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Management & Development Foundation (MDF) is a non-political, non-profit and non-governmental organization (NGO), provides excellent and standardized services to the marginalized and deprived communities of rural and remote areas of Sindh Province, Pakistan. It's strategy is village based, people-centered, action-oriented, self-reliant, environmentally sustainable integrated rural development programmed to alleviate poverty and to improve quality of life of rural communities especially women and children without any discrimination of caste, color, creed, culture, sect and religion or ethnic discrimination.

**Organizing Orientation Workshops on
"Participatory Community Consultations
for LBOD Regional Master Plan"**

The water resource management issues in the Sindh province are complex and multi-dimensional and require a comprehensive analysis and consideration of various factors to identify the existing issues and develop feasible and publicly accepted solutions which improve water management and increase agricultural productivity.

In order to support preparation of Master Plan, Sindh Irrigation & Drainage Authority (SIDA), Government of Sindh & Louis Berger Group (LBG) awarded contract to Management & Development Foundation for organizing 5 orientation workshops in 3 Area Water Boards on Left Bank River Indus. These workshops were organized in Mirpurkhas, Sukkur, Badin, Hyderabad and Karachi from November, 2011 to January, 2012 where 400 relevant stakeholders, government officials, key farmers, members of CBOs, NGOs and civil society of the targeted AWBs participated. Sindh Agricultural & Forestry Workers Coordinating Organization (SAFWCO), Badin Rural Development Society (BRDS) and Goath Seenghar Foundation (GSF) were the associated Organization in this project with MDF.



Supporting 4-Month Campaign on Gender Based Violence

Comprehensive efforts and mass level awareness are required to address the issues of Gender Based Violence (GBV) which mostly affect women. The rural women staggeringly have high rates of sexual assault, domestic violence, honor killing and abusive customary practices. Linkages and consequences of gender based violence on the reproductive health are also raised.

Considering the gravity of prevailing situation, Gender Equity Program (GEP), Aurat Foundation and Asia Foundation / USAID supported Management & Development Foundation (MDF) & Sindh Development Society (SDS) for organizing workshops and rallies on gender based violation in Mirpurkhas, Matiari, Sanghar, Umerkot and Tharparkar Districts from November 2011 – March 2012. The stakeholders of respective areas, social workers of different NGOs and the women of the targeted areas actively participated in Pakistan Women Day Workshops and International Women's Day Rallies in the selected districts of Sindh Province.



Establishment of Acute Respiratory Infection(ARI) Centers at Tando Muhammad Khan & Badin Districts

MDF efficiently works in the health sector to facilitate the vulnerable and displaced communities of Sindh. According to WHO, Acute Respiratory Infections (ARI) are the leading causes of death in infant children in Pakistan, responsible for 20-30% of child deaths under age of 5 years.

World Health Organization WHO supported Management & Development Foundation (MDF) in establishing two Acute Respiratory Infection Centers in civil hospitals at Tando Muhammad Khan and Badin District Head Quarters for 3 months from 11th December, 2011 to 10th March, 2012. During this project period, 3,005 and 4,496 patients of flood hit communities including male, female and children were given treatment and free medicines in Tando Muhammad Khan and Badin District respectively. Mostly, the patients diagnosed were affected of Pneumonia, Cough, Difficult Breath, Asthma, Gastro and Tharitigits diseases.



Three-Day Specialized Training on Social Mobilization and Community Development Aspects

MDF got opportunity to arrange training workshops for the staff of Sindh On-Farm Water Management (SOFWM) funded by the World Bank. The objective was to transfer the various techniques of social mobilization and community development aspects to the staff. In this context two (2) training workshops were organized during February 2-4 and 6-8, 2012 with the support of Directorate General Agricultural Engineering & Water Management (AE&WM), Government of Sindh. In all 39 participants of two workshops were Assistant Directors, Agricultural Agronomists, Sub Engineers and Water Management Officers and supervisory staff.



Three-Day Training on Surveying and Designing of Watercourses

Management & Development Foundation organized two (2) training workshops during February 20 - 22 & 23 - 25, 2012 with the support of Directorate General, Agricultural Engineering & Water Management, Government of Sindh for the staff of On Farm Water Management (OFWM) funded by the World Bank. The workshops were organized separately for three-day including one day "Hands on Practice" at a watercourse 11-B, Phuleli Wah in Tando Muhammad Khan. In all 43 participants in two workshops were Assistant Directors, In-charge Assistant Directors, Assistant Agriculture Engineers and



Water Management Officers and supervisory staff. The objective of organizing trainings was to learn various techniques of Surveying & Designing of Watercourses.

Three-Day Refresher Training on Social Mobilization & Community Development Aspects

Two refresher training workshops on social mobilization and community development were organized individually with support of Directorate General Agricultural Engineering & Water Management, Sindh. The participants were the staff of On Farm Water Management (OFWM) project funded by World Bank. It was conducted during March 12 - 14 & 15 - 16, 2012. In all 33 participants of two workshops were Water Management Officers (WMOs) of project field team and permanent supervisory staff of agriculture department. MDF has been contracted in organizing trainings on agriculture sector to introduce various latest technologies in the field to boost up agriculture production and livelihood of the communities.



