



**An Integrated Early Recovery Initiative for the Flood Victims**

**Community Restoration of Bhago Teewino, Allahando Teewino, & Yousif Teewino**

**Taluka Mehar – District Dadu**

**PEHE Sindh** a nongovernmental, social development organization with its meek efforts is involve in the development work in the flood hit areas of Taluka Mehar District Dadu. PEHE-Sindh has been engaged in wide range of services to restore the lives of disaster hit people of above cited Taluka. PEHE is implementing a project of integrated early recovery of the villages Bhago Teewino, Allahando Teewino and Yousif Teewino with the support of UNDP-Pakistan.

## **Introduction of the Project**

UNDP- "Integrated Early Recovery Program for the Flood Affected Communities of Villages Bago, Allahando and Yousif Teewino Taluka Mehar, District Dadu" is designed to respond the current early recovery challenges and long term development goals. This project is funded by Government of Japan through UNDP- Pakistan.

This project's aims at supporting the scaling-up and expansion of ongoing recovery responses in the Sindh by supporting livelihood restoration of vulnerable people, through labor intensive Cash-for-work program and restoring basic and critical community infrastructures and services, and enhancing livelihood opportunities.

Building on relief efforts, this project is based on the principles of early recovery and restoration of communities specially focusing to the expansion of relief services and foundations for longer-term, large-scale reconstruction and recovery towards sustainable development. By restoring/developing strong partnership between the affected communities, community organizations/ NGO, private sector and government institutions in all aspects of community restoration, it is expected that at the end of the project life of village Bago Teewino, Allahando Teewino and Yousif Teewino of Taluka Mehar, District Dadu would have restored their livelihood opportunities for its communities and would benefit from rehabilitated critical community infrastructures as from community disaster resilient and energy efficient Shelters.

This project is covering three components: -

- 1- Support to Livelihood rehabilitation.**
- 2- Restoration of Community Infrastructure.**
- 3- Provision of Community Disaster resilient and energy efficient Shelters.**

PEHE Sindh has successfully started implementing project on 3<sup>rd</sup> component constructing houses (*Provision of Community Disaster resilient and energy efficient Shelters*) for the flood affected peoples of the aforementioned villages after need assessment.

## Background of Village Conference

UNDP-ER Pakistan and PEHE Sindh believes in participatory approach and they both work through collective decisions of all the stakeholders specially community. PEHE Sindh takes valuable suggestions from Community and applies during implementation of project. PEHE before starting the construction work of houses for the flood affected people sought suggestions of community on their own need assessment.

In second phase before implementing other two components of the project (1- *Support to Livelihood rehabilitation* 2-*Restoration of Community Infrastructure*), UNDP –ER and PEHE Sindh arranged a **Village conference** for getting valuable suggestions from community for their sustainable development and making them aware of the work which PEHE was going to carry out in their villages.

## Opening of Village Conference:

**PEHE Sindh** arranged a Conference at the Village Yousif Teewino Taluka Mehar, district Dadu on April 13<sup>th</sup> 2011 on Wednesday at 11:00 am to 03:00 pm for the **Planning & Development of Villages Bago Teewino, Yousif Teewino & Allahando Teewino**, where PEHE has constructed 9 Model houses and 225 houses are under construction for the flood affected families with the support of UNDP- Early Recovery



Community at the Village Conference



One of the community members sharing his views in the conference and expressing the needs of his village & thanking to PEHE - UNDP

Program Pakistan. PEHE Sindh organized a temporary hall for conference by "Shamyazan" and arranged lunch for community who attended the conference. Echo sound system was arranged for better communication with participants. The conference provided an opportunity to the villagers by creating an open forum to bring forward their issues/needs and let them share their views against the development work in their village which is being carried out by the PEHE. PEHE Sindh believes in

participatory approaches towards development involving the community, to ensure a sense of ownership with PEHE and among them, to participate in rebuilding infrastructure of their village and disaster preparedness plan were the prime objectives of the conference. PEHE has formed 3 large Community Organizations in its area of intervention, all the members of CO participated in the conference (Male & Female), CO members were highly thankful to PEHE – UNDP for such a development work in their village.



PEHE staff member writing the shared needs of community

During the conference all the targeted population one by one shared their views and needs for further assistance.

