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COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION FOR PUNJAB SAAF PANI COMPANY

PUNJAB SAAF PANI COMPANY OVERVIEW

The Punjab Saaf Paani Company is a public sector company, incorporated under Section 42 of the Companies Ordinance 1984, wholly owned by the Government of Punjab has been given the mandate to plan, design, execute and manage projects for provision of safe drinking water in the underserved areas i.e. rural, semi-rural, peri - urban areas of the Punjab province. since February, 2013 till April, 2014.

MDF & AWAZ CDS IMPLEMENTING PUNJAB SAAF PANI PROJECT

Considering the social structure of Punjab province, the need has become imminent to mobilize the communities to bring beneficiaries within villages setup for long term sustainability of these Saaf Pani Sahulat Centres. Management & Development Foundation (MDF) and Awaz CDS in joint venture have been awarded a project "Community Mobilization and Engagement Partners for Saaf Pani Project – Package – 2 for four districts of Punjab Province i.e. Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar, Rahim Yar Khan and Lodhran districts.

SIGNING OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT

The contract agreement ceremony was held in PSC head office Lahore on January 19th, 2015. The contract was signed by Mr. Farasat Iqbal CEO, Mr. Mustafa Hassan Rajper ED MDF, Mr. Zia ur Rehman



Contract signing Mr. Farasat Iqbal CEO, PSC
Mr. Mustafa Hassan Rajper ED MDF & Mr. Zia ur Rehman CEO Awaz CDS

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CEO Awaz CDS, Mr. Abid Shah Hussainy GM Strategic Planning, Mr. Nasir Qadir CFO, M. Muhammad Ali Shaikh GM Project, Dr. Yameen Memon President MDF & others were present on the occasion

FORMATION OF SAAF PAANI TANZEEM

The selection criteria and initial assessment by Engineering Management Consultants (EMCs), PSPC shared the list of 73 villages in the specified 4 tehsils for the provision of drinking water facility. The MDF & Awaz CDS carried out the rigorous social mobilization process specially designed for the PSPS project and the 4 key steps were being followed for the formation of Saaf Paani Committees in the 73 villages of 4 Tehsils. Mentation plan and strategies were discussed. Deputy COP ensured the cooperation in the project implementation.



Saaf Pani Tanzeem Formation at Khanpur

FIELD VISITS OF PSPC OFFICIALS

The PSPC officials i.e. Mr. Javed Akhtar (Manager Social Mobilization & Education), Ms. Ayesha (Research Analyst) and Mr. Pervaiz Gondal (Manager Social Mobilization) along with the project team i.e. Mr. Manzoor Hussain (Project Manager), Dr. Yameen Memon (Team Leader) and Mr. Naushad Kazi (Manager Community Mobilization) visited the specified 3 Tehsils to verify the steps of PRA and observe the level of appropriate communication with the communities.

HOUSEHOLD DATA COLLECTION

The PSPC has introduced Technology based Survey to equip the communities with new application to speedily collect the data and upload on a designed Server by the PSPC. The PSPC officials have shared the specifications with the Implementing Partners as: Huawei Y625 Model with 8 GB Card along with Mobilink Network's SIM for data collection in the 73 villages of the Bahawalpur Region.

TAKE A CHILD TO SCHOOL

BRITISH COUNCIL

The British Council (B.C) is the key pioneer in conceptualizing and implementing the project i.e. "Take A Child to School – TACS" in collaboration with its strategic partners School of Leadership Foundation (SOLF), Children's Global Network (CGN) & Free & Fair Election Network (FAFEN) by selecting grass root NGOs in Pakistan to enhance the enrollment in

62,037 girls) and 5698 teachers (including 4770 male teachers and 928 female teachers).

British Council has selected MDF as its implementing partner in the most backward district of Sindh province and the deliverables have been mutually agreed to enroll 3000 Out of School Children (OOSC) in the public schools of UCs Abdullah Shah, Kadhan, Mithi III, Nindo and Muhammad Khan Bhurguri, Taluka & District Badin.

CAPACITY BUILDING OF YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

British Council selected five TOT trainers from MDF's management staff cadre who were provided with training of facilitator in January 2015. These facilitators have further provided the training to 186 youth volunteers in the project vicinity. The main component of this training is active citizen programme with fusion of school enrollment activities.