Rehabilitation of Houses of Flood Affectees in Tando Allahyar District

MDF has always worked for vulnerable communities and struggled firmly to provide assistance during the crises. It had carried out an extensive survey on behalf of Orangi Pilot Project Research and Training Institute OPP-R&TI, for the rehabilitation of the destroyed houses in the monsoon rain floods 2011. According to the agreement OPP - R&TI provided financial support to MDF for roofing material

and transportation for 50 rooms of the affected houses of Taluka & District Tando Allahyar.

2 girders sizes 4x6 & 16 rft, 13 Bamboos/Wooden 16rft, 1 reed matting (Pattals), 1 plastic sheet & 2 ropes were



provided to each beneficiary house. In all 36 houses of village Arz Mohammad Pitafi and 14 houses of Mujahid Colony in Union Council – 03 of Tando Allahyar were provided roofing material. 314 beneficiaries including 155 male and 149 female including children were facilitated. Majority of the families belonged to lower class like agriculture farmers, paddlers, artisans, daily wage laborers, donkey cart owners and small shopkeepers.

International Women's Day Rally at Tando Allahyar District

International Women's Day is a time to honor women and raise awareness about the unique obstacles they face around the World. Accordingly, Management & Development Foundation (MDF) taken rally to celebrate International Women's Day to honor and pay tribute to working women for their accomplishments in Tando Allahyar District of Sindh with the support of ActionAID Pakistan.

In all 99 (58 female and 41 male) active members from various CBOs and NGOs like Sindh Agricultural & Forestry Workers Coordination Organization (SAFWCO), Management & Development Center (MDC), Filahi Insanyat Welfare Association (FIWA), Marie Stopes Society (MSS) Behtar Zindagi



Center (BZC), Green Sahara Foundation (GSF), people from various walks of life including lawyers, intellectuals, government officials, social and journalists from different news channels and news papers participated. Mr. Avais Ahmed Memon, Manager Programs, MDF led the rally, after reaching at Press Club Tando Allahyar leading persons of organizations delivered speeches on the occasion.

Establishment of Temporary Learning Centers at Tando Allahyar District

MDF has prioritized education in its core programs and strives hard to provide access to the vulnerable and deprived communities living in far off areas. In this contest it had established 10 TLCs with the support of UNICEF & SPO in the monsoon rain flood affected villages for 3 months. After completion of the Phase-I of TLCs project period, the condition of the flood hit vicinities could not be improved and the program was further extended for the next 3 more months from 1st January to 31st March, 2012.



A bulk quantity of material consisting of Games/Sports boxes, Meena Stories Booklets, Coolers, School Bags and Chalks were provided in TLCs during the second phase. During this phase ten (10) well qualified and competent local teachers were involved in teaching. The overall 690 students including 313 girls acquired education in tents and rented buildings in the flood affected areas.

International Women's Day Program in Tando Bago, Badin District

International Women's Day is celebrated on 8th of March every year to honor working women. This year's theme is to "Empower Women - End Hunger and Poverty." (MDF), Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum (PFF) and Noori Development

Foundation in cooperation organized a musical program to draw attention to the "International Women's Day" on 19th March, 2012 in Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Park, Tando Bagho, Badin District.

The participants of NGOs, CBOs and families of various stakeholders and students of Pilot Public School participated in the musical program. Mr. Ali Arslan, Principal Pilot Public School, Mr. Avais Ahmed Memon, Manager Programs MDF, Ms. Fiza Qureshi, Regional Manager PFF, Ms. Tahira Shah, President NDF and Ms. Makkal Shah, in charge PFF and journalists from Awaz News paper and News channel participated. In the program speeches along with different entertaining activities like dances, tableaux and theater play were organized to develop energetic environment. About 568 participants including women, men and a large number of children participated in the program.



Health and Hygiene Promotion in Disastrous Flood Affected Areas of Tando Muhammad Khan, Badin & Tando Allahyar Districts, Sindh

Hand washing with soap is among the most effective and inexpensive way to prevent diarrheal diseases and pneumonia which together are responsible for the majority of child deaths. MDF according to its WASH program distributed forty six thousand (46,000) soap bars in 2 months (Feb-Mar, 2012) in communities of 3 severely flood hit districts of Sindh namely Tando Muhammad Khan, Badin and Tando Allahyar. The soaps were donated to UNICEF WASH Cluster by Unilever. Each household was provided 4 soap bars. In all 15,000 soaps were distributed in 3,750 families in UC Lakhat, Tando Muhammad Khan District, 15,000 in 3,750 families in UC Khadhan, Badin District and 16,000 in 4,000 vulnerable families in UCs Jhando Mari and Chambar, Tando Allah Yar District.



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