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PIS Data Sharing Workshop and Inauguration of DMIC Qila Saifullah



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ACRONYMS

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| AGRP-B | Assistance to Governance Reforms and Practices in Balochistan |
| BHU | Basic Health Unit |
| BRSP | Balochistan Rural Support Program |
| CD | Civil Dispensary |
| CSO | Civil Society Organization |
| DBA | Database Administrator |
| DC | Deputy Commissioner |
| DCO | District Coordination Officer |
| DMIC | District Management Information Cell |
| DO | District Officer |
| EDO | Executive District Officer |
| GIS | Geographical Information System |
| HRMIS | Human Resource Management Information System |
| IT | Information Technology |
| MIS | Management Information System |
| MoU | Memorandum of Understanding |
| PHED | Public Health Engineering Department |
| PIS | Participatory Information System |
| RHC | Rural Health Center |
| TMO | Tehsil Municipal Officer |
| UNDP | United Nations Development Program |

BACKGROUND

“Assistance to Governance Reforms and Practices in Balochistan” is a joint venture of UNDP and Government of Balochistan, Planning and Development Department. The project started in July 2007. It aims to improve public services delivery mechanisms by strengthening provincial and local government institutions and to improve the access to information for effective decision making, planning and monitoring at provincial and local government levels.

To promote the e-governance at district level and facilitate the district governments in development of tools for planning and monitoring, a decision support system called Participatory Information System (PIS) was developed. Initially Gwadar and Quetta districts were selected for the intervention where it was successfully implemented. Under the system primary data of Education, Health, Livestock and Water Supply Schemes were collected along with Village Profiles.

The Qila Saifullah one of the Project focused districts was helped in development of Participatory Information System. The MoU was signed with the District Government Qila Saifullah. The space was provided in the premises of DCO office by the district government where the DMIC was established. To create ownership and develop the capacity of local level organizations, partnership was made through the MoU with BRSP. For ensuring smooth collection of reliable information the services of local youth were hired as data collectors. Extensive consultation was made with the concerned government department staff prior to collection of data. The relevant staff of Education Department was involved in data collection exercise while the staff of Health, Livestock and PHE Departments was engaged in validation of data. The collected data was verified by the concerned department heads before its compilation.

To share the collected data with relevant stakeholders a one day workshop was organized. The event was attended by the EDOs, DOs of various departments, TMO, representatives of CSOs, media persons and Union Council Secretaries.

PROCEEDING OF THE WORKSHOP



Facilitating the workshop Mr. Ali Gul Social Organizer AGRP-B welcomed the participants and invited Mr. Obaidullah Anwar for recitation of the Holy Quran.



Mr. Obaidullah Anwar recited the verses of Holy Quran.

PRESENTATION ON AGRP-B BY MR. SHERYAR TAJ



The National Project Manager presented the Objectives of AGRP-B. He said that the project is working to strengthen the institutions at provincial and district level. Highlighting the components of PIS he said that it include on MIS and GIS. The MIS part consist of facility Profile, its Operational Status and Village Profile and the GIS

part comprises of topography and location of public facility. Whereas the services data of Education, Health, Livestock and PHED is part of DMIC including village profiles.

In view of interest and demand of the then DCO of district government a MoU was signed for establishment of DMIC and development of PIS. The DMIC was established in September 2009. The services of BRSP was hired for data collection task and it started the information gathering of Education, Health, Livestock and PHED in the month of November, 2009. The data collection and validation task was completed in the month of March 2010.

While sharing the future plans of the project he said that endeavors would be made to appoint permanent staff in the DMIC through IT Department. The DMIC would be made as Governance Resource Center and Career Counseling Cell for the development of the youth of the district. The Basic IT trainings will be imparted to the DC Office staff and officials of line departments. He further added that HR MIS will be developed for the district government for information of government employees working in the district.

PRESENTATION ON PIS BY AKHTAR MOHAMMAD KHILJI:



The IT Specialist Mr. Akhtar briefed the audience about the aims and objectives of developing the Participatory Information System and demonstrated the salient features of the system. He informed that the purpose of developing PIS is to accumulate information about facilities of Education, Health, Livestock and

PHE Departments and to indicate its exact location through capturing coordinates. The system will be helpful in planning for decision makers and also for the concerned authorities to monitor the facilities.

REMARKS BY DEPUTY COMMISSIONER



The Deputy Commissioner Mr. Waqas Alam commended the efforts of AGRP-B project for establishing the system for the district. He said that non availability of reliable information is one of the major hindrances in improvement of public services delivery. Though the information system we could change our trends and accept the

realities and it could be possible to improve the governance. He emphasized that the aim of this system is not to check any individual or Department performance or to put any check on him but to show the real picture and status of the Department so that the gaps could be identified and performance could be improved. Thus the District Government would be able to take appropriate measures and could overcome the weaknesses in the system He asked the concerned officers to take interest in the IT systems and learn the use of the Information system otherwise the effort would not be fully utilized..

CONCLUDING REMARKS



Mohammad Zaman Khan Regional Project Advisor while giving concluding remarks thanked the participants for attending the event. He said that without the commitment of BRSP team in data collection exercise and constant support of line department heads it was difficult to accomplish the task in time.

Through collective efforts we succeeded to get the final product in the shape of PIS.

INAUGURATION OF DMIC



The Deputy Commissioner Mr. Waqas Alam and NPM AGRP-B Mr. Sheryar Taj along with DC office staff inaugurated the newly established DMIC. On this occasion he was briefed about the functions of the cell.

PRESENTATION ON HR MIS



The DBA Mr. Nasir Ali gave presentation on HR MIS. He said that this proposed structure will be improved as per the requirements of the District Government. It was mutually agreed that a Performa would be developed according to the need of the District Government Qila Saifullah and the MIS would be developed based on finalized Performa.