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Safe Drinking Water Access and Promote Hygiene Practices

Village Development through Safe Drinking Water & Sanitation to Reduce Health Hazards project has been implemented with the generous support of Community Development Program (CDP), Planning & Development (P&D) Department, Government of Sindh in Union Council, Atta Muhammad Palli of Taluka and District Umerkot. The criterion of



Mobilization & Formation of CDO

scheme will be one hand pump for 10 households for providing safe drinking water and one latrine for 3 households to reduce open defecation. The project team conducted meeting with the concerned government officials and also with the representatives of HANDS (Health & Nutrition Development Society) and SADA (Sindh Agriculture Development Association) to gather more information of villages of UC Atta Muhammad Palli.

The Project Coordinator and his team conducted introductory meetings with villagers in all 107 villages of target UC. The transact walks were executed in 30 villages to identify the sanitation facility and distance of fetching safe drinking

water. During the identification phase, the field staff executed profiling of villages. The team formed Community Development Organizations (CDOs) in 15 villages where both male and female participated. The members were elected and given designations of President, General Secretary and Treasurer through voting. The project team briefly described the project activities and responsibilities to the members. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed among members of CDOs and MDF field team.

E-Clinic for Far off Backward Communities

E-Clinic has been established in collaboration with USAID and Ask Development for thari communities of desert areas in Taluka Headquarter Mithi, District Tharparkar Sindh. E-clinic is associated with the Aga Khan University Hospital, Karachi. The doctors are connected through online internet service who diagnose patients and give prescription. The main objective is to provide standard health-care services to the patients through tele-medicine.

It is the first innovative initiative in the area that provides medication facilities, medicines and



Physician Assistant Checks a Patient

other energising products to patients with the support of USAID. In a clinic two well trained Physician Assistants (male & female) are providing services to thari communities. Very poor patients are being diagnosed and provided medicines free of cost through a penal of eight (8) most senior doctors.

Intensive Interactive and Participatory Training Program

Eighteen (18) days intensive training program was successfully organised from 02-21, September, 2013 under 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" supported by the IIm Ideas UK Fund. The trainings were scheduled for 6 days to three batches (each batch of 27 participants) in a very friendly and participatory environment.



Ms Sajida Memon Imparting Training to the Teachers

Seventy nine (79) male and female teachers from 35 targeted government and private primary schools of Badin District participated. The training focused on the teachers' manuals, children's workbooks and low cost learning material where teachers were trained through interactive, actions based participatory activities.

Ms. Sajida Memon, MDF consultant imparted training in a very participatory, interactive, action oriented and friendly way. Each activity was briefly explained and performed during sessions. Advanced teaching techniques and trends were applied in the training. The teachers followed the training manuals and performed activities. Various examples of low cost material for teaching were shared by the teachers and different activities were suggested during training. After completion of trainings, all the teachers showed full interest and ensured to implement the interactive and action based participatory activities in their schools while teaching English and Mathematics subjects. The IIm project staff also participated in the training sessions to support in order to assist the teachers in their respective schools. Many prominent guests visited the trainings, appreciated the efforts taken by the organization and encouraged training participants.

Theatre Program on Climate Resilient Agriculture

ActionAid Pakistan has been working hard to fight for human rights of the poor and downtrodden community forgotten by the society. It works in the areas where male

dominance and inequality is rife and supports women and raises them to an equal level with men. It fights against poverty, injustice and focuses on the forgotten and downtrodden community.



Theatre Participants Listening Speeches

In association with AcitonAid, the Theatre play was organised for famer community on Climate Resilient Agriculture on September 3, 2013 in village Umer Mallah, Union Council Seerani, District Badin. A large number of participants including representatives from donor and recipient organization, agriculture experts, local CBOs and NGOs spokespersons, media personnel and farmer communities including men, women and children participated in the program. The key objectives of organizing theatre were to create awareness regarding climate change and resilient agriculture, educate and disseminate information of climate resilience crops and cropping pattern regarding area, and recommend cropping pattern for resilience crops in disaster prone areas. The theatre was performed by "Nangar Thatta Group" where 254 participants watched the theatre play, appreciated the performance and understood the concept of Climate resilient agriculture. During intervals of the theatre, the key and prominent speakers delivered speeches and provided information on agriculture farming in coastal belt, highlighted the rights of women and poor communities. The participants including women shared their problems and applauded the development efforts taken by MDF in their area and also showed pleasure that ActionAid has organised such an informative and entertaining theatre play in the rural and backward area.

Basics of Proposal Writing Workshop

Church World Service-Pakistan/Afghanistan (CWS-P/A) is an international non-governmental organization which implements humanitarian and development activities across Pakistan and Afghanistan. Church World Service organised twoday training workshop from 3-4, July, 2013 at Indus Hotel, Hyderabad. Ms. Javeria Hashmi facilitated the workshop. In the development sector proposal writing is a vital component of the grant seeking process, yet narrating a convincing rationale, describing clear activities or developing a strong logical framework always poses a challenge for many organizations.



