

Dialogues for Partnership Building on Water Conservation District Umerkot, Rural Sindh

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Section 1 -Background-

Background

1.1. Introduction

GWP defines Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) as "a process which promotes the coordinated development and management of water, land and related resources', in order to maximize the resultant economic and social welfare in an equitable manner without compromising the sustainability of vital ecosystems". It is a flexible tool for addressing water challenges and optimizing water's contribution to sustainable development. It is not a goal in itself².

IWRM explicitly challenges conventional water development and management systems and recognizes that traditional top-down, supply led, technically based and sector based approaches to water management are imposing unsustainably, high economic, social and ecological costs on human societies and on the natural environment. It is grounded in the perception of water as an integral part of the ecosystem, a natural resource and asocial and economic good, whose quantity and quality determine the nature of its utilization. The IWRM framework, therefore, as developed by the GWP, is a problem-solving approach for rationalizing water resources management to address key water-related development challenges in ways that balance the three "Es" of IWRM: economic efficiency, equity and environmental sustainability.

Water has always been "women's work" in South Asia and they have been the main managers and users of domestic water. While men have managed the irrigation and agricultural sectors in terms of the income and defined inputs, women have also been the unpaid farm workers and micro managers. As such any shortages of water are likely to hit women first and hard. The feminization of poverty in South Asia is already well documented and shortages of water add to the burden that women carry.

Women's voices in the water sector have been neglected and very often decisions are made that affect women's lives adversely. Gender mainstreaming, therefore, is a necessity to ensure that the water issues (as well as equity and justice issues), policies, strategies, programmes and actions are discussed, planned and implemented in ways that most support women and where the adverse impacts on women are minimized or curtailed.

TAC Background Paper No 4 -:Integrated Water Resources Management, GWprrAC, 2000, pp 22

² Catalyzing Change: a handbook for developing IWRM and water efficiency strategies, GWprrEC 2004, pp 6

The vision of the Karachi Water Partnership (KWP) is a Karachi with safe and sufficient water resources for all essential purposes. Its mission is to support the development of an environment friendly Karachi with focus on safe water, conservation and management of sewage, industrial and solid waste. KWP is a Urban Water Partnership (UWP) linked to the Global Water Partnership (GWP).

The need for Women and Water Networks (WWNs) emerged during the process of the development of Vision and FFA documents of the Country Water Partnerships (CWP) and in the South Asia Regional Vision and Framework for Action (FFA) exercises in 2000. Women and Water Networks are designed as **women's only platforms** to bring in women from all sectors of society, such that their voice can be effectively channeled into mainstream policies, discussions and actions relating to water.

At present, there is a WWN functioning in each of the six countries in South Asia, affiliated with the Country Water Partnership (CWP) in each country, and hosted by either the CWP or another host institution. In some countries local WWNs have also been set up to support the work of the country's WWN.

Hisaar Foundation, a foundation for water, food & livelihood security (meaning protective circle) was formed in response to the severe drought that affected parts of Pakistan in the second half of 1999 and first half of 2000. During the early phases of its work, the Foundation has engaged in three other major fundraising campaigns and hands-on relief and rehabilitation programmes (Citizen's Appeal for Afghan Refugees, Appeal for Earthquake Relief and Rehabilitation and Flood Relief and Rehabilitation Campaign), and continues to raise funds for causes related to helping people affected by climate change, earthquakes, water-related calamities such as droughts, food shortages and other situations related to survival and livelihoods.

It is a non-profit organization registered under Section 42 of the Companies Ordinance, 1984 and has tax exemption approval under Section 2(36) (c) of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001, (approval No. CIT/COS.V/2004-05/37) and has now developed a unique and premier institution, which provides a platform for bringing together issues of water, food and livelihood and seeks solutions relevant for the water-food-livelihood nexus in an integrated manner

Hisaar Foundation's vision is **balancing environment with development through innovation** and its mission **is to promote creative, low-cost solutions and policies for conservation in Pakistan by working on water, food, livelihood and climate change issues.** Its organizational goals include creating partnerships among stakeholders, developing solutions, emergency support and advocacy and awareness-raising among all sectors of the society about conservation, management and recycling of water, better agricultural practices and less wasteful consumption of food and water.

Hisaar Foundation's belief that public-private partnerships are needed to solve the water challenges of Karachi mega city and that the concerned government departments, private sector, civil society and citizens have to work together for transparency, better government, better management, improved service delivery and conservation of water for all its uses, led it to undertake the innovative, bold and extremely challenging task of launching its Karachi Water Partnership (KWP) initiative in April 2007, now recognized as the first Urban Water Partnership in the world and highlighted at the Fifth World Water Forum in Istanbul last year.

The specific aim of this KWP initiative was to build stakeholder ownership of the scare water resources in order to ensure safe and sufficient water for all essential purposes for the different user groups of water and enable them to employ in more efficient, equitable and ecologically sustainable practices and management of these resources.

