Community Motivation & Development Organization PPAF-SMP

Field Unit Lakki Marwat CASE STUDY: POLIO REFUSAL CASES CLEARED

VO: KIRAN WELFARE SOCIETY
VILLAGE: MIR MAST MANJIWALA
U/C: MARMANDI AZEEM
DISTT: LAKKI MARWAT.

BACKGROUND:

The village Mir Mast Manjiwala is situated on the main link road from Manjiwala Chowk to Lakki City. The people of the area are hard working. The main source of the income is agriculture. There people are cooperative, follow their traditions and customs. There people were not aware of the importance of community organization and were not agreed to the formation of such organization. CMDO through strong mobilization process convinced the local population with regard to the benefit of having a consultative, truly representative body at village level. Finally, the people got agreed and now that it is the most saturated village of U/C Marmandi Azeem where CMDO have male/ female CO's and VO's. Same was the case with Polio team. There people who hesitated to vaccinate their children and refused to Polio team for the vaccination.



PROBLEMS:

The people have no/less access to clean drinking water, health facilities, schools and colleges. The water table up to 100 ft deep is contaminated and not safe for drinking purposes. People bring water on carts. It is obvious that use of contaminated water causes diseases of stomach and other different diseases. Similarly, the people have no easy access to doctors as the doctors are at a distance of 10 to 12 km away. People are not well educated that is why some people hesitated to participate in the developmental activities initiated by NGOs and even there were families who refused to vaccinate their children <5 with polio drops.



CURRENT SITUATION:

The district health authorities were concerned with the polio refusal cases. The district authorities discussed the issue arisen in various parts of the district including Mir Mast Manjiwala. The VO convened a consultative meeting of COs and decided to vaccinate children with polio drops of all refused cases. They received a list of refused families. They formed various some committees and assigned various areas of the villager where refused families lived to mobilize and convince them for polio vaccination. Mullah Ihsan Ullah and President LSO Hashim Khan also visited the families and got them agreed to vaccinate and cooperate the Polio Team. The district authorities and health department thanks VO Kiran Mir Mast Manjiwala and LSO Al- Marwat for the support.

