



Annual Report 2018

**Sindh Agricultural and
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(SAFWCO)**

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FOREWORD

SAFWCO entered in partnership with Rutgers on engaging men to eliminate GBV with project title “Prevention Plus” for five years of partnership from 2018 to 2021. Whereas current SAFWCO interventions “Access to Justice” by OXFAM and WASH remain at core programmatic interventions.

As an organization to develop both human and institutional capital, we have been battling social and economic backwardness which is multifaceted in forms of weak governance, climate change context, and poor delivery of service provider Govt: department, societal stoic standing over GBV and many other forms. As a result, we are now lagging behind in achieving all SDG goals for current and forthcoming years

We highly appreciate our funding partner’s role in community development arena over a period of 2017-2018. These include, Addressing Root Causes (funded by Oxfam –GB), Yes I Do and Prevention Plus (funded by Rutgers) and Wash Services (funded by UNICEF). We hope and pray that our partners will continue to oxygenate our efforts and perseverance in bringing back the smiles on the frustrated faces of mankind.

I am thankful to SAFWCO Board who have provided us guidance and encouragement at every stage of our growth. SAFWCO is also grateful to our partners who have provided us technical and financial assistance and have always endorsed to our strategy and vision. I feel inspired to dedicate progress of this year to our hardworking and committed team, who consider development as an enduring passion.

Suleman G.Abro

Founder & Chairperson
SAFWCO

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It is indeed a great honor for me to present a brief look at yearly achievement of our organization for the year 2018, depicting a deep insight into the sphere of work of SAFWCO which has a mission to organize and facilitate the poor to refurbish their dignity and self-reliance.

SAFWCO team continued its efforts to contributing communities “Easy access to justice” by providing capacity building sessions to 594 UC level Ba lkhtiar group member formed under the project in three districts of Sindh. It is a great pleasure for SAFWCO that the targeted Ba lkhtiar group members provided step down sessions to their relevant 5,635 community members through study circles. During these sessions, different law related topics were discussed and solutions were sought under legitimate legal law and channels.

Regarding health and social rights of adolescent populations who are at the verge of great vulnerability in our society, SAFWCO is encountering this form of GBV by educating and mentoring adolescent boys and girls in school of Sanghar and Umerkot with Whole school approach, a noble approach introduced by Rutgers for well being of adolescent students in SRHR, education, personal and family well being.

Concurrent to GBV elimination strategy of Yes I do project, this year we have launched new and innovative approach by partnering with men and boy to create a society where all men and women enjoy equal rights and societal status. During the reporting period, 35 villages of district Sanghar were focused for different activities including community theaters, community trainers, FM radio messaging, cable net spot, series of dialogues with fathers on safe parenthood etc. Although the project is in its startup phase, yet looking at its impact magnitude in a short span of months, we can highly expect that the project will be quite instrumental in combatting household violence against girls and women.

On the fronts of WASH, SAFWCO WASH team accomplished all targets of ODF certification and post sustainability in district of Nausheroferoz. This year WASH team also reached to Nomadic population and prisoners in Jail where they were provided with health and hygiene awareness education. This was a novel WASH BCC activity in wash related interventions. We feel great honor that , WASH sector of SAFWCO has ensured 360 villages of Taluka Mehrabpur are now open defecation free villages and are fully aware of standard health and hygiene indices. We highly expect that inducted CRPs will continue to play their roles in the communities and would replace SAFWCO’s role as intermediary resource persons.

Sarwan Latif Baluch

Executive Director

ABOUT SAFWCO

Sindh Agricultural and Forestry Workers Coordinating Organization (SAFWCO) is the lead apex institution for community-driven development in province of Sindh. It is, a non-government, not-for-profit socio economic development organization established in 1993 under societies Act 1860 via registration number 3569.

SAFWCO aims to be the catalyst for improving the quality of life, broadening the range of opportunities and socio-economic mainstreaming of the poor and disadvantaged, especially women. The core operating units of the SAFWCO deliver a range of development interventions at the grassroots/community level through a network of more than 1,780 (59,865 membership) village development Organizations in eleven districts of the Sindh Province. These include social mobilization, livelihood support, access to credit, infrastructure and energy, health, education, advocacy for citizenry rights and disaster management. Social mobilization forms the basis of all activities, and is a prerequisite, to undertake various components of the program including Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI) development, Livelihood Enhancement, Health, Education, Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation (DPM), access to finance through credit unit and citizenry rights.

Vision

SAFWCO envisions 'sustainable communities achieving equitable economic, social, political and cultural development through indigenous community organizations' SAFWCO's aim is to 'become self-sustaining resourceful, disciplined and specialized training and support institution accessible to under privileged with a view to build capacities of community organizations as model development institution'.

Mission

SAFWCO's mission is to mobilize the poor under a common platform and to support under a common platform and to support them to carry out sustainable development.

Objectives

- Organize rural and urban communities (men and women) for undertaking sustainable development initiatives primarily on self-help basis
- Build the capacity of the VDOs to make them sustainable
- Undertake participatory development programs for poverty alleviation and improvement of quality of life of the poor
- Facilitate women participation in the development activities and promote their socio economic empowerment
- Promote conservation of natural resources, take efforts for improving environment and facilitate health and education
- Engage in advocacy and networking for addressing social issues of the society
- Cooperate with national and international development organizations for poverty alleviation and sustainable development

Values

Equality, Transparency, Participatory, Mutual Respect, and Social Justice

SAFWCO Programmes

- Social Development
- Community Physical Infrastructure Development
- Education
- Health and Hygiene Promotion
- Agriculture and Livelihood Development
- Environment and Climate Risk Management
- Advocacy & Governance (AG)
- Women Empowerment
- Financial Services for unbanked and disadvantaged Population
- Monitoring, Evaluation & Research
- Vulnerable Groups and Disability

ADDRESSING ROOT CAUSES

SAFWCO has entered into five year programme (from April 2017 to March 2021) partnership with OXFAM & Safer World titled “ improved access to fair, legitimate and effective justice system in Pakistan” in three districts of Sindh namely Khairpur, Sanghar and Hyderabad. For most people it is hard to access, due to a backlog of cases. For poor and marginalized groups it is simply too costly and geographically out of reach. As a result most Pakistanis continue to rely on informal justice systems – non-state methods of conflict resolution – which in most cases are not acknowledged by the Pakistani government.

The objective of the proposed project is to contribute to an effective justice system that is accessible for all citizens in Pakistan .In parallel, the proposed project will reach out to the local communities, low-status groups, women and youth. It will engage with them to understand their challenges in accessing justice, and build their capacity to work with CSOs, justice providers and government authorities to develop practical solutions for more inclusive justice provision and recommendations for reform in the broader system. It will empower communities to know and claim their rights while increasing the ability and accountability of individuals and institutions that are responsible for respecting, protecting and fulfilling human rights. During the reporting period July 2017-June 2018, underlying activities were implemented in the Districts Hyderabad, Sanghar and Khairpur Mirus.

DEVELOPMENT OF TRAINING MANUAL ON PROVISION OF JUSTICE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS AND OTHER RELATED LEGAL FRAMEWORKS

During the reporting period (June 2017 to July 2018), A training manual on provision of justice in local language was developed by hiring a legal expert. The training manual focuses on alternative dispute resolutions based on existing local government laws.

The manual was designed in way to provide comprehensive understanding of basic laws that local community activists called as Ba-Ikhtiar Group members can understand the basic laws and ways to benefit and access to avail them.

SAFWCO organized a training of trainer (ToT) for project staff to develop a cadre of trained team who can further train Ba Ikhtiar group members and local elected representatives at field level.

During ToT, a mixed training methodology was employed, comprising of brainstorming, interactive discussions, experience sharing, role playing, sharing of case studies, group work, and group and individual presentations by the participants. All the sessions were made interactive to ensure the interest and active participation of the participants.

CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS FOR MEMBERS OF BA-IKHTIAR GROUPS AND LOCAL BODY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

23 workshops were conducted for Ba Ikhtiar groups to familiarize members of Ba Ikhtiar groups in target Union Councils and local body elected representatives on translation of provision of justice in local government acts and other legal framework. These workshops were attended by total 594 participants in respective districts including 193 women, 10 LG representatives and 22 participants from minority populations. Training was delivered through power point presentations, oral discussions, participants experience sharing, group work and fun activities kept participants energized. Participants actively took part in the training material and contents and asked different questions from their routine life to understand the justice system. Their main focus remained on alternative dispute resolution and formal and informal justice system. Elected representatives also took interest in local government act and justice system within the act. These trainings have improved the Knowledge and understanding of

communities about justice redressal mechanisms, types of justice system, formal justice system, informal justice system, semi-formal justice system and provision of justice in Sindh Local Government Act 2013 and other legal frameworks.

STUDY CIRCLES FOR THE MEMBERS OF BA- IKHTIAR GROUPS

During the reporting period, 270 Study circle were conducted with members of Ba-Ikhtiar Groups in respective districts. These meetings were attended by 5635 members including 1,861 women, 1245 youth and 596 participants from minority populations. These monthly meetings /Study Circles were conducted with the members of Ba Ikhtiar groups in which they shared some issues faced by communities which include but limited to Lack of speedy trial of courts, Lingering & expensive Justice System, Low daily wages of labour & monthly salary of private company not according to law, Early marriages especially in rural areas and minority communities, Traditional Police Culture of non-cooperation, Child labour, Un equal status to minorities, Domestic violence especially in families by Husband on his wife, un awareness about basic fundamental rights as per Constitution of Pakistan, Poor dealing with minorities, limited Resources and authorities to local elected members. The study circles focused “Sindh Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Act, 2013”, and participants were familiarized with the information packs on Government shall constitute a Commission which shall consist of a Chairperson and such number of members, Punishment under this act, Definition of domestic violence, Formation of Protection Committee, Functions of Protection Committee, Fifty thousand rupees or with both. During these study circles, the members of Ba Ikhtiar group were apprised that Government would, by notification in the official Gazette, constitute District Protection Committees for the purposes of this Act who would act as the Secretary of the Protection Committee. Any citizen can access this committee and request for redressal of the grievance or report the issue.