In 2008, Hisaar Foundation took forward the water partnership concept and set up a Town Area Water Partnership (AWP) in Gulshan-e-Iqbal (GIT), one of the 18 Administrative Towns of Karachi, to serve as a model that could be replicated in other towns of Karachi. As a result, the AWP concept emerged as a innovative tool to foster development, provide a transparent, universal and neutral platform for stakeholders from all concerned sectors of society, both government and citizen groups, to engage in dialogue with each other and cohesively develop committed action plans, to improve water supply and sanitation issues in their own capacities and resolve general public issues in timely and cost effective ways, by leveraging each partner's resources and blend their expertise to achieve the best possible results.

Owing to the success of the public-private partnership approach in KWP and GIT, Hisaar Foundation scaled its activities and embarked upon a new area in the province of Sindh in which to conduct "Dialogues in Partnership Building in Water Conservation" with the purpose of overcoming water challenges and developing strategies in Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in both urban and rural Pakistan. The historic district of Umerkot was selected as the model district to introduce a new approach – district approach - with the view of developing IWRM strategies for rural areas.

Thus, with the generous support of Engro Polymer and Chemicals Limited, Hisaar Foundation was enabled to initiate this process in a rural context- in District Umerkot.

1.2 Objectives and Outcomes

The objective of these dialogues is to initiate water conservation and improved water management in the context of one rural district. The expected outcomes are:

- Orientation of relevant government staff, elected representatives and citizens towards water conservation
- Commitment and action by local government officials for water conservation and improved water management at their administrative level
- Development and distribution of water conservation guidelines in rural context
- Initiation of Women and Water Network (WWN) in the District
- Initiation of District Area Water Partnership (AWP) at different levels
 - District Umerkot
 - One Taluka (as an example to be followed by other Talukas)
- Enhanced public awareness in the District
- Training of women in water conservation and management so that they can take
 part to identify their problems as users of water, managers of domestic water,
 and develop their voice in rural water issues.

1.3 Materials and Preparations

Modules, materials, presentations and guidelines were adapted and translated into Sindhi for these training dialogues.

The following presentations were prepared for these dialogues:

- Introduction to Gender and Integrated Water Resources Management
- Introduction to Hisaar Foundation
- Introduction to Women and Water Networks
- Roles and Responsibilities of AWP Steering Committee

Participants received one or all of the following handouts during the training dialogues:

- Water Facts (Sindhi version)
- Hisaar Foundation Water Conservation and management Guidelines (Sindhi version)
- Introduction of Women and Water Networks Pakistan (Sindhi version)
- Newsletter Pani Nama (containing information of training programmes)
- WWN Registration Form
- TAC Background Papers No. 4 Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM), Global Water Partnership (GWP) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), (Sindhi Version)
- AWP Steering Committee draft structure

Pakistan Water Issues (Sindhi version)

1.4 Methodology

Four dialogues in total were conducted encompassing various local government components in rural context in the province of Sindh. These included dialogue with District level officers and residents, Taluka level officers and residents, and women at the District level and Taluka levels.

The language used was Urdu and sometimes Sindhi to facilitate understanding. The materials and presentations used were also in both languages. Notes were taken in Sindhi and Urdu while the reporting is in English.

The meetings were organized to train and orient the people of District Umerkot with the concepts of Gender and IWRM and make them aware about water conservation and management. These dialogues also facilitated the launch of Area Water Partnerships and Women and Water Networks in the relevant areas. These dialogues also provided the people of District Umerkot with a platform through which they could discuss their water issues and collectively develop solutions to improve their existing conditions.

1.5 Facilitators

All the facilitators provided their time free of charge. These included staff of Hisaar Foundation and partner Thardeep Rural Development Programme, accompanied by members of the Karachi WWN.

- 1. Mr. Duarko Poorani, TRDP
- 2. Ms. Najam Zehra, Co-President WWN Karachi
- 3. Ms. Sabiha Shah, Co-President WWN Karachi
- 4. Ms. Saleha Atif, Programme Officer Hisaar Foundation
- 5. Mr. Ali Nawaz Nizamani, District Manager TRDP
- 6. Ms. Lily Khan, Programme Manager Hisaar Foundation

Section 2 -Dialogue Proceedings-

Formal Launch of Women and Water Network (WWN) District Umerkot 4th January 2010

Dialogue Proceedings

2.1A Welcome and Introduction

The dialogue commenced with the recitation of a verse from the Holy Quran by Ms. Azra Qambrani. Ms. Saleha Atif, Programme Officer, Hisaar Foundation, facilitated the entire training. In the introductory session, she explained the framework of the dialogue and highlighted the key issues of water conservation. She emphasized that this dialogue had a special objective of formally launching the Umerkot District Women and Water Network chapter. She then opened the floor for a quick round of introductions between the participants and started the proceedings of the training.

