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Message of the Chairperson

Sindh Village Development Program (SVDP) is focused on rural development. It has successfully completed its two years journey and has expanded itself during the reported period. It intervened in nearby villages of the Bajara as well as in Village Gachero Old which is situated near Moro Town of District Naushahro Feroze. SVDP is revealing the hidden aspects of rural life that are very inspiring and encouraging. Moreover, it has expanded its scope and vision by working with the communities of different villages.



Bringing social change in rural setting is much more difficult because of the agrarian based approaches, cultural barriers and lack of basic facilities. Therefore, we should keep continue our efforts regardless of hurdles and barriers. Continuity will eventually bring change and people will be sensitized and self-motivated.

It is noteworthy that SVDP has its own agenda rather than following and practicing the agenda of others. It is not a donor-driven organization. That's why we do not get projects from the formal donors. It is a volunteer organization which runs its financial matters through the support of individual donors.

SVDP always believes and strives for the women empowerment. It believes in equity and equality however the most of the activities and initiatives are women focused. We always encourage the women for their inclusion in mainstream life and always take efforts for their due rights.

The organization's main goal is model building that's why we are implementing the Bajara Village Development Project (BVDP). In first stage, we will make the village a model and then replicate it in other villages of Sindh.

Being a chairperson of the organization, I am very much thankful to our donor Dr. Aijaz Hussain Turk who is continuously supporting it financially and passionately. Finally, I am grateful to SVDP's Board of directors and the team for their efforts, passion and dedication.

Ali Gohar Turk

Chairperson Board of Directors

Foreword

Sindh Village Development Program (SVDP) has completed its second year's journey, and we are happy to present SVDP's annual progress report for year 2020-2021. Our priority remained same to strengthening the organization in terms of its systems and portfolio.

During the lockdown situation the schools were closed here, and students were unable to keep continuing their study. On the other hand, they have no internet access to attend the online classes. Keeping in consideration the situation, Free Tuition Center was started in village Bajara. Initially English was taught later on Math class was started. Moreover, computer classes were also started and students completed a few courses there as well.

Apart from Bajara, different activities took place in village Shaikh Dhaman as well which include tree plantation, providing support in health care. Further, International Women Day was celebrated there first time was attended by large number of the local women. Besides, female patients who were unable to reach the hospitals, were got treated by the organization at Sehwan hospital.

Different activities took place in Village Nandhi Therhi of Union Council Bajara and Village Gachero Old, Taluka Moro. Additionally, Govt. Primary school Village Kot Barocho near Jhangara town was also supported in term of providing uniforms and stationary and solar systems.

Marvi Vocational and Training Center has been focus because of developing garments and its marketing- not only stuff was produced but exhibition of the ready cloths was setup in the village which was a unique activity in its nature of village life. Furthermore, regarding Bajara, a Village Development Council (VDC) was formed consisting of stakeholders of the community, and few meetings of the VDC were organized as well.

This year, SVDP decided to organize public dialogue with the communities therefore, some events were organized in Bajara and Gachero Old villages. Those events were remained interactive and were attended by the large number of people.

A delegate of Engro, SGA and PFF visited Bajara this year and praised the endeavors and efforts being taken by the organization. SVDP is continuously going ahead and more interventions are being started including a horticulture model developing which will be completed next year.



Mehran Mallah
Executive Director

EDUCATION & LEARNING

SVDP's education strategy in the days of lockdown: Free Tuition Center Established at Bajara

The students living in remote areas of Sindh weren't able to get online education due to heavy load-shedding of electricity and connectivity issues. Keeping into account the significance of the problem, Sindh Village Development Program (SVDP) established a free Tuition Center on July 13, 2020 at village Bajara, Taluka (sub-district) Sewhan. English language was taught in the beginning yet Mathematics was started eventually. Qualified teachers are leading the initiative wherein both girls and boys students of high school and college are being learnt. The boys were divided into two batches due to the increasing number of the students. Moreover, tests were conducted frequently and the students who prove outstanding performance were awarded finally.



Students of Bajara Learned Artificial Intelligence & IOT, Developed 2 Devices

SVDP is endeavoring to enhance the skills of young people, and in this regard, eight candidates belong to Bajara completed four months course of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IOT) at 110 Innovate Center, Sehwan in collaboration with Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Human Resource Research & Development Board (BBSHRRDB). The course started in March and ended in June 2021. SVDP provided the transport facility to the students. Subsequently, in their quest of innovation, they developed a Water detector and a Light Dependent Resistor (LDR) during the course.

