

CHANGE FOR MANDINA AND HER GRANDDAUGHTER

Mandina, wife of Ghulam Haider, is an 80 year old woman, a mother of seven daughters and one son. She lives in a village named Dehro of Kabal Tehsil, which like its neighboring villages, has had its water supply systems badly affected by the recent floods and rains. Despite her advanced age, Mandina, with the help of her 14 years old granddaughter Bushra, chooses to go to the nearby spring to bring clean water for their domestic needs. But her resolve is also met with the realization that things need urgent changing: "Presently the community is carrying water from the spring which is used by both us and our animals at the same time. The water source is uncovered and not sufficient for our households." Mandina is also concerned about Bushra, who despite being a seventh class student at a local government run school, has been unable to give the required time to her studies and other healthy activities.

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be finished within two months. While the estimated cost of the drinking water scheme is Rs. 421,000, the APF-RSPN project shares 80 percent of the cost, with the community left to contribute for the remaining 20 percent. Upon completion, the scheme will begin providing clean drinking water, which in turn is expected to alleviate the water borne diseases in the community, along with restoring the confidence of the flood affected people.

Bushra, is excited about the new scheme. And so is Mandina. "With the new drinking water supply scheme arriving, I hope my grandchildren will concentrate on their studies, shower daily and I myself will stitch more clothes: my income will rise from Rs. 120 per day to Rs. 180," says a smiling Mandina, surrounded by women of the village.



Mandina (See Top Photo) and her granddaughter, Bushra (See Bottom Photo). Like the other women of their village, both are waiting in anticipation of the new Drinking Water Supply Scheme, which they hope will restore their normal lives.

Keeping in view the crises, the local community formed a Community Organization (CO) in the village, *Roshni Falahi Tanzeem*, and agreed to participate in the APF funded RSPN physical infrastructure project implemented by SRSP in their village. One-third of the work on drinking water scheme has already been completed by the community, with the remaining work expected to