Mr. Rafique Ahmed Junejo Chief Executive Officer of PEHE started the Village Conference and invited Ms. Gulshad for recitation of Holy Quran Sharif, after that he thanked to community and UNDP- Early Recovery Program Team Mr. Trond Husby Field Coordinator, Farzana Channar and Rizwan, representatives of Community Organizations (COs) and PEHE staff who organized the Village Conference and gathered for exchanging their valuable and wise suggestions by participation.



Mr Rafique Ahmed addressing to the participants

After that Mr. Rafique Ahmed Junejo handed over mike to the main stakeholder "Community" for identifying their needs and giving valuable suggestions for solution to the problems. All the participants' male, female, elderly participated in conference and identified their needs/issues which they have been facing after flood. They also arouse those needs which are not under the project aims and directly relate to the Government of Pakistan.



Mr Trond Husby from UNDP sharing his views against the elaborated needs of community

During the conference Mr. Trond Husby Field Coordinator UNDP-ER program Pakistan asked questions from villagers/CO members/beneficiaries about their needs and suggestions.

*Mr. Mohammad Ayooob Mahesar* from Village Bago Teewino President of Community Organization (Al Hussaini Development Organization) thanked to the UNDP-ER and PEHE Sindh for the development initiatives that fulfilled the needs of his village, than he highlighted the need for community infrastructure that they need a pumping station on "SIM SHAKH" for watering of the agricultural lands as it is long lasting support to their livelihood resources. The proposed pumping station will not only benefit our village only the Bago Teewino but the villages Allahando and Yousif Teewino as well and other five connecting villages will also be benefited from this pumping station, he said. Further he added that they are also trying to approach the representatives of Government of Sindh and the local Government authorities but they are despaired finally. He told that estimate cost of pumping station would be Rs.7.5 million, after resolving this problem about 7500 acre of un-irrigated land will be fertile forever and about 1500 families will move to a sustainable development.

*Mr. Mashooque Teewino* of Allahando Teewino president of Al Madina Development Organization by giving suggestions said that there is a great need of hospital, because there is no health facility in three of the villages he also suggested that for the irrigation of land we need digging of Saleh Shakh.

*Ms. Aamna Teewino* says that their livelihood resource is only land so they need seeds and fertilizers for the cultivation of lands.

*Ms. Balqees Teewino* pointed out that there is need for community school because in government school of Bago Teewino teachers are not present for teaching, therefore their children are deprived of even the basic education which is the right of every child of the village.



Community Women sharing her views & needs to PEHE - UNDP

*Ms. Irshad* says in flood she lost her buffalo so she needs buffalo to restore the economic conditions of her home as she lost all her belongings in recent floods.

*Ms. Farzana* of Village Yousif Teewino says that during flood her Sewing Machine lost, so she needs Sewing Machine as she can earn for their family.

*Ali Gul Teewino* of Village Allahando Teewino says; they need seeds and Fertilizers for their 5 acres land.

*Mr. Umar* says that his Donkey Cart was lost in flood which he used as transportation service and was his source of revenue generation on daily basis so he needs Donkey Cart as to earn some thing for survival of his family.

*Nabi Bux Teewino* of Village Yousif Teewino says that his village needs more 40 houses because almost all of the flood affected families are returned back to village.

*Abdul Sattar Teewino* of Allahando Teewino gives his valuable suggestion for preparing Bricks made Streets and Sanitation system for his village.



A villager sharing his needs

*Ms. Nazeeran* demanded for buffalo as her buffalo died of malnutrition during flood, *Ms Saeeda* demanded for sewing machine because she is skilful in sewing and wants to be able to earn some amount as to get daily food for her children.

*Ms. Shabeeran* of Bago Teewino wants to plough her lands, she need agricultural support as seeds and fertilizer.

*Ms. Ameeran* telling her story that her Kiryana Shop destroyed during flood so there is much difficulty for surviving, she wants to restore her Kiryana shop at her Village this will not only facilitate the villagers but also she could earn for her children, this will fulfill both needs.

*Ms. Fahmida* asks for sewing machine as she could be empowered through earning and utilizes her skills and could earn for the family. *Ms. Saleha* says that she needs Goat for livelihood, she is skilful in livestock management, she says.

*Mr. Pathan Teewino* of village Bago Teewino shared that flood destroyed all the assets of the village and after flood everything turned into debris there was nothing left in his village, he thanked to UNDP-ER and PEHE Sindh that they both started development work in their village as the people of the village can occupy shelter. He says that he needs agro assistance as seeds and Fertilizers for next season he also demanded sanitation system for his village.



