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Safe Drinking Water and Hygiene Promotion

Management and Development Foundation is implementing the project of 300 hand pumps installation and 300 latrines construction for 2,499 household beneficiaries of 30 target villages. Health & hygiene sessions are the part of project which will be organized at different villages to promote health & hygiene practices for rural community. The target community will have facility of latrines in their homes and hand pumps in their villages, and awareness about health and hygiene practices. The ultimate outcomes are to have an access of safe drinking water, apply good practices of hygiene and proper usage of latrines.

The project titled Village Development through Safe Drinking Water & Sanitation to Reduce Health Hazards has been implemented with the generous support of Community Development Program (CDP), Planning & Development Department (P&D) Government of Sindh in Union Council Atta Muhammad Palli of Taluka and District Umerkot. The criterion of project will be one hand pump for 10 households for providing safe drinking water and one latrine for 3 households to reduce open defecation.

E-Clinic to Thari Rural Communities

Telemedicine is a product of 20th century telecommunication and information technologies. It helps to eliminate distance barriers and improves access to medical services that would often not be consistently available in distant rural communities. E-clinic facility saves lives in critical care and emergency situation in remote vicinities.

This project has been implemented in collaboration with USAID and ASK Development for rural communities of desert areas in Mithi District Tharparkar Sindh. E-clinic is



connected with the Aga Khan University Hospital, Karachi, through computers and online doctors at the hospital diagnose patients. The main objective is to provide healthcare services to patients through telemedicine. E-Clinic is the first innovative initiative that provides telemedicine facilities, medicines and other products to patients with the support of USAID. In a clinic two well trained Physician Assistants (male & female) are providing services to patients. In all, 20 patients have been diagnosed and given treatment through a hub of 8 most senior doctors from Karachi.

Teaching Mathematics and English through Interactive and Participatory Method

The project "Teaching Mathematics and English through Interactive and Participatory Games to Enhance Learning Achievements of Girl and Boy Students in Government and Private Primary Schools of Badin



District", Sindh has been initiated with the support of Ilm Ideas Advocacy and Innovation Funds for Education Pakistan, UKAid by Management & Development

Foundation (MDF). Through extensive efforts teachers' manuals and children's workbooks have been developed according to syllabus of classes I to III of Sindh Text Book Board. Advanced teaching methodologies and learning approaches will be applied for imparting quality education through participatory & interactive way in 35 Government and Private Primary Schools.

The team conduted meeting with Assistant District Officers Elementary Education Male and Female and collected students' result of target schools. They also met with the principals and administration of private schools. The team conducted 29 Focal Group Discussions (FGDs) in 30 selected government schools with villagers and parents of students belonging to different occupations from April 28, 2013 to May 7, 2013. The objective of FGDs was to understand and analyze the community behaviour towards girls' education. The baseline assessment of grade II and III was conducted on the basis of standard learning objectives (SLOs) defined by the Sindh Textbook Board for the preceding grades (e.g. the learning baseline for students of grade III was conducted on the basis of SLOs for grade II). The study was conducted from 10-13, June, 2013 from 256 (girl and boy) students of class II, 166 students of class III and 81 school teachers.

Shelter to Affected Shelter-less Communities

One room shelter have been provided to 500 most vulnerable families (comprising 3500 men, women and children) in 19 villages where 22 village committees have been formed. The project team provided technical support for construction of shelters to the beneficiary households of the area. These houses have been designed considering the geographical conditions.

One Room Shelter (ORS) project has been implemented with the support of International Organization for Migration (IOM) in monsoon flood affected villages in Union Council Budho Qambrani, Taluka Matli, District Badin. The construction process has been supported through generous donor funding from United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID), the Office of U.S



Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) and the Organization for Social Development Initiatives (OSDI).

Mr Manual Marques Pereira, IOM Program Manager visited the construction work of shelters and interacted with the beneficiaries. In some of the villages the community had no access of electricity while in most of villages short fall is too much. Therefore, IOM provided solar lights to MDF for 521 shelter beneficiaries and focal persons of Village Committees (VCs) who facilitated the beneficiaries.