This dialogue was held with the collaboration of partner organization Thardeep Rural Development Programme with an aim to take forward the work of Hisaar Foundation's initiative Karachi Water Partnership into rural areas. This meeting was organized by the Hisaar Foundation with the support of Engro Polymer and Chemicals Limited and the Women and Water Networks of Karachi.

2.2A Introduction to Hisaar Foundation and IWRM

The welcome was followed by an introductory presentation on Hisaar Foundation (HF). Ms. Saleha Atif of Hisaar Foundation briefly presented an overview of Hisaar Foundation explaining its vision and mission. She then explained HF's main programmes and organizational strategies. Ms. Atif explained the importance to Women and Water Networks and also told the participants that this training dialogue with the women of Umerkot was the first of its kind in a rural area. She informed the participants that water is a critical issue facing Pakistan and that HF will be working with TRDP in order to alleviate water issues and challenges confronting the people of Umerkot.

She then explained the concepts of Gender and Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and introduced Gender and IWRM as a new water agenda and how a meaningful involvement of women in IWRM can play a central role in the provision, management and safe guarding of water. She stressed that the basic principles of IWRM are the three E's; economic efficiency in water use, equity and participation and environmental and ecological sustainability. This presentation was in Urdu.

2.3A Women and Water Networks

Ms. Sabiha Shah and Ms. Najam Zehra, (Co-President(s) of Karachi WWN) then jointly presented on the importance of Women and Water Networks. In their presentation, they explained the background of Women and Water Networks (WWNs) and introduced WWN to the audience. They also explained the objectives, functions, and achievements of WWN Pakistan since its induction in 2002. They further explained how WWN Pakistan, part of the South Asia Women and Water Network are essentially women's only platforms designed to bring in women from all sectors of society, such that their voice can be effectively channeled into mainstream policies, discussions and actions relating to water.

They also told the audience about the water crisis that Pakistan faces and highlighted the reasons why water issues are mainly women's issues. They then went on to inform the women about the various WWNs that have already been formed in Karachi. Ms. Najam Zehra stressed that Pakistan is predominantly an agrarian economy and 90% of agriculture depends on agriculture therefore water is one of the most critical issues facing Pakistan today. Ms Sabiha Shah explained to the participants that women are the most affected by water problems since they bear the most difficulty in getting access to clean water such as fetching water from a tubewell, canal, dugwell etc. Therefore, she explained that it is imperative that women should have the proper knowledge to conserve water and utilize it in the most efficient way possible. This presentation was partly in Urdu and partly in Sindhi.

2.4A Documentary Film on Karachi's Water Situation and Public Service Announcements (PSAs)

Mr. Sarwar Mushtaq's documentary and public service announcements (PSAs) based on the "Water Crisis in Karachi" were screened next. The documentary and PSAs provided a general overview of the water and sewerage problems that Karachi faces and also provided an insight into the concerns of its citizens. The documentary and PSAs were in Urdu. This documentary was used to spearhead the discussion session because it identified specific urban water issues and helped the participants in identifying their local water problems.

2.5A Discussion Session and Identification of Water Issues

The primary objective of the discussion session was to aid the women of Umerkot in identifying their water problems. The discussion that ensued was highly interactive and engaging. The women of Umerkot discussed their water problems across the spectrum from lack of access to clean water to a need for strong guidance to avoid mismanagement of water. The main issues that were brought to the forefront were as follows. The first and foremost problem that these women face is the issue of access to clean drinking water. The women explained that not only do they have to walk a considerable distance to pump out water, but the water that they do pump out is salty and of very poor quality. Ms. Sadhori from the organization MARVI of Union Council Kaplore said that since

there are no proper filtering facilities available in Umerkot, they have no choice but to use and drink this salty water. Another participant was of the view that the Umerkot community needs strong and able leadership to guide the people to conserve and properly manage their water resources.

2.6A Importance of Drip Irrigation

Mr. Duarko Poorani of Thardeep Rural Development Programme then gave a presentation on the Family Nutrition Kit, a small scale drip irrigation system that can be easily installed and used to irrigate kitchen gardens. The family nutrition kit can be used to irrigate and grow crops for self sustenance by the men and women of Umerkot. Mr. Poorani informed the participants that drip irrigation is a highly cost effective and water-saving technique of irrigating their small lands.

2.7A Appointment of Executive Committee of WWN District Umerkot

Ms. Sabiha Shah, Ms. Saleha Atif and Ms. Najam Zehra facilitated the process of the formation of WWN District Umerkot Chapter. Through collective counsel, five women of Umerkot were nominated to the Executive Committee.

