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Visit report of the;

Reconstruction project "Arshad Public School, Massloondi", and diagnostic survey of village Massloondi, Union Council Noora Seri, Tehsil Pattika Naseerabad, District Muzaffarabad, AJK.



Overview of village Masslundi



Plinth view of Arshad Public School Building

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Date: January 05, 2008

Three members team of AJKCDP reached in village Massloondi at 1130am on January 05, 2008. At that time there was heavy rainfall and weather was very cold. The objectives of the our visit were;

- To examine the progress and quality of construction work of the building of Arshad Model Public School Massloondi,
- To collect the information from the community for local level planning and development.

Our team visited the site of the school measured and examined the quality of construction work. The technical report prepared by sub-engineer is annexed as "A"

According to this report plinth of building is completed according to design except two bath rooms. Quality of work is satisfactory. Work on the plinth construction of bathrooms is in progress; material in the shape of cement, crush and sand is available on the site. According to opinion of people carriage is very expensive. Kacha road track is very dangerous and village is located on distance of 9 km with 1.5 km donkey load. 20 cft sand cost reached on Rs. 5500 and a bag of cement cost on spot reached Rs.485.

During this visit we met the community members. They shared the information about village and its life.

Village profile of Massloondi

Introduction

The village Massloondi is situated in union council Noora Seri, Tehsil Pattika of District Muzaffarabad at an altitude of 6500 ft, 09 km away from Kahori. It takes two hours from Muzaffarabad to arrive in Gali Khokhran via Khaori Chalpani and one hour walk to arrive at village Massloondi. It is a homogeneous community. The name of village **Maslundi** is derived from **Massloon (Zynthozylum)**. Massloon is a medicinal plant found in the village. People used masloon in tea making. The tea of Massloon is very good in cold winter. One eminent Social worker Mr. Basharat Awan of the village who is social activist to bridge the gap between people of the area and other development organization. Though Government has managed to provide some Social Sector needs like primary School, Electricity and a link road to adjacent village but at grass root institution is lacking to foster their socio economic development. The profile of the village is as under:-

Social Organization:

- Name of village : Masslundi
- Tehsil : Patikha
- District : Muzaffarabad
- Population : 1075 (1998 Census)
- House Hold : 284 (existing)

Social Structure:

The different "Barradaries" (casts) residing the village belong to Sulehria Awan, (262) household, Chaudhary (15) household, Qureshi (8) Artizen (Lohar) household. People have different statuses and perform their roles with respect to their Baradaries. However the households living within one proximity perform their roles in common interest.

Education Institutions:

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- One Govt. Boys Primary School with enrolment of 84 children
- One Public School with enrolment of 300 children

Literacy:

In male literacy is about 25% and in female it is 10% about 125 persons mainly youths are unemployed. They try to seek jobs at Muzaffarabad & Karachi.

Livelihood of People:

- # of persons with farming 90%
- # of persons serving with Govt. 40
- # of persons working in Pakistan 100
- # of persons serving in Pakistan Army 10
- # of persons working as labour 40

Land:

- Total Land (Kanals) : 2000
- Cultivated (Kanals) : 225
- Uncultivated (Kanals) : 1775
- Forest Land (Kanals) : 1000

Crops:

In autumn wheat is grown in a small area for fodder. In summer maize and red beans, mash and mung bean are grown.

Fruits:

Common fruits are walnut, apricot, apple, pear and plum. The walnut borer has severe attack on trunk of walnut.

Vegetable:

Among vegetable Spinach, Karam, Methi, Tomatoes and Onion are cultivated for home consumption only. Due to shortage of irrigation water yield of vegetable is very low.

Forest:

Forest covers about 1000 Kanals. The area of forest decreased gradually by cutting of trees and encroachment. The natural forest has Kail, Cheirpine, Reen, wild pear, Guch and Pashain.

Medicinal Plants

This area is very rich in medicinal plants. People are aware of uses of medicinal plants. Among medicinal plants batpeha, massloon, ratanjot, chekal, kunji, behaker, mint, bareena and kakwa are found in the village.

Livestock

Before Earthquake 2005, people keep buffalos, cows and goats. During the earthquake, 2005, 60 buffalos expired and remaining animals were slaughtered by the people as 'Sadqa' and for the reason of shortage of fodder and animal shelter. After Earthquake 2005, ICRC distributed 44 cows as restocking animal programme.

Micro enterprise in village

S. No.	Owner	Type of micro enterprise	Location
1	Sharif	Grocery	Massloondi Pakhian
2	Sarfraz	Grocery	Massloondi Pakhian
3	Zulfiqar	Grocery	Basant Kot
4	Mir Afzal	Grocery	Masloondi Bala
5	Bilal Pervez	Grocery	Masloondi Bala

Local Production

- Walnut
- Eggs
- Mushroom
- Massloon
- Ratanjot
- Batpeha
- Rice (due to damaged irrigation channel no production of rice now)
- Maize

History of Development

- Local Govt. and WFP in 2000 assisted the link road that come from Khori to adjacent village. Due to Earthquake, 2005, the road was badly damaged. People of local community collected contribution from each household and with an amount of 0.1million, they restored the road.
- Primary school for boys set up by the education department of GoAJK in 1990.
- An education institution Arshad Public School building has been under reconstruction with the help of Association Development for Pakistan. (ADP)
- In 2007, ICRC gave rural water supply scheme which serve 62 households only.

Problems of Village Mashoondi

- Severe soil erosion due to land slides and deforestation. Many fertile lands including one graveyard were damaged by land slide. People recovered four dead bodies and again shifted them into new graveyard.
- Shortage of irrigation water due to three damaged irrigation channels.
- Poverty
- Lack of awareness and confidence of community
- Lack of capital to purchase/restock animals for livelihood.
- Lack of improved Knowledge in agriculture.
- Unemployment
- Poor conditions of link roads.
- Shortage of drinking water in houses
- Non availability of BHU.

Available Resources

- Manpower
- Fertile land
- Medicinal plants
- Water for irrigation and micro-hyde power projects is available in Nallah Rich Bain flowing in the village.

Recommendation

- Formation of community level Organization for active participation
- AJKCDP should start its intervention program packages for this potential village.
- Link road should be reconstructed with new survey.
- Implementation of comprehensive soil conservation program.
- Engage the community in reforestation campaign.
- Improve quality and accessibility of agricultural extension services.
- Rehabilitation program of three old irrigation channels should be launched.
- Medicinal plantation schemes should be started with involvement of community.
- MHP study should be conducted and if possible should be launched.

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Report on Arshad Public School Musloondi

The undersigned, alongwith The District Programme Officer, Muzaffarabad, visited Arshad Public School, Muasloondi today, 5 January 2008. The plinth work of the school building has been completed on site according to the design . However, the work for two toilet rooms has not been completed. The work for those is in progress. The requisite building material for the toilets is available on the site. The work done is according to the specifications laid down. However, the cost incurred exceeds the initial estimate of Rs. 1200/00 per sq.ft. Village Musloondi is a hilly area and lies at a distance of 9 Km from the main road, one and a half kilometer of which has to be traversed on foot. This makes it very difficult to deliver the building material on site on the contracted rates. Extra amount to cover the cost of transportation of material is, therefore, necessary. Presently delivery of 20 Cu.ft of sand (one jeep load), inclusive of its price, costs Rs.5500/00 on site. One bag of cement with its transportation costs Rs 485/00 at the site. Therefore, cost of transportation (by jeep+donkeys) must be catered for.

The undersigned recommends that cost of carriage of material must be provided so that the project may be completed with ease according to specifications.

Signed

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