



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 (SSSF)

Thematic Area: Local Government System

Cycle: 06

Location: District, Shaheed Benazirbad, Sindh

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Date :	06/06/2015		
Location of Activity	SSSF Branch Office Sikrand		
Total Participants (Men/Women)	Men	Women	Total
	39	5	44

Milestone/Activity Report

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

1. Purpose of the Event: The shah sachal sami mobilization teams was arranged citizens assemblies on importance of the local government system. The people from the different walk of life have participated in this arranged event. The main 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 standard cvp invitation letters provided. The citizen's assembly was started with the recitation of the Holy Quran. Speaking on the occasion

Mr. Lala Arshad, Executive Director Shah Sachal Sami Foundation welcome all the participants who were participated in the citizen's assembly and further emphasized the need for holding early elections of the Local Government Institutions. He was of the view that the provincial governments must conduct local government elections as per following the court decisions. Addressing on the occasion

Mr: Ghulam Sarwar Chang, Project Coordinator Shah Sachal Sami Foundation was addressing the main issues facing community at village or Mohla level due to absence of local government system and briefing the importance of the project activities at the community level. While addressing the citizen's assembly

Mr: Mohammad Sadique Manghio, President Sikrand Press Club was emphasized and focused to empower the elected representatives of the area through local government system and implementing procedure of local government laws on the ground level.

In addition Mr: Ghulam Mustafa, Ex Taluka Naib Nazim, Mr: Mohammad Zaman Noorani ,Ex General Councilor, Mr: Sikrandar Kerio, Advocate, Mr: Syed Photal Shah, Civil Society activist, Mr: Ajiz Jamali, Generalist, Ms: Fahmeda Shaikh, Advocate was also address the occasion on importance of the local Government system and said citizens assembly was a source of information for the participants regarding the implementation of the local government laws and procedure on importance of the local government system. Such events are used as advocacy tools for effective for creating awareness among relevant stake holders for smoothly implementation of the project activities.

The citizen's assembly was attended by representative from the civil society, Naziams/ Naibnazims, councilors, media persons and the youth.

The session was aimed at enhancing citizens' engagement and accountability for an effective local Government system, one of the core thematic areas of Citizens' Voice Project.

A total of 43 participants attended the session, among them, 38 were males and 5 females. The participants were sensitized on different aspects related to citizens' understanding about the Local Government System. The Project coordinator highlighted the main features of the sindh local Government laws and features. IEC material, including leaflets and posters was also distributed during the session.

In the end of the event resolution of charter of demand was passed by the participants and food distributed among all participants.

- 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 on importance of the local Government system.

- 4. Achievements:** The participants in their remarks appreciated the Shah Sachal Sami Foundation initiative for organizing such informative event activities. They acknowledged that such engagements with the public would help them contribute greatly towards an effective and accountable local government system for a betterment of the community. The purpose of the event was to highlight importance of the local government system. Attendants of the ceremony included government officials, representatives of civil society organizations, Nawabshah Bar Council members and media officials. The ceremony was chaired by Ghulam Sarwar Chang Project Coordinator. While 44 participants including 6 women attended the event. The overall objectives of the SSSF under Citizens' Voice Project were highlighted with special emphasis on the importance of the local government system

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

6. Picture Gallery: (Picture Gallery citizens assembly Sikrand)



