

## **Introduction**

<b>Project title:</b>	Out of school youth
<b>Lead NGO:</b>	Danish
<b>Partner NGO:</b>	CDO
<b>Target group:</b>	Out of School Youth
<b>Location:</b>	Quetta

Young people especially out of school youth are considered being more vulnerable to HIV and AIDS due to lack of guidance, knowledge and information about epidemic and its vulnerabilities.

In this connection, the present study was conducted to assess the current socio-economic condition, health needs, high risk activities, opportunities leading to adopt safe and healthy sex behavior, level of information and awareness regarding HIV and AIDS and vulnerable group i.e. out of school youth (14-25 years) at Double Road, Garage Area, Quetta.

## **Objectives**

- Identify the sexual health needs of out of school male youth at Double Road Garage Area, Quetta.
- Identify factors affecting the sexual health of youth in project area.
- Collect baseline information on level of knowledge, and risk perceptions of youth with regard of SRH, HIV and AIDS and STIs.
- Make a better understanding of the project area in terms of its socio-economic conditions, availability of resources, infrastructure, existing health, educational and recreational facilities etc.
- Identify appropriate interventions and implementation strategies for the project.

## **Methodology**

In order to make the research more successful and effective, different methodologies were used to carry out this rapid situation analysis as research tools, which include; review of material, social mapping, observation, in depth interviews (IDIs), and focus group discussion (FGDs).

## **Achievements**

- Advocacy meetings played a vital role in bringing behavioral change.

- Most of the target population received primary health care services.
- Shyness related to the discussion on sexual matters decreased

### **Challenges Faced**

#### **Initial Hesitation**

- Talking on sexual issues is considered to be a big taboo in Pakistan the participants feel great hesitation in discussing and disclosing their sexual issues

#### **Shortage of Time**

- As the target group is widely spread so it was very difficult to coordinate with all then in limited period of time.

### **Lesson Learnt**

- Peer education technique would be the most effective way of bringing awareness to youth.
- Unemployment and poverty are the main problems of youth which should be addressed.
- A major draw back for these out of school youth is lack of recreational and entertainment opportunities in the area.
- Providing religious education could be effective in bringing a positive behavioral change.