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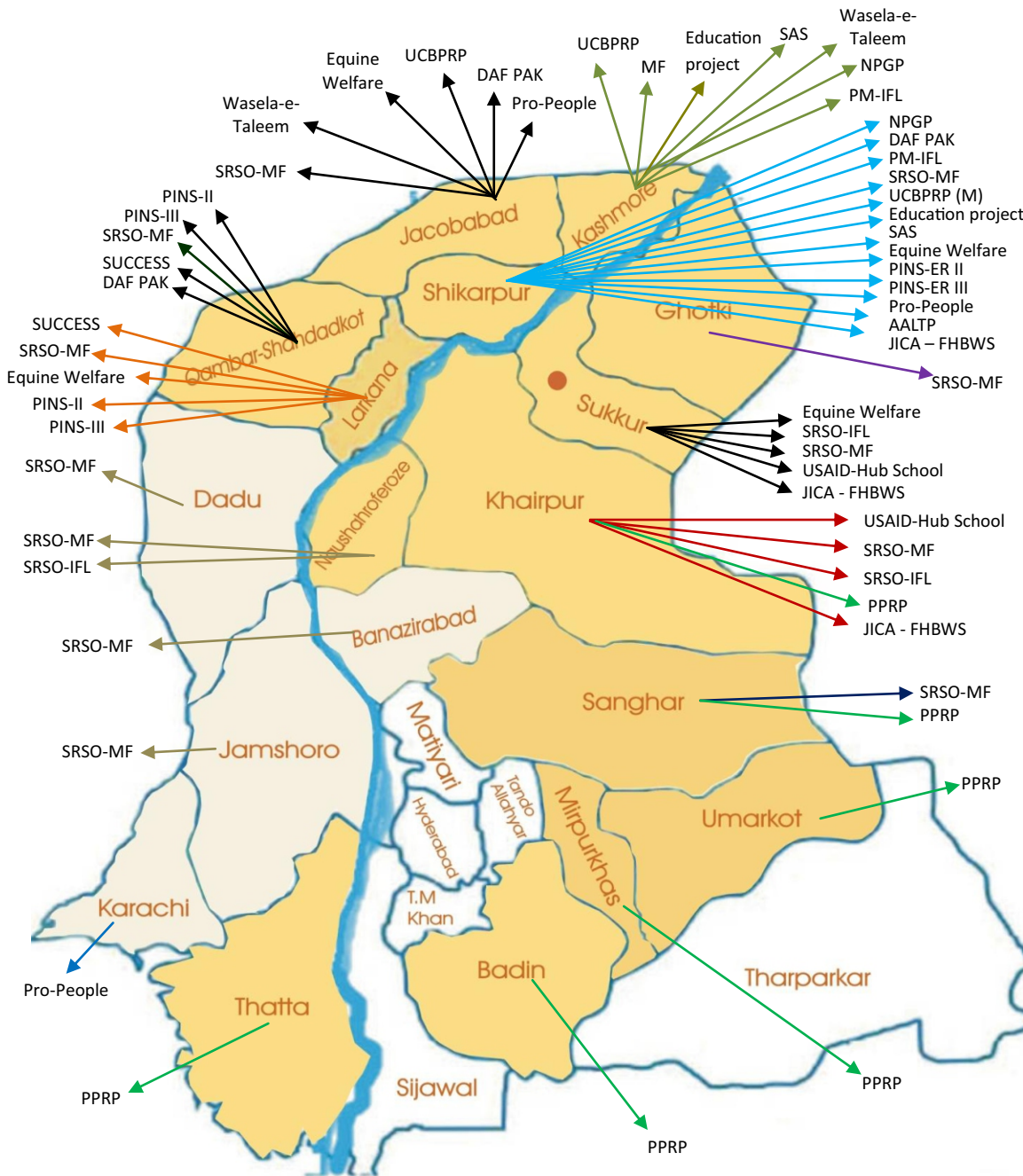
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Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) Operational Areas



ON GOING PROJECTS

- UCBPRP**
Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme
Funded by: P&D-GoS
- Equine Welfare Project**
Funded by: BROOKE
- PPRP**
Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme
Funded by: GoS
- SRSO-Microfinance**
Funded by: SRSO
- SEF- Assisted School (SAS) Program**
Funded by: SEF
- Education Project**
Funded by: CDP-GoS
- PM-IFL**
Prime Minister Interest Free Loan
Funded by: PPAF-GoP
- USAID-Hub School**
Funded by: USAID-GoS
- SUCCESS**
Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support Program
Funded by: European Union (EU)
- SRSO-IFL**
(Interest Free Loan)
Funded by: GOS
- AALTP**
Adolescent & Adult Learning & Training Program
Funded by: SEF - GoS
- IALP**
Improving Adolescent live in Pakistan
Funded by: IKEA-UNICEF
- PINS**
Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh
Funded by: P&D-GoS - EU
- DAF PAK**
Delivering Accelerated Family Planning in Pakistan
Funded by: PSI - DFID
- Wasela-e-Taleem**
Funded by: BISP-GoP
- NSER**
National Socio Economic Registry
Funded by: BISP-GoP
- JICA - FHBWS**
Improvement of Livelihood and Female Home-Based workers in informal Economic Section in Sindh Province
Funded by: JICA
- Pro-People**
Promotion of the Rights of Older People in Pakistan (Pro-People) Sindh
Funded by: HelpAge Germany & BMZ
- NPGP**
National Poverty Graduation Programme
Funded by: IFAD-GoP

