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Meeting with Deputy Commissioner Ghotki

RAM (NPGP)

REMONY

Mr. Naved Ishaque (Sr. Manager-SRSO-MER) and Mr. Ashique Ali (District Manager-Ghotki) held a meeting with Deputy Commissioner-Ghotki Mr. Usman Abdullah at their office and discussed the planned Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program-GoS launching ceremony at Ghotki. They handed over them the SRSO publications set as well.





KASHMORE@KANDHKOT & KHAIRPUR/AUGUST24 AND 28,2021

MR. MUHAMMAD DITTAL KALHORO (CEO-SRSO) ALONG WITH DR. PERVEZ TAHIR, BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBER OF THE RURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME NETWORK VISITED NPGP- GOP & PPRP-GOS INTERVENTIONS AND HELD DIALOGUES WITH COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS LEADERS

Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO) along with Dr. Pervez Tahir (Member Board of Director-Rural Support Programme Network) visited village Murk Bhaiyo in UC Aakhero of Taluka Kandhkot district Kashmore @ Kandhkot. They conducted a dialogue with Leaders of Community Institutions and beneficiaries of the NPGP-GoP. LSO representatives and Women beneficiaries of NPGP shared success stories of their lives and livelihood.

Dr. Parvez appreciated the efforts of women Leaders and SRSO with PPAF and GOP under NPGP. He added, "I am in the development sector for last 40 years and supported Mr. Shoaib Sultan's vision for empowering rural communities and his vision became true by formation and strengthening of Community Institutions through Social Mobilization"

The esteemed guests also visited the distribution point and witnessed the distribution of productive assets under the Govt. of Pakistan-supported National Poverty Graduation Programme, where assets were handed over to selected ultra-poor households.

Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO) along with Dr. Pervez Tahir (Member Board of Director-Rural Support Programme Network) visited different interventions of SRSO in district khairpur Mirs under the Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program(PPRP).

They attended the meetings of Business Development Groups(BDGs) managed by rural women in UC Lyari and UC Bugro. BDG members briefed the process of business development, its execution and management of the business and group, also visited different enterprises established by Business Development Groups and appreciated the efforts of empowering rural communities and strengthening of Community. They also visited the Low Cost Housing Scheme (LCHs)of VO Adam Sultan in UC Gondehro. SRSO is constructing Low Cost Houses with the support of Govt. of Sindh.





Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program-Govt. of Sindh

Government of Sindh, Planning and Development Department, Monitoring and Evaluation Cell Team visits Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program interventions.

Sanghar/August26, 2021

The Monitoring & Evaluation Cell (MEC), Planning & Development Department-Government of Sindh Team paid field visits of all interventions for quality assurance and tracking impact changes of households by availing the PPRP Interventions

(CIF/IGG/VTP/LCH/ED) and community initiatives with linkages of community institutions with Government and Non-Government organizations. The MEC comprised on Ahmed Husaain Maher and Kashif Keerio. Team selected villages from different four SMTs and four Talukas based on provision maximum number of different interventions at VO level. The MEC Team first conducted the secondary monitoring of Program interventions by reviewing the Management Information System Database, Record in hard format, and community level record.

MEC is mainly focusing on quality management tools to keep a watch on the progress of development schemes Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program to proactively raise an alert where interventions are required by the decision taking authorities. In pertinent to this, they visited 06 Union Councils, 07 Village Organizations, and 07 Business **Development Groups of different** trends at the community level, where they monitored the impacts of social mobilization, Interest-Free Loan-Community Investment Fund (CIF), Income Generating Grant, vocational training program, Low-Cost Houses on the communities.





The beneficiaries and physical status of LCHS were verified on set criteria. In addition, they also paid a visit to BDGs executed at the community level and came to know community self-initiatives taken in the COVID sessions and vaccination, Monsoon rainfall flood ration distribution, **Registration in Ehsaas Program** and new CNIC registration. Mr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo (Team Leader-SRSO-PPRP), **District Manager and Other team** member facilitated the team in monitoring process.

The Managerial Activist Conference (MAC) was organized under Govt. of Sindh funded Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program *Umerkot/August30, 2021*

The Managerial Activist Conference (MAC) was organized in Village Salik Bajeer of UC Kharoro Syed and District Umerkot under the Govt. of Sindh funded, Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP). Representatives of Community Institutions (CO/VO/LSO) attended the MAC.

LSO Leader presented the work of LSO and VO and their selfinitiatives. Female activists and program beneficiaries also shared their success stories. Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed Khoso (District Manager-Umerkot) briefed the Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program and its interventions and achievements, implanted with the funding of P &DD- GOS.

