

**Newsletter on stakeholder’s seminar on “Malgaro Kor” project Swat.
June 7, 2011**



Chairman RIPORT visited Swat to hold a seminar held by of 18 months long and Rs. 116 million worth Malgaro Kor (MK) Project at Serena Hotel, Saidu Sharif.

Number of well-renown participants from local community attended the seminar and shared their views regarding militancy and development in the affected area.

The highlights of the seminar are given below;

- Introduction about RIPORT and UNHCR-MK project was given by Ahsan Ullah, Community Organizer MK Project Swat.
- Khalid Aziz Chairman RIPORT provided the highlights of the achievements of the MK project and spoke about future sustainability of some the activities in the future related to:
 - Creating poultry projects for widow led households

- Creating income generation for families who became victims of terrorist acts
- Continuing links with the communities after project closure by remaining in touch with community elders

1. Khalid Aziz Chairman RIPORT

Gave the following highlights about achievements:

- Total psychological patients identified 12,025
- Total clients provided with psychological services 3,629
 - Children under age of 15 230
 - Male 689
 - Female 2710
 - Referral cases 5759
 - EVIs identified 3675
 - Total psychological campaigns 13
- The project worked in the following Union Councils of Swat

- Barikot
- Ghalegay
- Kanju
- Kwazakhela
- Kotanai
- Shin
- Baghdharai
- Madyan
- Bahrain





- The total population of Swat according to 1998 Census was 1,257,600.
- The total population of the served union councils was 250,256.

RIPORT intends to continue working for the communities for which it will be issuing RFPs to form consortiums to help the people of Swat in future too.

Comments of participants

2. Views of Mr. Zia Ud Din

- Thanked RIPORT for its work in the community
- Talibanization is a thought process and it can only be defeated by changing people's perceptions.
- Army should not step into space of civil administration, as the civil administration loses capacity. The civil administrative system has broken up in Swat.
- Civil administration is not capacitated enough to provide solutions. Communities need to have faith in themselves for solving problems. We must help ourselves.
- Load shedding is one of our major problems; it has traumatized 90% of the population.
- We learn that funds were sanctioned for the rehabilitation of Swat but their use has been slow and priorities need to be corrected.



- The government's delivery of social services is inadequate.

3. Views of Mr. Shaukat Sharar

- Appreciated the work done by RIPORT he felt that RIPORT provided quality services and it is committed to help the people of Swat.



- He felt that research was essential in solving the problems of the people.
- Different institution like Army, Federal Government, Provincial Government, UN Agencies and other NGOs working here in Swat have their own vision about issues, that causes confusion. There should be one vision and all agencies should help achieve it.

4. Views of Mr. Ghulam Farooq

- Swat was a secure place and things were governed in a proper manner during the state days. Later it became a victim of ambitions of people like Sufi Mohammad and Maulana Fazalullah.
- The recent flood has added to the miseries of the people of Swat.

The Government machinery is ineffective and problems like construction of general bus stand for Mingora and repair of bridge at Mingora that was damaged by floods is still to be repaired.

- Justice is very costly here; we need quick and cheap justice.
- We need to have representatives who know our problems and can improve the situation.
- Civil administration needs to improve and we wish that government would solve our problems quickly.

5. Views of Mr. Asghar Ali

- Insurgency in Swat began after 2007; the people of the area know very well who is responsible for the insurgency.
- Rehabilitation in Swat is not proceeding properly or quickly enough.
- We need the rule of law in Swat to obtain justice.
- There should not be any interference by intelligence agencies that are a big part of the problem of Swat.
- We must focus on livelihood issues, and this requires that we improve our economy to create jobs and incomes. We also need to raise the literacy rate in Swat.

6. Views of Mr. Fazal Rabi

- Appreciated the work done by RIPORE regarding psychological support and its referral mechanism.
- People of the area benefited from the quick impact projects.
- Civil administration is not working according to the needs of the area.
- We need a perception change rather than infrastructure development.

7. Views of Mr. Fazal Moula:

- RIPORE research activities in Swat were



appreciated.

- The ratio of traumatized people is high in Swat and the figure will increase in coming days because of financial stress & violence.
- Specific parts of the fund should be allocated to the psychological support to traumatized people in Swat.

8. Views of Mr. Saleem Khan

- The insurgency we are facing in Pakistan is because of Afghanistan.
- There is political egregiousness in Swat. Allocating schools/BHUs to MNAs and MPAs ruins planning discipline and should be stopped.



- We need to improve quality of legislation this can happen if the MNAs/MPAs don't spend time in development matters
- Bad governance has led to militancy.
- There are a total of 1650 schools in Swat yet there are only twenty girls high schools which is 15% of the total high schools. They need to increase.
- Swat is need of another Girls Degree college. Due to its absence many girls give up education after high school.
- 45 NGOs are working in Swat but there is hardly any impact on the lives of the people.
- We should empower our civil society so as to get rid of these problems.



9. Views of Ms. Saima Anwar, Advocate

- I would like to thank RIPORT for working for Swat in the trauma area.
- I think that about 90% people are traumatized and a very small percentage of the people are aware of this fact.
- The main stressor which we found out was economic condition of the people.
- Education is one of the major areas of concern for us; we need to improve our education and economic conditions so that we could easily overcome our problems.
- RIPORT already identified some area of focus and we expect that it will play its part in rehabilitation of Swat as well.



10. Views of Mr. Essa Khan Khel

- We have witnessed the cruelties took place in Swat from last three years.
- You will find our young generation queuing for ration at different distribution points, where are we going? Will our people be eying for the charity, we don't have faith in our self.
- Army and intelligent agencies are behind the people who made our life miserable.



- Justice is not available here in Swat, I think justice is the only way to development.
- Peace in Swat is subject to full civilian control. As long as military and intelligence operations continue, the area will remain disturbed
- We don't need food hand-outs we need something to be done for the rehabilitation of people and the infrastructure of Swat.

11. Views of Mr. Adnan Rasheed

- We need to be sincere with ourselves and with our nation as well.
- We need to be empowered to express our views.
- Media has played a negative role in shape of Mulla FM which resulted in many deaths due to the Taliban rule; now media should play a positive role in re-establishing peace.

