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GENDER EQUITY PROGRAM



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Reconnaissance:

GINI continued the process of Reconnaissance in Nowshera and carried it forward to Charsadda. Generally, the purpose of the meetings with these stakeholders (below) was to introduce GINI and GEP, describe prospective role in GEP implementation, and secure willingness to participate in the advocacy network. At these meetings MoUs were signed with all stakeholders, except the Assistant Coordination Officers (ACOs), for District Governments Nowshera and Charsadda. These MoUs will become effective from the 15th of August, 2011 onward till the 15th of November, 2011 and entail the responsibilities of each stakeholder, as well as reporting formats whereby their advocacy activities will be documented and managed by GINI. These MoUs have been enclosed at Annex 1.

District	Name	Designation	Contact Numbers
Nowshera	Mr. Hameed Khan	ACO, District Government	9220101
Nowshera	Malik Aftab Khan	President, Bar Association	0336-6730075
Nowshera	Mr. Bacha Khan	President, Press Club	0333-9005678 0303-8383378
Nowshera	Mr. Zeenat Gul,	Coordinator, NGOs Coalition on Child Rights (NCCR)	0300-9362194 091-247536
Nowshera	Mr. Raziq Kausar	(Chairman) CCB Network, Nowshera	0300-5867288
Nowshera	Ms. Gulalai Ismail	Chairperson Aware Girls	91-2582890
Nowshera	Mr. Gul Faraz	Chairman, People CCB	03339349597
Nowshera	Ms. Najmus Saher	Chairperson, Sahar CCB	03339162570
Nowshera	Ms Khadija Said	Chairperson, , Kochen CCB	03139932263
Charsadda	Mr. Naeem Khan	ACO, District Government	03038306616
Charsadda	Farhad Ali Rabbani	General Secretary, Anjuman Nawjawan,	0332499287
Charsadda	Haji Basar Ali	President, Hashtnagar Development Social Welfare Council	03469843270
Charsadda	Sabir Shah,	Chairman, CCB Network,	03469028382
Charsadda	Sabz Ali Tareen,	President Press Club,	03028590203
Charsadda	Altaf Khan,	President Bar Association,	03339186788
Charsadda	Abdul Salam Arif	General Secretary, TB Association	91-9220160
Charsadda	Shabnam	Chairperson, Women Welfare CCB	03339060770
Charsadda	Afsar Begum	Chairperson, Hugman CCB	03454405752

Baseline Survey

The survey was completed with 120 women being interviewed in Nowshera, covering 26 flood-affected Unions, and 120 women being interviewed in Charsadda, covering 26 flood-affected Unions. The collective results of both districts reveal the following key findings:

- 96% of all land owned by surveyed households, as well as surveyed women falls between 1-25 Kanals in size. Therefore land-holdings are small.
- Among shared ownership holders, the majority of respondents share ownership with in-laws
- The majority of landowners report that the opinions of both family and community of their land ownership are positive
- The majority of women landowners acquired land through *rwaji malika* or dower
- Among landowners who paid for the land they own, 82% paid from savings while only 18% paid from loans. The majority of them also report that acquiring land was ‘very easy’.
- Among the landless, 51% feel that it would be ‘very easy’ to acquire land of their own.
- Overall, only 7% of landowners report any dispute over their land. Most of them cite the reason for dispute as occupation by immediate family members. 43% have approached the courts, while 29% have approached the police to resolve the dispute. A combined 28% have approached the Tehsildar and Patwari in this regard.
- With regard to demographics, the majority of respondents report their household’s financial situation as ‘we sometimes do not have enough income to eat 3 meals a day’. 91% of the respondents were illiterate and 38% report the number of elderly and children in the household (who could not earn income) as ‘more than 5’.

The detailed results of the survey have been enclosed at Annex 2.

Database and GIS

GINI has developed a database (in MS-Visual DotNet and MS-SQL) into which the data collected from the survey in both districts has already been entered and verified. GINI has also developed a GIS which provides spatial representation of the data at the UC level for key indicators of the baseline, for both districts. The GIS Maps based on survey results have been attached at Annex 3.

