

## **Note for Record**

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Subject: **NRSP Strategy for Attainment of MDGs**

In the month of October last, we came to learn from NRSP Regional Manager Turbat about Planning Division's proposed allocation of massive resources for accelerating achievement of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which were lagging far behind the targets to District Coordination Officers (DCOs). I wrote to the Federal Minister and Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission offering Rural Support Programmes (RSPs) help through their network (RSPN) to facilitate achievement of MDGs (letter attached). On the Federal Minister's suggestion, RSPN sent a detailed proposal how RSPs through organised communities countrywide spread over 120 districts comprising over 350,700 community organisations, can accelerate the process.

While waiting for government decision, NRSP launched a demonstration project entitled Water Immunisation Sanitation & Education (WISE) in 18 Union Councils of Rawalpindi region. On February 3, 2015, I alongwith NRSP CEO, GM, RGM & RM met Local Support Organisation (LSO) office bearers at Gujjar Khan. Prior to meeting, we also visited LSO office of Jand Mehlo LSO and saw their records and progress charts besides digitilised data being managed by LSO in LSO computer.

At the meeting of LSO, the outgoing Chairman of the LSO Mehlo made a presentation describing the profile, governance system, community institution building, poverty score card details in 2009 and changes occurred in 2013 and a detailed description of WISE (presentation attached).

We heard also presentations from LSO Chirah relating to women empowerment and over all achievements of social mobilisation, Kori Dulol about accessing CCB funds, UC Santh Sarwala about many other activities. Their presentations were most uplifting especially the spirit in which these volunteers were striving to bring about social and economic change and improvement at the household, village and union levels through their institutions namely, community organisations (COs), village organisations (VOs) and local support organisations (LSOs).

The LSOs convention at Gujjar Khan demonstrated the efficacy of Akhter Hameed Khan's words that in Pakistan development will come from the bottom.

Dr. Rashid Bajwa, Agha Javad, Malik Fateh should rightly feel proud of what Tariq Regional Manager ICT and his colleagues have achieved. Huma Beg and her Assistant Zainab of Serendip felt so moved by what they heard that Huma promised the LSOs to take their voice loud and clear countrywide through the medium of television.