

Key Informant Interview Guide

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Village/town/city: Sherzad, Hisarak and Azrah. Urban _____ Rural √
Province: Nangarhar and Logar
Informant Name: Abdullah, Farid and Khan
Occupation: Tribal elders

Introduce the team and state briefly (without giving expected benefits) the purpose. Mention how important the interviewee's views are to the study and thank him/her for their time.

1) In what ways will the road change people's lives in Sherzad, Hisarak and Azra?

Roads play important role in the life of human beings, after road rehabilitation will bring positive effects to the peoples, agricultural goods as fruits and vegetables will transfer to the main cities quickly and the goods from the cities will easily come to our villages, vehicle rents will come down and gasoline expenses will decreased, patients will easily have the access to get to the hospitals, students will go their schools on clean roads, the virtue people will go too far places to attend the Juma Prayers and some of them will start small businesses according to their financial ability, vehicle maintenance expenses will come down all the above mention activities will bring much beneficiaries to the communities.

2) Assuming the road brings growth to the village/town/district, what kind of village/town/district planning tools do you expect to put in place? How will you manage the growth? (Bus terminals, services, etc)

Whenever the road rehabilitated well trades will improve, agriculture will develop, good health facilities will be available, education will become common among young generation, people will start jobs in these activities will be regularized very well by the communities, I hop I will build vehicle Wash-Rack if I have not the ability to do so I will plan a pharmacy or other business as me every one will think and will chose new things and they will start businesses as per their economical situation for their new lives, if credit schemes undertaken by the government are international organization it will prepare good facilities for the communities.

3) How much growth in traffic is expected? Commercial? Private use?

When the road is rehabilitated the traffic get increased absolutely as if the community become sure that their vehicles travel safely here and there thus every one for the prosperity of his life by a vehicle, the number of private vehicles are increasing and heavy vehicles for trade and agriculture products increased as well. Items transportation will increased and agriculture products despite that being spoiled will reach to the markets, health situation will be positively effected.

4) If the improved road enables truckers to reach their destinations faster, how might that affect commerce?

As the heavy vehicles can spend less time on good roads so it will facilitate the transportation of our goods items from one site we will have the ability to receive our goods to the markets and from other site the prices will come down and gasoline expenses will decreased. At present due to the bad condition of the road for the load of one truck we use two trucks which inconvenient to our economy and we pay higher prices for the goods, when ever the road rehabilitated it will facilitate the transportation of the trucks and trades become better.

5) Regarding the collection of any kind of road fees: can you tell us a little about the situation now?

There is no any type of taxes over the vehicles in the villages only whenever move toward the villages they pay a small amount of fee for transportation and municipality department in jalal abad.

- **What are your thoughts about a locally-managed voluntary contribution for community road maintenance?**

Till up to now the roads are in common condition, after the road rehabilitation community shura will manage the volunteer groups to ensure the safety and security of the road, at present there are a few individuals working on the road with their shovels to earn some money (the vehicle drivers and common people pay cash as charity) for the survival of their poor families.

- **Are their weight stations?**

No there is no weight station existed in our area.

7) What about night travel? Are truckers using the road after dark? Have there been many incidents or robberies?

Yes if the vehicle owners would like to use the road since night they can, if some family want to transfer their patients to Jalal abad city there is no any problem regarding security, but the only difference is that the have to use double time compare to day time. Many cases of robbery is have not taken place but some inconsiderable robbery take place.

8) What security measures are you taking?

Security situation in shirzad, Hesarak and Azra district remains sustainable, there is no major security incidents, relief Organizations are not active too much those who are working in these districts the communities fully support and assist them by example AREA and I IF HOP NGo's run orchard projects in Shirzad project, DAI constructed four km cobble stone road to the centre of Shirzad and Kodi Khel bridge (26 mt length, five mt wide) is under construction by NSP program, from these limited activities the communities are very happy support their activities and cooperate them.

9) What are your expectations for improving security over the next 6 months? How do you plan to improve security?

The community insist that their will be good security in the next six months there is no prediction of major insecurity situation security becomes better as the Afghan government is getting better day after day or people understand our country need rehabilitation we can get nothing from the wars, when ever our country rehabilitated the security will become better and our community will develop step by step. If the security situation becomes worse and southern part of the country compare to those areas the security will remains good and eastern part of the country.