

Exposure Visit to Lodhran Pilot Project

Field Report

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Building Linkages - Sharing Information

The Foundation for Integrated Development Action (FIDA) and National Urban Poverty Alleviation Program (NUPAP-UNDP) arranged an exposure visit to Lodhran Pilot Project (LPP) for the Town Municipal Authority (TMA) staff of the five tehsils of District Dera Ismail Khan. The purpose of this exposure visit was to show a working model of sewage/sanitation using low cost technology that has been practically implemented in District Lodhran with the financial support of Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF). It is hoped that this visit will act as a stimulus to replicate the project in D. I. Khan.

Attendees

S.#	Name	Designation	Name of Organization
1	Inam-u-llah Khan Gundapur	City Manager	NUPAP (UNDP)
2	Sadia Zahoor	Social Organizer	NUPAP (UNDP)
3	Khalid Fayyaz	Prog. Manager	FIDA
4	Naeem-u-llah	Young Scientist	FIDA
5	Zahid khan	Young scientist	FIDA
6	Zanobia	Social Organizer	FIDA
7	Moh.Ali Shah	TMO	TMA
8	Sarad Ali Khan	ENG	TMA
9	Tariq Khan	N.Nazim	UC #. 5
10	Taimur	N.Nazim	UC #.
11	Qamar	G.Counsler	UC #. 3
12	Farooq	TMI	Kulachi
13	Qaiser	TMI	TMA
14	Ismail	G.Secretary	CCB
15	Atta-u-llah	Councilor	Korai
16	Saleem Javed	CO	TMA

Background of LPP

Lodhran Pilot Project (LPP) was inspired by the success of Orangi Pilot Project (OPP) in Karachi. The late Dr. Hameed Khan and Mr. Jahangir Khan Tareen visited Lodhran in 1999, to discuss the possibilities of replicating the OPP approach in Tehsil Lodhran with the Municipal Committee Officials and local activists. The project began in March 1999 and LPP was one of only 5 organizations to receive that JSDF grant from the World Bank. LPP takes a participatory approach to propagate sustainable and equitable development by motivating the community to provide the internal components.

According to the baseline survey of District Lodhran, there are 441 total villages in the area, with 73 Union Councils and 3 Tehsils. Before LPP began work, only 23 villages had any form of sanitation or sewer system.

In the office presentation, the official of LPP presented the details of LPP as follows:

- Tehsil Lodhran:
LPP has completed 5 sub projects in the target area. The community of the area has contributed Rs.572,355/- and LPP contributed Rs.1,202,769/- for a total cost of Rs.1,775,124/-. Total households in Tehsil Lodhran are 606.
- Tehsil Dunnya Pur:
In Tehsil Dunnya Pur 8 sub projects are completed. The community has raised Rs.1,286,019/- and LPP has contributed Rs.2,982,796/- for a total cost of Rs.4,268,815/-. The number of households in Dunnya Pur is 1,227.
- Tehsil Kehror Pacca:
In Tehsil Kehror Pacca, 5 sub projects have been completed. The community contributed Rs.838,016/- and LPP contributed Rs.1,699,547/- for a total cost of Rs.2,537,563/-. Before the projects the sewerage system was destroyed and the condition of the streets was miserable. The masses of these areas were in trouble due to a lack of appropriate sewerage system. The number of households in the Tehsil Kehror Pacca is 2,429.

Observations

One of our questions was, "What would happen at the end of the project?" Would the projects be sustainable? From what we saw in these 3 Tehsils, the condition and position of the people in those areas was much better than before. The project design appears sustainable and the communities seem inspired, motivated and mobilized.

One of the objectives of this visit was to observe the technical support that was extended to the TMA's. FIDA observed that this support came in the form of:

- Involving them at Planning, Designing & Implementation level.
- Through pilot demonstration of rural sanitation.
- Developing partnership of TMA's with local communities and NGO's.
- Developing Coordination between community and TMA's.
- Training of local activists, masons and officials of TMA's and union administration.

National Urban Poverty Alleviation Project (NUPAP) Multan Visit

The delegation also met with Mr. Khurram, City Manager NUPAP, in District Multan where he presented the NUPAP progress to all the participants. He especially focused on enterprise development through linkage of small skills centers with the Chamber of Commerce and the private sector. During his presentation he told that the arsenic ratio in the drinking water is very high in District Multan. The NUPAP took the initiative to implement a water purification unit with the help of the local community. FIDA saw these types of steps as something that will lead towards institutional building at the community level through participatory approach.

Conclusion and Follow Up

FIDA is beginning work to replicate LPP in District D.I. Khan. The LPP team is coming to FIDA in District D I Khan on 20-21 March 2006 for an orientation training workshop with the TMA staff and other local government representatives. The NUPAP City Manager, Mr. Khurram, will be part of LPP team and will present NUPAP work progress, approach and other technical aspects.



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