



Khwendo Kor

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Citizens have been engaged to contribute in improved governance



DIL team asking question form ECG regarding project activities and donor agency

Khwendo kor is implementing a project titling “**Bridging gaps between citizens and state**” since August 2016 in Peshawar. The main purpose of the intervention is to strengthen coordination between citizens and government officials/ departments/structures to work jointly for improved local governance. 8 Effective Citizens Groups (ECGs) consisting of approximately 240 men and women (community people, local government representatives, youth and media members and public offi-

cial) have been formed and their capacities built on Right to Information (RTI) and Right to Services (RTS) Acts. The project is facilitating the members of the ECGs to exercise the RTI and RTS through identifying and taking up governance issue with the relevant duty bearers at local level. In the month of October 23 ECG members conducted social audit of a Basic Health Unit in Peshawar and asked various questions from the BHU in charge regarding staff, working

hours, availability of medicines etc. Another group of 15 ECG members paid visit to Labour department where assistant director briefed the participants on labour laws and particularly on daily wages process and procedures. He also guided ECG how to access the department in case of no response from concerned department. Similarly, 13 female ECG members attended a national level Rural Women Conference in Islamabad and interacted with women from across the country

Girls education project is one of the longest sustained intervention of KK programs

Khwendo kor with the support of Development in Literacy (DIL) since 2001 is providing education facility to children in those parts of Dir lower where there are no government schools available. Currently it is running 20 schools providing education facility to 2,400 children, catered by 110 trained teach-

ers. During the month of October the project team was involved in preparation of the mid-term exams. The proposed exams papers were prepared by teachers and final selection was made by School Officers. The papers were composed according to the table of specification. After

printing the papers were distributed among the schools. The exam ended by the end of October 2017. The teachers checked and marked the papers and announced the result. School officers made monitoring and follow up visits of the schools, community.

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Work in progress on Drinking Water Supply Scheme in Dir Upper



Health Awareness Session on Household Level in Dir Upper

Parent teacher Associations conducted meetings on various issues like teacher selection, fee etc.

During the month, two trainings were held one for Math for grade 6th and English training/ orientation

on new guides/ modules. Library books provided by DIL were also distributed among schools.

Chief Executive Khwendo Kor Maryam Bibi ‘s interview published in Daily Khabrain

Khwendo Kor Chief Executive Maryam Bibi interview was published in Daily Khabrain. She talked more about her personal life and struggle to overcome the

cultural and societal barriers and financial difficulties to serve women of KP and FATA. She has more emphasized on the importance of women inclu-

sion in the economic sphere is the only way how they can avoid violence and deprivation from the basic rights.

Integrated community development program in Dir Upper is benefiting the community in many ways

The Program for Poverty Reduction (PPR) being implemented by KK in Dir Upper since April 2015 is an integrated development program benefiting community in various themes of local development i.e. **health, education, economic empowerment and community physical infrastructure.** The program has been designed purely on the basis of community needs and is working efficiently to not only mobilize local communities but also strengthening government systems and structures for making them able to serve the communities for many years to come.

provided free services of pre and post natal checkups apart from 160 OPDs (to women and children) . The awareness component worked alongside and the trained community resource persons conducted 04 health awareness sessions for the community women covering approximately 100 households.

Education Component of PPR is supporting education of children in those areas where there is limited government schooling facility. Disaster Risk Management (DRM) kits were provided to 15 government schools. The soft component of education worked jointly with government schools staff PTC (Parent Teachers Council) members, Village Organizations (VOs) members to develop school Improvement plans for 05 schools.

Community Physical Infrastructure: 05 Infrastructure schemes completed in the reporting month consisting of 2 link roads, 1 irrigation channel and 2 flood protection walls.

Economic Empowerment Component: 125 individuals identified as per poverty score card (Poor & ultra-poor) for assets provision. These 125 persons (including women) will be provided assets to set up their small scale businesses.

Exposure Visit: 12 field staff members visited Chitral & Gilgit (Northern Areas) and had meetings with AKRSP (Agha Khan Rural Support Program) and their community to see different cultures and working areas and to observe how community participation is ensured in the interventions.

In October 2017

Health Component, the 03 community Health Centers established in the UC Barawal of Dir upper pro-

KK is working on various levels to eliminate Gender Based Violence

KK has established three women complaint cells (WCCs) in three police stations of district Mansehra to facilitate women in their cases related to Gender Based Violence (of domestic violence, right to inheritance and consent in marriage). The WCCs in October 2017 registered 43 cases. 17 cases were resolved while 26 cases were referred to concerned departments and authorities for further process. Similarly three community facilitation centers (CFCs) have been established in KK target communities to facilitate women to access the relevant services; psychosocial/legal support or referring to the WCC.

