



Case Study: 01

Allocation of Alternate Polling Stations

SHED CVP-Topi team conducted 10 seminars in different Union Councils of Tehsil Topi District Swabi. Different issues were identified during the meetings with the relevant stakeholders and community members in targeted areas. With reference to the corner meeting conducted in UC Kohta village Sawgando, it was recorded that the village have more than 1000 registered voters but still low voter turn-out was recorded in previous 2008 elections.

During the meeting it was observed that every individual was willing to participate in the democratic process but there wasn't any polling station facility in the area. Polling station facility for these people was located at a distance of 5-6 KM, mostly the daily wagers, Old age people and female were not willing/interested to reach polling station by travelling such a long distance on election day for casting their votes.

Advocacy letters were written by the community members to the electoral personnel i.e. ECP, PECP, DECP & RECP with the joint collaboration of SHED CVP-Topi team to highlight the issue with these officials. During the follow up visits by the SHED CVP-Topi team with the District Election Commissioner this issue was again discussed seriously. At the end District Election Commissioner announced the separate polling stations facility in village Swagandu for the upcoming Bi- Elections in August, 2013.

With these efforts more and more people will be able to participate in the electoral process in the upcoming elections with the provision of separate polling stations facilities in village Sawgando Union Council Kotha Tehsil Topi District Swabi.