Group Photo of Workshop Participants

The objective of the training was to address the ever growing demand of the grass root NGOs for learning various techniques of writing a grant winning proposal. The participants availed an indepth study of the analysis stage, including the stakeholder, problem statement, objective and alternative analysis and learned to identify and construct Objective Verifiable Indicators (OVIs) in the planning stage. The narrative section of the proposal was discussed in detail allowing the participants to learn the sequence and flow of this critical section. The participants had given a better understanding of Concept Note writing, formation, order and interlinking of the narrative with the LFA, work plan and M&E plan. In the workshop the participants from various organizations participated including Mr. Imran Memon, Mr. Danish Baloach, Mr. Nisar Ahmed Channa and Ms. Rabia Arain from MDF.

Contingency Plan Development Training

Oneday training was organised by MDF Human Resource Deptment (HRD) on "Disaster Preparedness and Contingency Planning" at its office in Hyderabad on 3rd August, 2013. Its purpose was to enhance and build the capacity of core and supporting staff and project fields' staff of MDF. Mr. Sajjad Abro, freelance development consultant was the resource person.

In the training focus was given on different natural and man-made disasters in Sindh province. The difference between



Mr. Sajjad Abro Imparts Training

disaster and hazard was clearly briefed. It was emphasised that one cannot stop disasters but can reduce the losses by taking precautionary measures on time. The group activity was conducted to prepare the contingency plan for the districts on different scenarios.

Empower Staff with Effective Community Mobilization

Threeday extensive training program on Community Development through Social Mobilization was organised by MDF from August 06-08, 2013 at head office Hyderabad. The objective of imparting training to the MDF staff was to enhance capacity on effective communication and mobilization with the community, and monitoing & evaluation of project activities. The most experienced and dedicated resource person, Mr. Gopal Das Malhi imparted training to the participants in an interactive, participatory and friendly environment.

Community mobilization, leadership, motivation, participatory approach, effective communication, and monitoring and evaluation areas were highlighted. Information through



Mr. Gopal Das Malhi Imparts Training

examples from the community and field were focused. Different methods and techniques were applied during the training, role play and group presentations among participants were conducted. The training participants actively took part in all the sessions and learning was made effective through group discussion and short assignments.

Follow up of Thar Development Conference Report

The meeting was organised on draft report of Thar Development Conference on Friday 30th August, 2013 at MDF office Hyderabad. The representatives of Marooara Coordination Council Network including Mr. Noor Muhammad Bajeer, Executive Director CSSP, Mr. Suresh Kumar, Team Leader CSSP, Mr. Mir Hassan Aresar, Program Manager SAMI Foundation, Syed Sajjad Ali Shah, GM Program Operations and Ali Nawaz Nizamani, Coordinator LSO TRDP, Mr. Partab Shivani, Executive Director SEARCH, Dr. Yameen Memon, Advisor MDF, Mr. Avais A Memon, Manager Programs MDF and Mr. Nisar Ahmed Channa,

Program officer MDF participated in the meeting. The draft report was thoroughly discussed in which few suggestions and feedback came from the participants like the presentation of the resource persons should be excluded, organizations' profiles should be of one paragraph only, title page of the report should be improved, changes should be made on partner organizations' logos and map of Tharparkar District.

Identifying Solutions of Barriers to Immunization

The Civil Society Human and Institutional Programme (CHIP) and Pakistan Civil Society Organizations Coalition for Health and Immunization (PCCHI) held a preliminary workshop of CSOs at MDF HRD hall in Hyderabad on July 9, 2013. The main objectives of organizing workshop were to have a better understanding of existing barriers, complete immunization of children and mothers and to increase the immunization coverage and improvement of vaccination activities through enhanced cooperation of the local CSOs and district health authorities. The gaps and barriers were identified which were prominently halting immunization programme particular in Sindh province of Pakistan.



Mr. Yasir Kazmi Speaks with the Participants

The coalition partners mutually agreed to enhance capacity of local CSOs and hope to bridge up the gap between government and civil society organizations that would ultimately benefit the poor communities. Mr. Yasir Kazmi and Dr. Alina Akhtar from CHIP preceded workshop in which spokespersons from CSOs like MDF, AMRDO, CBES, MSTT, SDS, CIDP, SCF, NDF, SRO and SEDF participated in the meeting.

Experience Sharing Meeting

On the completion of project "Women's Computerized National Identity Cards (CNICs) Registration in Tharparkar" District in Sindh province, Ms Rabia Akhtar, Gender

Advisor USAID and Ms Shahida, Program Officer Aurat Foundation convened meeting with MDF officials on August 29, 2013 at MDF office. The team shared experiences during the whole project period. The project area was a great challenge for field staff because it was a desert area, no proper system of communication and transportation, very tough geographical and climatic conditions.



USAID, Aurat Foundation and MDF Representatives in the Meeting

The communities are settled scattered on sandy, elevated and far off places so approaching and gathering them in camps was very hard because of very few vehicles provided from NADRA. Due to election the project team faced political influence and movement problem in the area. In spite of such challenges, MDF continued the registration process and made efforts to reach every unregistered woman for the CNICs. They were also provided suggestions for improvement in the project if implemented in future.

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