

Consultative Session – Dated: Feb 12, 2021

Facilitation on Occupational Health and Safety for Frontline Staff & Sanitary Workers on COVID-19

Background:

The current 2nd wave of coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to impact the lives of people in Pakistan. The local Government's front line staff is highly vulnerable to COVID-19 as they have to deliver their services in the field. For the safety of field staff, a project with GIZ funding has been initiated in selected MCs i.e. Muridke & Gora to provide facilitation of occupational safety and health education to the frontline staff and sanitary workers of the municipal committees as part of covid-19 response. In this regard, a consultative session was held on Feb 12, 2021 at PMDFC office to provide orientation to MC staff and consultants hired for performing specific assignments.

Objective of the Session

- To orientate the stakeholders (MC's staff and consultants) regarding project activities and deliverables
- To develop understanding and clarity among the Consultants hired for development of training modules and imparting training to the MC's staff and holding citizen engagement sessions and activities
- To sensitize the stakeholders for in time completion of the assigned activities

Participants:

PMDFC Staff	MCs' Staff	Consultants
Mr. Muhammad Aamer Nazeer, MD, Mr. Shoaib Iftikhar, GM-ID, Mr. Gulzar Hussain, & Mr. Fazal Karim Managers-ID, & Ms. Kiran Saba, Deputy Manager-ID	MC Gojra: Mr. Talat Mehmood, Assistant Municipal Officer (I&S), Mr. Nabeel Ahmed SE, Mr Asif, Mr. Zaman, Mr. Muhammad Asghar, Mr. Abdulqayyom, Mr. Nadeem Ahmed; sanitary staff of MC Gojra MC Muridkey: Mr. Hassnain Hafeez, Assistant Municipal Officer (I&S), Mr. Waqar Ali S.E, Mr. Ghulam Mohyuddin, Mr. Mushtaque & Mr. Safdar sanitary staff of MC Muridke	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Bilal Ali, Training Consultant• Ms. Kausar Zehra, Citizen Engagement Consultant

Deliberations:

The consultative session was started with the recitation of Holy Quran, Muhammad Aamer Nazeer, Managing Director, PMDFC briefed the participants about the project, its objectives and importance to combat the COVID-19; MD PMDFC highlighted the role of MC's frontline staff and sanitary workers in delivery of municipal services to the public and declared them hero during the COVID-19 pandemic while performing their duties in field. MD PMDFC further added that MC's field staff will be directly benefitted from the project. Under the project Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) kits containing Safety Suit, Latex Gloves, N95 Masks and Hand Sanitizer, will be provided to the frontline staff for their safety in the field. MD PMDFC also informed the participants that the lessons learnt will be replicated in other MCs of the Punjab as well. Further, he directed to prepare a plan for distribution of PPE kits to the MCs.

Mr. Shoaib Iftikhar General Manager ID delivered a detailed presentation to the participants and shared the project's activities and deliverables in detail. GM-ID informed the participants that KAP Survey has already been conducted to assess the awareness level, attitude and practice of the MC's staff. GM-ID discussed with the Consultants the modalities to develop training modules, holding training and Citizen Engagement sessions at MCs. GM-ID informed the consultants that events' arrangements in the MCs are almost ready for their assignments and Mr. Faza Karim – Manage ID is striving his efforts to manage it in time. He also discussed that PMDFC developed Complaint Tracking System might also be included in the awareness material to be developed for Citizen Engagement sessions. MD-PMDFC also gave his nod. GM-ID categorically mentioned that PMDFC Institutional Development team is putting its best efforts to accomplish the activities with in stipulated time period.

Training Consultant Mr. Bilal Ali and Citizen Engagement Consultant Ms. Kausar Zehra discussed with MC's staff the present situation of COVID-19 at their MCs and the finding of the KAP survey, Mr. Hassnain Hafeez AMO (I&S) MC Muridke and Mr. Talat Mehmood AMO (I&S) MC Gojra described briefly the findings of KAP survey and response of the field staff and actual situation of COVID-19 in the city. They further informed that MC's field staff have somewhat awareness about the COVID-19 but reluctant to adopt preventive measures. Training Consultant, Mr. Bilal said that every change has to face resistance and with training sessions they will be sensitized to adopt preventive measures. Mr. Bilal also informed that training module will be helpful for MC staff and will be developed in a user friendly manner

in line with officers and officials requirement. Moreover, Citizen Engagement Consultant, Ms. Kausar Zehra discussed the modalities in terms of citizen engagement activities. The both consultants committed to accomplish the project activities in time.

Next Steps

- Both consultants will be submitting their work plan encompassing the activities pertaining to assignments.
- The Operational / Logistics arrangements will be managed in time. Consultants will prepare requisite material and design of the sessions as per deliverables mentioned in their contract agreement.
- Procurement of PPE Kits need to be expedited

Pictorial View

