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Success stories from the implementation of Community-Driven
Local Development Policy in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa



- ON THE GATEWAY TO DEVELOPMENT -
COMMUNITY-DRIVEN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT IN MALAKAND

The precious rocks and magnificent pines of the North West harbours the district of Malakand. Renowned as the gateway to this region of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the district takes you on a fascinating journey towards Chitral, Swat and the twin districts of Dir. The legendary Malakand Pass has frequently acquired enthralling references in the travelogues and chronicles for the part of history that has ventured through this engineering marvel with its perfectly chiseled bends. The people of Malakand, Uthmankhel and Ranizai, are generous like its affluent history and welcoming like its amusing weather.

The district capital Batkhela is famed as the bustling city with river flowing through one end and the signal-free bazaar that stretches across miles on the other. In Batkhela, there is a village where people are leading the process of change through innovative local development. Welcome to Matkani with a population of 1300 households living across a stretch of 3 kilometers. Small land holdings are used by the villagers for cultivation of tomato, maize, wheat and shola (local variety of rice) for their domestic and commercial needs. Majority of the villagers belong to one of the three tribes of Mardankhel, Dadikhel and Kanikhel all of whom speak Pashto. The people of Matkani, particularly the youth, led by Tariq Aziz have remained active and participative in the infrastructure development of their village. In 2011, the villagers formed their own community based organisation (CBO) by the name of Voice of Youth. The CBO has not only provided them voice but also resources and opportunities to contribute to the socioeconomic uplift of the village.

“ From a young age, I was drawn to the social responsibility of doing something good for my community which has demanded a better village infrastructure. The youth of Matkani share the same passion of contributing alongside men and women towards our socioeconomic betterment. Our very own CBO, the Voice of Youth, has already executed priority infrastructure projects with the support of non-government organisations including street pavement and waste management. With an increase in population, the number of households have also grown to bring new development challenges. Our CBO comprising of more than 30 members including college students, social activists, community elders and village farmers is taking the charge. ”

Tariq Aziz, President
Voice of Youth, CBO Malakand

STATS AND FACTS OF CDLD

Minimum project funding is Rupees 0.5 million and maximum is Rupees 2.5 million

Community project must be completed within a timeframe of 18 months or earlier

For women specific projects, 15% of the total district allocations are exclusively reserved

Minimum of 10% of the total project cost must be borne by the community in cash or kind

After the completion of the project, operation and maintenance would be the CBO's responsibility

The water supply infrastructure in Matkani remains in an immediate need of rehabilitation due to unplanned distribution, unmanaged load and rusty condition. Present volume of water supplied to the households from the village water tank is about 20,000 gallons, which takes 3 hours to fill and only 45 minutes to be completely utilised by the households. The water pipes have also eroded substantially, making it susceptible to contamination. With the help of a local NGO, water sample was sent to a state-of-the-art testing laboratory in Islamabad which concluded that the water was not safe for drinking and other domestic purposes. According to the survey carried out by the Public Health Engineering Department recently, about 1100 feet of water supply lines need to be installed for the restoration and improvement of the water supply network.

When the advertisement for first applications under CDLD was published in the local newspaper, the Voice of Youth instantly mobilised and gathered the community to pitch for their water supply project. With the consent of all the community members, the CBO submitted the first application which successfully passed through the different assessment stages, including technical evaluation, social mobilisation, detailed review and contract agreement. Today, the members of the CBO are working in coordination with the district authorities, programme experts, social mobilisers and line departments for the project implementation. The need and importance of the water supply project can be measured from just this fact that it will potentially benefit 85% of the households relying on tap water.

The Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa launched the CDLD Policy to improve the quality and delivery of basic services by involving ordinary citizens in prioritising and implementing their development needs. The CDLD Policy is being piloted for implementation in the six districts of Malakand Division, including Malakand District. Offices of the Deputy Commissioners are overseeing and coordinating the implementation of community level infrastructure projects (ranging from Rs. 0.5 million and Rs. 2.5 million, over a maximum period of 18 months) in partnership with the CBOs which are formed, supervised and managed by the community members themselves.



Successful completion of the project will benefit 85% of the village households

UPDATE ON CALLS FOR PROPOSALS (MALAKAND)

ROUND OF APPLICATIONS	FIRST APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	APPLICATIONS SENT TO SRSP	PROPOSALS APPROVED BY DDC	AMOUNT OF PROJECTS APPROVED
FIRST (March 2015)	463	130	59	PKR 80.05 million
SECOND (April 2015)	254	110	22	PKR 38.49 million
THIRD (July 2015)	391	72	in process	not yet awarded
FOURTH (October 2015)	288	81	23	not yet awarded
FIFTH (January 2016)	289	99	in process	not yet awarded
WOMEN ROUND (January 2016)	206	62	in process	not yet awarded

Of the total Rupees 1.3 million approved for the project, the Office of Deputy Commissioner Malakand has released the first installment of 30%. The CBO members have successfully undergone the community and leadership management skills trainings for efficient social mobilisation. Different project committees have also been established by the CBO as mandated under the CDLD Policy including project management and procurement committee, operation and maintenance committee, and monitoring and audit committee.



The water supply network in the village will undergo major rehabilitation and expansion

“CDLD funding is enabling us to accomplish a project like never before. We are taking full ownership in the project implementation through our direct participation in all stages. We have also ensured the post-completion operation and maintenance of the water supply project as this is our initiative and its continued success means a lot to us. Through the project management and procurement committee, we are also making sure that the quality and quantity of material are not compromised. The community’s share of 10% is also coming in the shape of human resource”. As Tariq and the CBO members prepare to work with the government assigned engineers, the people of Matkani with their innovative approach of community participation are opening a new gateway of development in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

How does CDLD help?

Through its technical assistance teams, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa CDLD Programme is supporting the district authorities in Malakand on a range of topics to ensure that the communities have the required skills and capacities to carry out their development projects. Also, the social mobilisation component of CDLD (managed by Sarhad Rural Support Programme) is working with CBOs at all stages to ensure that the projects are designed, developed and delivered according to the given specifications, timelines and outputs.



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