

## Village Choupal in Rano Gadhani

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Choupal works for peace and equality. It organizes people and tries to educate to bring change. Following roots and traditions it tries to promote new beliefs for bringing societal and economic change. Our program is about peace and economic stability but process of development is dependent upon security situation and continuous struggle.

Those nations which explored peace and worked harder they succeeded and it is believed that the nations where peace process is disrupted there education is discouraged. If idea of education does not flourish it is not only to do with the absence of knowledge but there environment for peace also need to be explored.

Meeting in village Choupal started with recitation from Holy Quran. People enjoyed the joint meeting and mostly who were present were female. More than 160 men and women attended the meeting.

Mr. Mukhtiar Ahmad general secretary of Roshini Tanzeem welcomed the visitors. He shared problems of the area and period of struggle. He said that Peace committee cooperated and helped in dealing the problems. Now people are happy and they talk about good time.

SO's from SAP-PK proceeded and introduced the project and discussed their future planning. Women in choupal presented a performance and local raag were performed. Different items were presented in Sufi color to promote old kacheri system. Work of Shah Abdul Latif and Shachil Sayen was performed.

People discussed their issues and shared that common problem in the area was of sanitation. After rains people face loss and diseases.

People shared that no degree holder lady doctor was able and that had a toll on women's health. There was a BHU but no proper facility was available. Women had to approach the city for delivery during pregnancy and women sometimes would lose their life while shifting. All the people in the village had requested for a mobile clinic. They believed that it would solve the health issue.

Females during the meeting shared that there was no school for girls. They wanted their children to be educated. Life was becoming more miserable as heavy rains had destroyed the crop. They had taken loan which they could not return because of loss due to rains while crop cultivation. They thought that if their children could get education that might reduce their misery.