Where There Is No School: A Free Tuition Center was established in Village Shaikh Dhaman

Shaikh Dhaman is a remote village of UC Jhangara, Taluka Sehwan where people are compelled to live their life without basic facilities including the school. Keeping into consideration the situation, a free tuition center was established in November 2020 wherein 60 children were registered for learning. It is to remember that SVDP is already working there by setting up medical camps, distribution of cloths among the children, tree plantation and etc.



Three Month Course on Digital Literacy



A three months course on Digital Literacy completed on September 30, 2020 at computer labs for boys and girls at village Bajara, Taluka, Sehwan wherein 12 girls and boys were enrolled. At the end, final presentations of the passed students were placed in an event attended by the students, SVDP and 110 Innovative teams. Mr. Sajid Bhutto, Head of 110 Innovate conducted assessment and evaluation of the students.

Certificates were distributed in a public event held in the village.

Digital Education: Course on Game Development

Technology is a great source to empower the marginalized. Keeping into account the importance of the technology, a 45 days course on Game Development was started on October 13 that ended on December 04 in computer labs at village Bajara wherein 10 boys and girls were registered. It is remembered that said children have already completed the digital literacy

course, and thereafter they were promoted for advance course. This course was being led by head of 110 Innovate Mr. Sajid Bhutto and STEM trainer Ms. Lubna Bhutto.



A Computer Lab in a Remote Area Certifies Poor Students

Modern technology is rapidly and positively affecting the human development. In this way,



with financial assistance of two SANA members- Dr Aijaz Turk and Mr. Ghulam Mohiuddin Memon Morai, a computer lab was established at Govt. Boys High School Village Gachero Old, Taluka Moro, District Naushahro Feroze which is being run and managed by Gachero Old Association for Healthy Environment and Development (GO AHEAD). Two batches, each for six month, completed free CIT certificate courses. Senior SANA member Dr. Aijaz Turk distributed certificates among 25

students on February 23, 2021 in an event organized by the GO AHEAD.

Solar Panels and Furniture Donated to Primary School Bajara

The students of village Bajara are being supported by SVDP through delivery of multiple facilities. In this regards, keeping in view the hot season, 28 ceiling fans and solar panels were provided to Govt. Boys Primary School Bajara in June 2021. Besides, 50 student chairs were also donated to the school.

Kot Barocho - A Forgotten School: Uniforms, Shoes and Learning Material distributed

SVDP distributed uniforms, shoes, bags, copies and other material among more than 40 children of Govt. Primary School Kot Barocho UC Jhangara, Taluka Sehwan on June 25, 2021. In addition, solar panels were also installed with fans. It is to note that though the focus of the organization is Bajara but it is supporting nearby schools as well.



A Step Ahead: Transport Facility to the Girls Students of nearby Villages

Attendance is a key factor that affects the performance of the students. In this regard, a Loader Rickshaw has been purchased and modified like a school van which is used for pick and drop of the girls' students from nearby villages to Govt. Girls High School Bajara since January 2021. Moreover, after school timing, the Loader Rickshaw is used for watering the plants and other purposes as well. It is noteworthy that the transport facility is being provided to the girls students of Bajara for going to Govt. Girls Degree College Sehwan since five years.

Where There Is No School: Supporting a Community-based School

Nandhi Therhi is a vulnerable village of UC Bajara, Taluka Sehwan where the community with the support of different stakeholders is running a primary school for many years. SVDP provided a female teacher in November 2020 for the school and donated learning material as well.

HEALTH, HYGIENE & NUTRITION

Where There Is No Hospital: Treatment of 11 Female Patients of a Remote Village

Health is an essential component of the Bajara Village Development Project, and different activities are organized in that connection. SVDP team provided transport facility to the 11 female patients of village Shaikh Dhaman and got their checkups, labs and they were given medicines at Syed Abdullah Shah Institute of Medical Sciences Sehwan on February 10, 2021. It is to note that Shaikh Dhaman is a remote



village located at distance of about 40 kilometers from Sehwan town. The village has not any health facility therefore casualties usually happen in case of emergency situations.

Protecting Rural Livelihoods: 1376 Cattle Freely Vaccinated

A team of six veterinary doctors led by Dr. Zameer Ahmed Kalhoro, Taluka Veterinary Officer Sehwan in collaboration with SVDP team freely vaccinated 1376 cattle on January 14th, 2021 in village Bajara. The doses of Enterotoxaemia Vaccine (ETV) and Hemorrhagic Septicemia (HS) Vaccine were given to cows, buffalos, goats and the sheep. The experts had meetings with the owners of the cattle and guided them regarding good caring of their livestock.