PROJECT STAFF’S TRAINING ON GENDER MAINSTREAMING, HUMAN RIGHTS AND MINORITY RIGHTS AND THEIR ROLE IN JUSTICE SYSTEM.

During the reporting period, two team members from SAFWCO i.e. Mr. Abdul Hameed – District Coordinator Sanghar and Ms. Shumaila Abbasi- Social Organizer Khairpur Mirs attended training on gender mainstreaming and inclusiveness, human rights and minority rights and their role in justice system at Peshawar. The training was organized by Saferworld. During the training participants briefed how to ensure gender mainstreaming in role of justice system.

ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICT ADVOCACY FORUMS FOR NETWORKING

During the reporting period, 03 district advocacy forums were established in respective districts of Hyderabad, Khairpur and Sanghar. Meetings were attended by 106 participants including 19 females. During these meetings participants were briefed on aims and objectives of district advocacy forums, roles and responsibility and scope of the forum.



The main objective of establishment of district forum was to bridge the information gap and facilitate a process to engage Government line departments, communities and project team/ Ba Ikhtiar Group in different project related activities. After the formation of the district forums, a group a steering committee is also formed consisting of 0 members from General council in which 30% representation is given to women, two members from Ba Ikhtiar Group, two Govt. representatives

and two representatives from CSO. The objective of steering committee is to provide leadership and coordination.

ORIENTATION MEETINGS WITH POLICE AND JUDICIARY ABOUT THE PROJECT

Meetings with Police

During the reporting period, police department was taken on board as police is one of the key stakeholders in the project and act importantly in justice system. The meetings with police department were aimed to orient them about the project, theory of change and respective issues of women, youth and other marginalized groups. The orientation was instrumental to engage the police department and develop their understanding towards project outcomes.



Meetings with Judiciary/Bar Council

During the reporting period, orientation meeting with Bar council was organized to orient them about the project, theory of change and respective issues of women, youth and marginalized groups. The meeting was attended by advocates from different courts and representatives of Bar Council. The orientation was planned to engage the police department and make their understanding for the project outcomes so that one of the key stakeholders. During the meeting, advocates and Bar Council representatives keenly took



interest and shared their opinion that it was first time for the Bar council to see that a civil society organization had initiated steps to minimize the burden of judiciary. Discussing ADR issues, members of Bar council shared that ADR was one of the best legal provisions that could help judiciary system and communities as well to get easy access to rapid justice.

QUARTERLY DISTRICT LEVEL FORUM MEETINGS

Three Quarterly district level forum meetings in Hyderabad, Khairpur and Sanghar districts were organized to seek inputs from UC level Ba Ikhtiar group members who actively participated in these events. They shared concerned issues as well understandings of formal and informal justice mediums. Government department representatives also participated in these meetings and shared relevant information for Ba-Ikhtiar Group Members i.e. human right cell, safe spaces for women and other facilities for victims looking for legal support.

COORDINATION MEETINGS WITH DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS.

To strengthen partnerships with different relevant stakeholders to seek their valuable support in the project implementation, a total of (03) three coordination meetings were conducted with Govt: officials and others. Project team conducted coordination meetings with (i)-Mr. Javed Aalum Odho (Deputy Inspector General of Police- Hyderabad (ii)- Mr. Badar Memon Chairman –District Council, Hyderabad and (iii)- Justice (R) Majida Rizvi Chairperson Commission of Human Rights-Govt. Of Sindh. All of these officials from different departments ensured cooperation and support to SAFWCO team for implementation of project activities and suggested project staff to link the Ba Ikhtiar groups with concerned department including women protection cell and complaint cell established at DIG Office Hyd.



BUILDING ALLIANCE WITH ORGANIZATIONS WORKING ON RULE OF LAW

During the reporting period SAFWCO organized the meeting of the civil society organizations and other stakeholders which are working on rule of law to establish an alliance of like-minded organizations. . In this context a mapping of like-minded organizations was also conducted. It was highly encouraging that organizations like Root Works Foundation, Strengthening Participatory Organization, Centre for Social Change, SPARK Pakistan, Fisher Folk Forum, Legal Aid Society, Catholic Foundation, Right Now Pakistan, Legal Rights Forum, Civil Society Support Program, ABAD, NCJP, SCF, WDSP Khairpur, District Bar Associations Hyderabad, and khairpur, and representatives of Media attended this gathering.

All the participants on the behalf of their organizations agreed that on naming the alliance as “Ba Ikhtiar Alliance”. All representatives of the organization accepted membership of Ba Ikhtiar Alliance to contribute to an effective, gender responsive and accountable justice system that is accessible for all citizens in Pakistan in general and in Sindh province particular. During the proceedings draft ToRs were shared with participants and with slight modifications these ToRs were approved by the members. The formed Alliance members decided that next meeting will conducted in coming quarter and as per ToRs at SAFWCO office premise at Hyderabad.



STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS WITH RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

In Hyderabad district, various district meetings were conducted with prominent personalities including Mr. Sultan Khawaja (Deputy Inspector General of Police-Hyderabad), Ms. Zahida Parveen Senior Superintendent of Police Hyderabad, Ms. Fouzia Ashraf Deputy Director- Women Development Department Hyderabad, Ms. Sindhu Baig (Complaint Desk Officer) Women Protection Cell DIG Police Office Hyderabad, civil society organizations that are members of Ba Ikhtiar Alliance.

Meetings were also conducted with Mr. Zafar Zaidi (In charge Complaint Cell SSP Office Hyderabad), Mr. Asghar Ali Jamali (In charge Human Rights Cell Superintendent of Police office Hyderabad), Ms. Bakhtawar Zardari (incharge 15 Hyderabad Police range), Ms. Sindhu Baig (Incharge Women Protection Cell DIG office Hyderabad).

In district Sanghar, 10 meetings were carried out with different stakeholders including Mr. Niaz Bodani Chairman Union Council Jatia Dist. Sanghar, Advocate Naeem Sriwal (member district bar association Sanghar), Mr. Mohammad Akram Assistant Director Social Welfare Department Sanghar, Mr. Ghulam Nabi Nizmani Deputy Director Social Welfare District Sanghar, and likeminded Organizations including Sustainable Development Foundation and Child Right Network and Legal Aid Society.

At District Khairpur, 12 meetings carried out with different stakeholders including Mr. Riaz Wassan Additional Deputy Commissioner-1 khairpur, Mr. Massaod Ahmed Sheikh Assistant Director Social Welfare Department Khairpur, Mr Hafizullah Sheikh Deputy Director Social Welfare Department Khairpur, Mr. Zaheer Ahmed Ansari focal person Social Welfare Department Khairpur, Mr. Ansar Sindhu Executive Director (NDP-NGO for Disable person) and Mr. Niaz Ali Junejo General Manager Handi Craft, a civil society organization.

Achievement till June 2018

- One Training developed manual developed on provision of justice in Local Government Acts and other related Legal Frameworks
- 23 capacity building workshop organized for 594 participants in respective districts including 193 women, 10 LG representatives and 22 participants from minority populations.
- 270 study circles were organized by Bai lkhtiar groups which were attended by 5635 members including 1,861 women, 1245 youth and 596 participants from minority populations
- 03 district advocacy forums for networking established with one steering committee elected to provide leadership and coordination
- Orientation meetings with Police, Bar councils were organized
- 03 Quarterly district level forum meeting were organized by SAFWCO team to discuss concerned issues as well understandings of formal and informal justice mediums which Ba lkhtiar groups face
- 03 coordination meeting with different stakeholders were organized
- Organized one meeting with like minded CSOs and other stakeholder for alliance building

Case Studies

Knowledge about family laws helps a family in resolving long standing issue

Faiza lives in a village with less formal education and lack of basic facilities. Most of the villagers of her area including her family members depend on raising cattle, farming and labor for their livelihood. It was quite big achievement of Faiza to pass intermediate as most of the girls of her Union Council (UC) are not literate, however she was not allowed to get higher education due to poverty and she had to stay at home and help her family in household activities and look after the cattle. However, she has been working in Private School with a low salary of 6000/ per month sine few years.



People in rural areas take tiny matters seriously and start clashes with each other without caring any kind of blood relationship and same environment exists in their area. Mostly issues of matrimonial disputes occurs between the family members which are either resolved through interference of the head of the villages or local influential or continue for centuries which result in permanent enmity between the families and braderis.

Faiza and her family members had been facing this kind of issue since last few years. Faiza shared that her brother Mr. Mohammad Ali contracted marriage with Ms. Musarat few years back and both were passing their life happily, but suddenly wife of her brother started quarrel on petty matters with her husband, father-in-law and with Faiza also. They all were joint family and lived together in same house. she told that her father always tried to always mediate to resolve disputes between them but Musarat was not ready to compromise and started blackmailing her whole family members and was bent upon to dissolve the marriage with Mohammad Ali .

Due to social constraints, her family members could not disclose this issue in their village. After solemnizing his brother with lady named Musarat, her family was disturbed and her father Mr. Allah Dito approached to the local heads and influential to resolve the issue but all these efforts gone in vain. Difficulties were increasing day by day for her family members and there was no any ray of hope for her family in terms of resolution of the matter amicably.

Meanwhile SAFWCO team went in the area and met with notables and community members of Union Bafoo and introduced the Program “Improved Access to Fair, Legitimate, and Effective Justice in Pakistan”. Faiza attended the initial mobilization meetings of the SAFWCO team and became member of Ba-Ikhtiar group. Faiza participated in various meetings and training of the Ba-Ikhtiar group and got information and Knowledge about formal and semi-formal justice particularly regarding the family laws.

