

## SYMBOL OF CHANGE IN STAGNANT SOCIETY

Rabinder Noth Tagor was wise man of his time, he said that “May man kills another man with atom bomb but God create another man” When one take birth in this world he brings many desires, so it can be said that life is the name of sorrow and pleasure.

Village Soonder union council Peeloo is situated in the North-west from Nagarparkar town about fifty kilo meters away from Taluka head quarter. Rajar, Mahar, Meghwar, kolhi, Bheel and Lohar communities living here with complete harmony. Under Human and institutional development(HID) project, Baahn Beli organization formed the Mohalla Development Committees (MDCs) in village soonder after that MDCs federated into second tier organization at village level called village based development organization named VBDO MRHBA. The name MRHBA stands for different communities of the village, i-e Meher, Rajarr, Harigan, Bheel (communities) Alliance.

According to name MRHBA, the representation of each community and each mohulla in organizing and forming the first ad second tier community institutions. This name and institution is also showing the all communities and different faith are working together with inter faith and religious harmony. Champa w/o Mohan lal became member of MRHBA Village based development organization and rendering social activities. The story of champa's life is very amazing how she educated her children and got rid from poverty and how maintains the standard of life. Champa was born in village sakri. Her parents were very poor but it is said that



a girl is the bless of God so as champa opened the eyes in this world her parents became prosper. When she became adult her parents thought to make arrangements for her marriage, soon she got married with Mohan lal belonging with village soonder, at that time she was eighteen years old. Mohan lal also belongs to poor family, so both champa and Mohan lal determined to get rid from poverty and socially paralyzed life. With the grace of God after some time she gave birth to a son and this was the moment of pleasure for both champa and Mohan. At this time champa has five son and two daughters all are married. Champa and Mohan lal determined that they have to give quality education to their children as they might be able to bright name of our area, nation and country. Champa and Mohan lal participated in exhibition arranged by Baahn Beli at Islamabad. This is due to our mobilization that a woman from rural village of border area dared to reach at Islamabad, where she represented and introduced the handicrafts and embroidery of Tharparkar at Islamabad.

Now a day's champa is striving to strengthen the capacity of VBDO and fully cooperate with each institution for the well being of all villagers.

Message “If you want to worship, serve the suffering humanity- God will give you success in your mission victory is always of right and truth”

## THE COMPANIONS OF SOORAJ MOKHI

Village Chanida is situated in Unoin Council Pithapur Taluka Nagarparkar about 22 kilometers in the North-East of Nagarparkar town. About 375 households Khosa, Kunbhar, Faqeer, Meghwar and Kolhi Communities are living in this village. A few people of this village are engaged in Government Jobs rest of them are related with livestock, agriculture and daily paid labour. Mostly people of this village migrate to barrage area along with their livestock. Female of this village are mostly work in agricultural fields.

Muslim women wear cholo and shalwar where as hindu women wear Parro and Pollco. Non Muslim Communities posses a unique tradition, they do not cooperate with any social organization working for the development of area specially they do not allow their women to go out of their house, if the women suffer to any disease they use local traditional treatments and do not call any male doctor. Under this situation it was difficult for a Social institution to work with them.

Where a Basic Health Unit, Government School building are available in the village but teacher and health staff is not appointed which was adversely affecting the education and health facilities.

When Baahn Beli-HID team reached there and briefed about their objective they came to ascertain their existing basic facilities and issues faced by community and also to propose suggestions, how to resolve those. The village response was! We are illiterate and have no knowledge about resolving the issues. Baahn Beli team said you can tackle all these issues by uniting them self on one platform by forgetting all differences between you and form an organization. The HID team briefed about the importance of organization. The Villagers formed their village Based Development Organization Sooraj Mukhi which is mix and some females are also office bearers.



The unique thing of Sooraj Mukhi organization is this, that those Thakur community women were limited at their homes are now the office bearers/members of organization and are fully participating in the decision making process of Sooraj Mukhi.

They arranged Enrollment campaign in the village to create awareness about the importance of education and in the result many children were got enrolled. The villagers hired one teacher to run the school, also approached the higher education authorities to make posting of a teacher in their school.