PROMOTING LEARNING RESOURCE MATERIAL FOR QUALITY EDUCATION

ENHANCE CAPACITY OF TEACHERS

MDF believes in professional development of teachers through continued capacity building sessions. Thus, 2-Day refresher training sessions were organized for the project targeted teachers during in January, 2015. Resultantly, the teachers keep their pedagogical skills enhanced. The 2-day refresher sessions were organized from 14th – 17th Jan, 2015. In all 59 project teachers were divided in two batches who received refresher training (47 and 12) from Hyderabad and Badin respectively

REVIEW OF MANUALS WORK BOOKS AND LEARNING KIT

MDF has jointly developed a review committee comprising of education

public primary schools. The BC has already advocated the strategy with the National & Provincial Education Authorities and the project's ambitious goal is to enroll 135,000 children aged 5 to 11 years in government primary schools by 2016 and ensure that each child completes the primary school cycle.

According to Sindh Education Profile 2013-14 by Reform Support Unit, Education & Literacy Department, Government of Sindh, in district Badin there are 3064 schools with an enrollment of 175,709 (113,672 boys and

experts from Bureau of Curriculum and Sindh Textbook Board, education policy implementing officials from Reforms Support Unit and Education & Literacy Department, Government of Sindh and experts of private school administration from Directorate of Private Schools Education. Two meetings have been convened in this quarter: first on 26th January, 2015 and second on 11th February, 2015. Step by step MDF consultants facilitated the review process and incorporate the feedback of review committee members in developed Learning Resource Material (Teachers Manual and Students Workbook).

DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL BAGS TO THE STUDENTS

School bags, books and stationery always motivate students towards education. MDF distributed good quality school bags to 1669 students of 15 schools of Hyderabad and 1901 students of 35 schools of Badin districts.

ILM BAZAAR SHOWCASING EDUCATION SOLUTION

ILM Bazaar was an initiative of DAI where they can show case solution of partners. ILM Bazaar was organized



Mr. Nisar Ahmed Khuhro, Senior Minister of Education & Literacy Department, Government of Sindh, Visiting MDF Stall

in Karachi Arts Council on 26th – 27th February, 2015 where Mr. Nisar Ahmed Khuhro, the Senior Minister of Education & Literacy Department, Government of Sindh, visited stalls. He specifically appreciated efforts of MDF on developing Teachers Manuals and Students Workbooks on Sindh Textbook Syllabus. He pledged to support MDF in its “Schools Enlightenment Program”.

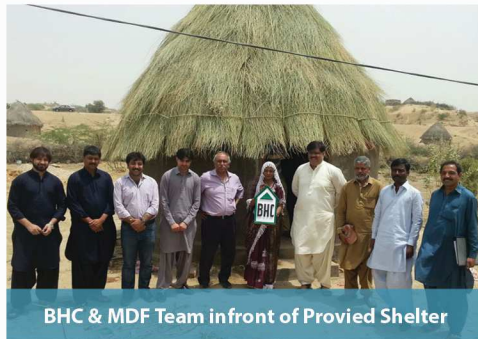
WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

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

MDF has disbursed around 1.6 Million in terms of small financial loans to 147 women of urban slums of Hyderabad for different small businesses in order to improve their economic condition.

PROVISION OF LOW COST HOUSES

The last government of PPP has established Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Housing Cell to ensure the availability of shelters to the downtrodden members of the community to fulfill its commitment towards the slogan of food, clothing and shelter.



BHC & MDF Team in front of Provided Shelter

After providing 175 households in District Tando Muhammad Khan, MDF has been given responsibility of supervising construction of 205 housing units/Chowras in District Tharparker as per approved design, training of Masons, Quality control of the construction material, management record keeping/supervision over Government grant to the beneficiary families and other services.

SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES TO WARDS RESILIENCE AND TRANSFORMATION SIRAT TRAININGS

MDF with the support of Islamic Relief Pakistan -IRP organized the training workshops of 2 days (2 trainings for

agriculture and 3 trainings for livestock) in different villages of District Sujawal, Sindh Pakistan. Basic aim of training was income generation of women by skills transfer. Technical training was about home economics, various tools and techniques to increase value addition of the local available resources and marketing of their produce. Additionally, training revolves around marketing techniques, marketing channels and business development concepts. Skills were transferred to selected women on butter making, ghee and pickles formation, ketchup etc. Packing and packaging its importance in profitability, marketing techniques and financial management were the other contents of the training.