The final structure of the Executive Committee of WWN District Umerkot is as follows:

President: Dr. Ruby Dharam DasGeneral Secretary: Janki Devi

Programme Secretary: Dr. Fahmida Rattar

Treasurer: Lata

• **Coordinator**: Parkashi

Taking the local context into perspective, it was agreed that a WWN committee should also be formed at the Taluka level. This was to ensure that WWN activities could be spread far and wide encompassing the entire Umerkot district as opposed to being concentrated in a few pocket areas of the district. As a result, the following women were chosen to form the Taluka Committee of District Umerkot.

Taluka Kunri: Konj Laghari

Taluka Samaro: Gulshan Ara Khoso
 Taluka Dhoro Naro: Hava Magrio

2.8A Certificate Ceremony & Vote of Thanks

Ms. Sabiha Shah, President Karachi WWN was invited to distribute certificates of appreciation and give a vote of thanks to all the participants for attending the workshop. Ms. Saleha Atif thanked Engro Polymer for financial assistance and Thardeep Rural Development Programme for their cooperation and providing the venue.

2.9A First Executive Committee and Taluka Committee Meeting

Introduction

The first Executive and Taluka Committee meeting of Umerkot District was held on 4th January 2010. This meeting was organized on the pattern of launching and setting into motion Women and Water Networks followed by Hisaar Foundation. Accordingly, an Executive Committee and Taluka Committee was formed during the launch and the first meeting of the newly formed committee(s) was held subsequently.

This meeting was organized by Hisaar Foundation and Thardeep Rural Development Programme with the support of Engro Polymer and Chemicals Limited.

2.10A Proceedings of Executive Committee Meeting

Ms Saleha Atif, Programme Officer, Hisaar Foundation, presided this meeting. In her opening remarks she explained the process adopted by Hisaar Foundation for WWNs and their Executive Committees. She highlighted the following points:

- She said that Hisaar Foundation was providing assistance to Umerkot District WWN for capacity building training. She added that it was imperative for both the government and public to work together to solve the water related problems with regard to water conservation and management. She said that Sindh had been selected as the province in Pakistan to work towards water conservation and management in a rural context.
- The main objective of the meeting was to assign the main functions to the members and outline the roles and responsibilities of each member. Ms. Atif reiterated the responsibilities of each member and explained each in detail

2.11A Decisions and Outcomes

The outcomes and decisions of this meeting were as follows:

- The Taluka committee should support the District Executive committee in working towards identifying and alleviating water issues faced by the women of Umerkot
- > The District Executive committee to report back to Hisaar Foundation regularly
- Both committees to conduct meetings with district government, civil society and NGO representatives involved in and responsible for solving issues related to access and facility of water

- Future planning to be initiated in three main areas: filter water facility, awareness raising with regards to importance of water; water conservation and proper management of water at the house level
- Executive committee to collect data on water issues faced by the women of Umerkot
- General Secretary to share activity reports, minutes of meetings and notes for the record regularly with sister WWNs and all District Umerkot WWN members

2.12 A List of Participants First Executive and Taluka Committee Meeting

S.#	Name	Designation	Organization / Department
1	Ruby Dharam Das	Vice President	TRDP
2	Saleha Atif	Programme Officer	Hisaar Foundation
3	Janki Devi	Ex. ADO Education	Umerko District
4	Koonj Laghari	Unit In charge	TRDP (Social Mobilization)
5	DR Fahmida Rattar	Project Associate	TRDP
6	Gulshan Ara Khoso	Unit In charge, Samaro	TRDP (Social Mobilization)
7	Parkashi	Unit In charge	TRDP
8	Lata Kumari	DPA	Hands Health
9	Hawa Magrio	Vice Chairperson	L.S.O Dhoronaro
11	Saleha Atif	Programme Officer	Hisaar Foundation
12	Sabiha Shah	President	WWN Karachi
13	Najam Zehra	Vice President	WWN Karachi

Formal Launch of Area Water Partnership (AWP) District Umerkot 6" March 2010

Dialogue Proceedings

2.1B Welcome and Introduction

The dialogue commenced with the recitation of a verse from the Holy Quran. Ms. Saleha Atif, Programme Officer, Hisaar Foundation, facilitated the entire training. In the introductory session, she explained the framework of the dialogue and highlighted the key issues of water conservation. She emphasized that this dialogue had a special objective of formally launching the Umerkot District Area Water Partnership. She then opened the floor for a quick round of introductions between the participants and started the proceedings of the dialogue.

This training dialogue was held with the collaboration of partner organization Thardeep Rural Development Programme with an aim to take forward the work of Hisaar Foundation's initiative Karachi Water Partnership into rural areas. This meeting was organized by the Hisaar Foundation with the Engro Polymer and Chemicals Limited.

2.2B Introduction to Hisaar Foundation and IWRM

The welcome was followed by an introductory presentation on Hisaar Foundation (HF). Ms. Saleha Atif of Hisaar Foundation briefly presented an overview of Hisaar Foundation explaining its vision and mission. She then explained HF's main programmes and organizational strategies.

