



Event/Activity Report

Title of the Event/Activity:

Name of the grantee: Shah Sachal Sami Foundation (SSSF)

Thematic Area: Local Government System

Cycle: 06

Location: District, Shaheed Benazirbad, Sindh

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Name of Activity:	3 Tehsil/ District Assemblies Conducted with 45 relevant pax per District assembly		
Date :	08/06/2015		
Location of Activity	Town Committee Hal Dour, District Nawabshah		
Total Participants (Men/Women)	Men	Women	Total
	44	0	44

Milestone/Activity Report

Milestone 11. 3 Tehsil/ District Assemblies Conducted with 45 relevant pax per District assembly

1. **Purpose of the Event:** Shah Sachal Sami Foundation Senior project staff team was conducted a citizen's assembly on importance of the local government system on 8th June 2015 at town committee hall dour. 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.
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 Shahzad Ahmed. The people from the different segment of the society have participated in the citizen's assembly

Mr. Abdul Qadir Soomro, Ex Naib Nazim dour Union Council 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 System 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 gross roots level through democratic structures

Mr. Abdul Qadir Khand, Ex Union Councilor. He said grassroots democracy in Pakistan cannot prosper without local government system. The local government system can provide services according to the local needs and this local tier is closer to the citizens.

Mr. Mohammad Mithal Rind 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 the grass root level without the local government system.

While **Mr. Abdul Sattar**, President Door press club, said that citizen's assembly was a source of information for the participants regarding the importance of the local government system. Such events are used as advocacy tools for effective implementation of the local government laws and dissemination of information on the importance of the local government system.

In the end, IEC material will be disseminated at the event two types of brochures had been distributed among participants.

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 local government system will be successful unless we follow the constitution in its true letter and spirit.

Mr. Lala Arshad, Executive Director Shah Sachal Sami Foundation said that the local development work is the basic need of time to transfer devolution of power through local government system. He further demands the concern authorities to conduct local government election on 20th September 2015 as per instruction given by Supreme Court of Pakistan. He further emphasized that local government system is very important for community to addressing the local issues on through involving the local people.

- 3. Recommendations/feedback of participants:** The participants welcomed the initiative taken by the Shah Sachal Sami Foundation and thought those sessions 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.

Such events remain quite helpful for understanding of the community regarding importance of the local government system in their respective areas.

Shah Sachal Sami Foundation senior project staff also passed charter of demand from the participants and participants also signed signature campaign on the importance of the local government system. In the end food was distributed among participants who being part of the 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. The event was presided over by the Ghulam Sarwar Chang, Project Coordinator Shah Sachal Sami Foundation. The other speakers include Mr. Abdul Qadir Khand, Mr. Mohammad Mithal Rind, Abdul Sattar, Mr. Abdul Qadir Soomro, Mr Yaseen Khaskheli, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Khand, Mr. Syed Khan Mohammad Shah and Mr. Lala Arshad, who was also the Executive Director of the Shah Sachal Sami Foundation.

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

6. **Picture Gallery:** (Dour citizens assemblies pictures)



