KARAVAN PAKOSWISS CHULAH 2 DAY TRAINING AT SAYANI DRR PARK, KOT Diji

Total no. of Participants: Women - 18; Men - 10

Participating Districts:
1. Shikarpur (20 participants)
2. Gotkhi (8 participants)

The 2 day training workshop was held from 21st to 22nd of January, 2015 in collaboration with IOM.

The program started at 10:00 am with the arrival of the trainees from different off villages.

The training was conducted in Sindhi.

HF’s Naheem Shah along with Master Trainers, Meerzadi and Champa gave a tour of the park, showing its DRR features and their functionality. Amongst them were the demo units that showcased HF’s various building styles and techniques as well as various bamboo structures on stilts.

After a 15 minute tea break Meerzadi and Champa shared their barefoot village entrepreneur success stories with the participants and their achievements since then.

Meerzadi spoke about HF’s disaster risk reduction methodologies and had a DRR discussion session with the participants, stressing especially on the role of women during floods. She discussed the 2010 floods and how HF’s DRR-Compliant structures came to use.

Chulah Master Trainers, Champa along with Meerzadi conducted the Chulah training where they conducted a DRR-Compliant Karavan PakoSwiss Chulah, its purpose and a detailed step by step construction process with the trainees with the help of flipcharts and a Chulah construction video on electronic tablets put together by HF in the process women were able to learn to use the tablets as well.

Participants were taught to mark Chulah layouts and excavate using the HF layout template and soil like in a demo by the HF Artisans. They were also given a brief practical on Lime Slaking.

The villagers were then divided into groups and asked to repeat the process. Both men and women participated in the layouts enthusiastically.

After a 15 minute lunch break Meerzadi and Champa showed various examples of Chulahs and their decoration in Tando Allahyar and Mirpur Khas. The women especially took a lot of interest and pride in the decorations that had been done by village women.

After a short break, the trainees continued constructing the Chulahs with guidance by HF artisans. Both men and women participated enthusiastically.

Lunch break was held from 1:00 pm to 2:45 pm.

As the end of the training the HF staff went around and chose the best examples of Chulahs that had been constructed during the training from within the participating groups.

The training ended at 5 pm.

Meerzadi explaining step by step Chulah construction process.

Trainees watching the Chulah Construction video prepared by HF.

A couple building the mud walls for the stove chambers.

Another team working on the mud walls for the stove chambers.

Couple with their complete Karavan PakoSwiss Chulah.

Participating team demonstrating their Chulah Construction.

Trainee teams working on the layout of their Chulahs.

Champa guiding the trainees to build the combustion chambers.

Group Photo of the trainees along with the HF’s Master Trainers.

With their complete Karavan PakoSwiss Chulah.