



Ali Hasan Mangi

Memorial Trust

Changing Lives. One Village at a Time

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Dear donors, supporters and friends,

Welcome to your newsletter for the last six months of 2018. This year, we had two primary areas of focus. The first was expanding our family assistance program to other villages. Through this program, we have been helping people since 2008 to build basic infrastructure at home; installing water hand-pumps, building toilets, kitchens and homes and getting access to solar electricity. We had started in one village but over the years began receiving applications from people elsewhere and we are now running this program in about 40 villages in District Larkana in partnership with the people. Families contribute the labour and transport and pay for technical services while we provide building materials. You can see in the list below how many of these facilities we have helped create for families of farmers and labourers.

Project	No. of Beneficiary Families
Housing Construction	140
Water Hand-Pumps	401
Toilet Construction	313
Solar Electricity	477
Kitchen Construction	121

The second area of focus this year has been building community infrastructure. In our previous newsletter, we told you about bridges we helped people build to get in and out of their villages or access their farms. In the last six months, we also started building village drains in communities where no sanitation system exists and constructing village boundaries to improve security and privacy.

We began in Village Izzat Khan Chahwan where 25 families were unable to build toilets or put in water hand-pumps because the government hadn't built a waste disposal system despite decades of repeated requests by the community. We constructed 620 feet of sewerage drains and 315 feet of boundary walls, providing two key facilities to this community. After that, we were able to help the families there put in water hand-pumps and build toilets and connect to the main drain. This project is expected to greatly improve sanitation and hygiene in the village and reduce the incidence of common disease. Here's what two residents had to say:

"It's such a wonderful feeling to be able to sleep at night not worrying someone will steal our buffalo," says Pathan Chahwan, a village elder.

"After decades and decades our homes feel like homes with the privacy of walls. We no longer feel like we're living in the middle of nowhere," says Hurmat Khaton, a farmer who plants wheat and rice and rears her own buffalo.

Residents of Misri Khan Chahwan Village then approached us asking for help to build a drain that served about 15 families. They had used a makeshift mud drain for years and were unable

to persuade the government to help them. We helped the community build about 260 feet of drainage, put in boundary walls and level out their main street as well. Here is what the drain looked like before (the first picture) and after (the second picture) construction:



The third community to approach us was Village Sewo Chahwan where we then helped people build 135 feet of drains which families connected to. Since then, the village of Sajan Hakro, a few kilometers away, also formed a team of volunteers and came to seek our help with building materials so they can build a sanitation system for their village as well. About 50 homes will benefit in that village and we will need to build over 1000 feet of sewerage drains; we are now preparing to

start work there as well.

These projects represent the first time private funding has built sanitation systems in the area. Additionally, contrary to common belief, the people of these villages are more than willing to work toward improving their own lot in life and contributing with labour, finances, planning and supervision.

In 2019, we plan to press ahead with more community infrastructure projects such as village sanitation systems and bridges. Additionally, we will complete construction of our Public Art Hall, a place where the young and old alike can experience the joy, relaxation and creativity of drawing and painting.



In the end, we are very sad to announce that Dr Anwar Mangi, a founding member on our board of trustees passed away on Dec. 1. The entire team at AHMMT would like to place on record our deep appreciation for Dr Mangi's crucial role in starting and developing our Community Clinic in 2013 and her constant support in training and motivation of our staff. In honour of her memory, we started on Jan. 1 2019, the Anwar Mangi Scholarship Program for Girls to help fund higher education for girls in our community, a cause she deeply believed in. The program has been started with an initial contribution of about 600,000 rupees (\$4500) and we hope to continue building on this to help support the young women currently in the ninth grade at our school in Khairo Dero as they plan their further education.

Please contact us at mt@alihanmangitrust.org if you have any queries and suggestions. We would, as always, love to hear from you. Thank you for your continued support.

The Team
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