

TRAINING WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Training Workshop for CBI in Tharparkar

A two-day workshop on Community Based Inventorizing (CBI) was held on 21st – 22nd July 2022 at NED University City Campus, Karachi (**Figure 1**). The workshop was organized and facilitated by the Heritage Cell, Department of Architecture and Planning (HC-DAPNED). The objective of the workshop was to familiarize the field team and prospective team members with the format of CBI forms and the protocols to be followed while interacting with the community and filling out the inventory forms. The workshop was conducted by UNESCO (Islamabad) Consultant, Ar. Meeza Ubaid (MU) and was attended by the field work team appointed by HC-DAPNED for this project, including Prof. Dr. Anila Naeem (AN), Assistant Professor Farida Abdul Ghaffar (FG), Ar. Hussain Khalid (HK) and Ar. Iraj Bughio (IB). Other participants included Muntazir Shah and Ayla Hasan (digital media experts), faculty member Ar. Sara Hafeez and a third-year architecture student Muhammad Bilal (attendance sheet attached - **Appendix A**).

Activities of the first day of workshop commenced at 11:00am, with a detailed presentation by the consultant giving an in-depth insight to the participants about Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) and its many domains. Later, she shared some major highlights from her work in Kalash Valley and the ICH elements identified during the CBIs in that region. The day's activities concluded by late afternoon. Questions and answers, and intense discussions took place between the consultant and participants in between the presentations and during the working lunch.

The second day of workshop started at 10:00am with a detailed introduction of the CBI Form with emphasis on the range of information to be covered under its different sections; sharing the guidelines for filling the form comprehensively. The morning session was followed by discussions over working lunch, after which the consultant divided the participants into two groups and assigned each group to one resource person identified as the bearer of indigenous knowledge on an intangible cultural heritage of his area. The first group worked with Ayaz Hussain, an employee at DAPNED who shared the knowledge of making '*chabri*', a typical Sindhi household object used for serving *roti* (bread). These are weaved with wheat stems, by women of certain areas at a specific time of the year, following the harvest season. The second group worked with Muntazir Shah who volunteered to share his knowledge on ICH of his *Sufi* ancestry and the rituals that take place during the annual fair held in commemoration of his forefathers at Tando Jahania, Hyderabad. Each group was given 45 minutes to fill the CBI form, following which a collective discussion took place. Both groups presented their collected information and were given feedback by the consultant. The activities of second day ended at 4.30pm.

Following the two-day workshop, a discussion took place between the consultant and NED

team members on the planning of second field visit being scheduled for the following week.



Figure 1: Images from the Training Workshop for CBI conducted at Department of Architecture and Planning, NED University City Campus, Karachi

Community Workshop at TIEST- NED University, Mithi:

The NED team arrived at the venue of workshop at 9:00am, and then sent their van to Pabuhar Kunwan Village for picking up the community members. A team member (HK) and Subedar Abbas also went with the driver. It was a 30 minutes' drive to the village, and another 30 minutes were spent gathering the community members at the *otaaq*. Meanwhile in Mithi, other invited attendees started arriving at the workshop venue. Community members from Pabuhar Kunwan Village finally joined other participants at the workshop venue by 10:40am.

The attendees of workshop other than Meghwar community members from Pabuhar Kunwan Village included Nand Lal Lohano affiliated with Mithi Press Club as a journalist, Bharumal Amrani - a well reputed Sindhi author and poet, Vinjhraj - an engineer by profession, Subedar Abbas – retired veteran and ICH resource person and Chaman R. Thari - an engineer at Thar Coal Mining. The attendees from Pabuhar Kunwan Village included Mithu Mal, Bhuro, Rirnh Mal and female members of Mithu Mal's family; namely, Seeta, Pushpa Bai, Soneeta, Parneeka, Sughar and Satu. Once all the attendees had settled down, the workshop commenced at 11:00am. (Attendance sheet attached at **APPENDIX B**).

The **objective of the Workshop** was to apprise the community members about UNESCO's program of 'Community Based Inventorying' of 'Intangible Cultural Heritage' elements around the world in general, and Pakistan in particularly. The Workshop aimed to seek the willingness and informed participation of local communities from selected study areas for ICH elements belonging to their communities. The Workshop served the purpose of taking the community on board for the local knowledge and narration of intangible heritage assets, their historical importance and future prospects as per their own perspective and endorsement.

A comprehensive presentation was made by the UNESCO Consultant (MU) sharing the objectives and intention of conducting CBIs of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) in Tharparkar. Furthermore, she explained why Tharparkar lies at great interest for CBI and how the collected information is processed and documented, eventually becoming part of the website accessible to everyone around the World for viewing. She showed slides and documentary of her previous work carried out with Kalasha Community in Chitral, for CBI.

The presentation by MU was followed by a discussion and briefing on the format of CBI forms, conducted by AN to familiarize the attendees with these, and emphasize on their right to allow or disallow publication of any information that they might share during the CBI. It was made clear on the community that the information shared by them remains invalid without their consent and approval in the form of signatures on these forms.

