



Group Development Pakistan

Case Study

Two hand pumps and their ownership

The project's initiative to install two hand pumps in the E-11 community created much excitement and debate. This WASH activity was planned to provide the Non-Formal Education center with an environment safe and conducive for learning. However, the finalization of site for installation of the hand pumps took more time than expected. The community too would benefit from a stable supply of clean water.

The situation started becoming controversial amongst community residents who belong to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Afghanistan, Gilgit-Baltistan and Punjab. Everyone wanted the hand pumps located according to his/her convenience. Group Development Pakistan field officers took on the convoluted process of negotiating with all stakeholders. Numerous deliberations were held with the community. Formal and informal discussions took place with male community elders and the Imam of the mosque and parallel discussions were held with women.

The location of the hand pumps has been mutually agreed with male stakeholders (female were happy with whatever location would be decided, provided the water was drinkable) and hand pumps have been installed. The outcome has been satisfactory and to the requirements of the project and GDP's engineers' advice. The community now has access to clean and safe drinkable water. The sessions on children's

fundamental rights to health conducted with community members have guaranteed community's support for WASH: this proved highly useful to promote COVID19 preventive measures at community level later on.