ALTERNATIVE & SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD OPTIONS

First Business Plan of Dress Making and Marketing



Sindh Village Development Program (SVDP) has established Marvi Vocational Center at village Bajara aiming to empower the rural women and to enhance their skills. In this regard, first business initiative took place for dress making and designing on December 5th, 2020. 10 female tailors/designing experts were engaged in the project. Before the

inception, a test of the said women was conducted in the Center under the supervision of Mrs. Tahira, Instructor at ZABTech Center Sehwan. Total 16 women participated in the test and out of those 9 were qualified for cutting, stitching and designing. Moreover, regarding marketing of the products, a network was developed at local level initially.

First Exhibition of Clothing

An exhibition of the garments produced in Marvi Vocational & Training Center village Bajara took place on December 12 to 15, 2020 at SVDP Female Office in Village Bajara, Taluka Sehwan. Kurti, Frock and complete suits were displayed over there. The women of the Bajara and suburbs visited the exhibitions and praised the efforts of the organization regarding empowering the local women.



Developing Vocational Skills: Female Tailors Participated in a Dress Making Assessment in Hyderabad

The seven female tailors belonging to Marvi Vocational & Training Center at village Bajara participated in a dress making assessment on December 24, 2020 under the banner Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) conducted at Govt. Vocational Institute for Women, Afandi Town, Hyderabad. RPL is an initiative of Sindh Technical Education & Vocational Training Authority (STEVTA) which aims to recognize and certify the women who have prior experience and skills. Keeping in consideration the opportunity, SVDP in collaboration with Govt. Vocational Institute for Women, Afandi Town, Hyderabad conducted the Test. Afterwards, the tailors were awarded the certificates.



One Month Basic Training Course on Dress Making Started at Bajara

Basic training course on stitching are frequently organized at Marvi Vocational & Training Center in village Bajara. The purpose of the initiative is to build the skills of rural women. In this regard, a one month free basic course on measurement, cutting, stitching and designing conducted in June-July 2021 in the Center wherein 17 young girls of three villages are participating. The resource person of the event was a local lady who has extensive experience and expertise in the field of garments.

Developing a Horticulture Model

Sindh Village Development Program's (SVDP) one of the main objectives is to create models in Sindh. In this regard, a horticulture model is supposed to be created in Bajara where eight acres land has been provided by the Turk family. In this connection Mr. Abdul Hameed Chandio, Vice President SVDP and Mr. Mehran Mallah had a meeting with Mir Amanullah Talpur on May 15, 2021 at Hyderabad and discussed the ideas and challenges regarding fruit farming. It is to note that Mir Amanullah has developed an innovative model of horticulture near Kunri Town and is a great source of inspiration in the field of agriculture and horticulture. He is supporting SVDP to create a model for the landowners in Sehwan Taluka.



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CLIMATE RISK MANAGEMENT

Protecting Environment through Tree Plantation: Sustainable Endeavors for Maintenance of the Plants

Sindh Village Development Program (SVDP) believes that the environment can be protected through plantation of trees. In this respect, hundreds of plants are planted in village Bajara, Taluka Sehwan. Moreover, a plant nursery has been established for promoting the culture of tree plantation. In Bajara, after inside boundary plantation in houses, SVDP developed a family park and indigenous plants have been planted alongside the link road. Apart from that, keeping in view the hot weather in month of May, smaller plants have been protected with the bushes. Further, summer pruning and cleaning of the plants was performed as well. In addition, a second phase of Family park development was started and in that regard, the level of the ground was raised up with the sand.



A Water Tanker and Water Tanks arranged to resolve the water issue in Summer

Water scarcity is a key issue in summer in Bajara, therefore regarding care and maintenance, a water tanker has been purchased and two water tanks have been constructed in the Family Park and in the Plant Nursery.

Tree Plantation Experiment on Contaminant Water of Manchhar Lake Succeeded: More Plants Planted

Shaikh Dhaman of Union Council Jhangara Taluka Sehwan is a vulnerable village situated at the bank of Manchhar Lake. SVDP has been working there in the fields of education, health and environment, and in that regard 50 plants were planted there in February 2020 of the reported period but just 15 species (conocarpus) were survived on the contaminated water of the



Manchhar Lake. Keeping into account the fact, more than 75 plants were planted in the village. Moreover, in February 2021, 116 more plants were planted in the village.

