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Welcome to first edition

About us: In 2002, CARE International conducted a study that identified the central underlying cause of poverty in Pakistan as imbalance of power. This imbalance is manifested through systematic marginalization along gender, class, and other socio-cultural lines throughout society. CARE started its operations by opening an Pakistan office in June 2005 to work with local partners and Government relevant departments to address the root causes of poverty. On the onset of October 2005 Earthquake in KP and AJK CARE International in Pakistan (CIP) diverted its resources to support the government in responding to the mega disaster under its humanitarian mandate by providing NFIs, shelter, health, WASH, reconstruction of houses and public buildings, psychosocial support and education. Since its initial intervention, CIP's scope of work has been extended to incorporate programs in Health, Education, Women Economic Empowerment, and Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) through its 15 years Long Range Strategic Plan (LRSP) in 2011. Globally, CARE recognizes that women and girls suffer disproportionately from poverty & disasters; therefore CARE International in Pakistan (CIP) focuses on most marginalized segments of society.



We believe her

Quality education for nation building

She stands for her right to education

She lives in very remote village, Tall of Tehsil Kabal, district Swat with a dream to become a professor and serve for girls education. But its really hard for her to live her dream as she completed her primary school 3 years back but couldn't get an opportunity to enroll herself in middle school. There is no existence of middle school in a area where she lives with her siblings, mother and grandparents. Moreover she is the eldest, and has not been allowed to go to middle school even to the next village. But where there's a will there's a way; news of establishment of Accelerated Learning Program for middle school (through efforts of CARE international with the implementing partner IDEA) in the nearby village, was not less than a miracle for her. But her struggle does not end here. To convince her elders for enrollment is an uphill task for her. It is certainly not easy for her grandparents and mother to move to nearby village for her education, but she is determined. The information regarding the incentivized program has helped her stand up for her right to get access to quality education. The Parent teacher committee member who spread the word of Accelerated Learning Program initiative shared her enthusiasm with school principal. The principal was keen to meet her and convince her parents to move to the area where school is situated. It has paid off! She is a student, and learning...

" It was really hard for my mother and grandparents to move from our village to another. I know how I convince them as I beg for my dream to become an professor and get myself enroll in next level. The opening of ALP school is

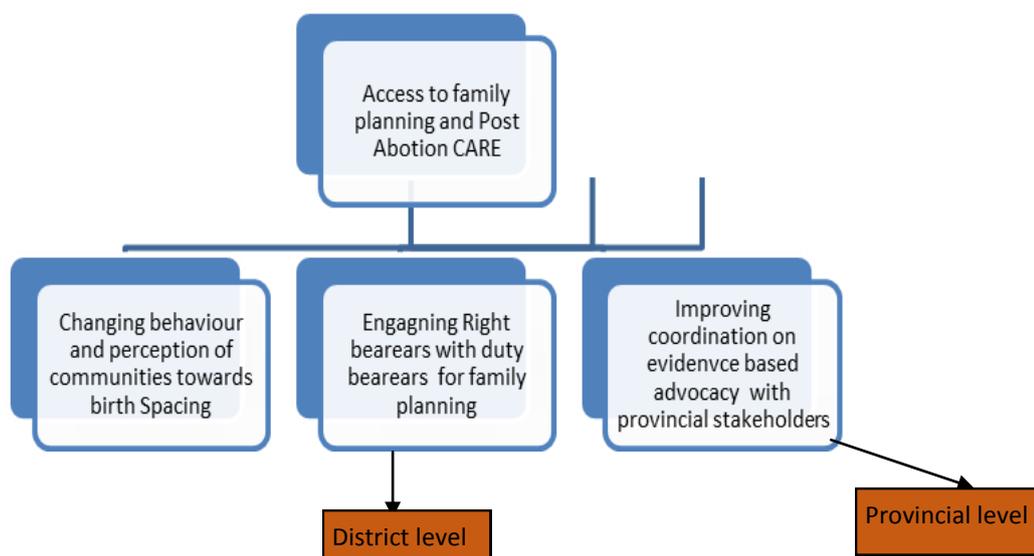
***CARE Pakistan is implementing 36 month project called INSIPRE II in Swat to improve access to quality education (formal and technical) services and strengthen the local governance. The project focus on improving access to middle level education for around 1000 girls students beyond the primary level through a second shift Accelerated Learning Model whereby 35 existing government primary schools are in use.**

a blessing in disguise for me and it is next step toward my destination”.

