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## RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION OF PAKISTAN

### NEWSLETTER

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### Sewing Machines and Vocational Training Certificates Distribution Ceremony

Rural Development Foundation in collaboration with Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (RCCI) organized sewing machines and certificates distribution ceremony on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2021 in RDF HQ Islamabad. The purpose of this event was to distribute sewing machines to the most deserving women of the rural area of Taxila donated by RCCI and certificates distribution to the students of the RDF Skill Development Centre Godho, who successfully completed their training. The program was chaired by Mr. Osman Ashraf (SVP) Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (RCCI).

Mr. Zil ur Rehman (Director Projects) started the program by introducing the guests and gave a brief introduction of the event. He appreciated RCCI, especially to Mr. Osman Ashraf, Senior Vice President, RCCI, for considering RDF's request and donating 15 sewing machines to the poor ladies identified by RDF and 10 sewing machines to the RDF Skill Development Center, Godho Taxila.

Lt. Col. Imtiaz Ashraf Malik (Retd) Director (Admin & Finance) welcomed the participants of the event on behalf of the Executive President RDF. He briefed the participants about RDF history and the efforts of (Late) Dr. M. Sadiq Malik for the rural development. He also talked about the concept of Integrated Rural Development Program (IRDP) and said that the concept got international recognition and started in Pakistan with the name of "Shadab Pilot Project" in 1968. He further told the audience that when the Government of Pakistan rolled back IRDP in 1977 due to some political issues, (Late) Dr. M. Sadiq Malik established RDF in June 1978 to carry out his mission and vision of integrated rural development program. Since its establishment, RDF has been working to uplift rural communities by improving health, education, skill development and livelihood by introducing many projects / programs for the betterment of rural communities.

Project Manager Godho, Mr. Khushal Khattak apprised the participants of the history and

progress of RDF Center Godho, Taxila. He said that Skill Development Center (SDC) Godho was established in 1984 with the help of Canadian government. Since then, RDF has been providing vocational training to the marginalized women of the area. He further said that after getting training from our center, some of our students are running their own sewing centers in different villages and most of the students are sewing/ stitching at household level and helping their families financially.

Mr. Osman Ashraf (SVP), RCCI, in his speech appreciated the noble cause of RDF and the vision of Late Founder President Dr. M. Sadiq Malik. He said that RCCI doors are always open for RDF and RCCI is interested in collaborating with RDF in its rural development and poverty alleviation program. He also proposed RDF to sign a MoU with RCCI as it will be a great pleasure for RCCI to be partner with RDF.

The chief guest Mr. Osman Ashraf distributed 15 sewing machines to the women from different villages of Taxila. He also distributed certificates to the students of Skill Development Centre Godho.

In the end of the event, Director (Projects) thanked Mr. Osman Ashraf for his kind arrival and timely cooperation.

RDF and RCCI will continue joint efforts to uplift community's socio- economic conditions.



Sewing Machines Distribution Ceremony held in RDF Center, Islamabad

### **PCP Evaluation**

PCP team visited RDF Center Godho and RDF HQ Islamabad on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 respectively. The purpose of their visit was to evaluate RDF for PCP certification. On day one, the team visited RDF field office Godho where Director (Projects) and Project Manager Godho briefed PCP about working of RDF and on day two, the team visited RDF HQ Islamabad and a presentation on RDF activities was given by Director (Admin & Finance).

## Annual Council Meeting

After the sad demise of Dr. M. Sadiq Malik (Founder President), RDF organized its 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Council Meeting under the chairmanship of Executive President Mr. Javed Sadiq Malik on 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 in RDF Head Office, Islamabad. Executive President discussed the new initiatives with the RDF Council Members and decisions were taken for smooth functioning of RDF affairs. New Council Member, Mr. Raza Shah Khan was also inducted during meeting. Lt. Col.(R) Imtiaz Ashraf Malik, Director (Administration & Finance) gave an overview of activities carried out during 2018-19 and 2020.

Director (Projects) apprised audience about the achievements of RDF during 2021 and future plans of RDF.



PCP Team visit to Godho, Taxila



## National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC)

NAVTTTC has registered RDF under Kamyab Jawan Program for two trades i.e. Fashion Designing & Dress making/ Tailoring and Hand & Machine Embroidery for their Skill Development Center Godho. The project duration will be six months, which will start from March 2022. Under this project youth under 18- 40 will be given free training in the above-mentioned trades and upon completion of the course, they will be provided with certificates.



43th RDF Annual General Meeting

### **Khubaib Foundation (KF)**

RDF always strives to expand its network with NGOs working in the same areas. Khubaib Foundation is one of those organizations which is working for rural development. Director RDF approached Khubaib Foundation and met with the DG Brig Iftikhar Ali Khan (Retd) and discussed common areas of interest. DG KF appreciated the role of RDF in community development and he showed interest to work with RDF. He also requested Director (Projects) RDF to share its findings of villages where RDF wants to install free water pumps.

### **Updates from RDF Center Godho, Taxila**

Currently, the following major projects are being run by RDF Center Godho, Taxila:

- Mother and Child Health Care Unit
- Skill Development Center

### **Mother & Child Health Care Unit (MCHC)**

A Mother and Child Healthcare Centre (MCHC) was established in the RDF Center Godho-Taxila, with the aim to ensure the health of residents by providing basic health services, free medicines and first aid. MCH Center Godho is providing the following facilities to the locals of Godho and its adjacent villages;

- Outpatient Department Treatment (OPD)
- Childhood Vaccination
- Health Awareness Sessions
- Provision of Free Medicines

In October, dengue awareness session was conducted for the local community in RDF Center Godho, Taxila From 15<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of November, 2021, measles awareness campaign was carried out in collaboration with the Government of Punjab.

In December, Polio Vaccination was carried out in RDF Center Godho.

### **Skill Development Center (SDC)**

RDF Skill Development Centre Godho provides training on hand embroidery, knitting/tailoring, fabric & glass painting and handmade decoration pieces to the needy women and girls of the area. The duration of the courses is for three months, six months and one year. After completion of the training, certificates are given to the students. Due to registration with PSDA, RDF Skilled Development Center has suspended its services temporarily. As RDF gets registered with PSDA, it will resume its activities and will provide Government recognized certificates to students.

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