

Community Motivation & Development Organization

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Field Unit Lakki Marwat Case Study: HARKAT MA BARKAT

CO Name: Society for Environment and Economic Development (SEED)
President Name: Haji Abdul Majeed Khan
Village: Nar Mumtaz Khan
Union Council: Nar Abu Samand Begu Khel
District: Lakki Marwat.

BACKGROUND:

The village Nar Mumtaz Khan is located in Union Council Nar Abu Samand Begu Khel on the North West of Tehsil Serai Naurang District Lakki Marwat at a distance of about 10 kilometers. Its estimated population is about 1200. It's has a total area of 2200 canal' where only 1200 canal land is cultivable and remaining lies barren due to scarcity of irrigation water in the area. The main source of livelihood is agriculture/livestock; while traditional methods of agriculture are used in the area due to lack of education and poverty. Other sources of income include semi skilled labors in the brick kilns" Batta Khisht"; abundantly found in the area. Brick kilns in the area have played havoc with the ecology due to emission of poisonous gases and eating up the fertile soils in the brick making process. Wood has also been consumed in the kilns; which has cleared all the green trees in the area.

The literacy rate in the area is about 40% both male and female; majority of which end up schooling in the primary phase due to narrow economic situation at household level and absence of local educational intuition. There are no education facilities in the village and parents have to send their children to nearby village in the very early age on foot; which is another obstacle in their education. No dispensary or hospital is there and people resort to Serai Naurang or Bannu for their common illness. Similar is the case of all other basic facilities like roads. Clean drinking water and clean air.

Motivated by CMDO in a Programme introduction session at our village; we felt an earnest need of a community organization to solve all our problems and adopt a collective approach towards all problems in the village. The president of the society Mr. Abdl Majeed Khan along with other member motivated and felt people in the organization and unilaterally adopted a name for the society by the name of SEED" Society for Environment and Economic Development"

Objective: The main goal of the society is revival of the economic activities in the area with clean and green environment, community empowerment and establishing linkages with public and private sector organizations for problem solutions with community awareness.



PROBLEMS:

Following are the major problems in the area:

1. Absence of education, drinking water and health facilities in the village.
2. Minimum trend of sending children to school due to poverty.
3. Lack of agriculture activities in the village due to scarcity of irrigation water and use of traditional farming methods.
4. Excessive and un-planned cutting of trees for consumption as fire wood and use in the brick kilns.
5. Low excess to market by the farmers due to roads and transportation problems and people have to rely on middlemen for their agriculture products.

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initiative 1: People in our village are far behind economic prosperity and basic needs. They have done excessive cutting of trees and sold them to brick kilns as a source of livelihood; which has badly damaged the ecology of the area and people are being severely affected by poisonous gases and erosion of fertile soil in the monsoon season. There was urgent need to address this issue and CO took up the initiative to plant maximum numbers of trees, especially the fruit plants to have both benefits of green environment and source of livelihood. CO President took up this matter with agriculture extension department Serai Naurang and they were kind enough to provide 65 date plants to the village and promised to provide another 100 plants of pomegranates and Guavas plants. CO arranged a meeting to plant these plants on a combined place in the village along a water course and road side. President and all members actively participated in the campaign and they now give a healthy clean and green look to the area with lot of future potential.



Initiative 2: People of the village seem to suffer from various diseases in March-April season and they have to spend their earned money on treatment for those diseases; which could have otherwise been avoided with little precautions. The need was discussed in the society meeting and resolution was passed to take up the health issue with the concerned department. CO Manager contacted local Malaria control programme supervisor to have an information session in the village as Malaria is one of the biggest problems in the area in this season. He kindly consented to our request and arranged a Malaria information and control awareness session at our village with active participation by the community members. Provincial Coordinator of the Malaria Control Programme also participated and briefed community regarding malaria disease prevention and cure techniques with special emphasis on use of safety nets. He demonstrated the use of nets with pictures and demos to the community. Safety nets were also distributed to the community members at the end of session.

Initiative 3: Children education was another hot problem in the village as majority of parents were unwilling to send their children to school in the nearby village. This matter was also taken up in the community meeting and they passed a resolution to contact local school teacher to have a session with community members and parents and persuade about the benefits of the child education. Parents and community members participated in this meeting with local school teacher and NCHD Lakki coordinator. The parents agreed to send their children to school and CO thanked the teachers and villagers for their support and active efforts in this regard. All the children are now going to school and parents are



now happy as their children are now provided free books and uniform in the school and there is no burden of child education at parent's shoulders.