

KARACHI

Only a couple of weeks ago I had written about starting a parallel strategy for recovery with the aim to get the basic water arrangement with a handpump and water storage tank to be carried out in villages where the use of existing ponds for fish farming could also be started with a meagre allocation of Rs. 20,000 for a village of 50 households.

As we began working it became clear that the level of deprivation and poverty is so great and there needs to be greater effort if the Interim Recovery Strategy is to be successful.

To achieve every affected household's minimum level of subsistence, it would be important to place emphasis on food production in addition to certain other needs. As we know this issue affects millions and it is well nigh impossible to secure enough resources to enable survival of these communities.

Village to Village Partnership – Gaon, Gaon Dosti

Since my attempt always is to provide assistance to communities at the least possible cost, it occurs to me that the Pono village cluster, with its spirit of generosity that exists in its communities, is now poised to help others. As the HF team worked out, with funding of only Rs. 100,000 per 50 families, it would be possible to provide many components which would get those still in need to be placed on the path of recovery.

I have decided to immediately take up 10 villages near Pono village cluster where work on installation of handpumps and fish breeding has already been taken in hand.

Procedure

During the time that handpumps are being installed, and its platforms being made, along with storage tank and installation of one battery for solar lights, the following needs to be organized to enable survival of target villages.

- a. Each dosti village to provide friendship to ten villages.
- b. Selection of dosti team barefoot entrepreneurs for target villages.
- c. Taj Mohd II Dosti Team to build models of each component: household tanks for small fish breeding, Pakistan Chulah, raised kitchen garden, solar water platform, dining platform, boundary wall sample.
- d. Dosti team demonstrates the important aspects to community in target villages and offers and provides guidance to each household at discounted rates.
 - Fish tank and fish breeding Rs. 300
 - Pakistan Chulah stove..... Rs. 100
 - Raised farming Rs. 100
 - Solar Water stand including treatment Rs. 100
 - Dining platforms Rs. 50

After dosti village has enabled the target villages on the path of recovery through provision of food security, clean cooking, clean water and clean dining as well as community forests and construction of peripheral boundary walls through hosting Maa ka Dastarkhwan, all barefoot entrepreneurs will be honoured by acknowledging them in a public ceremony to be held at Pono Markaz with award of name tags by a dignitary as Heritage Foundation champions.

Allocation

The following is the breakup of the amount allocated for each target village of 50 households:

a. Handpump and platform	Rs. 14,500
b. Water storage tank	Rs. 5,000
c. Solar lights with one battery	Rs. 31,500
d. Maa ka Dastarkhwan	Rs. 4,500
e. Lime for boundary wall	Rs. 45,000
f. Miscellaneous	Rs. 500
Total	RS. 100,000