She then switched gears and presented on the Background of IWRM. She stressed how IWRM approaches are vital as water is absolutely essential to human health and survival, but is running short. She stressed that the basic principles of IWRM are the three E's; economic efficiency in water use, equity and participation and environmental and ecological sustainability.

Ms. Atif explained the importance of Area Water Partnerships and explained to the participants that this training dialogue with the people of Umerkot was the first of its kind in a rural area. She informed the participants that water is a critical issue facing Pakistan and that HF will be working with TRDP in order to alleviate water issues and challenges confronting the people of Umerkot and such as proper utilization, management and conservation of water and providing filter water facilities.

She finally oriented the participants to Karachi Water Partnership and informed the participants about the role that HF played in Gulshan-e-Iqbal Town AWP. She briefly described HF's experiences in working with the GIT AWP and explained how participation of local town administration had been vital in mobilizing the GIT community and residents to work towards achieving the goals and objectives of IWRM in their respective town.

2.3B Documentary Film "Water Crisis in Karachi"

A documentary based on the "Water Crisis in Karachi" was screened next. The documentary and PSAs provided a general overview of the water and sewerage problems that Karachi faces and also provided an insight into the concerns of its citizens. The documentary and PSAs were in Urdu. This documentary was used to spearhead the discussion session because it identified specific urban water issues and helped the participants in identifying their local water problems.

2.4B Documentary Report on Gulshan-e-Iqbal AWP as Model Town

This was followed by the screening of a documentary which showcased the Gulshan-e-Iqbal Town Area Water Partnership Model. This documentary focused primarily on the role of Karachi Water Partnership in Karachi, especially in the context of its first model Town Area Water Partnership in Gulshan-e-Iqbal Town. The documentary featured interviews with key people involved in GIT AWP and their experience to date as well as KWP's initiatives in GIT. The documentary also provided information on KWP's unique model of participatory and public-private partnership building.

Ms. Lily Khan of Hisaar Foundation briefed the participants about KWP's efforts and projects with the Karachi Water and Sewerage Board and urged them to use and manage their water wisely and judiciously. She also informed the participants about the achievements of GIT AWP paying special emphasis on the intervention and remedial work implemented in public schools through the School Programme. She then explained to the participants that the District Umerkot AWP would be an extension of the Karachi Water Partnership programme and that similar strategies would be adopted here as well. Keeping in mind the principles of the KWP, it would be up to the people of Umerkot to develop new ways of promoting IWRM principles in their local contexts.

2.5B Discussion Session and Identification of Water Issues

The primary objective of the discussion session was to aid the people of Umerkot in identifying their water problems. The discussion that ensued was highly interactive and engaging. The locals of Umerkot discussed their water problems across the spectrum from lack of access to clean water to a need for strong guidance to avoid mismanagement of water. The main issues that were brought to the forefront were as follows. It was decided that women should be made aware on proper utilization and conservation of water since they were the main users of domestic water in Umerkot. Schools were identified in which water awareness programmes would be carried out. It was highlighted during the discussion that there is a lack of water policy on the government level. Lack of access to clean water was one of the main problems identified.

2.6B Appointment of District Umerkot AWP Steering Committee

Mr. Ali Nawaz Nizamani, Ms. Saleha Atif and Ms. Lily Khan co-facilitated the process of the formation of WWN Umerkot District Chapter. Through collective counsel, a 16 member Steering Committee for District Umerkot AWP was formed. The final structure of the Steering Committee of District Umerkot AWP is as follows:

S #	Membership	Designation	Name
1	Patron –in-Chief	Administrator	
2	Chair	TMO	Mr. Faqir Mataro Magrio
3	Co chair	Rep of TRDP	Mr. Ali Nawaz Nizamani
4	Secretary	Rep of TRDP	Mr. Duarko
5	Member	Rep of Agriculture Department	Mr. Ayaz kachelo
6	Member	Rep of Education Department	Mr. Jan Mohammad Nohri
7	Member	Rep of Health Department	Dr. Ashiq Hussain Chandio
9	Member	Rep of Samaro Taluka, Umerkot	Shakil
10	Member	Rep of one selected Union Council Umerkot	Mr. Dharm Das Malhi, UC Nazim
11	Member	Rep of Civil Society Organizations (NGOs)	Mr. Bansi Lal Malhi, HANDS
12	Member	Rep of Civil Society Organizations (NGOs)	Mr. Ghulam Mushtafa Khoso
13	Member	Resident of Umerkot	Mr. Gulab Rai
14	Member	Resident of Umerkot Mrs. Kekaee Malhi	
15	Member	President, WWN Umerkot Dr. Rubi Dharm Das	
16	Member	General Secretary WWN Umerkot	Dr. Fahmida Rattar

2.7B Certificate Ceremony

Mr. Faqir Mangrio, District Town Municipal Officer of Umerkot was invited to distribute certificates of appreciation to all the participants.

