Integrated WASH Response for Building Resilience in Drought-Affected Desert Areas of District Umerkot, Sindh

REPORT ON

CELEBRATION OF

ANTI NARCOTICS DAY WALK

26th June 2019
**Introduction:** SAFWCO launched its WASH interventions in remote areas of district Umerkot with support of UNOCHA. SAFWCO is implementing the project entitled as “Integrated WASH Response for Building Resilience in Drought-Affected Desert Areas of District Umerkot, Sindh.” The purpose of the project is to ensure the access of portable drinking water through installation, rehabilitation and restoration of damaged water sources for 45,700 people (including women and children) and provide improved sanitation facilities in 13 schools for 900 primary students (boys and girls). To accomplish this, extensive series of activities will be undertaken to improve the water facilities for people of remote areas of Union Council Sekhro, Kaplore and Faqeer Abdullah.

SAFWCO officially received the invitation to participate in “celebration of anti narcotics day walk” which was organized by District Administration – Umerkot. A walk programme was initiated at 11:00 AM from Deputy Commissioner (DC) office Umerkot to Press Club Umerkot. DC was intimated all the government line departments and civil society organizations including SAFWCO Umerkot to participate actively, in this regard Project Manager nominated the Mr. Muhammad Khan Kalroo (Communication & Reporting Officer) and Mr. Shoaib Ahmad (Monitoring & Evolution Officer) to join the walk and represent the SAFWCO. The agenda of walk was to raise the awareness among the people and “say no to Drugs”. Walk was led by Senior Superintendent of Police Mr. Aijaz Ahmed Sheikh and Assistant Deputy Commissioner (ADC1) Mr. Ali Raza Shah in which huge number of government officials, civil society organization, youth and students participated.

All participants of whether government line departments or various organizations hold the banner in which slogans were mentioned “Say no to Drugs”. During walk Participants chants the slogan and reached the Press Club where, Superintendents of Police Mr. Aijaz Ahmed Sheikh during his speech said that, today we are gather here to celebrate the anti narcotics day and bring awareness among the people to stay away from drugs to enjoy the healthy life, because people taste the drugs as trend, later they became addicted, further he addressed the youth to stay away from drugs and involve in healthy activities, such as sports and community work. He edited, Law enforcement agencies are working hard to stop the drugs to bring in society.

The representatives of various civil society organizations said in speeches that magnitude of drug menace not only undermines global public health, socio economic synopsis and international stability, it has also become an issue for national security of Pakistan. Pakistan itself is a poppy free country, but its population became a victim of regional opiate production. We are facing brunt of trafficking of opiates and cannabis from the west, precursors from the east and amphetamine type stimulants from elsewhere.
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All participants are walking towards Press Club Umerkot from DC Office Umerkot.
SSP Mr. Aijaz Ahmed Sheikh sharing his thoughts on celebration on antinarcotics day at press club Umerkot.