

# **SURVEY REPORT OF AGRA PAYAN VILLAGE,** **DISTRICT CHARSAKDA, KPK**

## **Introduction:**

A RDF team conducted the survey of AGRA PAYAN village of Charsadda District on **02-09-2010**. The objective of the survey was to analyze the post-flood situation of the area and to carry out need assessment of the population. The findings of the survey are given below;

## **Distance and Travel Time: (from Islamabad to Charsadda)**

Distance = 140 KMs through Rawalpindi-Peshawar Motorway

Travel Time = 2 hours approx

## **Distance and Travel Time: (from Charsadda City to Agra Payan)**

Distance = 5 KMs from Charsadda City

Travel Time = 10-15 minutes

## **Location:**

AGRA PAYAN is a small village situated on the bank of Kabul River near the junction of Swat and Kabul Rivers. The distance of the village from main Charsadda City is around 5 KMs and it is located in the North Western side of the City.

### **Geography:**

Total Area	=	2500 Acres approx
Catchments	=	Agra Mayana (1200 population)
		Agra Bala (1200 population)
		Jalabela (2000 population)
		Kandar (1500 population)
		Total Area =10000 Acres approx
Major Crops	=	Sugarcane, Tobacco, Maize
Vegetables	=	Tomato, Lady Finger
Trees	=	Popular

### **Union Council:**

AGRA PAYAN comes under the administrative control of Union Council Agra, District Charsadda. The Agra Union Council consists of 15 villages including AGRA PAYAN.

### **Demographics:**

Total Population	=	2721
Male/Female Ratio	=	49 : 51 approx
Total Families	=	481
Total Houses	=	380
Literacy Rate	=	20% approx (female majority)
Crime/Drug Addiction Rate	=	Negligible

### **Livelihood:**

Agriculture + Livestock	=	94%
Government Servants	=	5%
Laborers/Daily Wagers	=	1%

### **Services:**

Electricity	=	Available
Gas	=	Supply not available. Dependence on gas cylinders
Health	=	1 Dispensary (Staff=3, Rooms=4)
Education	=	1 High School for Boys 1 Primary School for Girls

### **Agra Council:**

Agra Council is a community organization of AGRA PAYAN founded by a group of young volunteers. It was established in year 1997 and was registered later in year 2002. The Union maintains proper bank account and all financial activities are carried out under a comprehensive system that is duly audited by authorized Chartered Accountant. The members of the Union have also established an internal check-and-balance culture. The Council collects funds for development purposes and also assists the agencies interested in development work in AGRA PAYAN through contributing its own maintained databases and providing other necessary coordination. It has a total 180 members on its list while 18 members constitute its executive body.

### **General Analysis:**

Majority of the population living in AGRA PAYAN is poor and its bread and butter comes from Agriculture (cultivation of crops and livestock). The geographical location of the village makes it a hub or focal point for the surrounding villages through direct land linkages. It also enjoys an easy access to the villages situated on other bank of the Kabul River, which are comparatively at less distance from the main City. In order to get access to the village, one needs to travel through a non-carpeted, bumpy and small road starting from the main Charsadda-Peshawar Road, roughly measured around 1 KM.

There is a small medical facility available at AGRA PAYAN. This facility is nothing more than a ghost dispensary. The dispenser hardly visits his office. There is no significant stock of medicines and medical equipment. An international NGO is using this space, temporarily. It has established a medical camp where general check-ups are carried out on every alternate day. It is an interesting discovery that the population of the adjacent villages such as Jalabela and Kandar relies upon/prefers the medical facility of AGRA PAYAN, which increases its importance/influence on other Union Councils of Charsadda and Peshawar Districts. Although a BHU has been established around 1 ½ KMs away from AGRA PAYAN on the main Charsadda-Peshawar road, still it does not have any laboratory and lacks the medical facilities required by the population of Union Council Agra. Therefore, people are compelled to travel all the way to Charsadda City to avail better medical facility.

Furthermore, there does not exist any high school for the girls. Despite of this fact, the girls of the village are more enthusiastic towards education. After primary school, financially instable parents in AGRA PAYAN are left

with no other option but to take their girls to high schools, colleges of Charsadda City. For this purpose, they spend extra money for traveling which puts them into grave financial problems. As a result, the majority ignores high school education for their girls.

### **Situation Analysis:**

Fortunately, AGRA PAYAN is situated on such a geographic dimension that it was never vulnerable to any flood threat before 2010 floods. During the recent past years, the riverbed of Kabul River near AGRA PAYAN increased slowly and gradually, leaving it at risk of flooding. Another factor that caused the 2010 flood in AGRA PAYAN was the Motorway bridge built on Kabul River about 1 KM downstream the AGRA PAYAN. This bridge had a mere 500 meters space for the water flow towards the downstream areas, which resulted in the dumping or back flow of water towards AGRA PAYAN. The flood has hit almost 100% area of the village leaving 80% houses badly damaged and 90% crops destructed, only one causality was recorded. After the disaster, several NGOs reached out to the village. The immediately occurred problems of food and health are now under control to some extent but a long term planning would be required to effectively address these problems.

**Need Assessment:**

In view of the above analysis it was found that there is an immediate need to extend support to the population of AGRA PAYAN in the following areas;

1. Rehabilitation of Agriculture (Crops, Vegetables, Trees)
2. Establishment of Permanent Medical Facility
3. Strengthening Education
4. Improving Livelihood Means
5. Health of Livestock