2.8B Summary of Outcomes and Vote of Thanks

Mr. Ali Nawaz Nizamani of TRDP presented a summary of outcomes of the dialogue and gave a vote of thanks to all the participants for attending the workshop. Following this, Ms. Saleha Atif thanked Engro Polymer for financial assistance and Thardeep Rural Development Programme for their cooperation and for providing the venue.

Formal Launch of Taluka Area Water Partnership (AWP) Samaro, Umerkot 13th April 2010

Dialogue Proceedings

2.1C Welcome and Introduction

The dialogue commenced with the recitation of a verse from the Holy Quran by Ghulam Qadir Khashkheli. Ms. Saleha Atif, Programme Officer, Hisaar Foundation, facilitated the entire training dialogue. In the introductory session, she explained the framework of the dialogue and highlighted the key issues of water conservation. She emphasized that this dialogue had a special objective of formally launching the Taluka Samaro Area Water Partnership of Umerkot District. She then opened the floor for a quick round of introductions between the participants and started the proceedings of the dialogue.

This dialogue was held with the collaboration of partner organization Thardeep Rural Development Programme with an aim to take forward the work of Hisaar Foundation's initiative Karachi Water Partnership into rural areas. This meeting was organized by the Hisaar Foundation with the Engro Polymer and Chemicals Limited.

2.2C Introduction to Hisaar Foundation, IWRM and GIT AWP

The welcome was followed by an introductory presentation on Hisaar Foundation (HF). Ms. Saleha Atif of Hisaar Foundation briefly presented an overview of Hisaar Foundation explaining its vision and mission. She then explained HF's main programmes and organizational strategies.

Ms. Atif explained the importance of Area Water Partnerships and explained to the participants that this training workshop with the people of Taluka Samaro was the first of its kind in a rural area. She informed the participants that water is a critical issue facing Pakistan and that HF will be working with TRDP in order to alleviate water issues and challenges confronting the people of Umerkot.

Ms. Atif then told the participants about activities carried out by the GIT AWP and highlighted that the local GIT Administration had been extremely proactive, collaborative and supportive. She also told participants that through the GIT AWP experience, a role model for other towns/district has been developed.

She then switched gears and presented on the Background of IWRM. She stressed how IWRM approaches are vital as water is absolutely essential to human health and survival, but is running short. She stressed that the basic principles of IWRM are the three E's; economic efficiency in water use, equity and participation and environmental and ecological sustainability. She explained

that IWRM approaches are vital as water is absolutely essential to human health and survival, but is running short.

In conclusion she stated that IWRM concepts are a tool to help decision-makers make better, more informed decisions. But also that the responsibility of better water governance lies on all sectors of society, and that each and every stakeholder has to play their part and take actions in a more responsible and informed manner for a long term solution.

2.3C Documentary Film "Water Crisis in Karachi"

Mr. Sarwar Mushtaq's documentary based on the "Water Crisis in Karachi" was screened next. The documentary provided a general overview of the water and sewerage problems that Karachi faces and also provided an insight into the concerns of its citizens. The documentary was in Urdu. This documentary was used to spearhead the discussion session because it identified specific urban water issues and helped the participants in identifying their local water problems.

2.4C Discussion Session and Identification of Water Issues

The primary objective of the discussion session was to aid the people of Umerkot in identifying their water problems. The discussion that ensued was highly interactive and engaging. The locals of Umerkot discussed their water problems across the spectrum from lack of access to clean water to a need for strong guidance to avoid mismanagement of water. The main issues that were brought to the forefront were as follows.

Wara bandi was identified as one of the main problems of Samaro where water supply to the main canal is closed off for 20 to 25 days, on an irregular basis. Poor, landless peasants were identified as the most affected by water shortages. The group also identified water theft as a major issue of the taluka. The group collectively decided that the government should play a more active role in monitoring water supply and usage of the area. It was also decided that meters should be installed in every house so that each person is billed against their personal usage of water and not on a flat rate basis which benefits the rich and distresses the poor. Some participants shed light on the fact that water in the main supply line is unclean because dogs drink from it and also because gutter water sometimes mixes with the main water because of its close proximity.

2.5C Appointment of Taluka Samaro AWP Steering Committee

Mr. Ali Nawaz Nizamani, and Ms. Saleha Atif co-facilitated the process of the formation of Taluka Samaro AWP Steering Committee. It was decided that the Steering Committee of Samaro Area Water Partnership (AWP) would comprise of sixteen (16) members who would represent local town municipal officers, agriculture, education, health and water departments, Samaro residents, members of WWN and others.

