

WORKSHOP ON DIASTER RISKS MANAGEMENT AT COMMUNITY LEVEL

# Learning the art to cope with Disaster

COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING IN FLOOD RESPOCE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Mock drill at Indus river bank in collaboration with RDPI and Rescue 1122



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## **ADO at a Glance:**

Awami Development Organization is an oasis in the most barren and desolate land of the Southern Punjab in the most deprived district Layyah. It started off in 1996 with the mission to help the deprived sections of the district Layyah, to reduce poverty. In subsequent years, ADO underwent a paradigm shift of approach. It realized that the perspective of charity will not work if the organization intends to enable the target audience to get over their financial and social woes. Therefore, it moved from welfare to development paradigm considering the sustainable impact that the latter renders to the peoples' lives.

Today, ADO is about enhancing capacities of the people so that they negotiate their needs effectively and sustainably. It organizes communities into groups and assists them to prioritize development thrusts from among the host of issues. It trains and facilitates them to plan and implement corresponding programs and therefore systematically addresses the question of poverty. ADO is currently working in the sectors of agricultural and general infrastructure development, democratic governance, education, health, violence against women, and disaster response. It employs research, advocacy, social mobilization and capacity development as its principal strategies. From 1996 through 2011, ADO carried out a number of projects, in pursuit of its objectives.

ADO's work may broadly be classified in following six sectors over the past one and a half decade:

- Human Institutional Development
- Livelihood Enhancement and Protection (LEP)
- Health and Education Infrastructure Development
- Disaster Response
- Ending Violence Against Women
- Democratic Governance

## **Flood Response 2010 in district Layyah**

**Distribution of Non Food Items (Funded By Swiss Labor Assistance) Union Councils: Sahoo wala & Baseera 4 Months**

Beneficiaries: 9606 in 19 villages

Providing 1'000 families with a tool-, kitchen- and bed-ding-kit, which they cannot afford to buy or provide by them.

1'000 families have a cleaned house or have an established an emergency shelter in which they can temporarily/permanent stay.

1'000 families have a more hygienic way of cooking and eating their daily food.

1'000 families can protect them self from the cold weather, especially at night

## Community Restoration Infrastructure Project

(Funded By UNDP)

Union Council sahoo wala & Baseera 6 moths

Beneficiaries:

ADO successfully formed 41 community organizations in the 18 villages of UC Baseera and sahoo wlaa. ADO organized the 18 village's local community.

ADO successfully conducted capacity building trainings for community Groups in both UC's and we have conducted trainings on Community Management and Skills training in which 41 community groups' office barriers participated. The training objective and training contents are mentioned below.

### Community Infrastructure restoration Detail

Tube wells	08 (schemes)
Link roads	21 (schemes)
Hand Pump	12 (schemes)

<b>Total Schemes in both UC's</b>	<b>41 (schemes)</b>
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### Construction of One room Shelter Project with Sanitation Facility

(Funded By Solidar Switzerland)

Union Councils: Sahoo wala, Baseera, Kotla Haji Shah, Jhakar, Lohanch Nasheeb

Achievements:

426 One Rooms with Sanitation facilities was constructed in targeted union Councils and handed over to all the beneficiaries.

74 Health & Hygiene Sessions were delivered in targets union Councils to avoid hygiene issues. 5 major settlements were net and clean after delivering the sessions all the cleaning of villages were self help basis. Over all beneficiaries of the hygiene sessions were 2323. 1726 female & 467 male and 130 children's.

To keep in view Disaster Risk reduction ADO conducted and delivered 19 training for local semi skills Artisans to introduced DRR construction tools & techniques and enhances their skills. Overall 342 artisans are now doing work and earning Rs 700/- per day.

With the help of Solidar Switzerland ADO formed 20 Clusters in targeted area for DRR trainings at Village levels Union Council levels & tehsil Levels. The primary purpose of the formation of DRR clusters to communicate the proper information and built up linkages between local community and Govt lines departments to help out the local community during any disaster.