Empower Thari Women with CNICs

The project Supporting Women's Computerized National Identity Card (CNIC) Registration in Tharparkar District has successfully been completed by MDF in collaboration with Aurat Foundation and supported by USAID through NADRA in all 44 UCs of Tharparkar District of Sindh province.



The project staff held 54 camps where 7,236 women were facilitated with CNICs. In all, household mapping was completed of 10,272 women beneficiaries for CNICs registration in 44 Union Councils of 4 Talukas of Tharparkar District. 91 Village Mobilization Committees were formed, 75 trainings were conducted for voter education and a District level network was formed. Majority of the women empowered with CNICs who exercised their right of vote in May 11, 2013 elections.

During project period the US delegation Mr Michael Dodman, US Consul General, Mr Randy Hatfield, Deputy Office Director for Sindh and Baluchistan, Ms. Corina Sanders, Public Affairs Officer and Kristin Haworth, Culture Affairs Officer met with the beneficiaries and interacted with them regarding benefits of CNICs. The delegation was also updated about the project progress by MDF senior officials.

Prevent Climate Change Problems in Tharparkar

A consultative meeting with Civil Society Actors on climate change was organized by Research and Development Foundation (RDF) Hyderabad on May 23, 2013. The project "Reduce Climate Change Risks and Vulnerabilities in Tharparkar, District" in Sindh province was briefly introduced to the participants.

The climate change has been greatest problem in the world and clashes among the countries have been erupting continuously. In Pakistan climate is rapidly changing and got much importance. The climate has left worst impact on the countries like us, mainly because of limited capacity and resources, lack of commitment, inadequate policy implementation and lack of seriousness of government was described by Mr Ashfaque Soomro, Project Coordinator.

Similarly, participants also shared that with the changes of climate, the globe suffers and seasonal changes occur that affects the human beings and damage species. More than 15 representatives from different organizations participated and actively shared their experiences on climate change including Mr Nisar Ahmed Channa, Program Officer, MDF.

Rehablitation Approaches During Disasters

The dialogue was arranged among the PDMA officials of Sindh and KPK provinces to share their strategy to cope with the disastrous situation. The focus was on Disaster Management System in Pakistan. Most of the speakers were of the view that a man is also responsible for inviting disasters because of excessive pollution and deforestation. The government officials and experienced professionals from social development sectors participated including Dr Sono Khangharani, Mr Taufique Alam, Chief Pak Met Department, Mr Ahsan Khan ED, RDP, Mr Yasir Hayat from KPK, Mr Karamat Ali, ED PILER, Mr Muhammad Ali Shah, Chairman PFF, Dr Rubina Ali from ICCO and Ms Tahira Ali shared their experiences and lessons learnt. The representatives from CSOs & NGOs, DRR experts, researchers, activists, environmentalists, politicians, writers, and deltaic and fishing communities participated in the dialogue.MDF was also invited for the event in which Program Officer; Mr Nisar Ahmed Channa participated.

At the end of dialoge Charter of Demands was distributed among the participants. The document described that an autonomous body on disasters should be formed at the earliest, national DRR policy should be implemented in letter and spirit, and decentralised relief operations like complete autonomy for provincial and district level disaster management machinery. State land should be distributed among flood affectees, especially to women involved in farming, action should be taken against land mafia involved in mangroves cutting and mangroves should be planted more and compensation shoul be given for land lost due to soil erosion in the flash floods to small land owners and measures shoul be taken to stop further erosion. Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum (PFF), Research and Development Foundation (RDF), Pakistan Institute for Labour Education and Research (PILER), Rural Development Project (RDP) and ICCO-KiA as a joint venture organized a Dialogue on May 30, 2013 at Hotel Regent Plaza, Karachi.

International Anti Torture Day

In 1997, the United Nations General Assembly decided to mark this historic date and designated 26th June each year as International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. Right to Rehabilitation was the theme for 26th June, 2013 campaign. Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, SpecialTask Force Hyderabad organized a seminar on International Anti Torture Day on 26th June, 2013. The day was marked on to disseminate awareness to the civil society organizations, youth, social workers, media, intellectuals and stakeholders on serious issues to make the society free from torture.