Special guests from Malteser International (INGO) participated for exposure and learning. Team appreciated the SRSO and women-led- community institutions and their pro-active role in rural communities.



Building Resilient Communities by Connecting and Emergency Response to Sustainable Development Project

Advocacy and Networking meetings of LSOs with Taluka Administration regarding response to Disasters under SIDA-ACF funded Project

Thatta, Mirpurkhas & Badin/26, 27 & 28, 2021

At present, SRSO is implementing SIDA-funded Building Resilient Communities by Connecting and Emergency Response to Sustainable Development Project in partnership with ACF at Mirpurkhas, Badin, and Thatta districts. The goal of the project is to provide emergency life-sustaining assistance to disaster-affected communities in Sindh through food security and livelihood (FSL) and resilience-building interventions including psychosocial support interventions.

The Advocacy and networking meetings were organized between Local Support Organizations and Taluak Administration under the SIDA-funded Building Resilient Communities by Connecting and Emergency Response to Sustainable Development Project. Total 04 meetings were conducted at Taluka Mirpur Sakro and Thatta (District Thatta) Taluka Jhudho (District Mirpurkhas) and Taluka Badin (District Badin) on August 26, 27, and 28, respectively at Assistant Commissioner's Offices. All meetings were presided by Assistant Commissioner and attended by 35 representatives of 17 LSOs of targeted 17 Union Councils of three project districts.

The main purpose of the advocacy and networking meetings was to build linkages and coordination of LSOs with the taluka administration in order to develop a joint strategy to respond to disasters in an effective manner. District Managers-SRSO and District Team Leaders of SRSO-ACF-SIDA Project briefed about SRSO and project interventions in the districts meanwhile the LSO representatives tolled about LSOs and key challenges /hazards of disasters of their UCs. The Assistant Commissioners appreciated the SRSO efforts and ensured their full support to SRSO in project activities and LSOs in case of any emergency.

Date	Taluka	District Name	No Of LSOs	Participa of LSOs
26/8/2021	Mirpur Sakro	Thatta	02	05
27/8/2021	Thatta	Thatta	08	16
27/8/2021	Jhudho	Mirpurkhas	02	04
28/8/2021	Badin	Badin	05	10
Total	04	02	17	35
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Dr. Parvez Tahir, Member of BODs -RSPN and Ex-Chief Economist Pakistan visited the SRSO Interventions

Kamber-Shahdadkot/August 26, 2021

Dr. Parvaiz Tahir (Member of BOD – Rural Support Programme Network-RSPN) and Ex-Cheif of Economist Pakistan visited the different Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) interventions in district Kamber-Shahdadkot. He inaugurated the CPI scheme of Brick Pavement constructed under the EU Funded SUCCESS Programme at VO Sojhro UC Gathar. He attended the VO meeting where Team Leader- SUCCESS Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro, DM-SRSO-KSK Mr. Asad Jatoi, and the Kamber Unit team also participated. The LSO CBK presented the UC progress, self-initiatives, and the VO Leader's shared process and implementation of the scheme.

He planted the plantation of a tree nearby the brick pavement was done to support tree ongoing plantation campaign for the clean and green rural areas, meet nutrition needs and challenges of climate change.

Dr. Parvaiz Tahir visited the LSO CBK Training event at the District Office Kamber-Shahdadkot, interacted with the participants about their learning, and appreciated their level of interest and confidence. He applauded the efforts, active participation, and spirit of the Community Institutions (CIs) for bringing positive change in their lives and society.

Pakistan Independence Day was celebrated by LSO

Kamber-Shahdadkot/August13, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) District Kamber-Shahdadkot Salutes the heroes who sacrificed their lives to bring up this glorious day for Pakistan. Local Support Organization Maqsad Khushali comes to celebrate this Independence Day during Activist Workshop at Village Shahpur Sikandarabad Union Council Tharo Wadho Taluka Mirokhan.

Ms. Shama Perveen (Director Women Development Department-GoS), Mr. Tahir Korejo (Forest Officer), Mr Ayaz Ali (Media Representative) and from SRSO DM Mr. Asad Jatoi, LSO Professional, Field Unit Kamber team and more than 70 members of community institutions participated.

The activities included Experience sharing, cake cutting ceremony, plantation of plants and many more

In the End, plants were distributed among the participants to support and dedicate clean green Pakistan



EU funded Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS)Programme



05-Days Training of Master Trainers on Adult Literacy under EU-funded SUCCESS Programme. Team Leader-SUCCESS Programme visited the training.