VISION

To perceive Socially and Economically empowered Communities especially the marginalized ones and helping create a proactive Community Organizations by attitudinal change by setting free people's Potentials and willingness to alleviate poverty.

MISSION

To meet the challenge of battering poverty and help the poor to get above the poverty line and have a standard life. To help marginalized rural people harness their potential to bring about change in their quality of life on a self help basis.

OBJECTIVES

- To unleash people's potential and willingness to alleviate poverty in Sindh
- To reinforce and compliment Government of Pakistan's policy of Poverty Alleviation
- To support and strengthen Government of Sindh's efforts to translate Poverty reduction strategies into actions

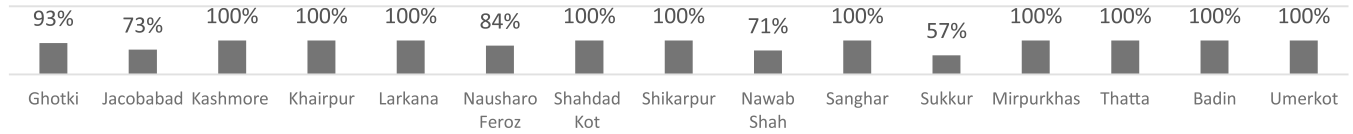


SRSO Cumulative Achievements as of June 2020

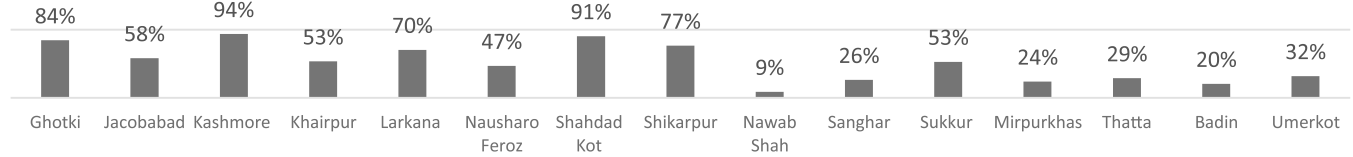
S. No.	Key Performance Indicators	Achievement as of Dec: 2019	Achievement as of June 2020	% increase during 2 Qtrs	
1	No. of Operational Districts	15	15	0%	
2	No. of Union Councils with SRSO presence	707	722	2%	
3	No. of Taluka with SRSO presence	86	86	6%	
4	No. of Villages with SRSO presence	17,347	17,605	1%	
5	No. of Household Organized	1,159,124	1,200,484	4%	
6	VO Formation	12,361	12,679	3%	
7	LSO Formation	462	494	7%	
8	CO- Formation	Female	64,705	66,227	2%
		Male	2,383	2,383	0%
		Mix	40	40	0%
		Total	67,128	68,650	2%
9	CO-Membership	Female	1,119,163	1,161,822	4%
		Male	38,662	38,662	0%
		Total	1,157,824	1,200,484	4%
10	Community Saving (In million)	Female	197,439	235.639	19%
		Male	6.80	6.80	0%
		Total	204.239	223.185	9%
11	Income Generating Grant (IGG) Amount Disbursed (In Million)	339.14	400.5	19%	
	No. of IGG Beneficiaries	27,343	31,639	16%	
12	Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount disbursed (In Million)	2,478	2,687	8%	
	No. of CIF Beneficiaries	200,677	214,227	7%	
13	Total amount of Microcredit disbursed (In Million)	15,625	16,664	7%	
	No. of Beneficiaries of Micro Credit Programme	712,236	756,718	6%	
14	No of Community members trained in vocational skill Training	69,371	74,929	8%	
15	No of Community members trained	344,233	425,680	24%	
16	Community Members trained as TBAs	4,777	4,777	0%	
17	Micro Health Insurance (Clients)	812,369	873,421	8%	
	Community Members Insured in Micro Health Insurance (Head Count)	672,985	672,985	0.04%	
18	No. of Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)	26,687	26,747	0.22%	
	Total amount of CPIs (In Millions)	1,446	1,491	3%	
	Total Beneficiary Households	259,311	266,487	3%	
19	No of Low Cost Houses	20,466	21,701	6%	
20	No of Poultry layers distributed	20,221	20,221	0%	
21	No of trees Planted	839,386	839,386	0%	
22	No of Kitchen Gardening	16,878	16,878	0%	