The companions of Sooraj Mukhi VBDO took many other self initiatives such as desilting of rain harvesting Tarais before the rain fall.

The Sooraj Mukhi VBDO is also a member of Parkar Rural Development Organization a Union Council Based Development Organization and participates in UCBD meetings.

Sooraj Mukhi companion dream is to decorate their next generation with knowledge of different technologies for the purpose they are approaching to different institutions with best hope that they will success in materializing their dream.

## COMPANIONS OF SINDHURI

Village Sindhuri Union Council Pithapur Taluka Nagarparkar is situated in south-west about 14 kilometers from Nagar town, with no facility of road and electricity. The population of this village is about eleven thousand, comprising on Meghwar and Kolhi communities. The main source of income is livestock and rain fed agriculture. During drought period villagers migrates to irrigated areas along with their livestock. The population of village is Hindhu so their dress is same, females wear Parro and Polko and male wear Shalwar and Kameez. All the females are house wives and in the free time they do embroidery work.



Villagers warmly welcomed the Baanhn Beli HID team when they reached first time during the meeting both parties shared their views how to plan for development of the village. All the male and females participated in this meeting at the end all the villagers unanimously decided to form a VBDO named Shah Latif development organization. Now, Shah Latif VBDO is taking efforts in creating awareness and developing linkages with other institutions for enlistment of village sindhurri focusing on education of children.

Shah Latif VBDO approached Baanhn Beli to open a girl primary school they succeeded. Lagdhero president of Shah Latif VBDO says that we consider VBDO as a Panchat and striving without any gender and racial difference for the well being of whole village we think upon that our all boys and girls should be educated and civilized.

## INDRA MEGHWAR OF DANO DANDHAL

Village Dano Dandhal Deh Dandhoro Union Council Veerawah Taluka Nagarparkar is situated on Islamkot Mithi road 33 kilometers from Nagarparkar town.

Indra w/o Kheto Mal Meghwar lives in Meghwar Mohlla in village Dano Dandhal, She born in village oan-jo-wandhio. Her father's name was Maghan Meghwar, he gave education and she passed 8th class, then she married with Mr Kheto Mal of village Dano Dandhal. He supported his wife to continue her education from Allama Iqbal Open University, so she can get degree of Matric and Intermediate from Allama Iqbal Open University. With the support of Kheto Mal her husband she appointed as Lady Health Worker (LHW) in 2005. She proved herself as a good field worker with full interest in her job, she went door to door served mothers and Children by demonstrating every step of healthcare, she remained in touch with Baanhn Beli-HID program, she helped in forming 04 male MDCs, 08 Female MDCs and 02 Mix MDCs. Now, she is the General Secretary of Jhooly Lal MDC and an active member of Megh Malhar VBDO. Indra is playing the role of teacher and guide for women of her village. She has broken the status of old traditions and restrictions for women to remain in home, she taken exemplary initiatives to include women in decision making. She says that we got rid of centuries old out dated traditions, it needs time but it is our duty to start campaign from our home. She has learnt a lot from trainings conducted by HID, now she is properly maintaining the record of MDC, hold the meetings of MDC and give good presentation which is a symbol for women to built confidence. She possesses happy temperament she performs her duty honestly as well as does home work and social activities. She is also a tailor master and earns Rs.2000/- monthly. She says its is my dream to be instructor in sewing center to be established by any institutions. "May God materialize her dreams?"



## DARE OF ZAITULNISA

Village Bartala is situated at a distance of thirty five kilometers in the eastern side of Nagarparkar town. Khosa, Meghwar and Kolhi community are living there since many years. Literacy rate is very low in this village. Economically villagers are dependent upon livestock and rain fed agriculture.

