, Information dissemination and gender, presented their six months and next year's plans in the form of a presentation.



One Employee One Book Campaign

Launching the one-month campaign of «One Employee One Book» at the Library of the Afghanistan Institute of Rural Development.

The one-month book collection campaign was ceremoniously launched on 23rd April by the Information Dissemination Unit of AIRD.

The campaign's objectives are

- To promote and encourage the culture of reading among staff of the Ministry
- Growth of the existing library of the AIRD

•Promoting the culture of participation and giving back
Let's be part of this campaign by donating a book or more to the AIRD Library.

The duration of the campaign was initially for one month; from April 23 to May 23, but it was extended to employees' request and interest.