Roadside Tree Plantation in Bajara

SVDP is giving high priority to tree plantation since its inception. In this connection, more 20 indigenous species were planted alongside a link road of village Bajara in October 2020. In order to protect the plants, iron nets are fitted outside the plants.

SVDP Developing a Green Market in Bajara

Large size clay pots (Koondyoon) with grown plants were fixed near the shops in Bajara in first week of November 2020. The shopkeepers were also given iron nets for protection of the plants. The plants will be maintained by the shopkeepers whereas the volunteers will supervise the scheme.

SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

Village Development Council Formed

SVDP believes that sustainability cannot take place without the spirit of ownership and inclusion. Keeping into account the approach, a Village Development Council (VDC) was formed on January 13, 2021 in village Bajara. In this connection, a meeting of the community



members was held on March 25th in which 40 persons attended. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Aijaz Hussain Turk. After a briefing on the ongoing projects, different decisions were made regarding the village development.

An Awareness Raising Rally on Green, Clean, Healthy & Educated Bajara

A one week campaign on “Green, Clean, Educated and Healthy Bajara” was launched in February 2021. In that regard, a rally was organized in the Village on February 25th wherein students and the volunteers participated. The rally led by Dr. Aijaz Hussain Turk was commenced from govt. boys’ primary school and passed from different locations of the village and concluded at main road Bajara. Dr. Aijaz Turk and others addressed the participants and emphasized the more and more tree plantation, cleanness, creating anti-drug environment and accelerating the girls’ education.

Meetings with Stakeholders, Community Members and Young people

Different activities are undertaking for making Bajara a model village under the banner “Bajara Village Development Project (BVDP).” In this connection, Dr Aijaz Hussain Turk who is donor of the project, visited the village in mid of October 2020 and he had meetings with different stakeholders, public servants, community members, youth, children, students and volunteers. He visited the interventions and met the girls students as well. The purpose of the meetings was to mobilize the residents for the development of their village.

INFORMATION & KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT

SVDP Celebrated International Women's Day in Village Shaikh Dhaman

International Women's Day was celebrated under the banner "Rural Women: Challenges and Opportunities" in village Shaikh Dhaman situated on the bank of Manchar Lake near Jhangara Town, Sehwan on March 8th 2021. Social activist Ms. Rehana Otho delivered a session that was followed by questions, answers.



Public Dialogue on Nature, Society and Our Future in Village Bajara

A lecture under the banner "Nature, Society and our Future" was organized on February 27th, 2021 at village Bajara led by the activist Mir Mazhar Talpur. Mr. Atta Hussain Chanhya recited the poetry of Shah Abdul Latif on the occasion. Afterwards, certificates were distributed among the six students who completed a course on Game Development in Center for Computer Education Bajara. A large number of the people attended the event.



Rural Women in Sindh: Challenges and Opportunities

A lecture under the banner “Rural women in Sindh: Challenges and Opportunities” was organized for women on February 25, 2021 at village Bajara led by Ms. Farzana Buriro. Executive Director SVDP Mr. Mehran Mallah also spoke on the occasion. A large number of the women attended the event.

Sustainable agriculture in Arid Zone: A Public Dialogue in Bajara

Agriculture is considered largest sector of our economy. Majority of the population, directly or indirectly, dependent on this. Keeping its significance in consideration, a public dialogue event under the banner “Sustainable agriculture and Afforestation in Arid zone” was organized on February 24, 2021 at village Bajara. Progressive grower Dr Amanullah Talpur and Mr. Daud Aftab Nizamani spoke on the occasion. The even went interactive attended by the large number of the growers and farmers.



Dialogue on Social Development in Bajara: Dr. Shireen Narejo led the Event

SVDP organized public discussion events in different villages in last month of 2020. In this connection, an event under the banner “Dialogue on Social Development” was organized in village Bajara, Taluka Sehwan, District Jamshoro on December 27th 2020. The speaker of the event was Dr Shireen Narejo, Secretary Planning and Development, Govt. of Sindh. The event went interactive by the participants. In the end, certificates were distributed among the nine girls’ students who recently completed the computer course on Game development. Prior to that Dr Shireen Narejo along with Dr Shams Mahesar and volunteers visited the SVDP interventions and appreciated the efforts of the organization.

A Participatory Public Dialogue in a Village near Moro

SVDP and Gachero Old Association for Healthy Environment and Development (GO AHEAD) jointly organized a public lecture of Mir Mazhar Talpur on November 29, at village Gachero Old near Moro. The even remained interactive attended by the large number of the youth.