The final structure of the Steering Committee of AWP Taluka Samaro is as follows:

S#	Membership	Designation	Name
1	Chair	TMO	Mr Iqtidar Hussain
2	Co chair	Rep of TRDP	Mr Shakeel
			Ahamed
3	Secretary	Rep of TRDP	Ms Gulshan Ara
4	Member	Rep of Agriculture	Mr Ghulam Qadir
		Department	
5	Member	Rep of Education	Mohd Yousif
		Department	Rahimoon/Hoothi
6	Member	Rep of Health	Dr Arjan
		Department	
7	Member	Rep of Water and	Mr Jameel
		Sewerage Department	
8	Member	Resident	Ms Shahnaz
9	Member	Rep of Samaro, Union	Mr Khalid
		Council	
10	Member	Rep of Civil Society	Ch Aslam
		Organizations (NGOs)	
11	Member	Rep of Civil Society	Suresh Malhi
		Organizations (NGOs)	
12	Member	Resident	Rizwana (LHV)
13	Member	Resident	Dayal das
14	Member	Resident	Ms Seeta
15	Member	Member of WWN	Kamla
		Taluka Samaro	
16	Member	Member of WWN	Nelofar
		Taluka Samaro	

2.6C Summary of Outcomes and Vote of Thanks

Mr. Ali Nawaz Nizamani presented a summary of outcomes of the dialogue and gave a vote of thanks to all the participants for attending the workshop. Ms. Saleha Atif also thanked Engro Polymer for financial assistance and Thardeep Rural Development Programme for their cooperation and providing the venue.

Women's Training on Water Conservation and Management Taluka Samaro, District Umerkot 11th December 2010

Dialogue Proceedings

2.1D Welcome and Introduction

The dialogue commenced with the recitation of a verse from the Holy Quran by one of the participants. Ms. Saleha Atif, Programme Officer, Hisaar Foundation, facilitated the entire training. In the introductory session, she explained the framework of the dialogue and highlighted the key issues of water conservation. She then opened the floor for a quick round of introductions between the participants and started the proceedings of the training dialogue.

This dialogue was held with the collaboration of partner organization Thardeep Rural Development Programme with an aim to take forward the work of Hisaar Foundation's initiative Karachi Water Partnership into rural areas. This meeting was organized by the Hisaar Foundation with the support of Engro Polymer Chemicals and Limited.

2.2D Introduction to Hisaar Foundation and IWRM

The welcome was followed by an introductory presentation on Hisaar Foundation (HF). Ms. Saleha Atif of Hisaar Foundation briefly presented an overview of Hisaar Foundation explaining its vision and mission. She then explained HF's main programmes and organizational strategies. Ms. Atif explained the importance of water conservation and also told the participants that this training dialogue with the women of Umerkot was the first of its kind in a rural area. She informed the participants that water is a critical issue facing Pakistan and that HF will be working with TRDP in order to alleviate water issues and challenges confronting the people of Umerkot such as improper utilization, poor management and conservation of water and lack of basic filter water facilities.

She then explained the concepts of Gender and Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and introduced Gender and IWRM as a new water agenda and how a meaningful involvement of women in IWRM can play a central role in the provision, management and safe guarding of water. She stressed that the basic principles of IWRM are the three E's; economic efficiency in water use, equity and participation and environmental and ecological sustainability. This presentation was in Urdu.

2.3D Women and Water Networks

Next, Ms. Saleha Atif explained the background of Women and Water Networks (WWNs) and introduced WWN to the participants. She also informed them of the objectives, functions, and achievements of WWN Pakistan since its induction in 2002. And further explained how WWNs are essentially women's only platforms designed to bring in women from all sectors of society, such that their voice can be effectively channeled into mainstream policies, discussions and actions relating to water.

She then informed the participants of the Women and Water Network that had recently been launched in District Umerkot and urged them all to become members. She also introduced the participants to Ms. Gulshan Ara Khoso, their local WWN representative and pointed out to them that Ms. Khoso is the focal person for communication with their District WWN. She also told the participants that Hisaar Foundation, with the support of TRDP and Engro, has also succeeded in launching Area Water Partnerships in District Umerkot and Taluka Samaro, District Umerkot.

2.4D Discussion Session and Identification of Water Issues

Ms. Saleha Atif commenced the discussion session by discussing the water conservation guidelines that had been provided to the participants. Ms. Atif explained to the participants that these guidelines were the first initiative of its kind in raising awareness on water issues. She also explained that these guidelines not only raised awareness of water issues but also provided practical solutions to alleviate the water problem. Finally, Ms. Atif went through the guidelines in detail and outlined each of measures and practical steps that they could take which would help them conserve water and thus contribute to mitigating the water problems of Umerkot.

The primary objective of the discussion session was to aid the women of Umerkot in identifying their water problems. The secondary objective was to plan out future action based on the issues identified. The discussion that ensued was highly interactive and engaging. The women of Umerkot discussed their water problems across the spectrum from lack of access to clean water to a need for strong guidance to avoid mismanagement of water.

