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BAHAAL PROJECT | Emergency Relief and Early Recovery for the Flood Affectedes Across Pakistan

Rajanpur district, in southern Punjab, was one of the most affected districts in super floods of 2010 in Pakistan. The sources of drinking water were destroyed and contaminated, and resulted in lack of clean drinking water which in turn contributed to cause sickness among affected local populations, particularly women and children. The large number of cases of diarrhea, endemic cholera, upper respiratory infections and skin infection cases were reported.

Miss Amber Nazeer, Social Organizer of the National Rural Support Programme, a partner organization of the USAID *Bahaal* Project, identified Basti Cha Wala in Union Council Tatar Wala of Rajanpur district through already formed Community Organizations (CO). She was with direct link between CO of Basti Cha Wala In this regard Amber herself explains, "I knew the immediate need for clean drinking water due to already formed CO. In Basti Cha Wala both animals and human beings were forced to drink contaminated water from a small *toba* (pond) where rain water was collected and it was the only existing water source in this area. Seven years ago a Government Department had installed a tube well here but it was also out of order now. Therefore, when the USAID funded *Bahaal* Project was approved, I knew that now there was an opportunity for the people of Basti Cha Wala, so I registered this community for the installation of hand pump as it was very basic need of these poor people".



Source of water before Hand pump installation



Newly installed *Bahaal* Hand pump

Amber further mentions that an issue arose about the location of the hand pump; everyone wanted hand pump to be installed near their own house. However, with the involvement of the CO, this issue was amicably resolved through community consultations.

The people of Basti Cha Wala were very happy and grateful to the USAID funded *Bahaal* Project. “*Bahaal* team came in our village and provided us the facility of community hand pump so we are very thankful to the *Bahaal* Project for this. Now the lives of our children are safe. It was great blessing of Allah. We are thankful to the American people’s to provide us help in shape of the *Bahaal* Project”, says Fatima Bibi.

“There was serious shortage of clean drinking water in our area after the floods of July 2010. We were bound to drink polluted water from a nearby small pond which was only source of water in our village. I worried about my young children as they were getting ill due the use of contaminated water of pond. Access to clean water through newly installed hand pump prevented deadly water-borne diseases in our Basti and I feel highly satisfied regarding my children’s health and for this I am very grateful to USAID-*Bahaal* project”, says Shah Nawaz, another inhabitant of Basti Cha Wala.

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Beneficiaries with newly installed hand pump