Larkana/August 24, 2021

05 day-long training event of Master Trainers on Adult Literacy is underway at Larkana. The training is being organized under the Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills component of the SUCCESS Programme funded by the European Union, with the Collaboration of JICA AQAL & Directorate of Literacv and Non-Formal School Education. Literacy Department & **Covernment of Sindh.** The event is attended by15 Master Trainers, who will further rollout training of teachers in district Larkana and Kamber-Shahdadkot.

On August 24, 2021, Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro (Team Leader-SUCCESS) visited the training, observed training proceedings, listened to views of the participants regarding their learning, and talked about their roles and responsibilities as a master trainer in the conducting training of adult literacy teachers in rural areas of the both Programme districts.



Promoting Rights of Older People (HelpAge International supported)



The 5th meeting of the Senior Citizens Council was held, with the support of SRSO, at Social Welfare Training Institute, Karachi

Karachi/August 24, 2021

The fifth meeting of the Senior Citizens Council was held, with the support of SRSO, at Social Welfare Training Institute, Karachi. Mr. Muhammad Sajid Jokhio, Minister for Social Welfare, chaired the meeting. During the meeting, Secretary Social Welfare briefed the minister and council members on the progress of the Senior Citizen Card (Azadi Card).

The meeting was also held with Hina Dastagir MPA from PPPP. She was briefed on Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act 2014. Promoting Rights of Older People Project (HelpAge International Supported) Sensitization meetings with Members of Provincial Assembly (MPAs) on Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare

Act 2014 The sensitization meetings were held in Sindh Assembly with members of the provincial assembly, namely; Ms. Heer Sohu, Ms. Farhat Seemi, Ms. Nida Khuhro, Mr. Munnawar Wassan, and Ms. Kulsoom Chandio from PPPP, and Mr. Kanwar Naveed Jamil MPA-MQM Pakistan. They were briefed about the Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act 2014 and the implementation status of the act. All members ensured that they will talk in sessions of assembly regarding the Act.

SRSO has initiated sensitization meetings with MPAs on Senior Citizen Welfare Act 2014 in order to sensitize them about the act and get support in its effective implementation under the HelpAge International supported Promoting Rights of Older People Project.







National Poverty Graduation Programme-Govt. of Pakistan



5th 7-Days Training of Trainers (TOT) Workshop for Community Resource Persons (CRPs) on Enterprise Development, Assets Management, Financial and Functional Literacy.

SRSO Complex Sukkur/ August2 to 8, 2021

SRSO-Institute of Management and Skill Development (IMSD) organized successfully 5th 7-days Training of Trainers (ToT) on Enterprise Development, Assets Management, Financial and Functional Literacy from August 2 to 8, 2021, at SRSO Complex Sukkur under the National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP)-Government of Pakistan. This 7-days training of trainers workshop was attended by selected 29 (21 males and 8 females) Community Resource Persons (CRPs) of both Programme districts Shikarpur and Kashmore@Kandhkot.

These master trainers have been trained and capacitated mainly all aspects of enterprise development through using different participatory and interactive training tools and techniques.

On the first day, Mr. Muzaffar Panhwar' (PM-SRSO-NPGP) shared opening remarks, and last day participated and distributed the training certificates among the participants. Training Consultant Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed Pirzado facilitated the training meanwhile Mr. Zubair Soomro (Manager-IMSD) was the focal person for the overall coordination and management of the workshop.

SRSO has initiated a compressive training program on enterprise development for CRPs under the NPGP-GoP. Initially, 132 CRPs of both districts (2 from each selected UC) have been identified as Economic CRPs and their Training of Trainers (TOT) have been started by SRSO-IMSD. For this purpose, a comprehensive training manual has been also developed with the help of a training consultant. They have been trained in a 7 days comprehensive training that includes mainly; functional literacy, financial literacy, and basic business management, and assets management. These trained 132 Economic CRPs master trainers will be replicated this training with 32,549 tangible assets beneficiaries of the Programme in both districts through a 3 days training.



Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program-Govt. of Sindh



The Field Visits of Monitoring and Evaluation Cell (MEC)-Planning and Development Department-Govt, of Sindh of Different Interventions under GoS-funded Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme

Khairpur Mirs /August23, 2021

Government of Sindh, Planning and Development Department, Monitoring and Evaluation Cell, Regional Office Sukkur's Team comprised of two members, Mr. Kashif Keerio and Ahmed Hussain Mahar visited Annual Development Scheme Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program implemented by Sindh Rural Support Organization at district Khairpur.

