

## Italian and World Bank officials visit to Swat



*The Italian delegate Dr. Santa Moole-Director-AICS, Islamabad along with Ms. Simi Kamal, Sr. Group Head Grants Operations PPAF, Ms. Lubna Javaid, Programme Director PPR and community members inaugurates the link road in village Dhero Khaimdara, Swat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.*

Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) is implementing Programme for Poverty Reduction (PPR) in Balochistan, KP and FATA with the financial support of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)/Italian Development Cooperation (IDC).

The Italian delegate Dr. Santa Moole-Director-AICS, Islamabad and World Bank officials, Mr. Rehan Hyder, Mr. Azhar Saleem and Mr. Zahid Shakil, Ms. Simi Kamal, Senior Group Head Grants Operations, Ms. Lubna Javaid- Programme Director PPR, and other officials visited the area. They conducted meetings with local support organizations, asset transfer beneficiaries, education & health facilities and infrastructure projects being implemented in village Landai Kabal and village Maloch of district Swat.

While inaugurating the link road in village Dhero Khaimdara, Dr. Santa Moole appreciated the efforts of PPAF in implementing infrastructure projects in remote areas of Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa. The link road is being constructed in Village Dhero Khaimdara of UC BarAbakhel in district Swat benefitting more than 100 households. It provides link from farm to market so that farmers can easily take their produce to the market and also improved access to health & education facilities especially for women. She emphasized on proper operation and maintenance of the projects to ensure long term benefits of the project.

Ms. Simi Kamal, Senior Group Head, Grants Operations PPAF appreciated the women participation in all activities and emphasized on their inclusion in executive body of LSOs as it is a mandate of PPAF to empower women and ensure their active participation in economic development activities.