“Threats in Future, Opportunities and Sindhi Society”: A Public Lecture in Bajara

With regard to awareness campaign launched in different villages, a public lecture was organized on October 19th 2020 in village Bajara, Taluka Sehwan, District Jamshoro. Young intellectual and author Mr. Jami Chandio led the discussion followed by questions-answers. The event went interactive wherein majority of the participants was young people and children. Senior SANA member Dr. Aijaz Turk welcomed the participants and started the discussion by sharing his views regarding owning our villages and their development. Student Budhal Bughio. Qazi Ashfaq Bajar and other spoke on the occasion as well.

Community Gatherings in Bajara, Public Lectures Delivered

A public lecture for women was organized on October 17th 2020 in village Bajara, attended by more than 150 women and children. The speaker of the event was political activist Mir Mazher Talpur. The topics covered in the lecture include state of rights of women, challenges and opportunities.

Prior to that Senior SANA member Dr. Aijaz Hussain Turk welcomed the participants and shared his views regarding the importance of girls' education. Afterwards, certificates were distributed among five girls' students of Center for Computer Education, Bajara who completed a three months course on Digital Literacy. Mrs. Gul Zareen, Principal Govt. Degree College Sehwan also spoke on the occasion. The event was moderated by Ms. Anwer Kekepoto.



On other hand, an open dialogue event was organized wherein more than 200 people participated. Afterwards certificates were distributed among 10 students who completed three months course on Digital Literacy from Center for Computer Education, Bajara . Further, appreciation and outstanding performance certificates were distributed among 28 students of English Language Center Bajara. In addition, shields were awarded to the three teachers of computer and English language Centers as well.

VISITS AND MEETINGS

SVDP Team Participated in a Meeting of Volunteers in Daulatpur

A delegate of SVDP consisting of Dr Aijaz Turk and Mehran Mallah participated in a meeting of social activists held in Daulatpur town on February 23, 2021. The event was organized by a social activist Mr. Abdul Hameed Mallah while moderated by Mr. Saleem Unar. Shield of honor was presented to Dr Aijaz Turk on the occasion. While talking to the activists, Dr Turk emphasized to own our villages and play our volunteer role for bringing social change.



SVDP Management Visited Different Development Models

Mr. Abdul Hameed Chandio, Vice President SVDP and Mr. Mehran Mallah Executive Director SVDP visited agriculture and fruit farm of Mir Amanullah Talpur in village Mor Jhango near Kunri town on January 1, 2021. They visited models of short tree system, combine crafts system, dairy farm, fruit nursery, garment factory, water reservoir and birds breeding farm, and had a detailed meeting with Mir Amanullah on his diverse initiatives. Afterwards, they had a meeting with Mir Mazhar Talpur in Mirpur Khas and invited him to Bajara for a public dialogue. Prior to that, the team visited the office and interventions of ARTS Foundation in Mirpur Khas and had a meeting with Ms. Zoya Shaikh, Manager Programs ARTS Foundation, and member BoD SVDP, and ED ARTS Foundation Mr Shahzado Malik. The team briefed them about the ongoing projects of SVDP.

SVDP Management Visited Bajara, Meetings with Team and Volunteers

Management team of Sindh Village Development Program (SVDP) visited village Bajara and participated in different activities. Mr. Abdul Hameed Chandio, Vice President and Mr. Rashid Hussain Soomro, Member BoD visited Bajara on October 11, 2020 and had meetings with team members and volunteers. They also participated in a staff meeting and appreciated their spirit of team work. Afterwards, they visited different interventions of the organization as well.

Senior Management of Engro, SGA and PFF visited Bajara

Mr. Naseer Memon, General Manager Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Engro, Mr. Imam Ali Detho, General Manager Sindh Graduate Association (SGA), and Mr. Mustafa Mirani, Vice Chairman Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum visited village Bajara on September 25, 2020. The delegation was briefed on the



projects being implemented by Sindh Village Development Program at the village. Afterwards, they visited Computer Centers, Family Park, Plant Nursery, Marvi Vocational Center and Offices of the organization. They had meetings with the male and female volunteers and got information about the interventions. The delegation appreciated and praised the efforts of SVDP with assistance of Turk Family regarding developing the Bajara as a model village.

Mobilizing Communities for Village Development: A Meeting in a Village

Community mobilization is a scientific process and prerequisite for social and behavioral change. Keeping into account the fact, SVDP organized a meeting in village Malho Babar near Bajara on December 4, 2020 in which women and girls students participated. The purpose of the event was to work together specially for the girls' education and their skills development.



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