Meanwhile Faiza was astonished to receive a court notice for appearing before family judge Khairpur. Actually the family members of Ms. Musrat have fabricated many false cases against family of Faiza and also filed a suit for dissolution of marriage and claimed about 7 lacs as Haq Muhar.

At this moment of time Faiza decided to convince her father to share this issue with members of the Ba lkhtiar group in the monthly meeting to get guidance and help. As Faiza was now become familiarized about muslim family law, so she encouraged her brother to defend the case in the family court, but as her family was poor so they cannot afford the fees of advocate.

Family of Faiza not lost the hope and as per guidance from SAFWCO team, her family contacted representatives of local welfare organization who agreed and facilitated her family. The case was pursued in the court for few months and was finally adjudicated in favor of brother of Faiza.

This decision In the favor of family of Faiza is an ample proof of the confidence and courage of Faiza due to sufficient knowledge about family laws that she received during training sessions and meetings.

“I belong to rural area of district Khairpur Sindh, where women often follow the customs and social constraints. Women of these areas are deprived of their social, economic and legal rights and it is also not strange for them to become victims and bear violence. But now I and other women of my UC have become agent of change against these social evils, and my family is one of the best example of this change” Faiza Said.

Social Activist took firm stand against early Marriage

Noor Khan Sanderani was marrying his 14 years daughter Ameena with one of his villager in collusion with elder of the village Mr. Asghar Sanderani which was quite illegal but father of Ameena was not aware about the early marriage restraint Act and it was custom of the village so he did not feel any hesitant to contract marriage of his daughter in the age of 14. All matrimonial arrangements were finalized.

Meanwhile it came in knowledge of Mr. Yousif Sanderani who was member of Ba-lkhtiar group and aware about the early marriage restraint Act, he asked father of Ameena that this act is against the law and also will be injurious for the health of his daughter. Mr. Yousif shared that when his efforts for convincing his father failed, he contacted mother of Ameena and also other members of Ba-lkhtair group of his UC, they became successful in convincing mother of Ameena.



Figure 2Mr. Mohd Yousif Sanderani in the picture

Despite of all these efforts Mr. Noor Khan, father of girl was bent upon marrying his daughter in age of 14 years and showed great annoyance upon Yousif and other members of group and also threatened them not to interfere in the family matter. Father of Ameena made complaint against Mr. Yousif and members of group before Wadera Chakar Khan Sanderani who issued threats to Yousif and members of group. Father of Ameena was feeling that if he will not be able to marry his daughter he would face humiliation in his village, so he was in favor of the marriage ceremony.

For Mr. Yousif, this was a matter of serious concern, either to sit back and let it happen or take the initiative to save a girl from a customary practice. He discussed the matter with some villagers and accompanied them to the Mr. Noor Sanderani father of the girl to convince him that it's too early for girl to be married at this age and its consequences are very severe especially for health of his girl. It angered Mr. Noor Sanderani and he replied “these are our customs; we use to marry our girls at this age, we are satisfied with our customs and we prefer early marriages”

Mr. Yousif and members of group decided to approach police department and also raised this issue in local media. They met with Rao Mohd Aslam Superintendent of Police Sanghar and also approached to the DIG office Shaheed Benazirabad and informed about this issue of early age marriage. SHO police station took notice and this forced Mr. Meer Chaaker and Mr. Noor khan to step back and postpone the decision of marriage.

Mr. Yousif Sanderani shared that “I got this knowledge through the capacity building workshop organized by SAFWCO under ARC Project, I got the information that under family law early age marriages are not allowed and consent of girl is also mandatory for the marriage.” He added that project intervention has provided us the opportunity to get informed about state laws and enabled us to discuss justice related issues. This helps us in getting rid of un-necessary customs and creeds that are injurious to health.”

Hindu Community says No to Early Marriage

In Village Sawan Khan Gopang of District Hyderabad girls of Marwari communities are married at early ages and parents of the girls feel proud to get their daughters married in early ages. Mr. Ratno Mal councilor and members of Ba-ikhtiar group told that people of his village feel humiliation if they do not marry their daughters at the early age so mostly in his village Marwari community contracts marriages of their daughters without taking care of their purity age so it was great challenge for him to change this trend and convince members of Marwari community so that they may be restrained from this act. Ratno Mal and his friends did not lost their hopes and started discussing the issue of early marriage with likeminded people of the community and slowly and gradually started sensitizing the community members of the village and transformed legal knowledge about early marriage.

Mr. Ratno Mal councilor and members of Ba-ikhtiar group conducted a session on of early marriages in their Village. During these sessions they got the commitments from the villagers about restraining from early marriages. During a session Ms. Kelam shared that “We are also human beings and will not allow any forced marriage and especially in younger age which disturbs mentality of the girls in their child age” Ms. Shanti added that “being a female I can understand the implication of early marriages of girls, I will be the first to say no to these decision in future”. She is the first lady to get education in her family.

Ms. Leela shared that “now the media has given us the strengthen to speak and stand for our rights so future belongs to those who are more Knowledge ones”

Ms. Maya said “I’m glad to hear that our minority community is now become aware about basic rights and this is step to bright future of our generation.”

Efforts of Ratno Mal resulted in enhancing the knowledge & awareness of Marwari communities about the early marriages restraint Act in their union council.

YES I DO

SAFWCO has entered into new five year Programme “Yes I do” on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRHR) with Rutgers for two districts of Sindh namely district Sanghar and district Umerkot to address SRHR issues, elimination of Child marriage and engaging adolescent population into alternatives direction in form of education and enterprise. The project goal is to let Adolescent Girls and boys enjoy their health and rights and achieve their full potential free from all the forms of child marriage and teenage pregnancies. The theory of change that project revolves around is social movement led by adolescent population (to be called as Kiran Plus) itself to transform social and gender norms that perpetuate child marriage and teenage pregnancy by community awareness, education, mobilization and advocacy to decision makers from home to Government level.

COMMUNITY THEATER ON EARLY CHILD MARRIAGE & SESSION AT COMMUNITY LEVEL ON SRHR AND MEANINGFUL YOUTH PARTICIPATION

Community Theater on early child marriages and community meetings on LSBE & SRHR was organized in 6 Villages of District Sanghar. The aim of this activity was to raise the awareness among the young adolescent girls, influential community leaders, gate keepers, and families from the areas of District Sanghar about the issues of early marriages Under YID project. The activity leaded the motivations and sensitization process about need of LSBE & SRHR in our lives, early child marriages and its consequences, this activity was based on the theater performance on early child marriages to sensitize the local community to raise the awareness on the early child marriages and information on the CMRA 2013.

ORGANIZING MEENA BAZARS IN SCHOOLS TO STRENGTHEN THE LEARNING ON LSBE AND STORY/CASE

The objective of the activity was to physically engaging the students in economic activity in schools and to generate funds at school level. Meena bazars were organized in following schools:

- GGHS Shahdadpur
- GGHS Khadro
- GGHS Shahdadpur
- GBHS Lal Dino Nizamani
- GPBHS Shahdadpur

The aim of this activity was to raise the awareness among the young adolescent girls, teachers of schools and Mothers from the areas of District Sanghar about the issues of early marriages its consequences, human rights ,girls & boys education, gender discrimination, harassment and general diseases Under YID project.`

The activity leads the motivations about basic attitude, behaviors, and positive approaches of a good living environment of a family life where the rights are managed with equality and real sense of relation between the family members is being shown. This activity was based on the theater performance, speeches and poster competitions on the topics from Roshan Rahein book focused on LSBE and early child marriages. Every school prepared three theaters on the following topics;

- Importance of Girls Education
- Gender discrimination
- Violence & Harassment
- Consequences of early child marriages

- Awareness in relation to the child marriage restraint act 2013
- Importance of Decision of Girls within the family
- Girls Rights of education
- Causes and solutions of general diseases like HIV aids, and hepatitis B & C
- Girls and boys protection
- Promotion of business to empower his/her family

ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS BY ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND BOYS WITH THE POLICY MAKERS AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL

The main objective of this activity was to streamline the advocacy campaign of Yes I Do Project with policy makers at the Provincial to implement the Laws and reflect the struggle of Kirans Plus against CM. The group of six (6) Kiran Plus, one (1) teacher and two (02) project staff from district Sanghar and Umerkot participated in the advocacy meeting at Secretariat Karachi on 30-31 October 2017 in which group of Kiran plus share their experiences of working on child marriages, Group of Kiran plus from both districts Sanghar & UK share their filed experience that how they are working to stop child marriages and the implementation of early child marriage restraint act 2013 under Yes I Do project

ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING

The Annual Review Meeting of the Yes I Do Programme in Pakistan was held at the Hill view Hotel Islamabad from 23rd October till 26th October 2017. The Meeting was attended by participants from Rutgers, Plan International, SAFWCO, ICE and IRM along with youth advocates from Sanghar and Umerkot. The 4 day Annual Review Meeting served a multipurpose objective that aimed to achieve the following key aspects.

1. A solid understanding of the ToC and how activities contribute to joint programme
2. Agreed upon suggestions for adjustments of programme elements and activities
3. Identified ways to strengthen collaboration
4. Identified a common learning agenda and agreed upon a capacity building plan at country and regional level.
5. Identified lessons learned, challenges and opportunities on prevention of Child Marriages and Teenage Pregnancies.
6. Agreed upon follow up steps, including roles and responsibilities and deadlines.

