



Narrative Report

Learning and Knowledge Sharing Exchange Visit (WRC Members)

1. Introduction

Under the Women's Empowerment Component of the Gwadar-Lasbela Livelihoods Support Project Phase-II (GLLSP-II), implemented by the National Rural Support Programme (NRSP) with the support of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Government of Balochistan, a Learning Exchange and Exposure Event among Women Resource Centers (WRCs) was organized by the NRSP District Gwadar team on 17 September 2026 in District Gwadar.

The event aimed to provide women associated with different WRCs with an opportunity to interact, exchange experiences, share knowledge, and learn from successful practices adopted by other centers. It also focused on identifying opportunities to improve the management, functionality, and sustainability of the respective WRCs, while strengthening coordination and collaboration among women-led initiatives.



2. Objectives of the Event

The key objectives of the learning exchange and exposure event were to:

- Provide a platform for women from different WRCs to exchange knowledge, experiences, and practical learning.
- Share successful initiatives and best practices being implemented by WRCs.
- Strengthen networking, coordination, and mutual support among women beneficiaries.
- Encourage women to learn from the experiences of other WRCs in areas such as management, skills development, production, marketing, and income-generating activities.
- Identify challenges faced by WRCs and discuss practical solutions.
- Promote women's leadership, confidence, entrepreneurship, and collective action.
- Encourage WRCs to develop innovative and sustainable activities based on shared learning.
- Strengthen market linkages with potential buyers and shopkeepers, particularly at Women's Bazar and Janat Bazar in Gwadar, to improve market access and enhance sales opportunities for women entrepreneurs.



3. Participation

Women representatives and members from different WRCs of District Gwadar participated in the event. The participants included WRC office bearers, women entrepreneurs, skilled women, and other community members associated with WRC activities.

The event provided an inclusive environment where participants were encouraged to actively participate in discussions, share their experiences, and present the activities being undertaken through their respective WRCs.



4. Learning and Experience Sharing

During the event, participating WRCs shared their experiences regarding the establishment and functioning of their centers. Women discussed different activities being undertaken at their WRCs, including tailoring, stitching, embroidery, handicrafts, vocational skills development, and other income-generating initiatives.

The participating women explained how they organized their activities, mobilized women from their communities, managed available resources, and supported each other in improving their skills and household income.

The exchange also enabled participants to observe and discuss practical approaches adopted by other WRCs. Women showed keen interest in learning about product quality, designing, production processes, record keeping, customer engagement, and opportunities for marketing their products.

During the exposure visit, participants visited Women's Bazar and Janat Bazar in Gwadar, where they interacted with various shopkeepers and potential buyers. They discussed their skills, products, quality, and market potential, and established linkages to explore future marketing and sales opportunities. This activity aimed to enhance women's access to markets, promote their products, and strengthen the economic sustainability of their enterprises.

5. Exposure and Practical Learning:

The exposure component of the event allowed women to gain first-hand knowledge of successful practices. Participants observed different products and activities undertaken by fellow WRC members and discussed how similar initiatives could be introduced or strengthened in their own communities.



Particular emphasis was given to learning by doing, peer-to-peer knowledge sharing, quality improvement, collective production, and market-oriented skills. The women were encouraged to identify practices that could be replicated within their own WRCs according to local needs and available resources.

6. Discussion on Challenges and Solutions

An interactive discussion was held during the event in which women shared the challenges they face in operating and sustaining WRC activities. Key issues discussed included access to markets, availability of raw materials, product quality, skills improvement, financial resources, and establishing linkages with potential buyers.

Participants collectively discussed possible solutions and emphasized the importance of cooperation among WRCs, continuous skills development, improved product quality, proper record keeping, and stronger market linkages.



7. Key Outcomes

The learning exchange and exposure event resulted in several positive outcomes:

- Women gained new ideas and practical knowledge from other WRCs.
- Participants developed stronger linkages and communication with women from other communities.
- Successful experiences and good practices were shared among participating WRCs.
- Women became more aware of opportunities for improving their products and income-generating activities.
- Participants identified areas where WRCs can cooperate and support each other.
- The event enhanced women's confidence, leadership, and motivation to continue WRC activities.
- WRC members expressed interest in maintaining peer-to-peer learning and regular experience-sharing opportunities.

8. Way Forward

Based on the learning and discussions, participating WRCs were encouraged to continue sharing experiences and supporting each other. The women were also encouraged to replicate relevant



successful practices within their own WRCs and explore opportunities for collective production and marketing.

NRSP will continue to facilitate WRCs through capacity-building, technical guidance, linkages, and other relevant support under the Women's Empowerment Component of GLLSP-II.



9. Conclusion

The Learning Exchange and Exposure Event provided a valuable platform for women from different WRCs to come together, learn from one another, and share practical experiences. The event demonstrated the importance of peer learning, collective action, networking, and women-led initiatives in strengthening WRCs and promoting sustainable livelihood opportunities.

The active participation and enthusiasm of the women reflected their growing confidence and ownership of WRC activities. Such learning exchanges can contribute to strengthening women's skills, leadership, entrepreneurship, and economic participation at the community level.

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S#	Name of Participants	Parents	WRC Name	UC Name	Contact No	Signature
1	Asghar Nasir	Nasir Ali	Chib Kalmat	Chib Kalmat	03343022767	Asghar Nasir
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3	Abida	Nasir	Chib Kalmat	"	03471857674	Abida
4	Zeeatoon	Aslam	Chib Kalmat	"	03365421028	Zeeatoon
5	Fameeda	Galab	Surbandar	Surbandar	03439858807	Fameeda
6	Zobida	Haji	Surbandar	Surbandar	03308536196	Zobida
7	Fareeda	Muhamad	Gurab Surbandar	Gurab Surbandar	03461622344	Fareeda
8	Noorjari	Habibullah	Gurab Surbandar	"	0387779339	Noorjari
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12	Ahmeda	Anwar	Kalmat	Kalmat	0329311839	Ahmeda
13	Sahira	Leela	Kalmat	Kalmat		Sahira
14	Banum	Mohammad	Chibbandar	Chibbandar	03322143772	Banum
15	Rukhsana	Mohammad	Chibbandar	Chibbandar		Rukhsana
16	Fatmataon	Asi Leok	Chibbandar	Chibbandar	0330315475	Fatmataon
17	Hani	Mameed	Gurab Surbandar	Gurab Surbandar	0362051306	Hani
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