

## Being organized brings blessings!

“Floods are common feature of our area and we have been facing this natural disaster since ages”, said Mr. Rafique Korejo President Village Disaster Management Committee (VDMC) Sujawal, Union Council (UC) Ali Bahr while briefing about the performance of their VDMC. He added that prior to formation of VDMC and getting training they handled these situations in an unorganized way. “We acted in a selfish manner and everyone wanted to save his/her own assets without giving any attention to fellow villagers.” He said that during the recent 2010 floods they were unorganized and had no idea of handling the havoc.



And then NRSP team came to their village and shared with them initiation of a USAID supported project for building resilience so that the vulnerable communities can better face such situation and come back to their feet more efficiently after such incidences. He said, “We sat together and decided to join hands with NRSP and form VDMC.” Some fellow villagers opposed the idea saying that this is just passing time and there will be no solid action. But NRSP has repute in the community and majority of the villagers decided in favor of getting organized and form VDMC.

Adding to that he said, “Soon after formation of VDMC, the project team asked for nomination of members for training. We nominated 10 members for the proposed training. Out of these half were women. I was also one of the members who benefitted from this training”

As he said, these trainings provided them with an opportunity of understanding different types of disasters and ways to handle them more effectively. He said that after receiving training they are more organized, with more awareness about such incidences and feel themselves more

secure than before. This awareness has created confidence in the community and they have prepared plans to meet any such challenge in future. They have established an Early Warning system at their village level and assigned responsibilities to individuals. Thanks to USAID for awakening them from fast sleep, thanks to RSPN and NRSP for raising their knowledge.