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Khwendo Kor arranged "Annual Review and Planning Workshop 2015" in KK Deen Dunya office Mathra, Peshawar

A four days workshop was arranged from Dec 31, 2015 - January 03, 2016 to review the progress of 2015 and plan for 2016. 40 KK staff members from Head Office in Peshawar and its seven regional offices participated in the workshop. The participants consisted of KK Management team, Program Managers, Regional Managers, Finance and administration Managers and Community Facilitators.

Nida Khan will always remain alive in our hearts:

The start of the year 2016 was not a good one for KK, Nida khan, Psychologist and Counselor, based at CHBC (Community Home Based Care) Peshawar left us in great grief on January 07, 2016 when she surrendered to her fifteen days long ailment of lungs viral infection. She is survived by a lovely baby boy, who was born to her two weeks before she died. Nida khan was serving at KK since 2012. Over the period of her tenure, she served on various positions at monitoring and psycho social counseling at both development and emergency response projects. She was a great asset to Khwendo Kor (KK) she will always be remembered with golden words not only in KK but her clients and beneficiaries ay field level.
Ms. Gullalai, Director Programmes at KK penned down the following piece on her dem ise ;

For Nida
7/1/2016

We all are beings made up of our experiences with each other
bit by bit

The joyful moments we share
The sorrow, regret, dejection and care
The laughter we crack together
And the grief, we experience shoulder to shoulder
But the thought that one could not be part of others' future;
Is the thought which prevails forever!
Your death has added a scar to our beings
Which is bleeding bit by bit.

KK marked 23 years of excellence

February 16,1993 is the day when Khwendo kor was formaly registered under the societies act 1860. although it has started working prior to that. Initiating its mission from a small village in one of the remote areas of KP with only four volunteer members, khwendo kor is now among the leading non for profit development organizations of KP, having presence in most parts of KP and FATA. Khwendo kor prides itself in serving thousands of women and girls through its programs of education, health, civil rights and economic empowerment. This 23 years long and progressive journey would not have been possible without the generous and sustained support of our donors, well wishers, the communities and of course the dedicated efforts of our staff. Currently more than 300 staff stationed at eight offices across KP are serving the organization in different capacities. Khwendo kor is rooted within the communities and involves them from the very inception of each intervention. This is the reason why it has earned wide credibility and trust of the people for whom it is working.

UKFROK members visit KK

Mr. Dilawar and Ms. Maureen, UKFROK members vested KK in March, 2016. during their three days stay in Peshawar, they visited KK Trade Facilitation and Communication Center (TFCC) established in Gulbahar area of Peshawar under Gender Equity Program funding. The center provides a display facility to skilled women artisans benefited under KK vocational and micro credit programme. The honorable guests were briefed about the KK Economic Empowerment programme and specifically the purpose and working of TFCC. The appreciated the initiative and placed order for many products. Mr. Dilawar and Ms. Mureen visited KK regional office Peshawar where they were provided brief on KK Health i.e Its HIVAIDs and mental health and Civil rights programmes. They were provided PPT presentation on KK programmes that are implemented from Peshawar region. Mr. Dilawar and Maureen visited KK community based school in Mardan and also visited KK Deen Dunya Mathra, Peshawar. They made donation of PKR. 25,000/- to KK for supporting prize distribution ceremony for children of Mardan and Charsadda schools and any of the unmet needs in KK programmes.

KK staff wins recognition award on Women's Day

Gul lalai, Director Programs Khwendo kor (KK) awarded with **"Women Leadership Award"**by EWAW/G Alliance KP and FATA on the occasion of International Women Day 2016. This award is the recognition of her leadership and remarkable contribution towards women empowerment. Only four women from KP and FATA were selected to be honored and Gul laai was among them. KK team feel really proud of her.

EDUCATION

KK is working in close coordination with Government Education department not only at policy level but also at school level. KK has formed children parliaments at 20 government primary schools in district Karak. The objective is to improve governance at school level and inculcate a sense of responsibility among children. Several events were arranged by children parliaments in schools of distict karak. The communities as well as the parents of the students were appreciating the activities of the KK children parliaments. The parents too are taking keen interest to improve the school governance which will ultimately improve the enrollment ratio as well as the quality of education in Govt schools.
Due to good experience of active involvement of children parliament in school governance system at district Karak, KK is replicating the model in its other working area. KK team has formed 6 children parliaments at UC Brawal Bandi district Dir-upper while 6 are in process.

