

PEHLI KIRAN

VISIT SUMMARY
NANGARPAKAR PROJECT SITE
8TH -9TH APRIL 2010

DISTRICT THARPARKAR

Thar District has been carved out of District Mirpurkhas. It was first created on 20-12-1990 as Thar District. Name of present District was re-notified as Tharparkar on 19-10-1993. Tharparkar is the biggest district of Sindh Province and also most backward.

Tharparkar has four talukas; Mithi, Diplo, Nangarparkar and Chachro, comprising on 2,438 villages with 44 Union Councils. This district is spread over an area of 47, 91,025 acres (19,638 Square Kms) with population of 9, 14,291 souls (*according to census 1998*).

Mithi is head quarter of district Tharparkar which is situated at distance of 305 kilometers North-East of Karachi. With a population of about 20,000, is the biggest town in the desert and a famous centre for Thari handicrafts, appliquéd, bedspread, embroidered shirts, shawls, babies hats, wall hangings, horse and camel trappings, silver jewelry and carved wooden chairs and boxes.

Beyond Mithi the real feeling of desert begins, sandy tracks weave between hills covered with low flowering shrubs.

Nangarparkar is at distance of 150 Kms from Mithi town. This town is just in foot of high height Karoonjhar Hills. It is situated at a distance of 15 Kms from Indian border. Two ancient places of Hindu worship i.e. Sardharo, Anchlesar and Jain temples are situated there. Reportedly it was the part of the sea, which was to be crossed, therefore it was named as "Parker" literally it means to cross over. Nangarparkar has on its North Taluka Chachro and on West Taluka Mithi of district Tharparkar, while on East of it lies Jodhpur (Rajhistan) and on its South run of kutchh. The surroundings of Nangarparkar city comprises of 24 miles are named as Parker which is a rocky belt and the remaining part Sandy area.

Climatically the small rocks and sandy "Bhitis" both become extreme Cold in winter and Hot in summer. The Karoonjhar hills are circularly surrounding the Nangarparkar for 16 miles. The population of Taluka is 1, 53,106 souls out of which 62,213 are Muslims 90,893 Non-Muslims.

PEHLI KIRAN SOLAR LIGHTS PROJECT FOR THARARPARKER

It is reported that around 82 NGOs are working in Tharparker district. Out of 82, around 60% NGO are not on the ground. TRDP is one of the working NGO which is running various welfare projects for the poverty alleviation in the area.

In March 2010, Shaan Technologies (PVT) Limited on behalf of Mr. Pervaiz Lodhie President LEDtronics Inc. USA signed an MOU for the welfare of the deserving peoples of Tharparker district. Under This program 400 Solar Powered LED Lantern are being distributed free of cost to the deserving peoples.

Initially Thardeep Rural Support Program (TRDP) proposed a site near Indian border which is most backward area of the district. TRDP also scrutinized all residents of the area and developed a list of 150 peoples who are extremely poor. Because of desert income resources are very limited. Cattle farming, agriculture and labor are the main source of income. Majority of young peoples have been migrated to Karachi where job opportunities are much better.

Project site is consists of 9 villages which are located in south of Nangarparker. Site is 15 Kilometer away from Nangarparker and surrounded by Indian boarder from three sides.

Selected villages are,

- 1- Pethpur
- 2- Gadhro
- 3- Uthkapario
- 4- Behrano
- 5- Churio
- 6- Bartala
- 7- Kuaara
- 8- Kasbo &
- 9- Sabosan

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Pehli kiran/TRDP Project site

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On 8th April 2010, a team from Shaantech visited the site. TRDP arranged logistic support From Mithi to Nangraparker.

Following are the team member from Shaantech

- 1- Ayaz Mahmud, Vice President
- 2- Shahid Siddique, Engineering Manager
- 3- Jawad Baig, Admin officer
- 4- Fakir Jatoi, Production Engineer

Following are the team members from TRDP

- 1- Jhaman Lal Chandani, Program Manager, Engineering
- 2- Bhurji Wagani, Sr. Manger Administration & Logistics
- 3- Dr. Herji, Senior Social Organizer.

Our team reached the “Behrano Village” around 10 PM where we gave two Lanterns to two female residents Jeeman and Rano. We also installed a light in a hut for demonstration. According to residents a family normally spends Rs. 500 in a month for buying kerosene for lanterns.

