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A Success Story from Swabi

People used different sources of water such as tap water, hand pumps and wells in district Swabi. They were not aware that many diseases in their area were being caused by the contaminated water and they had never thought for laboratory test of water. In 2017 CPDI conducted a Citizen's Report Cards (<https://dlg-pakistan.org/uploads/398d05af1239e7465bd56b621b7d3cc1.pdf>) on water in Swabi. The survey results showed that most of the people in Swabi were not satisfied with the quality of water due to bad smell and taste. During a consultative session, findings of CRC survey and quality of water was discussed in detail. The need of a water test laboratory was identified and DIG formed a committee to work for the solution of this problem. They approached the Tehsil Municipal Administration (TMA) and Tehsil Nazim and discussed the issues. The DIG members remained continuously in touch with the Tehsil Nazim Mr. Wahid Shah. Almost after five months in one of the consultative sessions, Sanitary Inspector TMA Swabi Mr. Ashfaq Khan announced that they would set up a water test laboratory in Swabi. The Tehsil Nazim also said that bad quality of water was not a new issue for the people of Swabi and was discussed many times on different forums but no one tried to solve this problem as the DIG did. With strong follow up of DIG members the water testing laboratory was established in Swabi and now people can easily test quality of the water.



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