

## Sabo leads to inspire

Mr. Sabo Khan is a young village activist from settlement Usman Mattai of revenue village Makhyaro, Union Council Ghulam Muhammad Baran, Tehsil Jati, District Suajwal. When RSPN introduced the Phase-I of the USAID/OFDA funded Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) Tahafuz Project in Makhyaro, the residents had formed a Village Disaster Management Committee (VDMC). Sabo Khan is an active member of the VDMC since then.



He motivated his fellow community members for undertaking various initiatives identified during risk assessment and planning exercise. The community initially hesitated to cooperate but upon Sabo's continuous efforts for persuasion, they agreed to work together to rehabilitate a 500 feet length of their earthen link road. They raised its height to make a more convenient safe evacuation route during floods.

There was a drainage running through the settlement with no culvert on it. Sabo feared that in case of flooding, this drainage could pose a threat to lives and assets of the villagers. He, taking an initiative, arranged material for construction of culverts on the drainage. He led the construction work and built culverts on the watercourse. People expressed their gratitude for Sabo who is now a torchbearer of positive change in his community. People can now cross the drainage with convenience and also feel protected as they can evacuate easily in case flood hits their community.

Sabo gives credit to his trainers and Tahafuz project teams who instilled confidence in him and enabled him to serve his community.