10 coordination meetings conducted with 5 women and 5 men organizations participated by 170 community groups' members including 65 men and 105 women. Agenda of the meetings included discussion on local issues per-

taining to women rights consent in marriage, domestic violence and right to inheritance. Similarly, mobilization and relationship building meetings were organized with religious leaders and Khateebis of UCs Battal, Ichrian and Baffa. In these meetings a total of 42 religious leaders and Khateebis participated. During these meetings orientation on project goals and activities and role of religious leaders was discussed. As a result, the religious leaders ensured that they would step forward and deliver the project message in the Friday Sermons in their respective village Masjid/mosques. KK's Lawyer advocated 41 cases and appeared in 75 proceedings of instituted cases. 2 cases were resolved through court. 3 new cases were freshly filed in the court out of which 2 were resolved through compromised before honorable court.

KK regional office Mansehra conducted 2 days training for revenue officers of Mansehra. In this training 43 male and 07 female participated. The aim of training was to orient and educate participants on Women rights of Inheritance, Inheritance Laws and their implementations status in Pakistan, Legal Heirs/Shares in the light of Quran, Issues faced by women in seeking inheritance rights, Will Vs inheritance Waqaf and on the responsibilities and duties of Patwaris

KK senior management including Director Programs and Director Human and Institutional development and officials from NCA Islamabad visited KK regional office Mansehra and WCCs and CFCs, they provided useful suggestions and recommendations to improve the program delivery and systems.

KK successfully provided care and support services to the people living with HIV/AIDS for more than five years

KK has been partner to National Aids Control Program (NACP) since 2015 in Peshwar and since 2012 in Kohat to serve people living with HIV/AIDS through voluntary counseling and tests, medication, food ration, livelihood support and support to family members in the form of children school fee, books and stationery. Currently 1,000 patients of HIV/AIDS and 3,000 family members are associated with KK

through its established CHBC (Community Home Based Care) Centers in Peshawar and Kohat. Both the CHBCs are covering surrounding districts while CHBC Kohat is also covering some FATA Agencies. In October 2017, KK was notified by NACP that it has strategized to handover the program to Local Community Based Organizations (CBOs) from November 2017 onwards. KK has very effectively imple-

mented the program for more than two years despite challenging situation and vast outreach of the program. The sudden closure of the program is indeed a loss as KK perceives that the beneficiaries of the program will suffer during transition period due to the nature of quick response they need with regard to medicines and food provision services, and such services may not be readily available.



A view of legal support by KK lawyer to the survivor of GBV

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A view of children of Deen Dunya on Teachers' day celebration.

Mr. Raheel is one of KK's registered patients at CHBC Peshawar. He is a young married person. Mr. Raheel was diagnosed with HIV/AIDS during routine voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) in the field by KK team. When he was diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, his health condition was declining with each passing day and he lost every single hope to live.

After registration with CHBC Peshawar, He was provided counseling and adherence by CHBC team to take medicines on regular basis. He showed positive response. Till then he is strictly taking medicines, have developed hopes to live and struggling for the livelihood of his family.

He was looking for an opportunity to improve his livelihood and was also a deserving client to receive business support. During KK's team home visits, it was noticed that Mr. Raheel is facing issues to fulfill the basic needs of sustenance of his family as he is doing an irregular job of daily wage laborer; furthermore his tenuous health condition is not appropriate for such work. After analyzing this situation, the project offered him livelihood support package to purchase a cart and start selling vegetables and fruits. Mr. Raheel rather opted to sell chickpeas. During a follow up visit KK team found that he is doing the job very well and is heading towards financial independency. His father is an aged ailing person and Mr. Raheel is only bread winner of his family.

KK teams wished Mr. Raheel good luck and encouraged him for taking regular medicines and continue playing his vital role as other members of the society.

(The name of the person has been changed to ensure confidentiality of the basic information of the beneficiary)

KK Deen Dunya (DD) center is conducting and actively participating in various activities

Teacher day was celebrated at KK Deen Dunya Center in which both the students and teachers participated

KK DD Elma Bibi Handicrafts Development Center (EHD) setup a stall at Rural Women Conference (16-17 October 2017) held in Lok Virsa Islamabad, showcasing products made by women artisans who have been trained in various demand driven skills under KK Economic Empowerment program. KK

facilitates women from KP and FATA to market their products and develop linkages with buyers on sustainable basis

A free Medical Camp for the local community of Mathra was organized in DD Center. The camp had been organized to mark "World Mental Health Day" which is observed on October 10 around the globe. About 100 patients received services of counseling from the trained psychologist,

check up from the psychiatrist and LHV. Most beneficiaries were women and children. Khwendo Kor is thankful to Friends of the Mind (FOM) a local NGO to arrange Dr. Saqib (Psychiatrist) and Ms. Hina (Psychologist) who provided volunteer services to the poor community of Mathra. Free medicines provided to the patients had been donated by KK.