The following outputs were generated from within the ARM discussions:

Reflections from the field

- 4 Youth advocates that included 2 Kirans (Rutgers) and 2 youth reps (Plan) individually shared their experiences from the field and provided their perspective on programme activities in their respective communities.
- The youth advocates had a very positive outlook on the programmes and its impact in their communities. They spoke specifically about the positive impact of the awareness created amongst their peers and societies regarding SRHR. Similarly, they explained the benefit of the information on economic empowerment that they were being given.
- This session showed a positive impact of Plan and Rutgers respective programmes but also highlighted a gap in communication and collaboration between youth advocates of both partners in the communities.
- A mechanism of strengthening collaboration at the grass root level between Kirans and Plan Youth Reps was discussed and it was decided that after the establishment of the Kiran Network in November this year, the 2 youth networks would operate independently at the local levels but would collaborate at the district level through joint activities and executive committees.

After deliberating on the theory of change, participants engaged in a detailed review of individual programme activities of all partners to assess their relevance, objectives, outcomes and challenges.

The programme activities and theory of change were also considered from an M&E lens to objectively consider whether or not targets were achievable along with a review of the accuracy/validity of indicators.

It was unanimously agreed that there was a need for further collaboration on advocacy efforts to ensure more effective implementation on SCMRA along with the need for pushing for legislation in Punjab and the Federal Capital.

MEETINGS WITH RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AT UMERKOT AND SANGHAR

The aim of this activity was to give orientation of Yes I Do Project to all the stake holders belongs to religious community, government officials who are the key role player of the society for implementation of Laws. Following number of participants were given orientation:

| Target groups | Muslims | Minority | Media | CSO |
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| Religious Leader, Government Department, CSO, | 12 | 8 | 4 | 12 |

LSBE EDUCATORS AND TRAINERS FORUM

Main Objectives of this program was to give incentives and appreciations and acknowledge to teachers & Master Trainers, who have been engaged in Whole school approach activities under Yes I DO Project and sharing of their learning and experiences about the implementation of Life Skill based education & community advocacy regarding safe Motherhood, early child marriages, early pregnancies, in both district Sanghar & Umerkot. The event was organized at Indus Hotel Hyderabad on 18 December 2017. Miss Irum Maria Project Coordinator Yes I DO Welcomed to all the Participants Specially School principals, and DEOs, they said that that we are very happy to see all the Teachers are available here, this is the sign of change and the struggle which we have started to bring the change seems here, that we are successful to bring the change, these Teachers are our role model.

She further said that all those parents and teachers are appreciable who have been supporting us in the implementation of Yes I Do Project.

Miss Irum Maria share that today's event **LSBE Educators and Trainers Forum** purpose is to acknowledge and appreciate the hard work of Teachers & Master Trainers which they done in the schools to implement whole school approach and 56 teachers teach LSBE book among the 10399 students in 15 Schools and in community to stop child marriage and promote girls education.

Incentive of Rs.2000/- to teachers were provided through SAFWCO teams. Mr.Suleman G Abro to acknowledge Principals for their work and commitments and announce the names of Schools Principal, Master Trainers to receive the Shields and incentives one by one for their precious work which they have done in their schools.

EXPOSURE VISITS FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND BOYS

The objective of the activity was to give an exposure of provincial level event to enhance the understanding and knowledge of Kirans Plus, Project staff. The group of eight (8)Kiran Plus and two

project staff from district Sanghar and Umerkot participates in the event The Significance of Gender Transformative approaches in Ending GBV at Marriott Hotel Karachi on 13th December 2017 in which group of Kiran plus share their experiences in engaging men and boys in ending child marriages, Group of Kiran plus from both districts Sanghar & UK share their filed experience that how they are working to stop child marriages and the implementation of early child marriage restraint act 2013 under Yes I Do project .

SESSION ON MENSTRUAL HEALTH, PUBERTY, HEALTH AND HYGIENE, SRHR AND TP

The objective of the activity was to orientate the students about puberty and basic hygiene from a health perspective and present the HCP as a referral point for students' individual issues. One session carried out in each of the selected schools of district Sanghar. The sessions has facilitated by registered HCPs with the presence of concerned Programme Officer of IP, the facilitator of the session was the staff of nearby health facility Represented at School Committee. The sessions wre conducted in following schools of district Sanghar:

- Govt: Boys High School Shahdadpur
- Govt: Boys High School Laldino Nizamani
- Govt: Girls High School Khipro
- Govt: Girls High School Shahdadpur
- Govt: Girls High School Sanghar
- Govt: Girls High School Khadro
- Govt: Girls High School Shahpur chakar
- Govt: Girls High School Jhole
- Govt: Boys High School Jhole

INCLUSION OF NEW SCHOOL FOR LSBE

Keeping in view the total targets of the respective years, six new schools were selected for implementation of LSBE and other yes I do project activities. The school administration were oriented on Whole School Approach along with project activities to be carried out in order to battle against Child Marriage and Teenage Pregnancy. The teachers were oriented about their role in bringing up adolescent boys and girls as social movement fighters against the social evil of CM and Tp

PREPARING POOL OF MASTER TRAINERS ON LIFE SKILL BASED EDUCATION FOR ADOLESCENT STUDENTS

Three-days TOMT workshops was organized by Rutgers Pakistan on "Life Skills Education (LSE)" at Movenpick Hotel Karachi in which 11 Master trainers from District Sanghar and Umerkot participated under the Yes I do Project. The main objective of the training was to enhance the capacity of the MTs through knowing about the LSBE, Self Awareness, Gender, communication and motivational Skills under the scenario of curriculum content of "Roshan Rahain". These MTs will trained other school teachers for teaching the "Roshan Rahain" book to the students of class 7th to 10th standard in the schools.**DAY-1** Training program started with the recitation from Holy Quran, then welcome the participants and detailed introduction of participants. Miss Irum Maria Project Coordinator Shared the brief introduction & objectives of YID Project and the purpose of the training activity. Regarding LSBE concept, Mr Imran Haider drew participants' attention towards significance of LSBE in society. She told the background of Book "Roshan Rahein" with the participants. Training involved Group work, presentations from participants, interactive speeches and energizers. During training, participants prepared their presentations under the topic of book and gave presentation Group wise. The sessions were very productive and teachers were very much clear at how to teach the students in class room through the help of this Roshan Rahein Book. In closing ceremony, participants shared their feedback for the

training and in the end of the workshop participants received the acknowledgment certificates. The Training improved participant's knowledge about LSBE which would be further cascade to students as well.

TEACHERS' TRAINING ON LIFE SKILL BASED EDUCATION

SAFWCO organized three day TOT workshops "Life Skills Education (LSE)" for 25 teachers (12 male and 13 female) from six Govt Boys and Girls Higher and secondary schools of district Sanghar under the Yes I Do project by Rutgers Pakistan at SAFWCO Main Office Shahdadpur on 19- April 2018. Ms.Irum Maria Project Coordinator SAFWCO and Ms.Talat Zahid Project Officer facilitated this TOT workshop. The training was imparted by two aster trainers Mr. Farhan and Miss Ayesha Latif Khan who were already trained by SAFWCO.. The main objective of this training was to train teachers of class 7th-10th class on the LSE curriculum and participatory teaching methodologies. These 'LSBE Educators' will implement the Roshan Rahein Curriculum in the schools with students of grade class 7th-10th. Training was aimed at enhancing the capacity of the Teachers through knowing about the LSBE, SRHR & economic empowerment.

The training methodology included group work, interactive brainstorming discussions, analytical debates and presentation. Participant teachers were informed about the role of YID School Committee as part of Whole School Approach and other activities which would ensure conducive environment within the schools particularly some extra-curricular activities like school Meena bazaar, resource center.



Later on, teachers were provided orientation on basic concept of LSBE and its background philosophy and significance on the Rutger published booklet titled" Roshan Rahein" that the participant teachers are expected to deliver its topics for boy and girls in their schools. The topics of the booklet were discussed one by one through discussion, debates and dialogues with particular focus on Role of kiran, Human Rights, Gender ,violence, peer education, puberty happy family and general diseases.

Regarding adolescent students' problems i.e. Lack of confidence and education, (ii)-Immaturity, (iii)-Smoking /drinking, (iv)-Homo sexuality, (v)-Lack of proper information regarding puberty related health issues, (vi)-Early child marriages and many others were also discussed with participant teachers

for resolution. Furthermore during teachers were given multimedia presentation on **Youth Demographics – Globally and vulnerabilities of youth**. The presentation highlighted gender inequality and communication problems that an adolescent face. During training, teacher participants were also provided training session on Human rights and gender issues in order to improve their knowledge on human rights with particular focus on “Introduce the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)”. The teachers were given detailed training on Child Marriages, Causes, consequences and its negative impacts on reproductive health of boys and girls, Concept of puberty and changes during puberty age in boys and girls, Sexually Transmitted Infections; HIV and Hepatitis B & C and Self-Awareness. Teacher participants were also provided sessions on how to organize Meena bazars, its objectives and its impact on students.

IMPLEMENTATION OF WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH AND TO TEACH LSBE BOOK “ROSHAN RAHEIN” IN SCHOOLS

During reporting period, selected schools were geared up for implementation of WSP and LSBE book teaching with more focused, holistic and integrated approach to engage target students, teachers, schools administration, staff and Parents, community members and HCPs. Through WSA, selected teachers were provided with master training which they will further roll out to other teachers of the school along with implementation of co-curricular activities, Reaching out of school adolescents through Peer education activities by Kirans ; Peer Education tools and IEC material on CM and Life skills ,Yes I Do School Committees formation and then Training of Health Care Providers and referral Mechanism

SESSIONS WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON LIFE SKILL BASED EDUCATION AND ADOLESCENT POPULATIONS’ EMPOWERMENT WITHIN FAMILIES

To raise the awareness among the community, influential peoples, gate keepers, and families from the areas of District Sanghar about the issues of early marriages Under YID project. Community sessions on early child marriages , LSBE & SRHR were provided in Village Daim Bachal and Mithan Dero villages in District Sanghar where 170 community members actively participated the session. The activity led the motivations and sensitization process about need of LSBE & SRHR in adolescent peoples’ lives, early child marriages and its consequences on the families and in the society as a whole. The sessions were pivoting around topics on early child marriages to sensitize the local community and to raise their awareness on the CMRA 2013. Ms Talat Zahid the field coordinator, told communities about horrible consequences of child marriage in families and added that the LSBE is important in our lives particularly for young populations of our families. Project team’s provided in depth understanding to the communities by saying that Family Decisions should be taken unanimously with consultation from their children in order to avoid CM and TPs and let children speak out without and hesitation or shame.