Interactive and participatory protocols of the session delivery were followed to maximize the learning and absorption capacity of women. Brainstorming lectures through effective presentation, discussions, group work, practical recipe design and demos, questions and answers were the main instruments of the training methodology. The majority of participants were villagers and belong to rural community with little or no education so local Sindh language and pictorial sketches and discussions were given focus during the explanation of theoretical concepts.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FIRST AID AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS TRAININGS

MDF organized the training workshop of 2 days on “Disaster Preparedness and Early Warning Systems for District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Officials of District Thatta and Sujawal” in Makli Gymkhana, Thatta, Sindh Pakistan. The objectives of the training were to:

- Enhance the capacity and capability of DDMA members regarding Disaster Preparedness;
- Enhance the knowledge and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of DDMA in particular and especially how it functions if

some disaster occurs; and

- Convey the mechanism of effective coordination between Government, I/NGOs, Donors, and UN Agencies in case of any disaster.



During Training Session

Interactive and participatory protocols of the session delivery were followed to maximize the learning and absorption capacity of participants. 25 participants participated in the training workshop majority of participants were government officials and belonging to different departments like Revenue, Irrigation, Education, Health and Public Health & Engineering Department (PHED) etc. MDF assigned experienced and highly qualified resource persons and facilitator having experience in field of Disaster Risk Reduction and capacity building for this training. The supervisory and field staff of IRP project also participated in workshop especially Mr. Wajid Shams (DRR Coordinator), Mr. Nasir Mehmood (Incharge PM) and Mr. Azhar Shah (DRR Manager) played their very active role and supported in all aspects to make the workshops successful.

DISTRIBUTION OF EYE GLASSES

Pakistan is one of those countries in which access to refraction services and the availability of spectacles are poor. MDF in collaboration with Mehwish and Jahangir Siddiqui Foundation (MJSF) has piloted the self-adjustable glasses in Pakistan by providing it to 30 poorest and elderly beneficiaries in rural Sindh.

The prime importance of these glasses

is that anybody can wear and adjust these glasses on his/her own to address vision impairments through adjusting each glass separately for each eye to an extent where one can see properly through glasses..

SEMINAR ON CLIMATE CHANGE FOOD INSECURITY AND DEPLETING LIVELIHOODS

Management and Development Foundation organized Seminar on Climate Change, Food Insecurity and Depleting Livelihoods in Khairpur, Sindh, Pakistan on 25th March, 2015 in coordination with AWAZ CDS Foundation Pakistan in village Khuda Bux Baghar, Uc Kot Lalu, Tehsil Faiz Gunj, District Khairpur. In the seminar spokes persons from MDF and local NGOs, agriculture experts, media personnel and farmer communities participated.

Mr Mustafa Hassan Rajper – Executive Director, MDF belongs to village Khuda Bux Baghar, UC Kot Lalu described, that disastrous floods, cyclones and political influence have affected socially and economically to farmer . During the program, community persons shared their problems regarding the watershortage, food insecurity, climate change and political influence of feudal etc.

SEMINAR ON SINDH YOUTH POLICY AND REFORMS IN POLICY

MDF with the support of AWAZ CDS Foundation Pakistan organized Seminar on Sindh Youth Policy and Reforms in Policy on 2nd April, 2015 in village Karim Bux Jamali (Kabeer), UC Abdullah Shah, Tehsil and District Badin. In the program spokes persons from MDF and local NGOs, Women Leader, media personnel, youth of the UC and farmer communities participated. The GM operations MDF, Mr. Avais Inayat described the objectives of the program intervention by

AWAZ CDs. He described that MDF has been working for the rights of youth, farmers, women, issues of health, education and basic rights of rural communities. AWAZ CDS has supported our organization for arranging the advocacy program to spread awareness among the youth about their rights and importance in the society.

SMALL GRANTS AMBASSADOR FUND PROGRAM SAGFP STAFF VISIT ASSESSMENT

Mr. Krishan kumar Program Officer -SGAFP and Mr. Waseem Shaikh Program Officer Finance- SGAFP visited the MDF Head office in February, 2015 for the assessment of MDF for the project "Transforming Children from Passive Recipients to Active Participants through Interactive Learning and Reading Practices" which will be implemented in 69 Public Primary Schools of UC Makhdoom Bilawal, District Dadu, Sindh.

MDF along with improving learning strategies will also incorporate parental involvement by building the confidence of children at homes and establishing the trust of parents in schools and teachers. MDF aims to replicate this model of distributing workbooks and modules in primary schools and also building the capacity of teachers to provide quality education through interactive learning practices.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

MDF Internship program is an initiative to equip the unemployed youth with productive skills to obtain better employment opportunities. The program is running successfully since June 2014. Three batches each consisting 3 Interns in Finance, Human Resources and Programs/ MER have been completed whereas Fourth batch is in progress. MDF so far has trained more than 12 interns now-working in different sectors.