

**KARAVAN PAKOSWISS CHULAH 2 DAY TRAINING AT SAYANI DRR PARK, KOT DIJI**

Total no. of Participants: Women - 18; Men - 10

Participating Districts:

1. Shikarpur (20 participants)
2. Gotkhi (8 participants)

- The 2 day training workshop was held from 21st to 22nd of January, 2015 in collaboration with IOM.
- The program started at 10:00 am with the arrival of the trainees from different far off villages.
- The training was conducted in Sindhi.
- HF's Naheem Shah along with Master Trainers, Meerzadi and Champa gave a tour of the park, showing its DRR features and their functionality. Amongst them were the demo units that showcased HF's various building styles and techniques as well as various bamboo structures on stilts.
- After a 15 minute tea break Meerzadi and Champa shared their barefoot village entrepreneur success stories with the participants and their achievements since then.
- Meerzadi spoke about HF's disaster risk reduction methodologies and had a DRR discussion session with the participants, stressing especially on the role of women during floods. She discussed the 2010 floods and how HF's DRR-Compliant structures came to use.
- Chulah Master Trainer, Champa along with Meerzadi conducted the Chulah training where they discussed the benefits of a DRR-Compliant Karavan PakoSwiss Chulah, its purpose and a detailed step by step construction process with the trainees with the help of flipcharts and a Chulah construction video on electronic tablets put together by HF. In the process women were able to learn to use the tablets as well.
- Participants were taught to mark Chulah layouts and excavate using the HF layout template and tool kit in a live demo by the HF Artisans. They were also given a brief practical on dry Lime Slaking.
- The villagers were then divided into groups and asked to repeat the process. Both men and women participated in the layouts enthusiastically.
- After a 45 minute lunch break the HF staff gave concluding remarks on the villages layout performance and the required improvements.
- The second day training started at 10:00 am with a Q&A session on Chulah construction, refreshing the previously discussed features of Karavan PakoSwiss Chulah. Meerzadi and Champa showed various examples the Chulahs and their decoration in Tando Allahyar and Mirpur Khas. The women especially took a lot of interest and pride in the decorations that had been done by village women.
- After a short tea break, the trainees continued constructing the Chulah with guidance by HF artisans. Both men and women participated enthusiastically.
- Lunch break was held from 2:00 pm to 2:45 pm.
- At the end of the training the HF staff went around and chose the best examples of Chulahs that had been constructed during the training from within the participating groups.
- The training ended at 5 pm.



Meerzadi explaining the step by step Chulah construction process.



Trainees watching the Chulah Construction video prepared by HF.



Trainee teams working on the layout of their Chulahs.



Champa guiding the trainees to build the combustion chambers.



A couple building the mud walls for the stove chambers.



Another team working on the mud walls for the stove chambers.



Couple with their complete Karavan PakoSwiss Chulah.



Participating team demonstrating their Chulah Construction.



Trainees working on the Chulahs at the demo units.



Group Photo of the tainees along with the HF's Master Trainers.