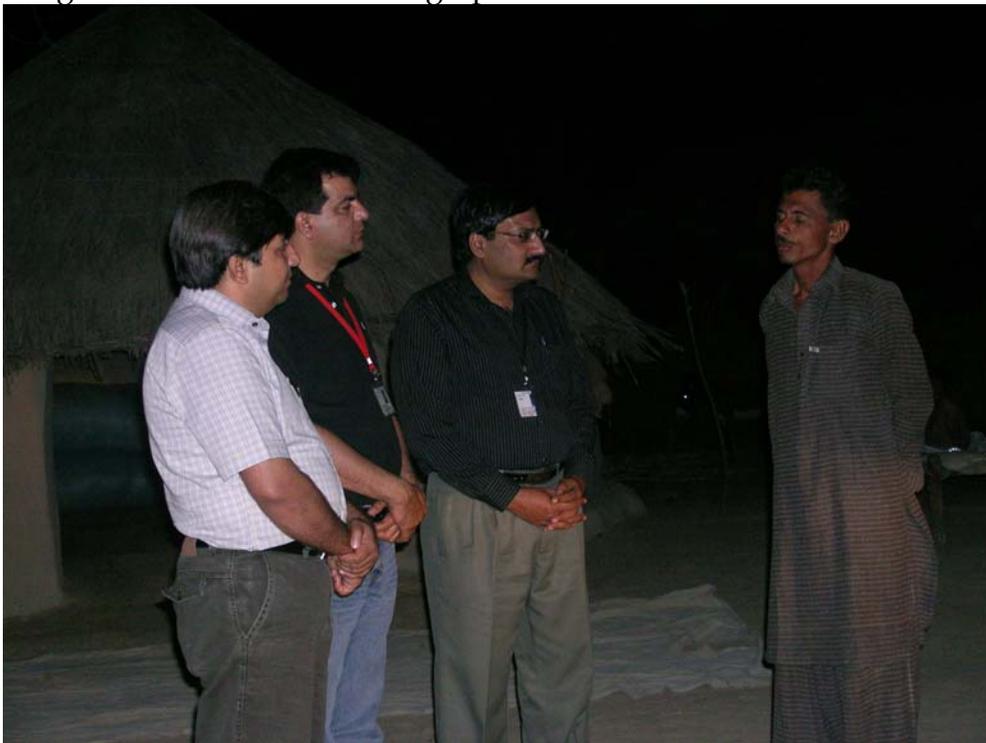
Below are few images which were taken during visit.



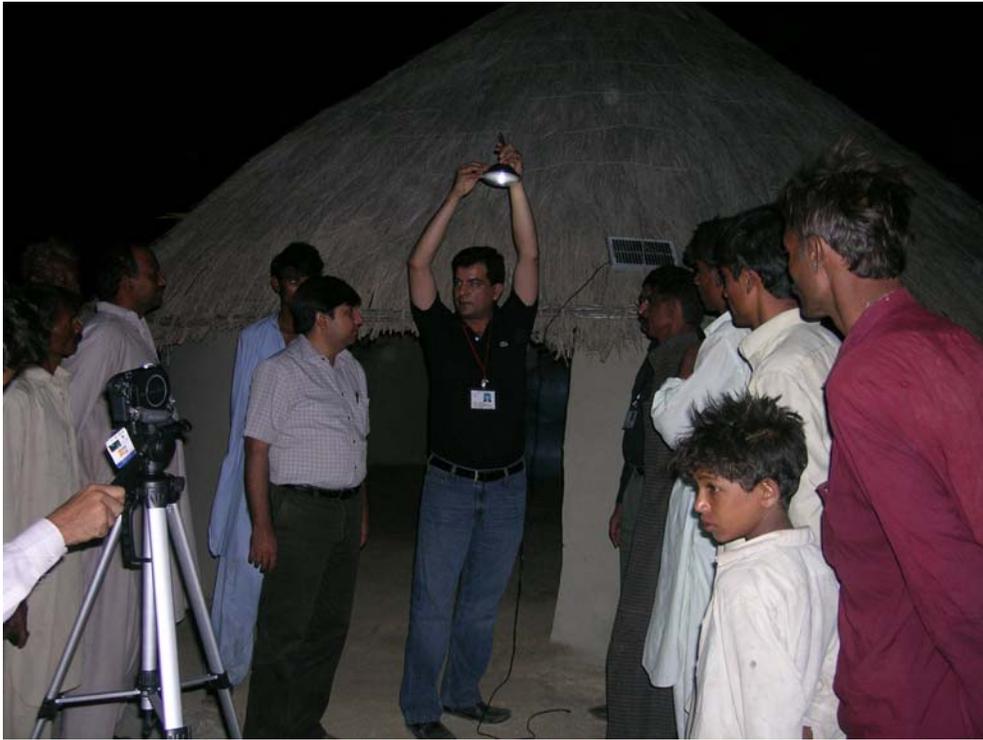
Arrival at TRDP Guest House Mithi 8th April 2010



Regional office TRDP at Nnagarparker



A resident of "Behrano village" telling us about their living.



Demonstration



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A traditional Tharparker Hut with a Solar Lantern Installed.



A night view of desert. Lights installed on fence at Indian border are clearly visible in background.



A view of Tharparker