Grid Coordinates (MGRS): 41RQR48080478

City: Kuhak

District: Arghandab

Province: Kandahar

Report Basis: ASC ATS6-616

Unit: ATS-6

Tasker: N/A

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**1. BLUF:** ARGHANDAB district governor has not delivered on his promise to provide farmers with alternative crop seeds for farmers and locals are angry.

**2. ATMOSPHERIC VALUE:** Non-Supportive-GIRoA.

**3. DETAILS:** On 17 Feb 13, while in the village of Kuhak, ASC ATS6-616 overheard three Pashtun males discussing the gathering of elders and farmers in the district.

The 33-year-old man stated, “Elders along with farmers went to the district center to meet with the district governor. The purpose of the visit was to confront Hajji Shah Mohammad, the district governor, for not keeping his promise.”

The 26-year-old man stated, “The district governor had promised the farmers that he would provide them fertilizer and alternative crop ideas. He had stated, ‘do not grow poppy, I will provide you seeds to grow.’ But he has not kept his promise and the farmers are angry. The citizens accuse the Ministry of Agriculture for not paying attention to the plight of the farmers.”

The 20-year-old man stated, “The district governor met with some of the elders and promised again that he will help them as soon as possible.”

**4. COMMENTS:** Villagers discuss a recent meeting between the district governor and farmers who are angry that he has not delivered on promises of alternative crop seeds. They say GIRoA is failing to provide what they promised to keep farmers from poppy cultivation and they are left without a crop to grow. Past reporting shows farmers to be defying GIRoA and growing poppy as they cannot survive on other crops.