

## *Inauguration Ceremony of ECED Center at Morder Mulkhov, Chitral*



Morder (correspondent Chitral times) an inauguration ceremony of ECD center held in Aga Khan

Higher Secondary School Morder. General Manager NHA Mr. Abd-u-samad chaired the programme while Dr. Mir Afzal Khan Tajik Head of PDCC was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Principals of government and private schools, representatives of AKDN, religious and political figures of the area, nobles and students of schools and colleges participated in the programme. It is well known to every one that Morder has a good name in the field of education. A building for ECED Center was started by ANMOL organization with the funding from CIDA through the Women Empowerment International Foundation, Canada with the aim to provide better educational facility to the children at their door step. The building was constructed according to the modern techniques of construction and is seismic resistance. In the Center, all modern educational facilities like computer lab, library, carpeted classrooms and other ECED related teaching aids are provided.

The programme was started with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran. Students of ECED section presented Naat, Hamad Sharif, national poems and speeches which were appreciated by the participants. Different speakers appreciated the efforts of ANMOL for carrying out effective educational development activities in the area. Chairman Educational Welfare Society, Mehroon Khan welcomed the participants and termed the establishment of ECED Center a great success of the Morder community. He also added that ECED is the strong base of education. Rubina Ashraf (Teacher ECED) spoke on the importance of Early Childhood Education and Development.

The honorary secretary of Regional Council Upper Chitral considered the Centre as the best quality centre like those in developed countries. She congratulated the parents and children to have the fortune of accessing such facility in their own village. She urged the ladies to educate themselves and play their due roles in different fields of life

following the cultural and ethical considerations. A reputed educationist, Mukaram Shah appreciated the efforts of the community of Morder particularly, the Education Welfare Society and ANMOL for improving the quality of education in the area. He said that Morder is loving village of loving people. They had the honor to initiate the first Community-Based School at secondary level. Girls not only from Morder but different parts of Chitral benefited from the school. The community took another challenging initiative of establishing CLRC and recently played an important role in the establishment of ECED center. He also thanked AKES, P for providing modern education to the local communities. He thanked ANMOL, CIDA and WEIF for this beautiful gift of ECED centre. Another speaker Mohd Aman emphasized the importance of female education.

The General Manager AKES, P Chitral highlighted the efforts of AKES, P in the field of education. He stated that whenever AKES, P came to Morder with a project the community has always been welcoming. They have worked on each project with full commitment irrespective of cast, religion and region. One of such examples is establishment of the ECED center. He thanked ANMOL and its partners in Canada for building a top quality ECED centre which AKES, P can follow as a model. He said that the ECED Centre CLRC attached to AKES, P school in Morder makes this school to be upgraded to next level--higher secondary school. AKES, P will work on it.

The general manager Hashoo Foundation, Sultan Mahmood appreciated the efforts of ANMOL and its partners, AKES, P and the Educational Society. He assured that Hashoo Foundation will provide possible financial support (Rs. 20,000) to the center and include its teachers in the professional activities that Hashoo Foundation organizes.

The prominent social worker, volunteer, ex chairman of the educational society Adnan thanked the institutions contributing for establishment of ECED center particularly, Dr. Mir Afzal Tajik. He described that about 800 students have graduated from Morder School and got jobs in educational institutions as

well as in many others. He requested the head of AKES Chitral, PDCC and Hashoo for providing support to the school as well as ECED center to improve their performance. He appealed the management of AKES, P to convert the CBS Morder to a regular AKHSS. He also thanked the community of Morder for their support and contribution in carrying out educational activities.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest Dr. Mir Afzal Tajik paid rich tribute to the community and the members of the Educational Welfare Society for their vital contributions towards the establishment and construction of such a magnificent ECED building. He said that they have succeeded in achieving another mile stone to strengthen the foundation of basic education with the completion of the center. Mentioning the contribution of ANMOL Organization, he said that the organization has made it possible to build and establish eight ECED Centers in different areas of Chitral. He expressed his gratitude to WEIF and CIDA for funding these 08 centres. Dr. Tajik is the founder and chairman of ANMOL and he is also a Board member of WEIF.

On his speech, General Manager NHA Abdul Samad highly eulogized the contributions made by the community of Morder, ANMOL, CIDA and WEIF in the construction of the grand building of ECED centre. He said that time would come when we would realize the vitality and importance of this center when we see our children studying in this center become doctors, engineers and educationists. He assured the participants that major changes would be observed among students who will study in this center and those who did not. He also paid rich tribute to AKES, P and other institutions and hoped that these organizations would continue their guidance in future also. The head teacher of the school thanked the participants.

At the end of the programme, Khatib Fida Hussain Bukhari prayed for the success of the children, religious harmony among the community, for the well wishers, contributors and organizers.

Mr. Noorul Sabah and Ibadu Rehman performed the task of stage secretary.