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Kabul Province: Chelstoon – Guzargah

Participants:

Women ages 20-35 X 1 group, from April 21, 2004

Moderator: Dr. Wamta

Total participants: 12

Women ages 35-45 X 1 group, from April 21, 2004

Moderator: Dr. Zulfia

Total participants: 10

Result:

When women asked if they ever seen a film, in first group only four women responded yes and in the second group 5 women reported that they watch TV and some films but three of them mentioned that they are tired during the daily work and don't have time to watch films or TV. Those who have ever seen films told that they watched Indian, Iranian, Western and Afghani films.

To the question do they enjoy watching films, many of them not responded and only some of them told that they like to watch films and one of them responded that she is so tired and even they don't have money to buy notebooks for their children, they don't like to watch films.

Just few participants believed that the stories of the films are true. They mentioned that the story of the films are true because they are coming from the life of the people and many times they themselves experienced it in their real lives.

Part one:

Only five women in each group commented on the question (what is the story about?) and all of them in the first group agreed that the story shows poverty in our society. Only few women in the second group mentioned that the story comparing the families who have fewer children and who have more children and also show how the mother with more children is so busy with daily activity.

The following were mentioned regarding to: would this scene take place in a common home in Afghanistan:

- yes indeed it sounds real; because in all homes we have this story
- because our country is less developed, it sounds realistic
- many families have more children, because we don't have access to birth spacing methods in our country
- that is true that the children are busy with the weaving of rugs in many families

In both groups only few participants commented on (what is common and what is uncommon about this scene?) Mainly they mentioned that the girl who is instead of housing, weaving the rug is common and if women bring more children, they will get problem and they should use drugs to prevent from child bearing is also common scene. There is no uncommon scene in the story as mentioned by respondents.

Part 2:

In both FGD more participants commented on this part. To the question why the story sound real, participants from the first group explained that if they have more children (7-10) than no body give them houses for rent. Many times when they asked for rental house, the owners first asked them about how many children they have. This is a big problem for them to have many children; even they can not attend their relatives also. One of participant from second group mentioned that she has 7 children and she can't care all of them.

The following responses were given to the question (why the potato seller looks sad?):

- he thought that if he was educated, he could also send his children to the school
- he saw the messages for first time and he wished to have seen it before to prevent from more children
- he was sad because of his poverty and because he couldn't sell all potatoes
- when he saw that the children are going to the school and his children are weaving the rug, he got sadness

What do you think about this sentence? "Less children, better life." Significantly majority of women in the both group agreed that it is very good slogan and every body wants to have less children. For example one of the women told that she had four daughter and people always asked why she doesn't has son, when the next time she became pregnant, she born a boy who was disable. Now she has seven children and all of them are very weak.

To the question (have you heard someone say this before?) majority of women says that they heard this from Radio Arman and just few of them mentioned Clinic and other sources as information for the above mentioned slogan.

Some of the women agreed that people will not be angry when they read above mentioned slogan. They will accept this slogan because it is through and every body knows that have more children is a problem for them.

In the first group majority of respondents were agreed that the film is about poverty and shows the difference between poor and reach families. But in the second group mainly they were thought that family should have fewer children and if they don't know how to do it, they should refer to nearest clinics for seeking help.

Only one of the participants told that in the rural area husbands are not agree with this slogan, because they want more children.

Part 3:

To the question (Do they understand what has happened so far in the story), participants from first group responded that if they had more money, their children also could attend

school like other people and also if people are educated they will have fewer children. They also mentioned that illiteracy has relation with birth spacing, those people who are illiterate, they have more children. In the second group majority of participants said that the story of film was about birth spacing and also shows that if you have fewer children than you have better life.

Are they agreeing with the grandmother? Significantly major of participants were agreed with this because the mother will be sick if she bring more children.

Why does the land lord tell the family to leave the house? The following were commented by both groups:

- because they had more children
- they are too poor to pay the rent of house
- their children will damage the walls of the house
- it is very common in Afghanistan to have access for house with poor people or who have more children

Part 4:

What did you like about it? All of the participants liked the scene because it was tragedy of our people and every thing in this scene is OK. But some of them mentioned that they liked the scene about birth spacing.

What did they not like about it? Only one participant from second group mentioned she doesn't like because it was not comedy.

Does this sound like a true story? All participants agreed that the story in this film is true because some of these people already had the same story in their life.

What did they think about the mother's decision to take pills after baby is born?

In the first group all participants have agreed that the decision was good, but she should have long time ago to decide about it. In the second group also all participants agreed that if the woman has few children than she will be healthy.