The dress of Hindu and Muslim male and female is different from each other. Muslim women wear cholo and shalwar where as Hindu women wear Parro and Polko. Especially kolhi community migrate to barrage areas in drought period, female also migrate along with their males where they work in fields as daily paid labour. Mostly Muslim women are house wives as well as are engaged in making embroidery. Due to low literacy rate women are not allowed to take part in social activities, women are only limited in houses, in rare cases they get education. The rays of hope raised when Baanhn Beli HID team visited village and analyzed the situation and introduced the program as well as briefed about the importance of organization. Villagers showed interest and formed Village Based Development Organization AITMAD, in which female participated along with male Zaitulnisa was elected General Secretary of AITMAD VBDO. She is twenty years old and married. She has children but husband arranged second marriage and adopted complete separation, Zaitulnisa and her three children live along with her mother. She worked as labour in the village to earn some thing for her children. She regularly attends the meeting of Village Based Development Organization and takes part in the decision making.



Zaitulnisa actively participated in enrollment campaign rallies arranged by VBDO as well as she played role to increase enrollment in the school.

Zaitulnisa believe that man is nothing with out knowledge if girl is educated whole family is educated, despite the second marriage of her husband and complete separation she is still courageous and educating her children by doing hard work. She says my dream is to struggle from the platform of VBDO Aitmad especially for the resolution of women issue develops linkage with other institution for the development of village Bartalla. Although, she is divorced but she has set the example for other women to work like her and actively participate in the social activities.

## LIFE OF ZULIKHAN

Village Churio is situated about 45 kilometers in the eastern side of Nagarparkar town. The village comprising on Meghwar, Kolhi, Khosa, Kunbhar, Mahraj castes, they are living together from centuries. Total population of this village is about 2027. Zulikhan w/o Jalal Khan Khoso is also residing in this village, basically she is from Umerkot also she got primary education from there. She has eight children four girls and four boys. Her husband Jalal Khan is a labour but unfortunately due to some reasons he is in the jail since last four years. Zulikhan is thirty eight years old. After the imprisonment of her husband she became responsible to look after her house. Zulikhan is courageous and wise women working in mother and child healthcare center (MCH) run by Baanhn Beli in collaboration with PPAF as lady health attendant from 2011, her monthly salary is Rs. 6000/- as well as she provides services as a midwife in the village.



Zulikhan is also Vice President of Sukar Village Based Development Organization. She pays special attention to the education of her children her elder daughter Benizeer has passed the seventh class where as her two other daughters are studying in primary. Her elder son Shahbaz who is eighteen years old has appeared in the exam of First year and her second son Aijaz both work together in Hyderabad as daily paid labour.

Zulikhan says that in our "Khosa" community women are not allowed to work out of her house, many times they threatened her to quit the social activities but she refused them because, she is the only source to run her house. She believes the social change is possible with participation of women in social activities, women can take part in social activities like a man. She also quotes that the objective of our Village Based Development Organization is to create unity and serve the humanity without any racial/ religious and gender discrimination. She says we have determined to use all the resources for women empowerment and participatory decision making.

## THE STORY OF EDUCATION IN VILLAGE OAN JO WANDIO

The Village Oan jo wandio is situated in deh Mondro union council and Taluka Nagarparkar is about 14 kilometers in the north-west of Nagarparkar town. The wandio consists on 350 house holds with different casts, religions such as Khosa, Meghwar, Maharaj, Thakur and Goswani(Bawa), Government School Building was available in the oan-jo-wandhio but without teaching staff. The staff is appointed on government papers but not available in the school. The Children of wandio goes to nearby village Moondro for schooling, which is about 3 kilometers away from the wandhio. One day Baanhn Beli team visited the wandio and hold a meeting with villagers where Baanhn Beli team introduced about the institutions objectives and activities been carried in the area. But, these activities will be initiated when you community organize your village. The youth promised that we will organize our self in the shape of MDCs and VBDO get benefit. Finally, villagers formed their organization named Maha Sagar. During process of formation of Maha Sagar, villagers invited the Baanhn Beli team for participation and facilitation, after the formation of Maha Sagar, Baanhn Beli opened Community Managed Model Girls Primary School in the Village with the support of Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF), appointed three teachers and one caretaker in the school. Today Eighty seven girls and boys are getting education in that school. This is an exemplary school as well as providing employment to four persons.



The members of Maha Sagar claim that this process of education remained in our village the days are not far when literacy rate of this village will be 100%.