A questions-and-answers session followed, during which exchange of opinions and discussions took place between the presenters and attendees (**Figure 3**). An observation made on the medium of instruction (Urdu) sparked a debate, as few of the attendees argued

that for one to understand any culture, they must know the native language of the knowledge bearer. The raised queries were addressed to the satisfaction of all participants. One of the participants, Bharumal Amrani, pointed out that there should have been an introduction of attendees before the presentations, hence a round of introductions of all the participants was done, and on this lighter note, the lunch was served.

As a token of appreciation for their time and enthusiastic participation in the workshop all the attendees were presented with a box of sweets.

Women of the community, who were rather quiet during the workshop and collective discussions, spoke separately with the female team members, and the eldest lady sang a melodious local song in Dhatki language, on everyone's insistence. All proceedings of the Workshop were digitally documented in the form of video and photographs, by NED team. The workshop concluded and community members departed from the venue to Pabuhar Kunwan Village at 1:30pm.



Figure 3: Participants of the Community Workshop at TIEST-NED Campus interacting with the Project team

Community Workshop at Nagarparkar:

The female team members (AN, MU, FG, IB) went inside Dileep Permar's house to share the workshop objectives with the women. They were shown the presentation on a laptop, by the consultant (MU) who also explained to them in detail the purpose of the CBI forms (**Figure 9**). The workshop was attended by Soni Gandher (Dileep Permar's mother), her two daughters-in-law, one granddaughter and one sister-in-law. After the workshop with women, MU and AN headed back to the *otaaq* for conducting the community workshop with men, while other team members (FG, IB) continued with CBI on Dowry with the women of Permar family. Outside at the *otaaq*, the male members of the community had already started to gather and soon after the arrival of participants from Kasbo, the community workshop for men started around 1:00pm with a round of introductions between the team and the participants. The format of the workshop objectives and presentations were the same as in Mithi. The Nagarparkar workshop was attended by Arjan Lal (Dileep Permar's father/ identified resource person for leather tanning), Krishan Lal (Dileep's brother/ a school teacher by profession), Dileep Permar (Photographer and a school teacher), Jawher Lal (Gena Ram's brother, also a *bhagat* singer/ school principal), Ramshi Rabari (a representative from Rabari community), Girdhari Lal (Mining Engineer at Thar coal), Nahchal Das (student), Mohabat Rai (Population Control Department's employee), Rahul Dev (student), Padmoon Mal (student) and Khurram Ahmed (Head of Computer Education Centre) (Attendance sheet attached as **APPENDIX C**) (**Figure 10**). The objective of CBI was met with great enthusiasm by the community representatives at the workshop, and they proposed several dying cultural crafts (not listed earlier in reconnaissance visit report) as worth inventorying. One of them was *beeri* making (a handmade cigarette which requires special skill for the tobacco to be rolled in dried leaf). The identified skilled craftsman of this *beeri* making craft, named Tara Chand was Dileep's paternal uncle and lived in a neighboring house.

A proper audio and video recording of the entire workshop held at *otaaq* was done by the videographers (MS, MA) in NED team. The workshop was concluded at 2:15pm, followed by lunch served to all the participants, during which further informal discussions continued with the community members, in which all attendees, old or young participated with enthusiasm and wanting to contribute something or the other.



Figure 9: The consultant making presentation at the community workshop with women at Nagarparkar



Figure 10: Community workshop with men, representing various communities from Nagarparkar, held at Dileep's *otaaq* in Baloch Muhallah

APPENDIX A (Attendance Sheet of Workshop held at DAPNED, Karachi)

COMMUNITY BASED INVENTORYING IN THARPARKAR
 TRAINING WORKSHOP SINDH.
 JULY 22, 2022
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APPENDIX B (Attendance Sheet of Community Workshop held at Mithi)

Attendance Sheet

Community Workshop

Project: Conduct Community Based Inventory in Thar Parkar, Sindh

Organized by: UNESCO (Pakistan) and Heritage Cell, Department of Architecture and Planning,

NED University, Karachi

Venue: TREST, NED Campus, Mithi Date: 10 Sep-22
Tharparkar

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9	Panneeka		-	Pabuhar
10	Soneeta	Soneeta	-	Pabuhar
11	Seeta	-	-	Pabuhar
12	Sughar	-	-	Pabuhar
13	Sata	-	-	Pabuhar
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APPENDIX C (Attendance Sheet of Community Workshop held at Nagarparkar)








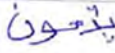
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Community Workshop

Project: Conduct Community Based Inventory in Thar Parkar, Sindh

Organized by: UNESCO (Pakistan) and Heritage Cell, Department of Architecture and Planning,
NED University, Karachi

Venue: Nagarparkar Date: 11 Sep-22

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05	Ramshi Rabari			Ghartiari
06	Girdhari Lal		0340-2491916	Nagarparkar
07	Soni Bai		Same as Kailshan's	Nagarparkar
08	Moomal Bai		=	Nagarparkar
09	Jeeja		=	Nagarparkar
10	Pushpa	Pushpa	=	Nagarparkar
11	Jamna		=	Nagarparkar
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