

USAID'S VISIT TO THE PROJECT AREA THARPARKAR

Ms. Jacqueline Schumacher Deputy Director USAID Karachi Office and Mr. Ali Gohar Khan Programme Management Specialist USAID OFDA Islamabad visited Tharparkar from 19th to 22nd January 2015. The major objective of their visit was to observe the real field situation and talk to the community and other stakeholders to discuss about possible interventions for drought management.

First the visitors had a meeting with TRDP senior management. They were given a detailed presentation on TRDP interventions in the area. A presentation was also given about progress of Tahafuz in the region. The visitors appreciated the good work being done for the betterment of the ailing communities. Ms. Nasreen Shaikh from HSSP also gave a presentation about this USAID funded health project.

The visitors went to the field and had meetings with communities in different VDMCs. The visitors especially Ms. Jackie was very much impressed by the commitment of local communities for fighting against different types of miseries. She appreciated women involvement in the entire process and asked them for continuing this good work. The community members not only discussed about their problems but also mentioned their possible solutions. During their field visit the guest inaugurated one dug well rehabilitated under USAID supported Tahafuz project.

They also visited the NRM Research Station set up by TRDP where they are trying different technologies to combat drought. This included water efficient irrigation systems, area specific forest trees and other herbs that can be used as animal fodder.

The team also had a meeting with the Deputy Commissioner and Additional Deputy Commissioner Tharparkar. There they talked about possible assistance needed by the government agencies in dealing with current situation. The DC told the team that at government level there is a policy that all relief activities will be carried out by the government at its own expenses and they do not need foreign assistance. However there is no ban on NGOs and other philanthropist bodies for helping needy population.

Ms. Jackie also held meeting with the District Health authorities and inquired about health and nutrition situation in the region. The USAID officials expressed their satisfaction on overall situation and ensured that these issues and possible solutions will be shared with senior colleagues at higher level.

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The USAID visitors in a meeting with senior management of TRDP, Tahafuz Project and HSSP Project



Warm welcome of guests by the community members in VDMC MahlnoorVeena



The USAID members inaugurating a dug well rehabilitated under Tahafuz Project in VDMC MahInoor Veena.



USAID guests meeting with the Deputy Commissioner and Additional Deputy Commissioner Tharparkar