

Haripur: focus district for intensive evidence-based planning in Pakistan

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Haripur:

Area: 1,725 sq km
Population: 692,228 (1998 census)
12% urban, 88% rural
Tehsils: 2
Union Councils: 44



After an initial meeting with the Zila Nazim, the District Coordinating Officer (DCO) and Executive District Officers (EDOs) in Islamabad in November 2004 CIET confirmed Haripur as the first focus district in North West Frontier Province.

Design and set-up phase

The orientation meetings aimed at providing guidance and seeking support for the district social audit scheme and were organized by CIET in November 2004 at district and tehsil levels. These meetings generated overwhelming response from the district and tehsil stakeholders in terms of participation and interest and included representatives from the district government and the district administration, together with Executive District Officers (EDOs), District Officers (DOs) from different district line departments, members of district council, selected Tehsil Nazims, selected Nazims of union councils, Tehsil Municipal Officers (TMOs) and civil society organizations. The Zila Nazim constituted the district steering group consisting of 16 members. These members include EDOs, TMOs, Nazima and representatives of the civil society in the district. The district government helped CIET in locating a suitable office space for the social audit coordination office in the district. The Zila Nazim also nominated the district technical group.

CIET organized extensive discussions with the district government on priority setting. The district national core group endorsed health, with a focus on public and preventive health, as the priority of the cycle in a meeting of the district national core group Islamabad in December 2004. The Zila Nazim, the DCO of Haripur and representative of the provincial government local government department, NWFP attended the meeting.



Technical group meeting 2004
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The technical group met the CIET team several times in December 2004 through various meetings and helped identify a random stratified sample of union councils in the tehsils where data would be collected. CIET shared the draft field instruments and

procedures with the technical group. The group also helped to identify suitable field teams for data collection.

Training and fieldwork

CIET organized the training of field teams in January 2005. The teams started data collection immediately afterwards and completed the task by the first week of February 2005. The teams conducted household interviews, institutional reviews in government health facilities serving the communities and key informant interviews including health facility heads, vaccinators and lady Health Workers (LHWs).