Community participants were told that a family can only be happy when parents are caring, loving, and conscious about the rights of their children, a family can be happy where son and daughter are treated with equality thus they should be given equal rights in all aspects either education, health, family decisions, nutrition, their likes and dislikes should be considered on equal based.

Participants were also told that the parents are the leaders of a family it is their responsibility to provide quality health & education, Quality food, they should spend time with their children. They were further discoursed that there should not be any Violence within the family because family is like a garden children are the roses and parents are the gardeners, if gardener take care of the garden properly and equally garden will always bloom.

Achievements till June 2018

- 05 Community Theater on elimination of early child marriages were organized in 6 Villages of District Sanghar.
- Organizing 05 Meena Bazars in schools of district Sanghar to strengthen the learning on LSBE and story/case
- Facilitated Kiran Plus for participation in ad
- Advocacy Campaigns by Adolescent girls and boys with the policy makers at the Provincial secretariat
- Participated Annual Review Meeting of the Yes I Do Programme at Islamabad
- Organized two workshops (one at Sanghar and one at Umerkot) with Religious leaders and members of District Administration for providing them orientation on Project.
- Organized on LSBE Educators and Trainers Forum at Indus Hotel Hyderabad on 18 December 2017
- Arranged Exposure Visits for 08 Kiran Plus Where they shared their experiences
- Session provided to students of 09 schools on Menstrual Health, Puberty, Health and hygiene, SRHR and TP

- Trained 11 Master trainers from District Sanghar and Umerkot to enhance the capacity of the MTs through knowing about the LSBE, Self Awareness, Gender, communication and motivational Skills under the scenario of curriculum content of “Roshan Rahain”.
- Organized three day TOT workshops “Life Skills Education (LSE)” for 25 teachers (12 male and 13 female) from six Govt Boys and Girls Higher and secondary schools of district Sanghar
- 170 community members of district Sanghar were provided Sessions on Life Skill based Education and adolescent populations’ empowerment within families

Case Studies

A Journey- long way to go

My name is Ayesha, I am studying in class 9 in Government Girls High School Shahdadpur. When I read Roshan Rahen book of the Yes I do Programme, I decided to take Kiran plus training. This training raised my empathies and an urge emerged to help the girls of my age living in relatively miserable conditions and are rather deprived more. Therefore I initially started visiting houses for raising the importance of girls education, this somehow enhance my rapport and helped a lot gaining parents confidence over me. Gradually, I started talks about the pros and cons of early marriages particularly in the context of health. Consciously or unconsciously unmarried girls are considered as burden particularly economic burden so parents want to lay off this burden as sooner as better. But I educated parents that getting married of girl below certain age according to law is heinous crime and its consequences are worse to be detained in jail even for some period. Such talks by girls always seemed to be taboos in our society, but thanks to my family and peers who supported me a lot and stood behind me. "I wish you could have told earlier so I somehow managed to convince my parents for delaying in marriage" said my childhood friend. She promised me that she now onwards will help me in reaching out more parents so the message be spread out across the area. Now people have started praising me that you are doing splendid job at such younger stage, but I always say them I am only a Kiran-a ray of hope and I need your support to make our society beautiful by educating our daughter and getting them married at appropriate age. My vision is keep striving for the girls' right and engage every stakeholder of the society for this noble cause which I name it "A Journey".

Change Ensues from Home

My name is Sameena Kanwal- a student of class 9 in Government Girls High School Khadro. It was one of the happiest moment of my life when I got Kiran plus training. Then I decided that I will be the representative of Kiran and spread the message that early marriages should be discouraged. I was planning to go out for meeting with mothers, my mother told me that "your brother is getting married". I was literally shocked to hear these words because the girl whom he was going to marry is still young and just 16 years of age. I decided that I will start resisting from my own home and said my mother that it is not the right time for marriage because the bride is just 16 years old but she argued that look " I am getting too old to manage the household chores and you are going to school, therefore there must be someone who look into household affairs". On hearing this I passionately convinced my mother and shared the details about law and its legal obligations, grateful of her that she agreed to discuss this matter with my father and parents of bride. Eventually they all agreed to extend the marriage dates, now me and my expected sister-in-law work together and spreading the awareness in different villages as well.

Courageous Counterpart

My name is Raja Mohammad Ibrahim and I am student of class 10 studying in Government Boys high school Shahdadpur. By reading the Roshan Rahhen book I came to know that there are equal rights for both men and women. Prior to this I was of the view that male members of the society have privileged rights over their female counterparts. The book also enlightened me with basic principles of living

healthy life and how they closely related with our decisions regarding different matters such as getting married is the important one. Before this I never linked this decision with the age particularly of girl but once gone through the book I realized that good health and good education are critical elements of healthy prosperous society. There is immense need to educate parents regarding health complications of early marriages, I am happy that I am part of this programme. I have initiated awareness task from my city, although people are reluctant to hear me and often criticize me talking about girls' rights but I have never lose hope and will keep doing so and hope soon my other fellows will also join me to shape the equitable society.

Let Girls Educate

Some days ago, Safwco with collaboration of Rutgers provided us two days training on early marriages and quality education. Then I decided that I will impart these services in different communities. My name is Usma of class 10 studying in Government Boys High School. This was my first ever experience to work in the communities, although it is very challenging work but at the same time it is very interesting and provides me opportunity to interact with people belonging from diverse cultural, religious and ethnic background. While in discussing with people and educating them about the importance of education, I came to know that there is man who does not want to send his daughter to school. I went to the man and asked him why you do not want to send your daughter to school, he said "what she will gain by going to school, I won't her let to do job so will marry her soon therefore there is no need to get education". I convinced them by giving a hypothetical scenario to sensitize the issue, and said for example there is some medical emergency in the house and there is no man available, in such scenario it is hard for females to handle the situation if any of female member is not literate. Moreover, the poverty level is increasing day by day therefore working of women counterparts is becoming inevitable to feed the family. I am thankful of him that he agreed to send her daughter to school and now she goes to school regularly.

PREVENTION PLUS

The overall goal of Prevention Plus is to prevent, end GBV and protect women from harmful effects of physical, psychological and sexual violence. The long term objective of Prevention+ is to contribute to a gender just society, free of GBV, by transforming harmful social norms by engaging (young) men by Partnering with Men to end Gender Based Violence (GBV) (referred to as Prevention). SAFWCO has entered into five years partnership (2016-2020) program with Rutgers in district of Sanghar to ensure that the individual, social and cultural changes are backed up by a supportive legal and policy framework by intervening at the individual/relationship, community, civil society and government level. Overall four thousand community members will be sensitized through training sessions on gender equality, positive masculinity, responsible fatherhood, violence and its effects. SAFWCO and Rutgers has planned to implement this activity through Cascade learning model.

PROJECT STAFF ORIENTED ABOUT PROJECT SCOPE AND ENVISAGED RESULTS

Rutgers organized two days project orientation workshop at Moven Pick hotel karachi from 16 to 18 May 2018. SAFWCO staff (Miss Maria, Mr. Sarwan, Mr. Imran, Miss Farzana, Miss Saima, Mr. Umer) participated in workshop. Rutgers team Mr. Imran Hyder, Mr. Irshad Rana, Miss Hifsa shared project introduction and briefed project implementation methodology, expected outputs and targtes. SAFWCO and CDF staff developed implementation guidelines of project through consultation process. Rutgers team oriented in detail about time line and targets. In the result of orientation workshop both teams of SAFWCO and CDF developed clarity on project.

PROJECT TEAM IDENTIFIES 35 MORE VILLAGES FOR PREVENTION PLUS INTERVENTION

Project team visited 35 villages of Taluka Shahdadpur and Tando Adam in District of Sanghar. Social mobilization team met with community notables and collected primary and secondary data of targeted villages. Project team fixed community meeting time prior with community notables/elders for the sharing of project introduction and selection criteria of community facilitators.

SIGNING OF MOU WITH DISTRICT GOVERNMENT

SAFWCO staff conducted meeting with Additional deputy commissioner of Sanghar for MOU/NOC with District government for smooth implementation of project. SAFWCO representatives Mr. Sarwan Baloch, Miss Erum Maria and Mr. Imran shared project details with Additional Deputy commissioner to issuing NOC or signing MOU regarding project implementation. District government has assured their co-operation.

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION AND SELECTION OF COMMUNITY FACILITATORS WITH COMMUNITIES

SAFWCO team conducted Program introduction of Prevention Plus in 35 Villages of district Sanghar to introduce project activities and expected outcomes. Mobilization team shared selection criteria of community facilitators to community representatives, social activists and religious leaders. Project team finally selected 86 (eighty six) community facilitators (44 Male and 42 Females) with consultative process and participatory approach. Selection criteria of community facilitators was based on following criteria:

- Willingness to attend 2 days ToT on GBV
- Having minimum qualification of matric
- Socially acceptable by community
- Previously working experience in trainings delivery

- Willing to conduct community sessions in surrounding villages
- Willing to work voluntarily to mitigate GBV effects on society
- Having age under (19 to 35)
- Willing to stay out of city to attend any training/workshop

SAFWCO PREPARES MASTER TRAINERS POOL FROM SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY AND ADOLESCENT STUDENTS ON GENDER EQUALITY

SAFWCO selected 12 community activists, teachers and Kiran plus as master trainers as per technical guidelines and shared criteria by Rutgers. Master trainers attended three days training of trainers (ToT) on Gender Equality, Positive Masculinity, Violence and responsible fatherhood organized at Indus Hotel Hyderabad from 13-15 May 2018. 12 Master trainers and 03 staff members of SAFWCO Miss. Erum Maria, Mr. Imran Jokhio and Miss Farzana attended training on behalf of SAFWCO. Training objective was to train Master trainers as they can further train 120 community facilitators and teachers.

