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# Situation Analyses of Transgender Communities of Haripur, Abbottabad & Mansehra

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## **Methodology**

Sungi Development Foundation (SDF) with long standing relationship with the relevant district government and citizen groups have conducted focus groups discussions and Key Informant Interview across the three districts to collect the information and compile this assessment report. Two teams comprising (1 male and 1 female) were organized to conduct the FGDs and KII. Details checklists were developed and each interview and FGDs are recorded properly for reference and record.

The following table reflects the extent of efforts made in this regard.

<b>Respondents</b>	<b>Haripur</b>		<b>Mansehra</b>		<b>Abbottabad</b>	
	KII	FDGs	KII	FDGs	KII	FDGs
District Government Officials	2		2		2	
Social Welfare Officers	1		1		1	
Transgender	8		8	1	8	1
Minority Groups	8	1	8	1	8	1
Community FGDs (Mixed)	8	2	8	2	8	2
Disables (Mix.)	8	1	8	1	8	1

## **Situation of the Targeted Districts**

Likewise, other district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, the Hazara division is also affected due to current crisis. The lock-down in these districts also has worst effects on the citizens of these districts not only by increasing their vulnerability but it's physiologically impacts on the people as well. The situation is worsening day by day. According to the official data the number of cases reported in these districts are alarming. Due to current scenario the daily wagers of all walks of life are suffering with trauma, because on one side authorities are not allowing them to go out and on other hand they are struggling for their livelihood. The category of people observed are most affected are Daily wagers, shop keepers including tailors, barbers, public transport operators, cloth shops and their staff, workshops, general stores, beauty parlors, hotels, tent services and their workers.

### **COVID-19 Situation update**

	Haripur	Abbottabad	Mansehra
Total Cases	149	229	364
Recoveries	9	21	42
Active Cases	20	63	80
Deaths	0	5	3
Suspected	64	71	59
Quarantine facilities	16	15	11

### **Situation of Transgender:**

Transgender are stigmatized and discriminated widely due to their sexual representation. They generally live out of fear and even deprived of their basic human rights. Despite some good initiatives, they have been socially secluded and poorly treated by public at large. Ongoing preventive measures have restricted social gatherings and cultural events affecting their livelihood. There are hundreds of transgender, who require urgent food support.

Our socio-political scenario provides little space for excluded groups including minorities, PWDS and trans-genders. They are often either neglected or discriminated. Despite, the previous local government system tried to include them in decision-making but major control over resources remained with influential and with majority representatives. Such situation further deteriorates during emergencies or disaster situations when they are subjected to multiple layers of discrimination.

In case of transgender, they are stigmatized and discriminated widely due to their sexual representation. They generally live out of fear and even deprived of their basic human rights. Despite some good initiatives like giving them identify through National Identity Cards (NIC), they have been socially secluded and poorly treated by public at large.

Due to ongoing preventive measures for COVID 19 and restrictions on social gathering, transgender have lost their livelihood and are rendered helpless. According to SDF assessment, there are hundreds of transgender who require urgent food support.

Below is the data of most affected transgender in three districts;

S.No	District	Number of Transgender Families
1	Haripur	70 Families
2	Abbottabad	65
3	Mansehra	150

## **Key Findings;**

1. Transgender community is extremely vulnerable due to corona virus lockdown. According to them that current situation is not only affected them financially but also badly affected them physiologically. They have already very limited access to public services during normal routine and in the current situation our challenges are much increased. Particularly we are facing great difficulty and struggling to secure our livelihood. Similarly, the lockdown and closure of general OPD we are facing very much difficulty for getting health services as many our communities seek medical treatment.
2. Most of the transgender community depends on dancing and private function wedding events. But due to lockdown such activities are banned in result we are in great trouble to full fill our basic needs. There is no one in the streets and local markets so who would they beg for money. A large fraction of transgender currently compel on beggary for food and for them, the lockdown means zero earning. Most of transgender have been migrated or either from different areas of the country and reside in the rented buildings and don't have money to pay their rents. Similarly, many transgender from other parts of the country are locked and unable to go back to their native districts and homes due to money and unviability of public transport.
3. According to them they are contacting with some NGOs and Government department for getting possible assistance, so far they have received some food packages, but this is not enough to reduce their suffering because they have lots of other needs. Another issue is that most of the transgender not received enough food from welfare organization. Begging from homes, loan from some known people.
4. Immediate financial assistance to meet the other needs of daily life and food to live. In addition, they have already facing serious health issues current pandemic make the situation worse for transgender, they need Food, Health services at emergency basis. There is also dire need to create the awareness about the COVID-19. They have asked for taking steps for disinfecting the localities where they reside, providing them essentials like food, and giving them soaps, masks and other items needed to protect them against coronavirus.
5. They have only received food packages from welfare organization no support received form government so far but very limited
6. Electronic and Social media (TV, Facebook and What's app) is the main source of information.
7. Information about preventive measures, Information about government services in regard with COVID-19 response as most of community don't know that how and whom they asked for relief and services.
8. They need financial assistance to pay their rent and meet other daily needs of life. In addition, along with the financial assistance need food and psycho-social support According to them they needed mask, sanitizers, soap in their communities because they don't have financial resources.