

## Village Choupal in Bheetor

In Bheetor most of the people are related to each other and their livelihood is basically with agriculture. People are hard working and many rely on their cattle and livestock. There is a primary level school in the village but mostly people do not know the teachers.

Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad recited from Holy Quran. Mr. Hadayat Ullah welcomed the visitors. He discussed the project and shared the mission of village choupal. The purpose of the meeting was told and that people from community were called so that the issues could be discussed and the solution could be found out. He said their basic ambition was to work for peace so sharing was important to move towards the goal. He informed he knew that people had some expectations. So a project had been planned for promoting peace and economic stability. It included various activities and it needed cooperation.

Sarang:-

Mr. Sarang discussed the program and shared that village Choupal would help people keep connected. The biggest issue was inequality. The program would promote love and the process would be helpful for bringing peace. He quoted from a Hadith that once the Holy Prophet (PBUH) said that he felt warmth from Sindh.

VDO Team:-

The team shared that choupal was planned for people a place where people could approach without any hesitation and where every idea would be welcomed. People who are serious and want to contribute could sit and take part in bringing change.

It was recalled that baithaks were organized when they looked the history but the culture had diminished. It was noticed that women could not take the benefits but now women too were the part of the activity.

The team shared they had an institution that would help making small organizations in villages of union council Lohi and Bheetor. Each organization would include 35 members and they would work in coordination of people from the village.

Ali Bakhsh:-

Mr. Ali Bakhsh is general secretary of village organization. He said people have reservations here and hesitate of talking. He would request to VDO to help to fulfill the expectations. Many people in the village do not want to work as volunteer as they say it's not worth doing.

Sumandari Bai

Said since the day the village was born there was no facility of electricity available. There were about 350 houses but people were paranoid because of absence of the facility. They say they can't sleep properly at night could they run their fans it would have reduce their pain. The house cattle would suffer because of the mosquitoes which existed because of the running water. Our house is on the other side of the branch and if somebody falls ill there is no way to find a doctor.

Mai pathani:-

We want the school in our village keep working so that our children could continue their studies. We have no electricity in our area and there is water out all around our house and there is no path or road outside. We have tried our best to clean water around our houses but it is still there in large quantity. If we are not facilitated we will not be able to work properly or organize our life.

Mai Salimat

Mai Salimat is a member of village organization. She said that water logging is the main issue in the area and it harms the land for cultivation. The land could be used only for rice production. If machine is provided for water soaking then there would be a good change. If teachers would take regular classes then it would bring positive change and our children too would be able to study.

Mai Haneefan:-

We request that there should be a male and a female teacher in the school nearby which is not under roll. Some people say that the management in the past had hired a teacher but due to unavailability of electricity he could not continue because area temperature is generally high and there are mosquitoes. Teachers hesitate to come to the area and we have no idea if there is any teacher in the school or not.

Kanya Laal:-

Kanya Laal is the president of village organization. He said his village is divided by a bridge that lies in the middle. The bridge is in bad condition. When people drive through the bridge the children often slip and fall through the branch and lose their life. We are trying to convince the administration that the bridge should be renovated so that the threat to life could be removed. A member from the assembly promised to help but some villagers refused to listen and many people as a result lost their lives. Now they have agreed.

Somroo:-

Mr. Somroo said that during raining season they faced many problems and loss. The rice crop that was cultivated was almost destroyed. Every person is peasant in the area and they have lost everything.

Javed:-

Mr. Javed faced the same problem. There was water all around his house. He added if there was rain it would affect badly people around the area.