



Event/Activity Report

Title of the Event/Activity: 3 Tehsil/ District assemblies conducted with 45 relevant pax per district assembly

Name of the grantee: Shah Sachal Sami Foundation

Thematic Area: Local Government System

Cycle: 06

Location: District, Shaheed Benazirbad, Sindh

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Date :	09/06/2015		
Location of Activity	Shah Sachal Sami Foundation Head Office Nawabshah		
Total Participants (Men/Women)	Men	Women	Total
	31	18	49

Milestone/Activity Report

Milestone II. 3 Tehsil/ District Assemblies Conducted with 45 relevant pax per District assembly

1. **Purpose of the Event:** Shah Sachal Sami Foundation conducted citizen's assemblies in Nawabshah and people belonging from different segment of society have participated in the arranged events. The aim of the citizen's assembly was to establish informed public opinion and create awareness about the importance and need for efficient and elected local government systems. Through citizens assembly it was creating awareness and sensitizing relevant stakeholders about effective implementation of local government laws and creating public pressure on the provincial government to hold timely local government elections on 20th September 2015.
2. **Proceedings of event:** The Shah Sachal Sami Foundation mobilization teams were identified neutral venue for event activity while participation had been invited through invitation letters provided by cvp. The event was started with the recitation of holy Quran by Nadeem Ahmed. The people from the different segment of the society likewise Ex Nazims/ NaibNazims, youth, media, Civil Society, Minority groups, women's and social activist have participated in the citizen's assembly.

Mr. Lala Arshad, Executive Director Shah Sachal Sami Foundation, said that the local development work is not the responsibility of MNA/MPA as their main role is legislation. He emphasized that local government system is very important for community and for the common people to address the local issues on through involving the local people.

Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Chang, project coordinator gave historical perspective of local Government system and provided information on the proposed local government system and

their implementation procedure on the ground level. He also said that no LG system will be successful unless we follow the constitution in its true letter and spirit.

Mr. Dur Mohammad Rind, ExNaib Nazim also emphasized the importance of the local government system and their importance current two tier of government system. He also gave a critical analysis of local Government Systems and said that there is a thin line between military dictators and civilian dictators. The military dictators want inroads to the public by avoiding National and Provincial level politicians whereas the civilian leadership does not want to devolve powers to the grass roots level through democratic structures. Mr. Dour Mohammad demand the concern authorities to conduct the local elections on 20th September 2015.

Mr. Shah Nawaz Khoso, General Councilor. He said local government system is very important if you want to see change on the grass root level. While in Pakistan democracy is cannot prosper without local government system. The local government system can provide services according to the local needs. Afterwards, local councilor or Nazim/ Naibnazim have understand the communities issues better than MPA/MNA and will be solved the community issues accordingly.

Mr.Ghulam Sarwar Chandio, General Manager Habib Sugar Mills was emphasized on the importance of the local movement system. He said without local government system democracy is incomplete and devolution of power cannot be transferred at grass root level without the implementation of the local government system in sindh province.

Afterwards, In this arranged citizens assembly people from different walk of life also addressed and were said citizen's assembly was a source of information for the participants regarding the implementation of the local government structures at the grass root level. Afterwards, such an event created an opportunity for the citizens to share experiences and give suggestions. Such events are used as advocacy tools for implementation of local government laws at the grass root level.

In addition, SSSF senior project staff passed charter of demand resolution from the participants and participants also took part in the signature campaign on the importance of the local government system. In the end food was distributed among all participants.

3. **Recommendations/feedback of participants:** The participants welcomed the initiative taken by the Shah Sachal Sami Foundation management on this very basic issue and thought those events should be conducted in future as well for better understanding of the community on the importance of the local Government system. The participants were confident that they have learnt a lot in an event and can now apply their knowledge in village/ Mohalla and community level. They also appreciated the role of Shah Sachal Sami senior management for organizing such an informative event.
4. **Achievements:** The event activity remains quite successful for understanding the effective local Government system one of the core area of the citizen's voice project. Such events creating much awareness among the participants about the importance of the local government system. Through these events community much know about the local government system and structure and importance of the local government and their importance at the grass root level.

5. **Participants of Event including attendance sheet:** Attendance sheet also attached here

6. **Picture Gallery:** (Nawabshah Citizens Assemblies pictures)





7. Media Coverage (No media coverage)