

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATED AT TERU VALLEY On 5 June 2011

Gilgit: Every year on 5 June World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated though out the world to memorialize the United Nation Conference on Human Environment 1972. The objectives of the WED were to create mass awareness among the communities, increase political commitments and public conservation actions for conservation, protection and rehabilitation of the natural environment.

World Wide Fund for Nature Pakistan (WWF-P), Saving Wetlands Sky Project (SWSH) is working from 2007 to mitigate some of key threats to high altitude wetlands of Gilgit-Baltistan in general and high altitude Wetlands of district Ghizer in particular.

In this regard SWSH and Shandoor Local Support Organization (SLSO) jointly celebrated WED at Government Middle School, Teru valley of district Ghizer on 5 June 2011. The objectives of the event were to Raise awareness among the project communities, students and other stakeholder regarding the environment and wetland issues, improve their concepts about Natural resources and to bring in altitudinal change in students for conservation of High Altitude wetlands.

The event was started with recitation of the verses from the Holy Quran, after recitation Mr. Abdul Wali khan chairman SLSO address welcome speech and said environmental education is imperative for conservation of natural resources and sustainable development.

Mr. Dinar Ali Khan Manager SLSO presented a presentation on Efforts and achievements of SLSO from 2000 to present for conservation of natural environment and socio-economic uplift of local communities. He also shared their activities, challenges and future plans.

After presentation sessions students of government middle Teru presented a drama on Environment and Natural resources of the area, the title of the drama was **conservation**.

Mr. Nasser Ahmed Coordinator SWSH shared during his



speech about conservation fund established by WWF-Pakistan for SLSO to maintain project vision after exit from current project sites. He explained in detail about the conservation fund mechanism and efforts and achievement of SWSH.

Chief guest Conservator Forest Gilgit-Baltistan Mr. Mohammad Ismail Zafar presented awards and endowment fund cheque among participants and chairman SLSO.



During his speech Conservator forest GB appreciated the of role SWSH and SLSO for their joint efforts in Handrap-Shandoor area for conservation of Natural resources and Management of high altitude wetlands.

After indoor sessions an Environmental awareness raising Walk was organized by SLSO and SWSH to create mass awareness among the local communities and other stakeholders.

At the end Mr. Abdul Wali Khan thanked all participants and guests.