More than 200 note able person's imam masjid, teachers, x-councilors; numberdars were the members of the said clusters. In cluster meeting ADO team done a practice of evacuation plans during disaster contact with govt lines department local working NGOs for support. DRR booklets and many other printing materials were also distributed in the said clusters for awareness purpose.

### **RDPI Introduction:**

Rural Development Policy Institute (RDPI) is a civil initiative aimed to stimulate public dialogue on policies; inform public action; and activate social regrouping to celebrate capacities and address vulnerabilities of resource-poor rural communities in Pakistan. RDPI undertakes research, planning, training, advocacy and endeavors to streamline appropriate and people-centered rural development in Pakistan.

RDPI is a non-profit civil society organization dedicated to sustainable rural development in Pakistan. We started our work in 2001-02, from the small town of Pindi Bhattian in central Punjab. Since then, our geographical coverage and scope of work has expanded, and our domain of activities and expertise has significantly broadened, ranging from disaster and environmental risk reduction to concrete initiatives strengthening local livelihoods.

RDPI is registered as a Non Government Organization in Islamabad under the Trust Act 1882

Project Name: Child Centered Disaster Risk Management School Safety

### **Introduction of the Workshop:**

**Venue:** River Bank at Patan Chandia Union Council Kotla Haji Shah

**Dated:** 30-05-2014

**Organized by:** ADO Layyah

**Supported By:** RDPI

**Technical Assistance:** Rescue 1122 Layyah

**Host by:** Project Coordinator Saif ullah Alhussainy

### **Objectives of the workshop:**

- To built the capacity of the local community to deal with the disaster and flood response.
- Awareness about the resource mobilization in response to any disaster, flood and emergency situation
- To trained local community groups at gross root level which could manage disaster risks and minimize socio-economic losses in any disaster.

### **Methodology:**

- To learn the Pre-flood Preparation before the flood announcement
- Preparation of Emergency Bags and its importance
- The Learning of Food and grains Storage and other most essential items in houses
- The learning of First AID methods and techniques
- Drill Practices and how to treat a flood and emergency victims
- The Use of life jackets and its importance
- Life **saving** skills particularly how to deal with women, children and disable persons
- Practical exercise about flood in river at boats rescue 1122 experts

## Mock drill Exercises: A Pictorial view



## **Closing Remarks:**

Project coordinators from ADO Saif ullah alhussainy open the session and the recitation of holy Quran was recited by the community member then he briefly introduces the objectives of the workshop. He said if the enthusiasm demonstrated by the volunteers participating in the workshop was properly harnessed could go a long way in bringing revolution in reducing the impact of disasters.

Instead of taking it as a one-off activity, the movement of volunteers should be taken as a continuous process, involving their organization, capacity-building and social mobilization. He said the movement had all the potential to end the dependence of disaster-hit communities on external agencies and make them independent in coping with different problems they came across in wake of different disasters.

Project coordinator from RDPI Saleem Danish opens the session and thanks a large of participants to actively participate in this workshop He said the children were a common asset of a nation. If provided with suitable opportunities, the children have got all the potential to steer a Pakistan out of different crises and bring it to the ranks of advanced nations/countries. He said the way children evinced their interest in the initiative and the government high-ups were patronizing it showed the progress the movement for volunteerism was making.

Then District Safety Officer Rescue 1122 Layyah Anayat Ullah Baloch started training and the following skill were learnt the Pre-flood Preparation before the flood announcement ,Preparation of Emergency Bags and its importance in flood days ,The Food and grains Storage and other most essential items in houses during flood, The First AID methods and techniques ,Drill Practices and how to treat a flood and emergency victims ,The Use of life jackets and its importance ,Life **saving** skills particularly how to deal with women, children and disable persons in any emergency and at the end Practical exercise about flood in river at boats by rescue 1122 experts.

At the end of this workshop all the participants were thanked for their active participation. Refreshment session was also a projective because most of the community members discussed about the workshop and promised to each other to do it again in near future at community level on basis of the self help initiatives.