

CBDRM Training for VDMC Members

The cost modification phase II of USAID/OFDA funded Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) Tahafuz Project started implementing planned field activities soon after signing of the award. Both implementing partners, National Rural Support Programme (NRSP) and Thardeep Rural Development Programme (TRDP), are carrying out project activities to achieve targets in stipulated timeframe. After formation of planned 59 Village Disaster Management Committees (VDMC), next step was training of the VDMC members in community based disaster risk management. The field teams have started conducting training sessions across eight newly added Union Councils. These five days long training courses include different important components of disaster risk management. All male and female members from newly formed VDMCs are participating in these trainings.

Recently, a similar event was arranged in Union Council Kheeral, District Thatta/Sujawal. Ms. Rehana Leghari, Special Assistant to Chief Minister Sindh for Human Rights, also attended the concluding session. She distributed certificates among the participants. Ms. Leghari appreciated the fruitful efforts made by Tahafuz team for building resilience among vulnerable communities. She was very much impressed by the confidence the rural women gained in through this training. Mr. Zakir Rajpar, Training Officer Tahafuz, along with the District Implementing Unit's team conducted the training sessions.



Ms. Rehana Leghari distributing certificates among training participants.

Another similar training was arranged in Union Council Ladiyoon of Taluka Shah Bander for the members of newly formed VDMCs. The members took keen interest in the training sessions developed on participatory learning approach. The Assistant Mukhtiarkar of Taluka Shah Bander Haji Rabb Dino Chandio and Chairman UC Ladiyoon Haji Bachal also participated in the concluding session as guests of honour. They appreciated the community based approach introduced with the assistance of USAID and offered Taluka's support in project activities. They distributed certificates to the members on successful completion of the training.

DIU Badin also organised training sessions for the members of new VDMCs. These sessions were attended by all members of VDMCs. These sessions provided an opportunity of identifying potential community resource persons (CRPs) who are assigned the task of disseminating Disaster Risk Reduction awareness down to grassroots level by arranging awareness sessions at settlements.



Shallow water evacuation technique (Badin)



Transect walk for risk analysis (Thatta/Sujawal)



First aid training (Badin)



Training session in progress