PREPARING MASTER TRAINERS FOR TRAINING OF COMMUNITY FACILITATORS

After Master training, SAFWCO team conducted meetings with master trainers and involved them in the finalization of standardized training contents and process for implementation of community facilitator trainings on GBV, Schedule of training and material required i.e. flipbook, training manuals, etc. During preparation for the community facilitator training, all necessary required equipment and supplies were handed over prior to Master Trainers for preparation and playing active role in the delivery of two days trainings on gender based violence. Following master trainers delivered trainings

1. Mr. Ali Mohammad Bhanoo (High School Teacher)
2. Miss Ayesha Latif (High School Teacher)
3. Mr. Ashok Kumar (Junior School Teacher)
4. Miss Shabana (Kiran +)
5. Miss Rashida (High School Teacher of GGHS Sanghar)

EIGHTY NINE (89) COMMUNITY FACILITATORS TRAINED ON GENDER EQUALITY, POSITIVE MASCULINITY, VIOLENCE AND ITS EFFECTS AND RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD

SAFWCO team organized four events of 2-Day training focused on gender equality, positive masculinity, violence and its effects and responsible fatherhood. Training session delivered by trained master trainers as per following schedule:

| Training | Date | Venue | Participants | | |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | Female | Male | Total |
| Batch-1 | 5 to 6 June 2018 | Shahdadpur District Sanghar | 10 | 13 | 23 |
| Batch-2 | 5 to 6 June 2018 | Shahdadpur District Sanghar | 10 | 12 | 22 |
| Batch-3 | 21 to 22 June 2018 | Shahdadpur District Sanghar | 10 | 12 | 22 |
| Batch-4 | 21 to 22 June 2018 | Shahdadpur District Sanghar | 10 | 12 | 22 |
| Total | | | 40 | 49 | 89 |

Training participants were given detailed understanding on aspects and indicators of positive masculinity. At the end of session participants were able to define positive masculinity, types of positive masculinity and its importance. Community facilitators were given comprehensive definition on gender and sex through gender game activity. At the end of the training Community facilitators were familiar about qualities of responsible fatherhood and parenting. They were also trained on communication and facilitation skills o as to empower the facilitators to conduct training sessions individually.

Trained community facilitators were expected to impart their learning towards targeted community members having age limits under 15 to 35 years through sessions which would be based on following topics



- Gender equality,
- Positive masculinity,
- Responsible fatherhood,
- Violence and its effects.

Achievement till June 2018

- One orientation workshop was organized by Rutgers in which 06 staff members from SAFWCO participated
- 35 Village were identified for Prevention Plus intervention through consultation with community leaders
- Programme Introduction meetings were conducted in 35 villages of Sanghar
- 86 community facilitator, 26 Teachers trained on gender equality, positive masculinity, difference between gender and sex, responsible fatherhood,
- Community facilitator provided step down session to 2029 male and 2225 female community members in 520 session.

- Community members sensitized through 10 interactive theatre programs conducted by p+ team, drama performed by theatre group team.
- 25 male female teachers were provided training GBV and GRA to conduct session in the schools.
- Media person published the 6 news coverage on gender based violence and its effects in the different Sindhi, Urdu newspapers.
- 500 community male and female members were given awareness on Responsibilities of fatherhood during the green ribbon campaign through 02 Theatres s, 02 rally walk, Celebration of father day events.
- 49 religious leader, 51 community leader sensitized on gender based violence and its effects and role of religious and community leader to create positive action in our society.
- One District prevention + committee formed and oriented on project objectives.
- 22 Health care providers from different health facilities of Sanghar district trained on GTA and GBV,
- More than 5000 community members received awareness through FM and Cable messages on aired or telecast on local FM and Cable Television Network shared by Community facilitators on some of key message like elimination of early age marriage, gender equality, and male support for wife during pregnancy, violence and its effects, responsible fatherhood.

WASH SERVICES IN TALUKA MEHRABPUR, DISTRICT NAUSHERO FEROZE

WASH is one of the key thematic areas of SAFWCO interventions which is providing wash services to vulnerable populations of Sindh. One of the major objectives of the thematic area is to educate the community on personal / community hygiene matters and preventive healthcare measures. Health education is a process through which people learn causes and effects of relationship between variables of health and well-being. Access to information on how communicable / contagious and water borne diseases are spread and the knowledge about how to prevent this happening leading to gradual modifications of habits and bring about attitudinal change in human behavior towards a better and healthy life. Health education also provides information on better utilization of scarce resources. WASH services under UNICEF Programme titled "The UN Maternal and Child Stunting Reduction Program in Taluka Mehrabpur, District Nausheroferoz Sindh Province was started in May, 2016 and accomplished in March 2018. The project has extensive series of activities that were undertaken to improve the health and hygienic conditions of people aimed to achieve 100% Open Defecation Free (ODF) at Taluka level.

BEHAVIOR CHANGE COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGNS WITH NOMADIC POPULATION

The large number of target community in rural setup is nomadic who resides in the open areas near to settlements and agricultural lands they do not have proper sanitation sense and facilities. SAFWCO decided to reach out the community for promoting their better sanitation practices, enhance support for children, families and communities to promote knowledge, behaviour change, and demand for services and opportunities for participation through health and hygiene sessions and for promotion of positive change to provide a supportive environment and enable people to initiate and sustain a positive behavior so they may not contaminate the agricultural land along with outer area of the settlements and also carry the messages for dissemination where ever they go in the province or country. 17 Health and hygiene and BCC sessions were given to 1612 nomadic population in all UCs of Taluka Mehrabpur with nomad tribes shifted from different areas of Sindh province. They all were doing open defecation and they were totally unaware about ODF environment, importance of hand-washing with soap practices, good hygiene practices and water purification. During session nomads stated that they lost lives of their beloved ones each year due to diseases such as diarrhea and cholera the deadliest killer of children under five. Sessions were started with round of introduction of all participants then formally health and hygiene and BCC sessions were launched on following agenda:



- Usage of latrine
- Hand-washing with soap practices
- Good hygiene practices
- Spreading of germs
- Construction of low cost latrines
- Methodologies of water purification

Before starting of session IEC material was distributed among them. SAFWCO team briefed them about unhygienic environments and food, agricultural land and drinking water contaminated by faeces riddled with bacteria, viruses and parasites that cause diseases. They were also demonstrated by team over hand-washing with soap practices and construction of low cost latrine.

GLOBAL HAND WASHING DAY

The global hand washing day was celebrated on 14th October 2017 to make people aware of hand washing techniques to ensure personal hygiene. The theme was designed to align the impact of personal hygiene on future. The activity was celebrated in 8 union council of Taluka Mahrabpur District Naushahro Feroze. These events were followed under the following theme and commemorate of Global Hand Washing Day –GHD: October 15, is Global Hand washing Day, a global advocacy day dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding about the importance of hand washing with soap as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives. Global Hand washing Day is an opportunity to design, test, and replicate creative ways to encourage people to wash their hands with soap at critical times.

The 2017 Global Hand washing Day theme was “Our Hands, Our Future!” For hand washing to be effective it must be practiced consistently at key times, such as after using the toilet or before contact with food. Thinking of the future, we strive for continued health, well-being, and productivity of ourselves. This can be achieved by adopting the habit of hand washing on critical times that allows us to build our own futures, as well as those of our communities, and the world. Global hand washing day program was attended by school students, Water and sanitation hygiene club members, VWC – village wash committee - members, school teachers, head teachers and community resource persons of 8 union councils of Taluka Mehrabpur, district Naushahro Feroze.



In this event, Speeches were delivered to participants of the global hand washing event, in context to personal hygiene. It was emphasized to break the barriers of not washing hands with soaps. The written context overlooked the situation of pollution and how the common practices putting negative effects to the health of mother and child that contributes in the stunting in child.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE SESSION FOR THE PRISONERS

SAFWCO team requested District Central Jail Superintendent to conduct health and hygiene session for the prisoners on 12th July, 2017 at District Central Jail, district Naushero Feroze. The sessions particularly aimed to create awareness among the prisoners of central jail. The purpose of the activity was to sensitize and disseminate knowledge among prisoners about the importance of healthy and hygienic surrounding to get prevented from infections and promote better health around them, in barracks and prison. The session included activities like informative talks, demonstration, discussions, brain storming, success stories telling empathetic sessions, key messages, and international standards of health and hygiene, sanitation and safe drinking water. Prisoners are a portion of society what stay disconnected to the normal world for years, mental trauma, isolation and social discrepancy lead them towards unhygienic activities such as no regular personal hygiene care, not washing hands on critical times etc.



One Health & hygiene and BCC session was held in District Central Jail with 211 prisoners. Mr. Liaquat Pirzado DSP, Mr. Munawar Ali, Jail Superintendent were the Chief Guests. Speakers from SAFWCO highlighted the importance of health and hygiene and cleanliness in daily life. They briefly highlighted importance of washing hands after using latrine, before eating meals, daily bath, brushing teeth and treat drinking water by boiling or other conventional and simple methods.

