

## **Khidmat-e-Khalq, Village Ghangarjan Bahadar, UC Mitta Khel, District Bannu, KP**

The Community Based Organization(CBO), Khidmat-e-Khalq, Village Ghangarjan Bahadar, UC Mitta Khel, District Bannu, was organized by Community Motivation and Development Organization (CMDO) in June 2009. Since then, it has good working relationship with CMDO by taking part in all its activities with profound sincerity. The Village Ghangarjan Bahadar, is situated in the south of district Bannu and comprised of 300 households with a total population 2500 (1998 census). The area is beset with many problems. Agriculture is the main source of livelihood. The area is rain-fed, rain fall is very low, and therefore the agriculture yield is very low. Poor farmers work as peasants, lease land from Maliks and Khans and rely on mercy of Nature as without rain they cannot grow anything without irrigation water. People of the area always searches employment elsewhere. Social indicators are one of the lowest with little or no education and health facilities; no clean water and sanitation infrastructure. Human and Institutional Development is at the lowest and the communities are disorganized with no skills for organizing a demand and /or action for their development and rights.

The CBO established in the village gone through series of issues within the village from obscurants. The people of the area termed the volunteers and activists agents of the CBO infidels. There was also propaganda against NGOs. However their conviction and steadfast approach in braving all the opposition and defending their beliefs and practice kept them on the path to recovery from poverty and misery. Due to this perseverance, the CBO has carved a special place in respect of welfare activities in the community and consequently succeeding in establishing an effective liaison within the community. Whatever achievements made in social organization, enhancement of human and institutional capacities, and welfare activities undertaken by the CBO in the area are as a matter of fact also the result of CMDO social organization activities in the area. CMDO has also earned respect as a result. It was their demonstration and backstopping of the community in practicing the self help approach in resolving their problems, after the delivery of a set of inputs in social organization and human and institutional development that played a key role in the development of the community.

This was the sprit that stimulated the communities to take active part in the affairs of the community and the activities aimed at its welfare. Because of this the CBO has not only worked with CMDO but also with other organizations. The following points show their contribution in community uplifting;

- The first test was the repair on self help basis of a 200 ft road /track which was destroyed in 2010 floods and which had placed the community at a great disadvantage in terms of access.
- People in the area who had no CNIC were facilitated through NADRA mobile units and 200 persons were registered.
- With support from Al-Khidmat Foundation, three disabled persons were provided wheel chairs.
- With support to the Community 'Jahez Fund' (Dowry) from the same charity (Al-Khidmat) two orphan girls were provided Rs. 10,000.00 for their dowry.
- Five households were facilitated in donation of plots by the agriculture department which is greatly helping the beneficiary households.
- With support from Care organization five persons were operated upon/treated for their eye problem in addition to the free consultation and medicine to 55 patients.
- 11 households were provided 11 community latrines with help from NCHD.
- A person with cancer was linked to Al-shifa hospital for free treatment.

It is much gratifying for the local CBO to realize that it is also taking the lead in peace building and conflict resolution in that two 10 year old conflicts, with loss of three lives on each side, were amicably resolved through the efforts of the CBO.

As an ideal example of little external help in stimulation of communities for volunteerism and activism for their own welfare and development, the support from CMDO-PPAF played an effective role in the organization of the Al-Khidmat CBO in their rise to a level on the index of maturity where they are able to mobilize support and finances for resolving community problems. The leadership of the CBO has proven effective in improving their ability to link with and seek support from relevant actors in the government civil society, and NGOs.