

## Society for Human & Environmental Development (SHED)

### *“Nawey Sahar” Together we can rebuild our future. (A success story)*

The government de-notified some areas of Tehsil Bara (Aka khel, Qamber Khel and Malik din khel) of Khyber Agency for return after the military operation against non-state actors on March 21, 2015. As a result, the huge influx of returnees (IDPs) started to their homes in the returned-areas. Upon their return, they were faced with multi-pronged problems and a hostile environment not conducive to start up with a normal life. Their houses were badly damaged and they had lost their belongings in the course of fleeing to other areas when the operation was started. At the initial stages, the returnees were in miserable condition and almost all sectors of life were severely affected including infrastructure, education, health facilities, shelter, agriculture and livestock. Everyone was trying to cope up with these common issues through their individual efforts within their limited resources. The collective efforts were lacking at community platform for unanimous decision making and resolving common issues. In such circumstances, it was very challenging for humanitarian actors to implement any project in effective and perceptible manners and to reach out most deserving beneficiaries.

SHED implemented a six months health project with the support of UNOCHA-PHPFin the TDPs returned area in 3 health facilities. The social Mobilization team realized the situation and started process of social mobilization in the project intervention area followed by corner meetings, broad based community meeting and meetings with the community stakeholders. SHED subsequently formed six Health Advisory Committees (HAC) (including three male and three female) with representation from the all outskirts of targeted areas. Under the project, Social Mobilization, social capital formation activities were carried out that included capacity building trainings, linkages building and community management skills. The HAC was named “Nawey Sahar” a Pashto word which means rising morning. HAC soon turned into a representative community level organizations having understanding of community issues and the ways to tackle them through collective efforts. As a result of the project social mobilization activities, Nawey Sahar has collected basic information of the areas like needs identification, population, information of returnees, statistics of fully damaged/partially damage schools, houses and information about all projects being carried out. They have now skills of presenting their issues in effective manners and have knowledge of how to maintain record of their regular meetings and proceedings. Nawey Sahar (NS) is not only contributing in the health sector activities but also associated with all humanitarian organizations and govt. agencies working in their area.



Under the platform of the Nawey Sahar (NS), the members hold regular meetings for discussing issues and making unanimous decision and the way forward to resolve them. In the short timeframe, NS has established linkages with all humanitarian organizations; government agencies (health, education and

others), political administration and Armed forces and they are fully engaged in the relief and early recovery activities through coordinated efforts. Through coordination with Agency Executive Officers, they have regularized ghost paramedical staff and school teachers and functionalized health facility and all govt. schools in UC Mill ward. Currently, NS is linked with 6 Non-government organizations working in different sectors in their Union Council. Due to their well team work and field level monitoring skills, all the projects (health, education, protection, Nutrition, livelihood and Wash) are smoothly being operated with standard procedures through their collaboration. As a result of their collective efforts, not only the affected populations are being benefited with multiple project interventions but also people started realizing on their self-efforts. They are fully aware about basic rights and committed to persuade set standards of quality life through their collective efforts. The Mission statement of the NS is “To develop social infrastructure in community where everyone can enjoy equal status and make access to the basic facilities of life in dignified manners through linkage building and peaceful collective efforts”.



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