

## Swiss Pakistan Society Vice President visits CEO, HF

Today Mr. Sohail Mirza, Vice President Swiss Pakistan Society (SPS), called on CEO, Heritage Foundation of Pakistan while he is on his visit to Pakistan. The members of SPS have contributed generously to HF's work in post Flood 2010 communities in the katcha area in Upper Sindh. Being close to the river, the area is in any case prone to annual flooding, but suffered enormous damage and loss of all belongings in 2010. For this reason Ar. Yasmeen Lari designed community buildings on stilts in order to provide refuge to vulnerable groups during floods. The zero-to-low carbon footprint structures, built with bamboo, mud and lime in early 2011, have successfully withstood two seasons of flood waters. For SPS funded project, 85 housing units (one large room, verandah, kitchenette, wc and shower), 2 women's centers, 2 primary schools, 1 health centre have been built along with environmental improvements. The eco-build structures are designed on the principle of disaster risk resistance (DRR) and have been built in villages of Darya Khan Shaikh and Uthero, UC Kingri, Khairpur.



*Green Women's Centre*



*Boat arrives at village for Women's Committee*



*Children attend mural painting activity*



*Handwashing competition at Primary School*