SAFWCO Team explained the importance and need of hygiene habits in the light of the teaching of Holy Quran and Sunnah, holly verses were recited with meaning especially related to the health and hygiene. Water treatment methods and hand washing steps were demonstrated among large participation of prisoners. At the end of the session Soaps were distributed among the prisoners and Central Jail staff.

CONCLAVE MEETING WITH COMMUNITY RESOURCE PERSON

Conclave is a secret meeting of cardinals to take important decisions based on facts and figures. The conclave meeting served as back bone of decision making since it is practiced in Roman Catholic Church to elect a new pop. In project Management, Conclave meeting is held to discuss the progress, challenges and lesson learnt. SAFWCO organized conclave meeting on on 5th October 2017 at SAFWCO base office Mehrabpur in which 140 community resource persons have attended event. The prime objective of the event was to enhance the knowledge and understanding of community resource on progress of the project and challenges faced by them and way forward for sustainability phase of the project. The event was glorified with the name of Allah and His Last Prophet. Community resource persons were warmly welcomed by SAFWCO team. Aims and objectives of the events were shared with participants. The community resource persons were assigned the tasks of surveys, health and hygiene sessions, self-made data collection and VWC meetings. Each community resource person was assigned average 150 households. Each community resource person shard his/her progress on targets

assigned by SAFWCO team. 100% targets through community resource persons were achieved and mean of verification of each activity was submitted.

SANITATION EXPO MELA

To escalate the sanitation demand SAFWCO has organized 2 Sanitation Expo Mela on different locations to reach maximum number of targeted population. The first event was held at SAFWCO base office Mehrabpur on 5th October 2017 and second event was held at Union Council Lakha road on 5th October 2017 to provide the maximum exposure of project to masses, SAFWCO has organized Sanitation Expo Mela for general public, civil society and government officials to showcase their best practices. Stalls were provided to other implementing partners to disseminate information of their sanitation and hygiene products. Around 800 participants, male and female, benefitted from sanitation expo mela.



The expo was part of sanitation marketing to enhance sanitation supplies. The prime aim of the event was to escalate demand of sanitation material to adequate the supply of material to the beneficiaries. Event was held to disseminate importance of water and sanitation hygiene among targeted audience. The prime focus was to reach the maximum population of targeted area to stimulate them. Following were the objectives of events.

- To reveal the water and sanitation issues in the area and remark the alternate solutions.
- To escalate sanitation demand.
- Showcase low cost sanitation models and case studies.
- To raise awareness of health and hygiene.

SAFWCO team has performed tableau on Misal Maa “Model Mother” to emphasize that the mother’s milk is most import to new born baby and it plays essential role in stunting reduction of children. School girls participated in the event and demonstrated hand washing steps on hand washing songs. Mixture of the melody, rhythm and hand washing dance was so joyful that attendees of the event started replicating the steps while sitting on their seats.

Participants were taken to the stalls of different organizations to showcase the efforts taken by them. SAFWCO engineering core has developed low cost latrine models. Raised plate form hand pump were shown and the purpose of raised plate form were briefed. IEC material was distributed among attendees to disseminate the information on water and sanitation hygiene.

BREASTFEEDING CAMPAIGN 2017

Breastfeeding plays an important role in motherhood as well in mental and physical growth of new born babies. Breastfeeding is the best way to provide infants with the nutrients they need. WHO recommends exclusive breastfeeding starting within one hour after birth until a baby is 6 months old. Nutritious complementary foods should then be added while continuing to breastfeed for up to 2 years or beyond.

In today’s world where mankind has gone beyond the limits to facilitate its population to terrestrial planets on other hand it has also put some black marks to our society where mothers feel disgusted of giving breast milk to their infants’ due lack of education, social norms, no workplace



support for breastfeeding, attitude and imaginary. SAFWCO launched the breastfeeding campaign in Taluka Maharabpur, to make people aware of importance of breastfeeding and neonatal health. The campaign was launched on 1st August, 2017 to 7th August, 2017 which is globally recognized as breastfeeding week by WHO - World Health Organization. The week was celebrated with joint hands of HELP who supported us realizing nutrition aspects on the subject as well as participated in conducting joint sessions. Total 253 women including lactating and pregnant women took active part in successfully running breastfeeding campaign around villages of Taluka Maharabpur. BF campaign was launch to impart knowledge regarding neonatal nutrition, proper diet, disease prevention, health and hygiene. During sessions IEC material of Behavior Change Communication III Campaign was used which consists key messages about nutrition and maternal care. During the sessions, SAFWCO team emphasis of breastfeeding and its best practices considering health and hygiene issues of mother and baby. It was discussed that during breastfeeding, antibodies and other germ-fighting factors pass from a mother to her baby and strengthen the immune system. This helps lower a baby's chances of getting many infections, including Ear Infections, Diarrhea, Respiratory Infections and Meningitis. During the Focus Group Discussions, participants were asked to take observation in their social circle to sort out the cases where mother stopped breastfeeding and fed their baby on formula milk. Participants came with some examples and told others about complications those were arose after feeding formula milk. Participants were told about skin to skin contact with nursing mothers. Many nursing mothers really enjoy the experience of bonding so closely with their babies. And the skin-to-skin contact can enhance the emotional connection between mother and infant. SAFWCO team emphasized to take pre and post breastfeeding measures to ensure health and hygiene conditions. In the end, among all participants soaps were distributed.

TEACHER'S DAY

Teacher plays an important role in the development of humanity. Without a good teacher world may never advance in technology, norms and values of any culture around the world. Someone said, “a good teacher is like candle – it consumes itself and lights the way to others”.

To make people aware of teacher's importance, scores of people took part in really held to mark world teacher's day on 5th October 2017 at Mehrabpur. People belonging to civil society organizations, district education department and students of Water and Sanitation Hygiene Clubs took part in the rally. The rally, organized by, Sindh Agricultural Forestry Workers Coordinating Organization (SAFWCO) with collaboration of UNICEF marched from SAFWCO Mehrabpur base office to Press club. Participants of rally hold banners and play cards in their hands to preach the messages related to teacher's importance in the society. People chanted different slogans on teacher's life and importance of teacher in the rural development. Prime aim of the rally was to mobilize support for teachers and to ensure that the needs of future generations will continue to be met by teachers. Appreciate teachers of WASH intervened schools to change the attitudes of children in terms of WASH practices.



WORLD WATER DAY –WWD

World Water Day, on 22 March every year, is about taking action on water issues. In 2017, the theme was wastewater and the campaign, 'Why waste water' is about reducing and reusing wastewater. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target 6.3 requires us by 2030 to "improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally."



The day was celebrated with the aim of raising awareness among local targeted population about global cause. Despite of understanding at great scale, a locally celebration event was organized in union Council of Mohammad Kotri Kabeer of Taluka Mehrabpur, District Naushero Feroze. The activity was part of Behavior Change Communication –BCC campaign conducted through all levels. Under the activity plan, the day was celebrated with the aim to disseminate importance of Water and reduce its wastage. The prime focused was to reach maximum targeted population and enable them to participate in commemoration of the day.

The event was attended by around 315 participants, representing targeted communities (Men, Women & Children), Village WASH Committee –VWC members, Community Resource Persons –CRPs, Head Master and Teachers, union council elected officials and school students. World Water Day –WWD, which celebrated through organizing a wonderful event at Village Baharo Mullan of Union Council Kotri Kabeer Taluka Mehrabpur, District Naushero Feroze. The event was arranged with prior approval by District Education Department, which facilitated further to engage students and teachers for active participation. During the celebration, several activities i.e. Tablos, debates, poems and speeches were remained part of it. The event was followed with involving VWC members and Students through conducting various type of activities i.e. awareness rallies and celebration event at school/community level. The activities were designed under the global theme of World Water Day with 2017 slogan 'Why waste water?' The speeches, debates and rallies were entitled with placards demonstrating key messages of the day.

AWARENESS EVENTS AT SCHOOL LEVEL

Awareness seminars had been conducted at school level, where students and community members took active participation in delivering speeches, debate and quiz competitions. At this occasion, many students participated in speech programs about different topics relevant to the use of water appropriately.

During seminars, students were prepared to present debate and take part in quiz competitions. For these session, project team developed the material with relevance to the occasion. These activities developed a sense of understanding among students so that they can adopt and act upon them not only in schools but at homes too. Head Masters and Teachers played an important role in well equipping students in a very short period, their performance remained as a recognition among the nearby communities.



Chief speakers from the communities, school administration and district government officials emphasized over that long before the advent of modern medical care, industrialized countries decreased their levels of water-related disease through good water management. Yet, even in these countries, outbreaks of water-borne disease continue to occur, sometimes with lethal consequences. In developing countries, preventable water-related disease blights the lives of the poor. Diseases resulting from bad hygiene rank among the leading causes of ill-health. Furthermore, much of this suffering is needless. Health provides an effective gateway for development and poverty alleviation. Improving water management is a powerful tool that can be used by individuals, communities and households to protect their own health.



CONSTRUCTION OF WASH FACILITIES

In early baseline surveys, SAFWCO had identified the need of construction of 187 rehabilitation and new units of hand pumps to provide access to safe drinking water. Providing access to improved WASH facilities to general public, SAFWCO had identified 75 schools and 11 basic health units for construction of latrines and safe drinking water supply tanks that has positive impact on schools where enrollment of the students has dramatically increased.



To achieve the prime objective of the project, enabling ODF environment, SAFWCO has provided 3 low cost latrines to each village to poorer of the poorest. Around 1100 low cost latrines has to be constructed in 370 villages.