The main issues that were brought to the forefront were as follows. The first and foremost problem that these women face is the issue of access to clean drinking water. The women explained that not only do they have to walk a considerable distance to pump out water, but the water that they do pump out is salty, polluted, of very poor quality and unfit for any proper use. They also explained that water is supplied at very odd times during the night and day and that allocation of water is extremely random and distorted. They also explained that the people of Taluka Samaro face extreme difficulty in terms of water-borne diseases and health issues. Some women also explained that animals also drink and bathe in the same water and since there are no proper filtering facilities available in Umerkot, they have no choice but to use and drink this water.

In the end, the participants requested Ms. Atif to provide a water filtration plant for their locality. Ms. Atif responded that she would forward their request to the relevant people and try her best to help in any way that she can, on behalf of the Foundation.

2.5D Vote of Thanks

Ms. Saleha Atif gave a vote of thanks to all the participants for attending the training dialogue. She especially thanked Engro Polymer for financial assistance and Thardeep Rural Development Programme for their cooperation and providing the venue.

Section 3 -Outcomes-

3. Outcomes

The outcomes of these training dialogues were as follows:

3.1 4th January 2010: Formal Launch of District Umerkot WWN

- Formal launch of the Umerkot District Women and Water Network as a component of WWN Pakistan and a sister network to Karachi WWN
- Formation of the Executive Committee and Taluka Committee of the Umerkot District WWN
- First meeting of the Executive Committee and Taluka Committee of the Umerkot District WWN conducted
- The Umerkot District WWN members oriented to their roles in IWRM, water and sewerage issues in relation to their locations and levels
- The women of Umerkot District voiced their water problems and brought them to the forefront for collective action and alleviation
- Water conservation guidelines for homes, schools and water facts especially translated in Sindhi
- The women of Umerkot were also introduced to drip irrigation technology as a means of saving water

3.2 6th March 2010: Formal Launch of District Umerkot AWP

- Formal launch of the District Umerkot Area Water Partnership
- Formation of the Steering Committee of the District Umerkot AWP
- The Umerkot District AWP members oriented to their roles in IWRM, water and sewerage issues in relation to their locations and levels
- The locals of Umerkot District voiced their water problems and brought them to the forefront for collective action and alleviation

 Water conservation guidelines for homes, schools and water facts especially translated in Sindhi

3.3 13th April 2010: Formal Launch of Taluka Samaro, District Umerkot AWP

- Formal launch of the Taluka Samaro Area Water Partnership of District Umerkot
- Formation of the Steering Committee of the Taluka Samaro AWP of District Umerkot
- The Taluka Samaro AWP members oriented to their roles in IWRM, water and sewerage issues in relation to their locations and levels
- The locals of Taluka Samaro voiced their water problems and brought them to the forefront for collective action and alleviation
- Water conservation guidelines for homes, schools and water facts especially translated in Sindhi

3.4 11th December 2010: Women's Training on Water Conservation and Management

- Group of 20 women of Taluka Samaro, District Umerkot trained in water conservation and management to enable them to take actions to improve their water situation
- Group of 20 women of Taluka Samaro, District Umerkot oriented to their roles in IWRM, water and sewerage issues in relation to their locations and levels
- The women of Taluka Samaro, District Umerkot voiced their water problems and brought them to the forefront for collective action and alleviation
- Water conservation guidelines for homes, schools and water facts especially translated in Sindhi were distributed to the participants

Section 4 -Partnership and Support-

4. Spirit of Partnership!

These dialogues enabled the Foundation members and its partners to participate in, promote and take relevant action with regards to water conservation and IWRM as a concept and to further streamline the Foundation's efforts. Many partners came forward with their commitments and practical support, which generated the synergy required for taking forward this multi stakeholder platform. Below you will find a synopsis of who made what contribution in making this dialogue possible, and building the energy that will take forward the work being carried out by Hisaar Foundation.

4.1 Engro Polymer and Chemicals Ltd

Provided financial assistance to conduct these dialogues

4.2 Thardeep Rural Development Programme

- Provided the venue for the training dialogues
- Staff members acted as facilitators and provided their time, free of charge

4.3 Women and Water Network(s)

- Executive Committee members facilitated throughout the meeting
- They also helped with the planning, material development and Power Point presentations

4.4 Hisaar Foundation

- Staff members acted as facilitators
- They also helped with the planning, material development and Power Point presentations

Section 5 -Pictures-

Formal Launch of Women and Water Network (WWN) District Umerkot 4" January 2010









Formal Launch of Area Water Partnership (AWP) District Umerkot 6" March 2010









Formal Launch of Taluka Area Water Partnership (AWP) Samaro, Umerkot 13th April 2010









Women Training Samaro, Umerkot 11th December 2010









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