A Community Women expressing her needs

Mr. M. Ibrahim Teewino demands two more houses for his family which return now in villages. He also demands for the mosque.

Mr. Sarwar demands one more house for himself as he has no shelter for his family.

Mr. Manzoor Mahesar demand for food items, agriculture input, livestock support and infrastructure for village, like brick pave street and culverts.

### **Objectives of Village Conference:-**

PEHE Sindh set the following objectives for the conference

- 1) Identification of Problems through communities valuable suggestions
- 2) Participation discussion on issues related to the flood affected peoples
- 3) Consulting meeting with flood affected peoples
- 4) Realizing community/Flood affected people about their problems
- 5) Need assessment of flood affected peoples
- 6) Empower community and enable them to take decision.
- 7) Find solutions of problems through communities wisdom

### **Participation of Stakeholders in Conference**

- 1) Community of Three Villages (*Flood Affected Peoples more than 500 male, female, children, elderly people and disables*)
- 2) UNDP-ER Pakistan (*Project Funding Agency*) Field Coordinator with its team
- 3) PEHE Sindh (*NGO Project Implementing Agency*) All Project Staff including CEO, Chief Operating Officer and other responsible persons
- 4) Al-Madina Development Organization (*Allahando Teewino*)
- 5) Al- Hussaini Development Organization (*Bago Teewino*)
- 6) Al- Madina Development Organization (*Yousif Teewino*)

**Mr. Trond Husby Field Coordinator UNDP-ER Pakistan** said that “I will try my best for the provision of such demanded facilities and fulfill the needs of the community and what he could do he will do, according to the mandate of UNDP-ER”.

During Conference Mr. Trond Husby taking the mike moves to the females and children for giving opportunity to point out or raise their voices and share their needs/problems which they are facing? Majority of children demanded for school, men partially demanded for livestock as they become self employed and earn something for their families whereas women demanded for Sewing Machines.

In this way all the participants not only identified their home-based needs but also collectively raised the development issues of their villages as their own.



Mr Trond Husby moving in audience to communicate to the children, women & men



Chief Operating Officer sharing his view after overall discussions in conference

At the end Mr. Rafique Ahmed Junejo CEO/PEHE, Mr. Ali Mohammad Shahwani Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Abdul Rasool Chandio, Mr. Allahdino Kabooro, Mr. Najeeb Mahesar, Mr. Naseer Soomro and Female Staff Ms. Aamna Abbassi, Ms. Rukhsana Abbassi, Ms. Shehnaz Mahesar and Ms. Mehtab Soomro sort/classify the problems through suggestions of community/participants of Village Conference.

## **Identified Needs in Village Conference by Community Participation**

- 1) Water Problem for Irrigation
  - a. Pumping Station on Sim Shakh (Solve Problem Permanently)
  - b. Digging of Saleh Shakh (Solve Problem Temporary)
- 2) Agriculture in put ( Seed, Fertilizer and Plough land)
- 3) Culvert/ Bridge on Saleh Shakh
- 4) Donkey Cart for Self Employment
- 5) Provision of Live Stock
- 6) Provision of Sewing Machine for women empowerment & self employment
- 7) Mosque (Worship Place)
- 8) Community School
- 9) Community Health Centre
- 10) Karyana Shop on village level

## **Classification of Needs and Recommendations of Village Conference**

- 1) Fertilizer, Seed, Plough land for next season.
- 2) Digging Saleh Shakh (for facing water shortage).
- 3) Pumping Station on Sim Shakh (Permanent Solution of Water Shortage).
- 4) Community School.
- 5) Electricity (Solar System).
- 6) Sewing Machine.
- 7) Community Health Centre.
- 8) Bridge/ Culvert for Saleh Shakh and other water courses.
- 9) Remaining Houses (Shelters) for those who return now to the villages.
- 10) Kiryana Shop on village level (Demanded by a woman in Conference).

## **Conclusion**

After classifying and recommendations of village conference Mr. Rafique Ahmed Junejo CEO PEHE and Co coordinator of Village Conference Mr. Allahdino Kabooro announced for ending Village Conference and paid thanks for participation in Village Conference to the community, representatives of Community organizations, UNDP-ER Team and other Stakeholders.