

Case Study

Govt. Dispensary Mohammad Hassan Mari Mirpurkhas

Introduction

The Government of Sindh with the assistance of Asian Development Bank has initiated Sindh Devolved Social Service Program (**SDSSP**). The overall goal of the **SDSSP** is to improve the peoples education and health, by helping to reduce poverty and gender imbalance. In health sector the primary objective is to improve overall health status of people through efficient and cost effective health service delivery to people.

The Govt. of Sindh and the District Government under MoU mutually design to improve social sector financing, promote and support program focusing on improving social services delivery in District Mirpurkhas, and to contributed to formulation of long term strategies to help reduce poverty and gender imbalances, through improving governance and financing rationalization of services, community participation and public accountability.

The parties agree under the MoU to provide support for the Devolved Social Services Program and its activities to strengthen, improve and expend effective delivery of social services in education and health sector

District Government Mirpurkhas

The District Government Mirpurkhas accessed the conditional budgetary grant by signing the MoU with Sindh Government and preparing the Annual Sector Plans of education and health sectors.

Following are the statistics and bifurcation of SDSSP grant to district Mirpurkhas

SDSSP District Allocation for FY 2004-05

Rs. **49.431** Million

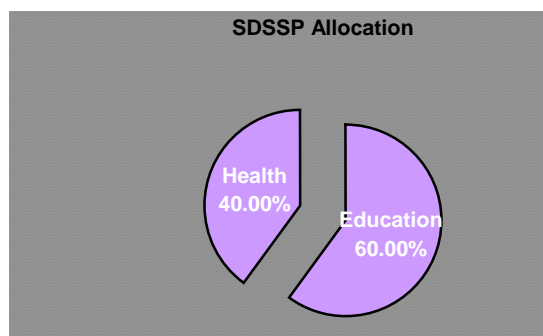
Proposed Allocation for the Education Sector (FY 2004-05)

Rs. **30.000** Million (60 %)

Proposed Allocation for the Health Sector (FY 2004-05)

Rs. **19.431** Million (40 %)

SDSSP Allocation Total	SDSSP Allocation for Health	SDSSP Allocation for Education
49.431 M	19.431 M	30.000 M



Health Sector

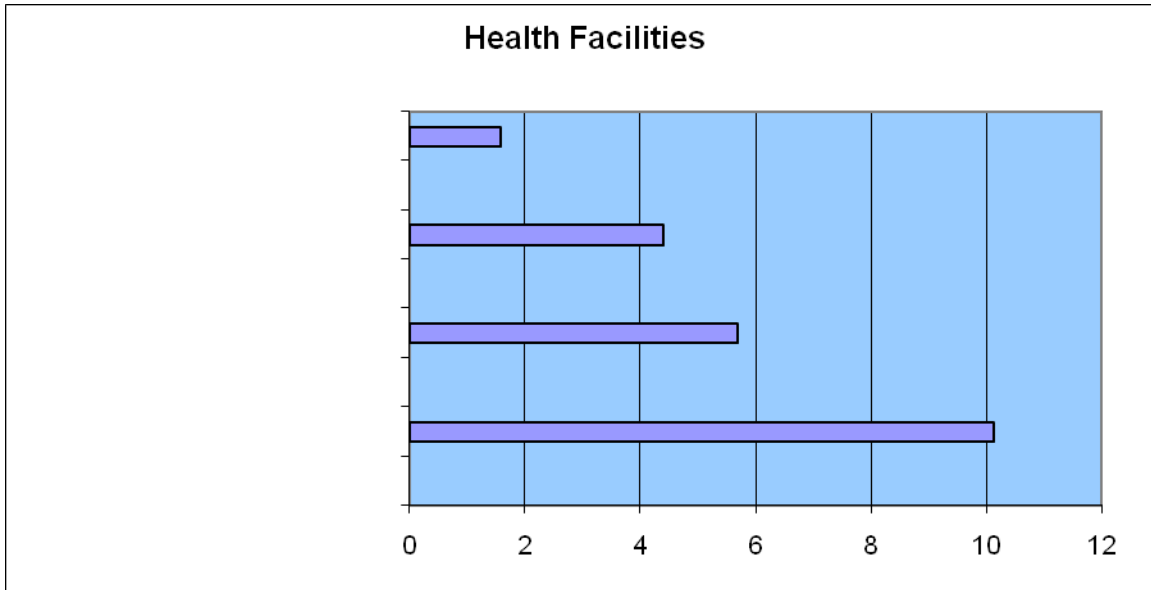
A high population growth rate, high incidence of low birth weights babies and maternal mortality characterize the health status of District Mirpurkhas. The severity of health poverty is closely reflected in countries poor health indicators.

