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PROMOTING LEARNING RESOURCE MATERIAL FOR QUALITY EDUCATION IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS OF SINDH PROVINCE OF PAKISTAN

CAPACITY BUILDING OF TEACHERS

Six – Day intensive training has been imparted to teachers of Hyderabad (41 male and female teachers) and Badin (11 teachers) on innovative teaching methodology of participatory and interactive approach.

MARKETING & ADVOCACY COMPONENT'S PROCEEDINGS

Marketing & Advocacy component was not the part of the pilot project. The project has been provided with the essence of this component to continue working on the quality of education in Pakistan through this interactive and innovative



approach to promote the Learning Resource Material (LRM) for the adaptation of Government and to generate the funds for future interventions.

Meetings have been convened with several stakeholders. A review committee including Government officials, educationists, subject specialists and civil society personnel has been formed to review and improve the LRM as per the standard SLOs (Students' Learning Outcomes) of 2006. Several publishers and private school administrations have been approached to publish and adopt the LRM in private school so that every child may be benefited with this innovative approach.

DISTRIBUTION OF LRM IN 50 PUBLIC & PRIVATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS

A kit of Learning Resource Material (LRM) consisting of teachers' manuals, students' workbooks, low/no cost items including stationary, show cases for LRM and students' begs have been distributed in all 50 project targeted schools. hand pumps and latrines respectively.



FACILITATION OF TEACHERS TO ENHANCE LEARNING OUTCOMES OF STUDENTS

To enhance the learning outcomes of 3500 (Boy and Girl) students of class I – III of public and private primary schools of Hyderabad and Badin, MDF – IIm Project team has been visiting the teachers of targeted schools on regular basis

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH SAFE DRINKING WATER & SANITATON TO REDUCE HEALTH HAZARDS IN BADIN

CURRENT WORK STATUS

MDF successfully has been accomplished first milestone of the project by constructing 50 % schemes i.e.120 latrines and installing 120 hand-pumps in 12 villages of U.C Atta Muhammad Palli. The community has also been provided with the mobilization/health & hygiene sessions to discourage the traditional system of open defecation. In addition, the community has also been planting tree (10 plants per hand pump) which will not use only the wasted water of hand pumps but it will also contribute in safe and healthy environment of the area.

Currently the team is mobilizing the resources in remaining 15 villages of U.C. The work will be started by the end of January, 2015 to start the work of remaining 60% schemes i.e. 180 latrines and 180 hand-pumps.

INAUGURATION CEREMONY

MDF with the support of Community Development Project (CDP), Planning and Development Department (P&DD), Government of Sindh has organized the inauguration ceremony of 120 completed latrines and hand – pumps in village Sahiban Jo Kot,



U.C Atta Muhammad Palli, Taluka & District Umerkot.

The chief guest of the program, Mr. Aijaz Ahmed Mahesar, Program Coordinator, CDP inaugurated the schemes. On this propitious occasion, government officials, NGO officials and community members (Male & Female) of different village were participated.

The participants were addressed by the community members, Mr. Faisal Abdullah Memon, Mr. Mustafa Hassan Rajper, Dr. Yameen Memon and Mr. Aijaz Mahersar.

COMMUNITY VISITS BY CDP OFFICIALS

A community visit conducted by the CDP official named Mr. Abdul Samad Samo, Program Officer, CDP. Whereas MDF officials Mr. Mustafa Hassan Rajpar, Executive Director, Mr. Adnan Ahmed Memon, Manager MER, Mr. Faisal Abdullah, Project Manager, Mr. Abdul Ghani Samo, Field Engineer and Mr. Shoukat Ali Kumbhar, Social Organizer accompanied Mr. Samoo in this visit.



Mr. Abdul Samad Samo visited seven (7) villages to Monitor the project including Hand Pumps and latrines. He also interacted actively with the beneficiaries.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT THROUGH FINANCIAL SERVICES

According to the State of the Microcredit Summit Campaign 2001 Report, 14.2 Millions of the world's poorest women now have access to financial services through Microfinance institutions, Banks,

NGOs, and other nonbank financial institutions. Women's access to financial services has increased substantially in the past 10 years, their ability to benefit from this access is often still limited by the disadvantages they experience because of their gender.



MDF's Microfinance program is supporting the women of urban slums of Hyderabad district to support them with small financial loans to strengthen the existing business of the clients. With the help of this program the women will be able to contribute to improve the socio economic status of their families to come out of the vortex of poverty.

RESTORATION OF ONE ROOM SHELTER PROGRAM - PAKISTAN

One room shelter program is to provide durable shelter solutions to the most vulnerable and down trodden people affected by flood in 2012. International Organization for Migration (IOM) is working



through implementing partners and focusing in the most severely affected districts. MDF has been awarded the responsibility for the construction of 730 ORS in U.C Khundo, Taluka Warrah of District Qambar @ Shahdadkot and 640 ORS in U.C Humayoon, Taluka & District Shikarpur.

So far, MDF has accomplished the construction phase of 730 ORS in U.C Khandu. The work of 640 ORS is in progress in U.C Humayoon. The houses have been constructed with lime and mud. Disaster Risk Reduction/Mitigation techniques have adopted to construct the houses to prevent the houses from damages.

PROVISION OF LOW COST HOUSING UNITS IN TANDO MUHAMMAD KHAN

To provide food, clothing and shelter to the every person in the Pakistan was not only the vision of Shaheed Zulfigar Ali Bhutto but it was also the slogan under which Pakistan People's Party was formed. In order to provide the house to vulnerable and down trodden people in Sindh, the Government of Sindh has established a department namely Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Housing Cell (SBBHC).



As per the program, MDF with the support of SBBHC and Government of Sindh will provide 175 shelters as per predefined specifications by SBBHC to 175

households in District Tando Muhammad Khan with the consent and approval of MPAs and MNAs of PPP in district Tando Muhammad Khan

BENAZIR BHUTTO SHAHEED YOUTH **DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Government has entered into an agreement with World Bank. The Project aims to support the Government of Sindh in strengthening its training programs to improve the skills set and employability of 45,000 youth trainees in 3 years.



Under this project, MDF has been awarded to operate two centers of Beautician and Communication and Information Technology (CIT). Under this project, youth will be trained so that they may further enhance their socio economic conditions by using these skills.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

MDF provides a grooming platform to young graduates through its internship program to equip and train youth in skills required for a successful career in the development sector. With the help of this program, graduates will be able to enhance their employability and capacity for the better professional career. It will engage fresh graduates in acquiring additional knowledge and provide them with a real work life experience.

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