Mobilization

GINI has conducted 2 Mobilization Workshops in Nowshera (Press Club premises) and Charsadda (Press Club premises), on the 26th and 30th of July, 2011, respectively. These Workshops invited the participation of all local stakeholders with whom MoUs had been signed, as well as women beneficiaries whom GINI has identified through analysis of the survey, as well as through directly approaching the local government and courts. The objective of the Workshops was to institutionalize the network, reinforce the roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders that GINI has signed MoUs with, and allow the network members to interact among themselves and with the women beneficiaries. Women beneficiaries were also provided with a directory of phone numbers for all network members. The attendance of women beneficiaries at these events was lower than expected, given the

near-flood conditions in Nowshera and Charsadda under which these Workshops were conducted. The detailed Agendas for both Workshops are attached at Annex 4.



Source: Daily Express, Islamabad Edition 27th July, 2011. Flood affected man in Nowshera.

Training

GINI has also conducted a Training Workshop in at Nowshera Press Club which invited representatives from all local CCBs and CSOs in Nowshera and Charsadda that GINI has signed MoUs with, held 31st July, 2011. The Workshop focused on the policy and implementation environment of women's land rights at the national and local levels, as well as essential advocacy skills that the participants could use to fulfil their responsibilities under GEP and beyond.

GINI developed an Instructor's Manual and a Participant's Handbook for this training, which was translated into Urdu. According to the preliminary training report submitted by the training CSO Hashtnagar Development Social Welfare Council, the pre-test scores indicate knowledge levels of 39% concerning key concepts, which was enhanced to 90% in the post-test. In qualitative feedback from evaluation questionnaires, 53% of the trainees rated the workshop as 'Excellent', 38% rated it as 'Good', while 9% were of the view that it was an 'Average' program. The Participants' Handbook and Instructor's Manual are attached at Annex 5.

Advocacy

GINI has developed detailed beneficiary profiles which provide details of women beneficiaries that will be targeted under the program. Thus far, 13 women (including 5 landowners) from Nowshera, and 8 women (including 3 landowners) from Charsadda have been identified. These Beneficiary Profiles are attached at Annex 6. GINI will now manage the advocacy activities of network members in both districts, as per signed MoUs.

Issues and Concerns

GINI has faced considerable difficulties pertaining to the Mobilization phase of activities. GINI has carried out validation phone calls to mobilize women beneficiaries to come forward. This was complicated by the fact that many of the contact numbers listed on the questionnaires belonged to male family members who in most cases were the very people that beneficiaries would eventually have to confront in order to claim their land rights. GINI was then forced to go door-to-door for recruitment of these beneficiaries, but this again has in cases resulted in confrontations with male family members who threatened both the beneficiaries as well as GINI representatives, with violence. This led to attrition in prospective beneficiary figures.

In consultation with Asia Foundation, it was decided that GINI would approach the local government and district courts to gain access to women beneficiaries, specifically landowners, who had problems related to ownership of land that could effectively be solved under the project model. However, the women that GINI contacted in relation to this exercise were either unwilling to participate in the program (given the sensitivity associated with exposing their problems) or they had the means and influence to pursue their cases which made would make our assistance superfluous.

Therefore, the stipulated requirement of 15 women landowners assisted under the project could not be met. GINI will now attempt to meet the overall requirement of 30 women beneficiaries, by returning to, and recruiting from, the lists of survey respondents who are landless because they were prevented by problems that GINI can effectively provide assistance for, under the project model.

Another problem that GINI needs to solve is the fact that the Assistant Coordination Officers (ACOs), in both Nowshera and Charsadda have not yet signed the MoUs prepared for them despite numerous visits and due follow-up. This lack of cooperation is a complete reversal of their positive response indicated in meetings held with them previously. GINI is working toward the resolution of this problem by approaching higher levels of seniority at the local and even provincial levels, and we are confident that we will secure the participation of the relevant local government offices in time for project delivery.