

## **Note for Record**

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**

### **Visit to Hafizabad**

#### **Under Save the Children “Diarrhoea Prevention & Control Project”**

The undersigned along with acting CEO/COO and Dr. Abdur Rehman Cheema, Team Leader Research visited Hafizabad on Saturday October 03, 2015.

I started my journey at 5:00 am in the morning, picked up Dr. Abdur Rehman Cheema at 5:30am and then COO from his residence at 6:00am. We left for Hafizabad through motorway- Islamabad- Pindi Bhattian- Hafizabad.

We reached the district office at 10:00am and had meeting with staff of the Diarrhoea Prevention and Control Project (DPCP). Among others, following were the main points discussed during the meeting:

Project progress against targets

October 2015 Plan

Training participants’ availability challenge due to rice harvesting season

Presentation by Mr. Ali Asghar, Sub Engineer on construction work regarding:

- Construction of community latrines (demo)
- Construction and installation of hand pumps
- Child friendly School latrine construction
- Washing facilities’ construction in schools

The COO talked in detail about the challenges of community engagement. He cited many examples from his experience to demonstrate how to overcome different challenges of community engagement. The COO reiterated the significance the three tier approach of social mobilization of the RSPN. He reminded the participants that the RSPs strength lies in going from door to door and reaching every household.

The Programme Manager had a separate session with the District Coordinator Ms. Monaza Iqbal to discuss and chalk out the strategy to achieve the project targets by October 31, 2015. The District Coordinator affirmed to take necessary actions for team building. The programme manger assured of the support of the national team to facilitate the district teams for timely accomplishment of the targets.

Then we left for meeting with Mr. Aslam Shaheen, Executive District Officer (EDO) Health Hafizabad and Mr. Muhammad Ashraf District Manager PRSP. During the meeting the progress of the DP & CP was shared with the EDO. The meeting also discussed the possible activities of the forthcoming event of “Global Handwashing Day” on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The EDO ensured his full cooperation towards project intervention and activities. The meeting emphasised increased networking among social mobilisers of the RSPN and Lady Health workers and Vaccinators of the district health office at the community level so that the integrated effect of different interventions by the RSPN and the local government could be enhanced.

Then we visited the demo latrine constructed at village Panjhatha, and had meeting with the beneficiaries (family). Afterwards we met the VHC committee and exchanged views about their development. The COO inspired the committee to take initiatives for improved cleanliness and sanitation in the village. Dr Cheema also motivated the committee to tap this opportunity provided by the RSPN to self-organise.

The committee agreed to raise funds to undertake developmental work at the grassroots level. The advocacy for raising the community voice and dialogue with the political figures as part of basic rights also came under discussion.

The meeting ended at 6:00 pm and we departed for Islamabad via G.T. road and reached back around 12:00 pm.

Some pictures from the visit are as under:





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