

Community Mobilization

Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) in Rural villages of District Nawabshah, Campaign by Sangat Development Foundation (SDF)

An Introduction

Sangat Development Foundation (**SDF**) is community based non-governmental Organization, launched with its mission to work for the provision of safe drinking water and sanitation education especially in remote and backward areas of Nawabshah district.

SDF has taken a number of community-based capacity building and awareness initiatives, including seminars on different issues confronting the downtrodden in remote and backward areas.

Sangat Development Foundation (SDF) is member of **District Advisory and Coordination Committee (DCC)**, **WWF-Indus for All** programme of Nawabshah District and also member of **Project Implementation Coordination Committee of ASF Project by SRSP** on Agro business Support Fund.

Key activities undertaken by SDF

Seminars and Workshops

- Child Health and Nutrition
- Child Rights and Role of Civil Society, **Supported By Plan International and District Govt Nawabshah**
- Consultative workshop with Religious Leaders on "Conservation and Islam", **Supported by Indus For All Programme-WWF Pakistan**
- Education for all in 2015: The Challenges, **Supported by UNESCO, Islamabad**
- Human Caused Biodiversity Loss and Climate Disruption
- Education for All and Role of Civil Society, **Supported by Sindh Rural Support Program (SRSP)**
- Campaign on CCBs Formation and Mobilization
- Held Three Medical Camps in Remote Areas of Nawabshah District, **Supported by Taluka Govt Daur, District Nawabshah**

Establishment of Computer Centre

- Establishment of Computer Centre with the supported of **Kalia Group Karachi**, for Skill Development of Local Youth at 68 mile Nawabshah

Project Successfully Completed

- Voter Education campaign in 51 UCs of District Nawabshah
Collaboration with Participatory Development Initiatives (PDI)
Supported by UNDP and Election Commission of Pakistan

Project Under Implementation

- TB awareness program in Taluka Daur District Nawabshah
Support by The Asia foundation (**TAF**)

“Community Mobilization On Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) **With Villagers of Ali Jan** **UC Gupchani Taluka Daur,,**

While realizing growing health problems especially the deteriorating health of women and children in the rural villages of Nawabshah district, mostly caused due to living in unhygienic conditions and using contaminated food and unsafe drinking water by the local community. Sangat Development Foundation (**SDF**) being a responsible



community based organisation had launched campaign on Community Led total Sanitation (**CLTS**) since last couple of years in all rural villages of three Union Councils i.e Ismail Khan, Jamsahib and Gupchani) of

Nawabshah district, which is being very successfully carried out, to mobilize the local community to make collective efforts for total sanitation in their respective houses, in order to combat the growing deadly diseases, which mostly born out due to unhygienic conditions. The community led Total Sanitation campaign has now been extended in other Union Council (UCs) of Nawabshah district in order realise other rural communities to construct latrine in bid to ensure total sanitation in and around their house to protect their families especially

vulnerable groups women and children from deadly diseases which often cause due to unhygienic conditions.

In this regard, Sangat development foundation held a session on community Led total Sanitation (**CLTS**) in village Ali Jan with a view to mobilize the local community to chalk out a joint plan to deal with their sanitation problems. They were fully got realised about the concept of Community Led total Sanitation (**CLTS**) and its success stories in



addressing with community health problems around the globe.

They were discussed on the issue of open defecation and its close association with human health issues, caused due to open defecation mostly affecting the health of

vulnerable women and child communities in the rural area. Sanitation has very vital role in developing healthy society, which ultimately greatly contributes in the socio-economic development of country. It improves personal and community well being. Sanitation combats major diseases and improve material and child health.

However, in order to save and protect their family and community from any deadly disease, it is pre-requisite to construct latrines to achieve total sanitation and have healthy social life.

It has been observed that especially in rural villages, due to lack of awareness and education, sanitation has never been on the top priority of rural community, which highly has ill effects on women and child health. They are direct victims of unhygienic conditions prevailing in rural villages. The early child mortality often caused by the diarrheal diseases which is due to having contaminated and unsafe water and food, which are put into unsafe places of the houses.



Latrine in Rural Village

They local community was also discussed that sanitation would not



only prevent from many curious diseases occurring in their respective families, and affecting their health but also have a significant role in the



personality development of their new generation. Therefore, it is necessary to have a total sanitation not only in their houses but also have safe and hygienic conditions surrounding of their residential areas.