Dr. Ashothama Luhano, HRCP Coordinator Hyderabad said that this day has been celebrated as International Day in all over the world. Torture has been the oldest tradition continued for the long time but the state should devise policy to reduce it from the society. The relavant departments of government, civil society organizations, NGOs and media should take initiatives to minimise the reasons causing torture. The key speakers on occasion said that tortures are of different ways and have been long standing issues that cannot be wiped out from the society abruptly but can be minimised because it is in human nature. Media is also responsible to some extent by showing death news, incidences full of inhuman nature and bomb blasting reports. The theatre performance on domestic violence and role of women was performed by SDS and Jargarta organizations. On the occasion 55 men and women from all walks of life participated including Mr. Nisar Ahmed Channa, Program Officer, MDF.

Due Diligence Institutional Screening Visit

Civil Society Human and Institutional Development Programme (CHIP) is a leading not-for-profit organization that improves and strengthens functional capacities of individuals, organizations and institutions. Syed Yasir Ali Kazmi, Acting Coordinator, CHIP conducted meeting with Senior officials of MDF on April 10, 2013 at MDF Office, Hyderabad.

The meeting was held in the light of submission of Expression of Interest (EOI) to become member of Pakistan CSOs coalition for health and immunization. The achievements were shared with the mission including projects executed



with the support of various National and Internationalorganizations like WHO, IOM, UNICEF, ActionAid, The Asia Foun-

dation, Aurat Foundation and ASK Development. The financial and project completion reports on education, health, water sanitation & hygiene, shelter, advocacy and capacity building sectors were presented. The team was informed that MDF follows Standard Operating Policies (SOPs), Human Resource Policy, and Finance and Accounting System.

Institutional Assessment Capacity

The ActionAid team held meeting on April 17, 2013 with the Management & Development Foundation representatives in Head Office Hyderabad. The ActionAid mission comprised of Mr Shahjahan Baloch, Program Manager Regional Office Karachi, Ms. Fakhira Abro, Program Officer, Disaster Risk Management and Ms Uroosa Khatti, Program Officer, Women Empowerment conducted meeting with Dr. Yameen Memon, Advisor, Mr Avais A Memon, Manager Programs and other senior staff members. Mission was informed about institutional capacity that MDF follows Human Resource Policy, Management System and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). They were briefed about the accomplished projects with the potential partners and documentation procedure. The mission was very inspired from quality of reports.

Progress Review Meeting of Women's Registration of CNICs Project

The Gender Equity Program (GEP) monitoring team including Mr Faisal, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer and Mr Ishtiague Ahmed, Grants and Finance Officer of Aurat Foundation paid visit on April 29, 2013 in MDF Head Office Hyderabad. The team visited and checked the progress of 3rd quarter and documentation of the project "Women's Registration of CNICs" through NADRA in Tharparkar District of Sindh.

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Experience Sharing Workshop

An Experience Sharing Workshop was organised by Devaluation Trust for Community Empowerment (DTCE) and Aurat Foundation (AF) under the Gender Equity Program (GEP) in Islamabad on May 23-24, 2013. The objective of workshop was sharing of lessons learnt after completion of third quarter of the project "Supporting Women CNIC Registration" Grant Cycle - V. In the workshop 50 participants from all partner organizations participated. Dr. Yameen Memon and Mr Avais A Memon from MDF attended the workshop.

Thar Development Conference

Maroo-ara Coordination Council in coordination with 18 partner organizations actively working in Sindh province organized Thar Development Conference on June 8-9, 2013 at Press Club Hall Mithi. The key objective of organising conference was to provide an opportunity to donor agencies,

participated including the NGO representative, media per-

sonnel and community stakeholders. The issues on Water,

Health, Women Empowerment, Land Status, Climate

Change and Natural Resource Management, Alternate

Energy, Education, Agriculture & Livestock, Social Exclu-

sion and Child Rights in Tharparkar were briefly discussed.

MDF played active role for organizing the program and took

responsibility of composing report of the conference.

policy-makers, and other institutions to ponder upon limelight scenario Tharparkar and develop 5 years Development plan.In the conference around 195 male and female



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