HEALTH

Khyber Medical college students visit KK Deen Dunya (DD) Mathra
30 Khyber Medical Collage (KMC) Students (International Federation of Medical Students Association).visited KK Deen Dunya Center Mathra in March 2016. They were briefed on the DD programmes of education, health and economic empowerment. They organized a number of activities with the children of KK primary school at DD Mathra abd visited the Z&F Health Care Center there. They agreed to support KK in terms of fund raising and organizing medical camps in Mathra. Formal meeting is planned in April, 2016 in this connection

KK forms District Development Forum (DDF) in Dir Upper
KK organized a meeting of various stakeholders including Health departments, Local Support Organization, NGOs, Media and community members to form a District level network in Upper Dir..Meeting was chaired by District Health Officer (DHO) of District Upper Dir and agreed that he will chair all of the meetings of DDF. The purpose of establishing this network is to connect community with line departments to effectively participate in district development plans and prioritize their needs for desired action

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Economic Empowerment

KK Signs MoU with TEVT Unit of Technology Up-gradation and Skills Development Company (TUSDEC)

KK and TUSDEC has signed an MoU on 29 February 2016 at KK Head Office Peshawar. The main objective of the MoU is to assist KK in its Micro finance programme through extending cash and kind loans to its identified beneficiaries and establishing linkages with micro finance service providers. The MoU has been signed for one year and TUSDEC will also consider KK under its different funding opportunities of skills training and community mobilization. At present, Khwendo Kor has been awarded three vocational skill trainings centers by TUSDEC in advance tailoring for male and solar panel for women.

Khwendo Kor forms Women Artisans Network

Khwendo Kor with the support of CKU is working for vulnerable artisans and home based workers in KP and FATA by enabling them to promote their trade and make them aware about their rights to business and opportunities available to them. In this connection, to involve the duty bearers at policy level, a network formation meeting was organized on Marzh 22 at one of the hotels in Peshawar. It was attended by Women Artisans , Women Entrepreneurs , Relevant Government departments; Small and Medium Enterprise Authority(SMEDA), Social welafare, FATA Development Authority, Social Welfare, Civil Society Organizations and UN WOMEN officials. The purpose of formation of the network is to facilitate provincial and FATA level networks to develop advocacy plans for the artisans and women entrepreneurs, which will ensure that ADPs have adequate provision for promoting the local crafts and subsequently expanding the businesses.

Khwendo Kor organizes ToTs for women artisans

Khwendo Kor conducted 3 days TOTs on Colors combination, product designing and product proto-typing in Swat, Nowshera, Charsadda, FR Bannu, Peshawar.

Civil Rights

KK signs MoU with District Nazim Peshawar

An MoU has been signed between KK and District Nazim Peshawar at KK regional office Peshawar on 23 March 2016 . The objective of the MoU is to work in synchronization with each other and mobilize and channelize resources according to the needs of the communities.

ECG members take up governance issues

Effective Citizen Group (ECG) members in Peshawar succeeded in dealing with low gas pressure issue with SNGPL and prolong issue of low pressure have been resolved in the Gulbahar locality. Several meetings with district government have been conducted resulted in signing of MOU and working on the said issues and also demanded proposals for dispensary and women empowerment related issues, as a result of the submitted proposals with the district member, dispensary was successfully established and formally inaugurated with the support of local govt.

Success Story

"A success story from "Mobile Health Service Unit" a health initiative for TDPs of North Waziristan"

Uzair, a TDP child, son of Muhamad Khalid is paralyzed with both legs and unable to move and walk. He was identified during Mobile Health Sservice Unit (MSU) camp of KK in Mirmakhel to facilitate TDPs women and children through free checkup and free medication.

Uzair's mother shared with KK team that they are not only displaced but also very poor. They neither afford the child medication nor they can purchase a wheel chair for him so that he can move easily by his own. She further added that it is very difficult for her to take him all the day and move with him as she has to perform her home chores as well. Her husband was also ill and jobless. The MSU team helped the family. They not only provided him with free medication but also presented this case to Early Recovery Fund (ERF) a donor who supports humanitarian interventions and to Ms. Rukhshanda Naz (BoD member -KK) who provided him wheel chair. The family was very happy when they received wheel chair for their child who now easily can move with the help of it. The family is very thankful to KK.

Success Story

"Successful community mobilization"

The village Amanabad is situated in Ouch Union Council of District Dir lower at about 2 hours drive distance from Khwendo Kor office. The village population is approximately 65 households. The community faced various issues and problems in health, education and as well financial. The residences of the said village are very active but due to KHANISM and Political disagreements' among themselves they were weak. There issues kept unnoticed by the political leader due to the low population and scattered interests. Similarly the elders were not permitting girls to get education and to go outside the village for school. The Infrastructure, road and streets were in deteriorated conditions.

Field staff started intervening by conducting broad base community meetings, in which the staff collected information and sensitized the community to gather at a forum and demand for their rights from their concern departments. KK started formal intervention through establishing a girl's community school in community provided building. For the sustainability and continuous running of schoo,l field staff established a community organization for the sustainability of the schoo,l there were only two classes (KG and 2) at the beginning, but the enrollment increased till the end of the session. The space became insufficient as the recent place/ building was comprised of only one room and was made of mud. Besides motivational sessions, the field staff arranged different sessions on social organization, TBA training cleanliness sessions, record keeping, Right Base approach (RBA) and developing linkages with other organizations. The capacity building of the community organization lead to collect some money and constructed an additional room in the school. The neighbor village also became motivated and associated themselves in decision making.

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