TRANSFER OF COMMUNITY INVESTMENT GRANTS (CIG)- AN INCENTIVE FOR COMMUNITY TO BUILD TOILETS FOR ULTRA-POOR FAMILIES IN VILLAGES OF DISTRICT NAUSERO FERROZ

Community Investment Grant (CIG) 25,000 PKR for each village as an incentive for community to carry out improved sanitation within villages. During PRA practices, it was identified that there was much need of toilets to eliminate open defecation and to reduce sharing ratio of toilets, thus with the consent of Village Wash Committees (VWSs) and villagers, it was decided that 25,000 of CIG would be utilized for construction of low cost latrines in extremely vulnerable families like widows, disables or orphans, the families that haven't any strong source of income.

Project staff carried out wellbeing ranking during PRA to identify poor households and the VWC members finalized the 03 households in each village. At community level trained masons and entrepreneurs were assigned under this task and signed the MoUs for construction of sub-structure of latrines of selected poor households. Under these MoUs, toilets have been constructed in 200 villages. Moreover, the villagers have also constructed privacy wall around toilets in 200 villages.

SAFWCO has provided the names of selected 03 poor Households of each village to entrepreneurs along with the list of material. Entrepreneurs were guided for proper site selection as there should be minimum 50 feet of distance between Hand pumps and latrines. VWCs and SAFWCO's technical team monitored the construction work.

TWO DAY TRAINING OF L.G, UC SECRETARIES & GOVT. OFFICIALS ON ODF SUSTAINABILITY

The project trained 30 L.G, UC secretaries & Govt. Officials on ODF sustainability. The two day training was organized at Mehrabpur on 12-2-2018 with purpose of build capacity o ODF verification committee Regarding sustainability and other important factors for ODF committees including (i)- how to reduce the slippages in ODF villages(ii)- create linkages between VWCs ODF verification committees for more betterment of villages regarding ODF sustainability and development. Under this workshop, WASH and nutrition components were also discussed with participants. They were also informed on significance of water, sanitation and hygiene as main causes of good or bad health while signifying the nutrition in our lives, participants were informed on mortality of children is mainly caused by improper diet of mother during pregnancy till giving birth to baby.



ODF REWARDS CEREMONY

SAFWCO celebrated the achievement of 346 ODF villages in Taluka Mehrabpur, District Naushahro Feroze. 2 events were celebrated, one in initial phase and second in sustainability phase. Open defecation has severe health and nutritional consequences. Through social mobilization, SAFWCO educated communities to effectively eliminate open defecation. As a result, communities themselves analyzed open defecation in their villages and took action to eliminate it. 346 villages have so far succeeded in becoming open defecation free. To mark this achievement, SAFWCO hold special events in order to celebrate Open defecation elimination in villages of Taluka Mehrabpur, District Naushahro Feroze, where – according to WHO – approximately 40 million Pakistanis do not have access to a proper latrine and practice open defecation. The main objective was to give an appreciation to the villages that have reached at the milestone of success” open defecation free environment within villages”. This event was organized to highlight and appreciate their efforts among other villages. Mr Abdul Majeed Khaskheli a VWC members, said that the health and hygiene is very important thematic area the SAFWCO has worked on this, before this organization no any came to discuss on that topic, the acts/practices are very simple to do but more effective for our health, but unfortunately in rural areas there is lack of awareness and attention of hygienic practices, and that’s why mortality ratio of children is high, so we should always act and apply hygienic



practices. Different speeches were address by villagers, VWC members on the works and struggles they made against open defecation in their villages.

PROMOTING WASH IN GOVERNMENT PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

During reporting period from January to March 2018, 31 WASH Facilities were installed in new Schools whereas, 44 schools were also rehabilitated with WASH facilities and were handed over to Education department, district Naushahro Feroze. SAFWCO project tea also installed WASH facilities in 03 Health centers and rehabilitated same facilities in 08 health centers in target area. In line with providing WASH facilities in public departments, SAFWCO installed 34 DRR Hand pumps, rehabilitated 135 existing hand pumps and rehabilitated 15 Lead hand pumps in district Nausheroferoz and handed over to district Government.

Achievement till June 2018

- One Conclave Seminar was organized with 140 CRPs to enhance the knowledge and understanding of community resource on progress of the project and challenges faced by CRPs.
- 02 Sanitation Expo Mela were organized to reach maximum number of targeted population
- Launched a week on breastfeeding campaign in which 253 women including lactating and pregnant women took active part
- Organized one Teacher Day To make people aware of teacher's importance on 5th October 2017 at Mehrabpur
- Organized World Water Day (WWD) on 22 March every year in which 315 participants took active part.
- Trained 30 L.G, UC secretaries & Govt. Officials on ODF sustainability.
- Organized two events of ODF Villages celebrations
- 44 schools were rehabilitated with WASH facilities and were handed over to Education department
- WASH facilities were rehabilitated in 08 health centers
- Installed 34 DRR Hand pumps, rehabilitated 135 existing hand pumps and rehabilitated 15 Lead hand pumps in public department and were handed over to district Government.
- CIG were provided to 200 Villages.

Case Studies

A CRP brings CLTS for ODF status in his Village

Village Tahir Nagore, situated 50 kilometers away from Mahrabpur, is confronted with problem of poor sanitation and hygiene practices. Village consisted of 99 households, a moderate population without improve wash facilities remain affected by diseases caused by poor sanitation services. The population of village has fewer latrine in their houses but no sewerage system in the village hence sewerage water submerges in the streets and homes. Most of the population has exposure to the dirty water, children in higher ratio, infected by diarrhea and other intestinal diseases. Due to fewer numbers of latrines, children used to defecate in streets and fields. Villagers were not aware of hand washing practices in critical timings that leads to stunting in mothers and children.



In response to above problem, Community resource person identified the village, SAFWCO mobilization team has intervened in the village under UN Maternal & Child Stunting Reduction Program. Taking start with the mobilization process SAFWCO team has introduce their selves in the community and briefed them about the project. Believing in participatory approach they involved the community in drawing social map on the floor to identify the resources, hazards and number of household in the villages. To sensitize the community SAFWCO team has made transit walk to identify the open defecation in the village. through f-diagram it was told that feces return in their food through different media. Calculation of medical expenses triggered community and they committed to construct latrines. SAFWCO engineering team provided technical assistance to the villagers to achieve objective of open defecation free environment. To provide the sense of ownership, community based institution – VWC – were formed and linked with school wash club community resource person for sustaining the ODF status.

As the number of latrines increased, another problem of sewerage water arises. Villagers were encouraged through CRP and VWC and made commitment to abandon the open defecation, villagers voluntarily contributed some amount of money to resolve the issue of sewerage water. Engineering core of SAFWCO has suggested them to install new sewerage line to expel the water out of the village. Engineers provided the technical assistance and provide them design of sewerage line. Villagers raised funds of 90,000 PKR to install sewerage line to sustain the status of open defecation free environment in the village.

Behavior change campaign were initiated to improve the hand washing practices, water treatment and disaster risk reduction measures. Villagers, CRP and wash club took active part in behavior change campaigns. Community led total sanitation approach has triggered the community and achieve ODF status. Village Tahir Nagore has become a role model of good hygiene to other villages in union council Jiyando Rajper.

Ms. Samina's dream came true

Ms. Sameena is the resident of village Mahar Haji UC Jiyando rajper. She is one of the most talented and had inborn ability for social work. Despite of living in underprivileged community where female is not allowed to go out of home, she did not give up her studies and graduated from government degree college, Mahrabpur. The village of MS. Sameena is consist of 700 population of Vighion, Punjabi & Rajper tribes living together through generations. All the males have a traditional occupation to cultivate land as sharecropper, while other people work on daily wages in the similar crops to have little income for their families' survival.



Only a few people have government's low-scale jobs in agriculture and education departments. There is a one-room primary school building, where 110 children are enrolled. Both, boys and girls sit together in the school. Two teachers are enough to handle pupils. Due to lack of awareness people of village Mahar Haji practices open defecation in fields and nearby their homes.

Children of the village Mahar Haji frequently caught by abdominal disease due to poor hygiene conditions of the village that increased the drop out ratio and absenteeism from school. Medical expenses of each family spiked over time that gauge the level of poverty of villagers. Ms. Sameena is always worried about her village and couldn't find out the path till WASH interventions by SAFWCO in collaboration with UNICEF.

In response to above situation, SAFWCO in collaboration with UNICEF has conducted baseline survey and identified the village Mahar Haji for UN Maternal & Child Stunting Reduction Program, Mahrabpur. MS. Sameena's dream came true and she was selected as community resource person in the project. She took an active part in capacity building program for community resource person and stand tall among other community resource persons.



Ms. Sameena shared, "I feel honored to be selected as a CRP by the VWC. I came to know about the MCSR program when some of the members of SAFWCO came to our village and discussed the project objectives and interventions in a gathering. Most of the people from our village were present in that meeting. After that meeting our VWC was formed and I was selected as the CRP for my village. I was dreaming to see my village neat and clean from the time of my selection. To convert my dream into reality I talked to VWC members and we decided to discuss it with the community. In this regard, we met with some well-known and reputed individuals of the community to formulate a community plan of action for the improvement of our village. But the main problem was the scarcity of resources. To overcome this problem, we planned to collect funds from our friends, relatives and neighbors. After fund collection, we decided to build toilets for their home."

Additionally, male and female CRPs also gave health and hygiene sessions at the school in which they discussed health and hygiene practices for children. In these sessions, children learnt how to wash hands with soap properly, using the toilet and the importance of washing hands. A community member stated, “I attended a meeting with Ms. Sameena and learnt a lot about health and hygiene. I was surprised to hear about the benefits of latrines and dangers of open defecation. I had a latrine at my home but we were used to defecating in the open. Now, I have made constructed a pit and connected it with the latrine so we are not defecating in the open anymore.”



Sharing his observation, Mr. Mohammad Din, president of vwc appreciated the efforts of SAFWCO and UNICEF on PATS PLUS interventions. Ms. Sameena dream came true they achieve the open defecation environment within their village.