The Monitoring and Evaluation Cell (MEC) team paid field visits of all interventions for quality assurance and tracking impact changes of households by availing the PPRP Interventions (CIF/IGG/VTP/LCH/ED) and community initiatives with linkages of community institutions by Government and Non-Government Departments. In pursuance of the Field visit, the delegation selected a random sampling methodology for the selection of VOs for field tracking.

Ghotki/August26, 2021

Government of Sindh, Planning and Development Department, Monitoring and Evaluation Cell, Regional Office Sukkur's Team comprised of two members, Mr. Shahzeb Shaikh and Abdul Rasheed Jumani visited Annual Development Scheme Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program implemented by Sindh Rural Support Organization at district Ghotki.

The MEC Team reached the SRSO District Ghotki office and SMU Office Mirpur Mathelo and before the office visit, they had paid a visit of ongoing CMST events at concerned Venues (Dodo Mirpur and Jamal Goth Ghotki). After field visits, MEC team conducted the meeting with SRSO PPRP officials. Mr. Ashiq Ali Kalwar District Manager Ghotki, Mr. Qalander Bux Korai (IMSD-Trainings) Mr. Zahid Shaikh (MER Officer), and the finance and admins team. The MEC team revealed their purpose of visit and strategy of monitoring. DM Ghotki presented detail SRSO PPRP program's presentation of District Ghotki since inception till up to date Aug 2021, Admin Finance Team Presented Asset lists and facilitated team for verification of Assets. Then they randomly selected 02 villages where CMSTs (Community Management Skill Trainings) were ongoing at field level. In last, debriefing were taken place by MEC Team at the district office with SRSO District Team about villages selected in different UCs of Talukas of District Ghotki.

The MEC Team first conducted the secondary monitoring of Program interventions by reviewing the Management Information System Database, Record in hard format, and community level record.

In pertinent to this they visited 04 Union Councils, 04 Village Organizations, and 03 Business **Development Groups at the** community level, where they monitored the Social Mobilization Impact among organized Households, Interest-Free Loan- Community Investment Fund (CIF), an activity that they have utilized as per their Micro **Investment Plan and also Income** Generating Grant for income generation activity. They also conducted interviews of Vocational Training certified pax and in the routine meeting of the VOs, they also meet with Low-Cost Houses

Ponoficiaries, In addition, they also paid a visit to BDCs executed at the community level, and in the last debrief sessions took place





EU-FUNDED PROGRAMME FOR IMPROVED NUTRITION IN SINDH (PINS-ER-III)



TWO DAYS REFRESHER OF WASH CRPS ON SBCC TOOLKIT & WASH ACTIVITIES

SHIKARPUR /AUGUST11&12, 2021

SRSO-PINS-ER-III district Shikarpur team under Program for Improved Nutrition in Sindh PINS-ER III conducted two days refresher of WASH CRPs on SBCC Toolkit & Wash activities. The main purpose of this refresher workshop was to capacity build of CRPs and planning of remaining milestones for achievement. The main topics which were covered during two days are; Updated Village MAP, CLTS Triggering, Transit Walk, updated & discussion Village Action Plan VAP and Village Development Plan, monthly Sessions on SBCC Toolkit, cleaning campaign for Open Defecation ODF at Village level along with all CRPs, ODF certification, and ODF sustainability.



DISTRICT ODF COMMITTEE VISITED 6 VOS OF UC ABDOO LSO SINDH

SHIKARPUR /AUGUST28, 2021

District ODF Committee visited 6 Village Organizations(VOs) of UC Abdoo LSO Sindh with the purpose of assessing requested villages of ODF certification from the local government department District Shikarpur. The committee visited all 6 villages and assessed the villages on certain criteria of ODF certification. ODF Committee comprised of Mr. Shamsul Huda AEO Education Department, Mr. Irshad Sethar PHED Department, and Mr. Waseem Shah UC Secretary Local Government Department. Sindh Rural Support Organization has initiated the ODF certification f process from the concerned government department of the targeted villages under the EU- funded PINS-III in all 3 Programme districts.



