



**Program Support Unit  
Sindh Devolved Social Services Program  
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Subject: **Field Visit to District Naushero Feroze – 9<sup>th</sup> June 05**

Program Director (SDSSP) visited district Naushero Feroze and Taluka Municipal Administration Bhiria on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2005 to interact with the officials of these LGs and review the progress.

Meeting at Naushero Feroze was held in the office of the EDO (F&P) which was attended by the EDO Health, DO Education (Schools), DO Finance and other officials of there education, health and Finance department. Besides, the meeting was also attended by the TO (I&S) TMA, Naushero Feroze.

EDO Health informed that the revised plan was submitted to the council committee that has approved 63 schemes for improving the health facilities after discussion with the Nazim and DCO.

DO Education informed that the council has approved the plan containing 77 schemes for the improvement and Upgradation of Primary schools to middle schools and 4 schemes for Upgradation and improvement of secondary to higher secondary schools.

DO (F&P) informed that the council has approved the health and education plans and the office of the Naib Nazim/Convener has issued the resolution to that effect. Copy of the resolution alongwith the plans was given to the PD. PD informed that input regarding these plans would be sent to the concerned EDOs after review by the sector program officers in the PSU.

While discussing the plans the PD informed the participants that the schemes have been approved for the three years of the program but the year wise allocation and priority has not been given in the plans. He observed that in the education plan all schemes pertain to the Upgradation. He requested that while preparing the scheme wise project papers it should be ensured that the priority is given to the lacking facilities, improvement and expansion of the existing facilities and shelterless schools. Likewise, in the health plan he suggested that care should be taken to avoid any overlapping with the other interventions like Women Health Project, EPI, GAVI etc. He suggested that necessary changes may be incorporated in the light of provisions of MoU signed by the district government.

EDO Health informed that maintaining the cold chain is a major issue, as the EPI centers in the area do not have proper facilities for the storage of the vaccine. He said that only 40 centers out of 90 have the cold chain system. Because of the load shedding, at majority of these centers the uninterrupted supply of the electricity is a problem. At certain places the transformers have either been stolen or they require



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maintenance for which funds are not available. EDO was requested to send a status report on EPI centers so that the matter can be taken up with the EPI authorities.

PD requested the EDO (F&P) - the focal person for SDSSP – that sectoral allocation of funds from the current year's share may be decided in consultation with the DCO and EDOs and conveyed to PSU at the earliest.

PD informed that the Finance & Governance Officer to be recruited under the SDSSP would be housed in the LSU while the education and health sector officers would be housed in their respective departments in the district. DO Finance informed that following the request from the PSU the district government has allocated office space for the establishment of LSU within the office complex of the EDO (CDD).

**TMA Naushero Feroze**

TO (I&S) TMA, Naushero Feroze informed that all the requirements for the ASP have been completed and the tender notice would be published as soon as the funds are transferred. PD informed that the TMA should go ahead with the publication of the tender notice and the work orders be issued before the June 30. Regarding the schemes pertaining to the Mithiani Union council for which the TMA has requested for the additional funds, it was agreed that the TMA would take up one street in Mithiani town in year 2005-06 in consultation with the local community.

**TMA Bhiria**

Meeting was held in the office of the Nazim, Bhiria TMA which was also attended by the Naib Nazim and Town Officers. Nazim raised the issue of the hiring of sanitary workers on the contract basis for which approval of the LGD is required. He also informed that the Sindh government has provided a fire tender vehicle but the posts of required number of drivers and firefighters have not yet been sanctioned as a result the vehicle is lying idle. He also raised the issue of payment of salaries to the contract employees of the VDAs for which funds have been provided by the GoS but the advice from Finance department awaited as the employees have to be paid salaries including arrears for last few years.

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