The overall goal of health department in district Mirpurkhas is to improve people health by reducing poverty and gender imbalances. In health sector the primary objective is to improve over all health status of people through efficient and cost effective service delivery to people.

The health schemes of SDSSP are cover the rehabilitation of health facilities, providing furniture and equipments, purchase of ambulances for rural health centers and hiring of staff. These schemes will lift the over all improvement of health standard in district Mirpurkhas.

Abstract of Health Sector

S.NO	Name of Scheme	No. of Scheme	Total Amount
1.	Civil Work	16	10.40
2.	Purchase of Equipment/Furniture/ Machinery	12	04.41
3.	Hiring Staff	1	05.7
4.	Purchase of Vehicles	1	01.57
<i>Grand Total</i>		30	22.08



Government Dispensary Muhammad Hassan Mari

The Government Dispensary Muhammad Hassan Mari is 25 kilometers away from Mirpurkhas city at village Muhammad Hassan Mari UC Khan. The Government Dispensary was established in 1984-85 in one room rented building new building for dispensary is constructed in 2005, due to heavy rain building needed floor repairing and coloring. The condition of road/way is not good. The Government Dispensary functioning with staff in SDSS Program for 2004-05 and a local doctor was appointed on 8th November 2006 in Govt. Disp. The staff strength is one dispenser and two dressers. The Government Dispensary building is in good condition but electricity and meter is not connected. New furniture is not available but old un-repairable 8 chair, 2 tables and one wooden stretcher is available there.

Due to hiring of a doctor, the OPD of the Govt. Disp. are 60 to 70 people per day who are from 15-20 villages of the locality (population of the catchments area is 20000).

Mostly patients of malaria and scabies have visited the dispensary but medicines are not completely provided by EDO Health office.



Community Participation

It is an acknowledge fact that at present, the health center is facing dual challenge of low sector financing and its in-efficient utilization. Ultimately efficient utilization of resources always remains to hard task to achieve.

The Sindh Devolved Social Services Program clearly enshrines the public private partnership and recognizes the role of community in achieving the overall objectives of the program. The villagers having come to know about SDSSP approached Dr. Kaneez Sughra Junejo Zila Nazim Mirpurkhas with a request to assess the need of permanent medical officer in their village and subsequently requested Zila Nazim Mirpurkhas with EDO Health to assess the genuineness of their demand. Thus after proper appraisal of the situation and due consultation with concerned officials; it was decided to appoint a medical officer in Govt. Dispensary Muhammad Hassan Mari village Muhammad Hassan Mari Taluka Hussain Bux Mari.

Conclusion

The strategy for devolution under the local government plan announced in 2001 is based on three basic principles

- A. People-centered development
- B. Rights and Responsibilities
- C. Service-Oriented Government

In the light of above devolution principles, the local Government has taken initiative with the participation of peoples (District Nazim, Taluka Nazims, and UC Nazims) in development process through the SDSSP. The district government Mirpurkhas is in close coordination with SDSSP being implemented and carries reforms in the area of planning and development of local governments. The SDSSP is an innovative demand-driven and output-oriented program serving a range of people at all level of local governments.

