

As part of village outreach program a training workshop for construction of no-cost stoves was conducted in front of the Ashabi Shrine. The event was attended by 45 women and a large number of men and children.

HF's social mobilizer Sumaira conducted the briefing regarding HF's program for disaster preparedness that would enable communities to avoid displacement and be able to fend for themselves in case of flooding. In this connection where alternative income generation is essential, DRR compliant Karavan Pakoswiss Chulahs play a very important role. These provide a hygienic cooking arrangement on an earthen platform, as well as greater consciousness regarding hand washing. They were informed that the fuel efficient smokeless stoves can be built by themselves as long as they follow the directions that are provided. Village Master trainer and Barefoot Village Entrepreneur (BVE) Champa Kanji had been brought from Mirpur Khas to conduct the special training for the stoves. There was much interest and many questions were asked by the community. Two Makli village women were trained in making the chulah which was completed during the day.

Women were also taken on the round of HF's brick making yard where they were provided briefing on how to make good mud bricks.

The Makli village trainers are expected to provide guidance and training to other village women by charging Rs. 200.

Additionally, Champa also showed her creative decorations in making raised floral patterns on the signage wall at the Heritage Centre and trained one Makli village woman in the craft.



*HF's social mobilizer, Sumaira briefing the assembly on disaster preparedness and Karavan PakoSwiss Chulah.*



*Master Trainer and BVE, Champa along with her husband, Kanji giving a training on the construction of Karavan PakoSwiss Chulah.*



*Live construction demo being given by HF artisans to the local community.*



*Refreshments by HF Village Hospitality Program were provided at the end of the training.*