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Special points of interest:

- Article 25-A of the constitution (Free and Compulsory Education Article) revised and parliamentarians were updated on it.
- KK is successful in securing support in cash and kind for the TDPs of Waziristan Agency.
- KK organizes training on gender responsive budgeting

Education and Health

Article 25-A of the constitution (Free and compulsory Education Act) was revised as a result of feedback from relevant departments and all stakeholders, the Working Group for Girls Education Initiative (WGGEI) members were especially mobilized to own the responsibility for legislation on Free & Compulsory Education Bill. WGGEI developed an action plan which they are following to achieve desired results while KK remained in touch with Parliamentarians, updating them on the revised draft of Article 25-A. **Continuing TDP children's education** The establishment of a community-based school (CBS) in Bakka Khel camp enabled children TDPs especially girls currently residing in FR Bannu to continue their education,

helped raise issues of TDP children's education through advocacy and linkages with education institutions at district-level plus provided psychological support to children. Awareness sessions on "Education" were held for women TDPs which resulted in 13 new children being enrolled in CBS at Bakka Khel camp. In addition, close coordination with camp management and the army, sweaters & shoes were provided to all students by the Pakistan Army.



TDP children holding school bags provided by KK

Established Library

To inculcate good reading habits in students, a library was established in Deen Dunya Mathra. Different interesting storybooks with colorful pictures were placed in the library and school teachers were oriented in helping their students develop reading habits and to use the Library on a regular basis.

Annual Day Celebrated

KK's Community Based School, Misri Abad, Mardan celebrated its Annual Result and Prize Distribution Day. Results were announced and prizes were distributed among position holders. Students also performed on different themes including social interaction, leadership and self-discipline.

Deen Dunya (Mathra) Updates

Marking Solidarity Day with people of Kashmir Khwendo Kor arranged an event at Deen Dunya, Mathra to mark solidarity with people of Kashmir. During the event, students of DeenDunya presented Naat sharif, (Milli

Taranay,) National songs regarding patriotism, *khaka* and tableaus individually and in groups. KK Management, teachers, parents and students participated in the event. KK's Health & Education Manager delivered a

speech on the importance of education and also advised the students to lay emphasis on their studies and to prove themselves as good future citizens of Pakistan.

Scholarship from Zoe Bibi Education Award

One of the students of Benazir Women University Peshawar who is doing her Master's in Education was unable to continue her education due to poor financial conditions. Upon her request to KK she received a scholarship of Rs. 30,000/- from Zoe BiBi Education to continue of her studies.

Mothers gifted their children

On Solidarity Day, KK team and mothers of students distributed gifts among children with their own hands. Prizes were distributed to students on their performance to encourage them. Mothers stressed that such events must be held for students in future as well.

Celebration of International Book Giving Day

International Book Giving Day is being celebrated on 14th February every year all over the world. To mark this event, Khwendo Kor (KK) collaborated with Alif Laila to celebrate this day and distribute books among 120 students of Deen Dunya and students from other schools at Deen Dunya, Peshawar Pakistan Day Commemora-

tion - March 23

KK commemorated Pakistan Day (Youm-e-Pakistan) or Pakistan Resolution Day by organizing a function in which students were briefed on the history of "Pakistan Day" and they also performed on national songs. Most of the programs were inspired by our culture, moral education, films, and nationalism. **Mobile Health Unit and Health facilitation**

KK's Mobile Health Unit (MHU) facilitates TDP women and children through providing medical and psychosocial support. Two medical camps were organized in Bannu and FR Bannu with philanthropists support and during the quarter, 121 patients were treated against seasonal illnesses and gynae problems. Health promotion committees were also formed in five villages of district Bannu

Civil Rights

Women awareness

Under KK's Civil Rights Program, awareness raising sessions on Right to Information act (RTI) were conducted. As result of such sessions and capacity-building trainings, the local women are now aware of their rights. Lack of vocational skill centers was raised by ECG members through the Steering Committee meeting with Social Welfare Directorate and through a seminar organized in Nowshera. As a result 11 vocational skill centers were approved which became part of the Annual Development Program 2015-2016 in Nowshera.

Another District level seminar was organized by KK to highlight the role of concerned departments to address gov-

ernance in DI Khan under Civil Rights & Responsive Governance project supported by Oxfam-GB. A drama on the issue of "HIV-Aids" was successfully recorded through EVAW Alliance where Khwendo Kor team voluntarily played the roles/characters and played an active part in the launching ceremony. Different types of (3) public awareness messages were developed on the theme of RTI, government authorities attitudes and skits to seek information from relevant authorities. Radio public awareness messages on RTI and public responsibilities and government accountability were scripted by experts then recorded. These messages were aired / broadcast on FM channels

"When the whole world is Silent, even one voice becomes powerful"

It is intended to educate communities to raise their voices for their rights. The bags were distributed among stakeholders to encourage them for having voluntarily contributed to Khwendo Kor and ECG members throughout the project duration and for smooth implementation of project activities.

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A view of the training on governance context analysis

Capacity Building

KK team organized two days training on "Governance Context Analysis" on 7th and 8th of January for government officials in Peshawar. 15 members from different government departments including civil society and media participated in the training. **Training on gender respon-**

sive budgeting

KK team organized two days training from 25-26 March, 2015 on "Gender Responsive/Sensitive Budgeting" at Peshawar for government officials and other relevant stakeholders.

During the training, training facilitator enhanced the knowl-



A view of the awareness seminar on RTI conducted at DI Khan

edge of the participants on KP current budget status and its allocation.