Availability of quality health service delivery

Supporting access to family planning and post abortion care (SAFPAC)–Phase III

CARE International in Pakistan initiated the project titled SAFPAC in 2011, in collaboration with health department Govt. of Punjab, currently in its third phase. SAFPAC is CARE's flagship initiative that aims to increase the quality and uptake of reproductive health services by strengthening the health system and reducing barriers to the utilization of quality reproductive health services. SAFPAC address the unmet needs of Family planning and post abortion care services in districts Muzaffargarh and Multan. The first and II phase benefitted 47,642. Since Family Planning and Post Abortion Care has some taboo strings attached to it, the program intends to modify community attitude, behaviors and address the misgivings related to it through targeted interventions. To accomplish its objectives program worked on a comprehensive strategy that includes providing infrastructure support, medicines and FP commodities, service providers training, HMIS support, improved monitoring mechanism and demand creation activities in close coordination with district health system. In 3rd phase of SAFPAC increase its geographical catchment area and to strengthen the engagement with district and provincial stakeholders, including Population Welfare Department (PWD), PSPU, Punjab, IMNCH Program, Secretary Planning & development (P&D), District Coordination Officers (DCOs) and Executive District Officers Health (EDO-H) for effective implementation.



Changing attitudes and behaviors for saving life

A remarkable initiative taken by community members (SAFPAC –II)

SAFPAC formed village health committee in 2nd phase which plays important role in mobilizing through social action and analysis. Moreover it also holds accountable health facility for its services.

Village health committee (VHC) members played a critical role in bringing about social change in the most remote area of South Punjab. In regular meetings health facility staff and VHC members coordinate effectively and explore the ways to make the post abortion care accessible to women from marginalized communities. During the discussion ,Village Health Committee (VHC) of BHU Umar Pur Janobi of District Muzaffargarh, highlighted reasons which was related to the unavailability of proper transport for the women.The VHC member discussed in details end up to a solution to benefit the community; by arranging reliable transportation to bring the clients (facing emergency) to health facilities. VHCs with the help of local community generated the funds at their own to buy a “Ching chi” (or ambulance; Number MHK 8974) as a permanent transportation. This emergency ambulance is now available 24/7 to the community. VHC members contributes on regular basis for the availability of ambulance service.

Disaster Preparedness & Resilience

A lesson learnt workshop was organized by Care international in Pakistan to explore numbers of ways to overcome disaster vulnerability in urban and remote areas of KPK with collaboration of provincial and district authorities

A lesson learnt workshop was organized by CARE international in Pakistan and its implementing partner IDEA on 28-29th October, 2016 with the collaboration of PDMA-KP and DDMU. A number of future interventions were discussed to overcome the disaster vulnerability of KPK & FATA. A number of the recommendations were given to integrate DRR from district to provincial level. PDMA, DDMU authorities and participants from other Government line departments were agreed for replicating the urban DRM plan in other areas



such as Abbottabad, Swat and Mingora. Mr. Wajid Ali (PDMA) presented government priority areas to develop the provincial disaster management plan, multi Hazard vulnerability and Risk Assessment for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province at appropriate scale of 1:500,000 or as per requirements, to conduct the research on Climate Change Adaptation and DRR along with the establishment of Disaster Information Resource Center. In the concluding remarks Mr. Khalid (DG, FDMA) appreciated all interventions of the ECHO DP/DRR which is implemented by CARE International and IDEA especially on the researches(Situational Analysis of Urban DRM and DRR budget analysis, KPK) which actually was a biggest learning for KPK government to focus more toward resilience. Mr. Altaf Sheikh (AC, DDMO) appreciated CARE's work for strengthening DRR authorities and preparing both communities and authorities to be ready to response and able to cope with future disasters.

ECHO DP/DRR

The project was started in 2015 when flood hit Nowshera and affects number of villages. CARE responded to the emergency and operated in 24 villages who were damaged badly. The project was unique in a way as its not only prepared the communities to deal with emergency by introducing unique model (CBDRM), but in fact its has enhance the capacity of government by providing in depth analysis on disaster prone areas through details researches on urban DRM plan for Peshawar city. Another biggest milestone of the project was the establishment of advisory committee at district and provincial level on DRR which is chaired by PDMA on regular basis. The 18 months project also conducted details analysis on DRR budget and recommends government for allocation of proper resources on preparedness and resilience.

Initiating the urban resilience: A unique study on urban DRM

A unique study was launched provincially on 30th September, by CARE international, IDEA, PDMA and ECHO. The study was undertaken (by CARE in Pakistan, as lead) to assess the disaster vulnerability of Peshawar city. The recommendations of the study included improvement of Disaster Risk Management strategic plans, as well as a stronger and more cohesive relationship between various institutes and government departments. The study was well received by the participants.



The government representatives appreciated and acknowledged a need for greater clarity of roles of various institutions. PDMA has developed TORs based on the study conducted for strengthening of linkages, coordination,



enforcement of policy and practice of regulation, technical research, livelihood resilience and inclusion of urban DRM in the upcoming Strategic Master Plan of City. On the occasion, PDMA Director Abdul Wajid and Director General Mohammed Khalid Khan not only endorsed the study but made their commitment for implementation with specific instructions to be sent to relevant line departments. They reiterated PDMA’s commitment towards an enabling environment for implementation of the DRM Plans.

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 *16 days of Activism

Upcoming Activities



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