CHIEF OF OPERATION (COO) OF RURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMMES NETWORK (RSPN) VISITS SRSO IMPLEMENTED EU FUNDED SUCCESS AND PINS PROGRAMMES AND GOS FUNDED PPRP INTERVENTIONS

KAMBER-SHAHDADKOT & KHAIRPUR MIRS/AUGUST11 & 12, 2021

Mr. Khaleel Tetlay (COO RSPN) visited Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) and went field, observed interventions, and met Programme beneficiaries and community institutions leaders. On the first day, he visited district Kamber-Shahdadkot and visited ongoing EU-funded SUCCESS and PINS Programmes supported interventions. He visited the Community Fishpond of LSO Suhni Warah where he conducted a meeting with the LSO Executive Body. LSO presented the progress and shared the detail of community Fishpond. The purpose of developing community fishpond is to have easy access of the poorest communities on fish; they consume and increase nutrition under PINS ER-3 funded by European Union.

Mr. Tetlay shared their views about the visit and said, "It was wonderful to visit community institutions fostered under the European Union supported SUCCESS Programme in district Qambar Shahdadkot by the Sindh Rural Support Organization. Organized and empowered rural women very proud of their achievements in a short period, particularly in management and benefits from the Community Investment Fund (CIF), Income Cenerating

Grants (IGG), Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI), etc"



2nd day, he visited district Khairpur Mirs and visited and participated in different activities under the Govt. of Sindh-funded People's Poverty Reduction Program. He visited established businesses, met with entrepreneur women and members and leaders of women-led community institutions fostered by SRSO under the Government of Sindh funded Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme. He shared views about this visit, **"in a short period of three years, rural women have gained access to and control over economic resources that is now contributing to their empowerment. They are actively linking up with local public service deforments, district administration, and running and managing a whole array of microenterplace One community leader said: "We were invisible, we were in the data.** With the **surgeost of the Government of Sindh we have seen the light**".

National Poverty Graduation Programme

(NPGP)-Govt. of Pakistan

SOCIAL MEDIA COVERAGE OF SRSO INTERVENTIONS UNDER NPGP BY PPAF

Sindh rural support organization (SRSO) is implementing National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP), in partnership with Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF), with the support of the Government of Pakistan and The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), in Shikarpur and Kashmore@Kandhkot districts. The overall goal of the Programme is to assist the ultra-poor and very poor in graduating out of poverty on a sustainable basis, simultaneously improving their overall food security, nutritional status, and resilience to climate change.



Tales of

Change







Productive Asset Brings Cash, Create Better Condition for Ultra-Poor Families Ghulistan Khatoon's family en route to graduate out of poverty. Empowering rural women through livelihood opportunities Hooran Khatoon's family en route to graduate out of poverty.



. IFAD "IFAD funded NPGP's livelihood support gave me confidence and courage to break the cycle of poverty. Our entrepreneurial enterprise offers a sustainable stream of Income. We are reinvesting profits to grow our enterprise and utilize saving to improve the living conditions of our family and education for children." Guidan Natoon, wisker of Hatsut? an Bepri Viage, Kather CAPICN



II Thanks to IFAD and NPGP for providing us with a productive asset [a buffalo] this is fulfilling the nutrition requirements of our family. We are spending less on food and earning a reasonable income of PKR 400-500/- daily by selling excessive milk in the neighborhood. II Hooran Khatoon Sindit Pakistan

LINK IN THE CAPTION

Strengthening Rural Women's Self-Esteem through Income Generation Shehzadi's family en route to graduate out of poverty.



Thanks to GoP & IFAD my self-esteemed has improved and I have found a decent livelihood. I am selling 8-10 bedsheets monthly to earn PKR 16,000. With the business I am making enough money to buy enough food for my family. -Shehzadi

LINK IN THE CAPTION

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"Having an independent source of income is better than any donations & loans," says Qadir who launched a mobile shop in his area. "#NPGP/Ehsaas Amdan ignited my lost dream of being an entrepreneur. Before I was unemployed now, I am generating employment and transferring skills".



Tweet your reply



Qadir is promoting decent work and creating opportunities for rural youth to reduce poverty

For more information visi www.ppaf.org.plc/NPGP



PPAF @PPAFofficial · 6h : Ghulshan has received Enterprise Dev Training from #PPAF's partner organisation #SRSO & is aiming to expand her business. She is happy to be able to increase the family's income & is progressing to achieve her vision journey driving her family out of poverty sustainably.



For more information about the programme visit www.ppet.org.pk/NPGP



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In January 2021, Mrs Gulshan Khatoon with the livelihood support of Ehsaas Amdan/ #NPGP established a home-based lace-cum-cloth shop in Kashmore & earning PKR 900-1000 (USD 6 approx) daily. The programme helped her realised her development potential & entrepreneurial skills.



SRSO-Pictorial Highlights August,2021

