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SUCCESS STORY

DIGGING DEEPER

Laying the foundations for sustainable support for USAID's investment
in the future of education in Sindh Province



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Out of the six schools designated under the Sindh Basic Education Program's first package of schools designated for construction, only one – GBLSS Kouro Goth - will be demolished. As a consequence, a temporary teaching space had to be identified for the 322 children currently enrolled to continue their education without interruption. The Principal and Executive Committee identified two properties for this purpose. However, they were not big enough to take all the children. To overcome this problem, the Principal and Executive Committee had suggested children attend school in two shifts (morning and evening) during this transition period.

The CMP team organized a meeting with the General Body of the SMC and encouraged the Executive Committee to share the issue with its General Body members. The majority of the General Body rejected the suggestion of the Executive Committee that their children attend school in shifts.

The General Body generated a solution: there was an available property in the village that could take all the students. CMP facilitated a visit to the property by the Executive Committee who, after viewing and suggesting some minor improvements, signaled their approval on its use for accommodating all the children during the transition period.

After the visit, CMP shared the Executive Committee's suggestions on necessary improvements with construction contractors Halcrow who readily agreed to implement them.

The temporary property identified for GBLSS Kouro Goth by the General Body of the School Management Committee

An example of the positive benefits that can accrue from CMP's community development approach of 'digging deeper' - not only working with Executive Committees of SMCs but going beyond them to also reach out to and include General Body members - was demonstrated as soon as CMP's Community Mobilization Team engaged with the Principal and School Management Committee for Government Boys Lower Second School (GBLSS) in Kouro Goth, Khairpur District, Sindh Province.