KK Organized walk regarding cleanliness in Gulbahar # 4

KK organized walk regarding importance of cleanliness on 28 March 2015 at Gul bahar no 4 in which officials from WSSP, ECG members, youth

politicians, shopkeepers, students and elders participated. Participants hold banners in their hands which were inscribed with different slogans regarding importance of cleanliness. During walk, WSSP designated one vehicle for garbage collection on daily basis at 9:00 am in six streets of Gulbahar # 4. Print and electronic media officials also participated to give coverage to the event, After successful walk, participants assembled at tanki daag spot where KK team and

WSSP officials delivered messages regarding cleanliness of the area and asked the community cooperation in this regard. **Planning and Review workshop** KK's 'Annual Review and Planning Workshop' was held in "Mathra Deen Dunya" center, Peshawar. Performance of the year 2014 was reviewed with the help of PVARs and Status reports of Programs and Institution. On the basis of learning from 2014, plans for 2015 were developed mutually by section heads, program managers, re-

gional managers and community facilitators. Gaps identified and recommendations were given on "Reporting and documentation, Communication, Coordination, Management structure and Systems" of the organization



Group photo of KK staff at Annual Review and planning workshop



Banner that was displayed during cleanliness awareness walk in Gulbahar # 4

Economic Empowerment

Elma Bibi Handicraft Promotion & Development (EHD) Mathra Khwendo Kor's Deen Dunya organized a second "Exhibition of Elma Bibi Handicraft Promotion & Development" at EHD Mathra. The Exhibition was inaugurated by Ms. Maureen Dilawar and Mr. Dilawar, UK FROK members who highly appreciate the brightly colored products and decoration pieces made by the local women. They also visited classrooms and met

with children/students .25 young women who received training in Mazri Production, Tie & Dye Techniques, Cutting and Stitching and Embroidery graduated from the Skills Training Centre and received Certificates of Appreciation from Ms Maureen while handmade products of Deen Dunya students were put on display realizing reasonable sales. Meanwhile FR Bannu beneficiaries participated in the EHD Exhibition for the first time. Bannu beneficiaries displayed

handicraft, mazri and other accessories from Khwendo Kor Skills Center i.e. two at bakakheil, and one at Azam Kaly. All products were prepared by learners of FR Bannu skills center.

Khwendo Kor established linkages with high profile women entrepreneurs in Peshawar and established Hunarmandy Mirmanay (HM) forum for Women Home-based workers.

Khwendo Kor won a proposal competition at Danish embassy-CKU programme; KK was selected amongst 25 national NGOs and organizations. KK launched a new project of trade facilitation and skill development for Peshawar region funded by USAID-Aurat Foundation and KK Micro Finance will be conglomerated for future partnership.

Humanitarian Response

Khwendo Kor continues to appeal and receive donations in-kind and in-cash. For winter, its has been able to secure Rs.1,543,551/- support from various friends and philanthropists in its pursuit of humanitarian interventions for TDP families. Through these KK was able to carry out distribution of food and non-food items in Bannu and FR Bannu. In order to identify and advocate on issues faced by women TDPs, KK's humani-

tarian team conducted 16 Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) with men and women. TDPs at community level and identified TDPs who are not registered, do not receive any assistance from the Government and other agencies. They also shared their need for winter items and requested KK to help provide these; therefore KK took an initiative and launched an appeal for donations to provide winter items to vulnerable TDP fami-

lies. Through this initiative KK received Rs. 297,000/- donation from KK friends and philanthropists. Packages of non-food items including clothing, shawls, socks, warm caps and tights were distributed among 89 families of Bannu & FR Bannu.



A view of TDPs collecting food and non food items from KK distribution point

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Commitment, Accountability, Mutual Respect, Integrity



Khwendo Kor (Sister's Home)



Elma Bibi craft exhibition at Matra

Some success stories from our interventions:

Health

68-year old XYZ is a retired government officer who has seven children. He belongs to Bannu and lives in a joint family system. Initially he was unaware about having AIDS and did not know the cause of his disease. Shocked and frustrated on learning about it, he wanted to end his life. Already jobless, his poor health hindered him from working. But when he was identified by our KK team, he and his family were registered and counseled about HIV/AIDS, its risks and precautions Community Home Based Care (CHBC) Kohat also provided him with nutritional and medical supplies. His counseling has been so beneficial that now he wants to start a new life and do something for his family. He now leads a better life and is on regular

Education

Zaitoon Bano is a native of Misyalor Village Lower Dir and has three sisters and three brothers. Her father is a laborer in Saudi Arabia while her mother is an illiterate housewife but a great supporter of education for her children unlike her husband who was not in favor of girls' education. When she started her primary education in Misyalor Primary school, her father opposed her going to school but her mother supported & encouraged her. Consequently a conflict arose between her parents but she

continued her education and passed her grade 5th Exams. After her primary education her father stopped her from continuing her education. Once again conflict increased between her parents resulting in her father sending her mother back to her parents' home. The mother spent one year at her parents' home but did not lose courage and after one year, the village Jirga succeeded in their patch up. Despite the tense situation at home, Zaitoon Bano passed her 6th grade and got promoted to 7th grade in Misyalor Middle school.

Humanitarian Response

Ms Janatbibi, a widow who has been displaced from North Waziristan. Old with a frail health, this brave lady heads a family of grandchildren consisting of five siblings aged 8-16. Her son was martyred during the operation and her daughter-in-law is no longer living with them due to some family dispute. Janat Bibi was very happy and thankful to KK when she received the winter kit for herself and for the children.