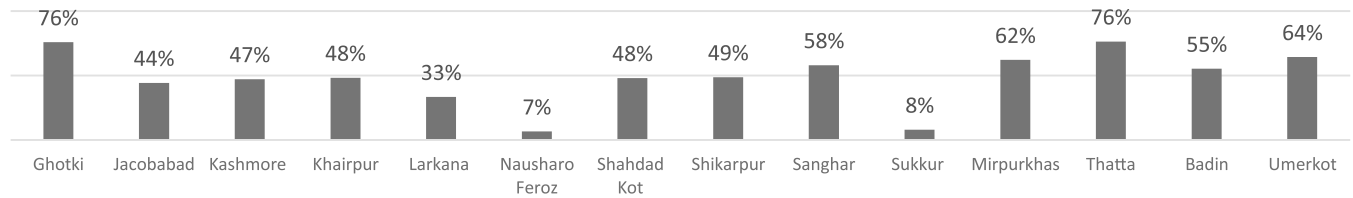
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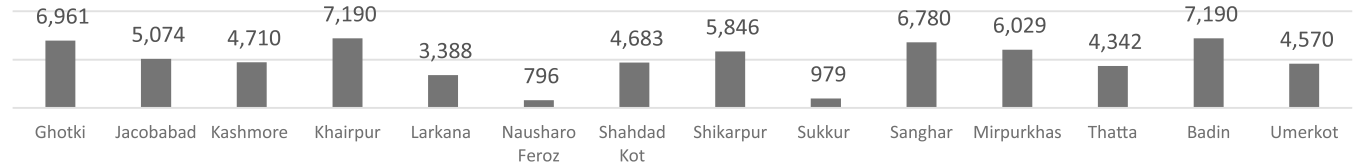
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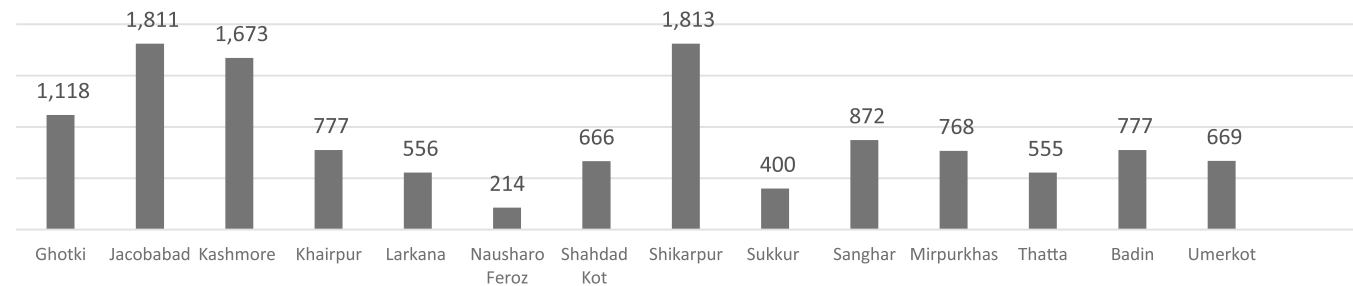
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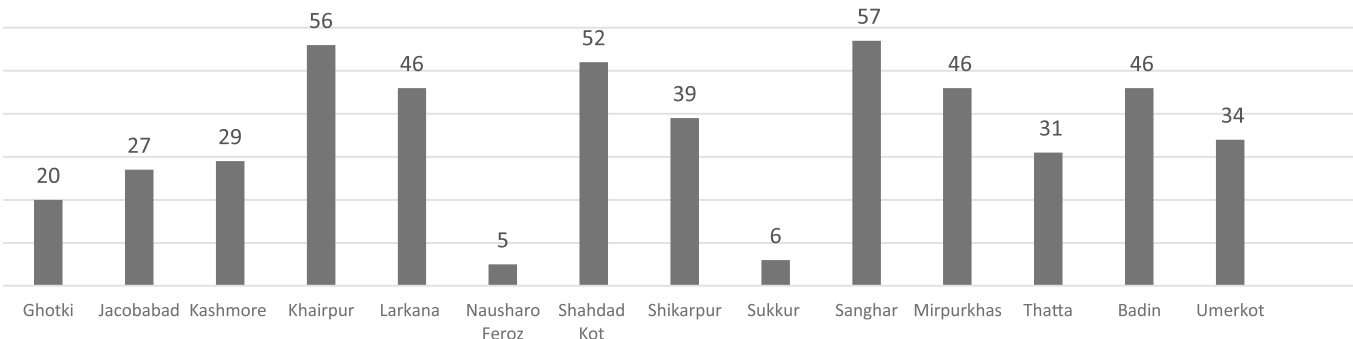
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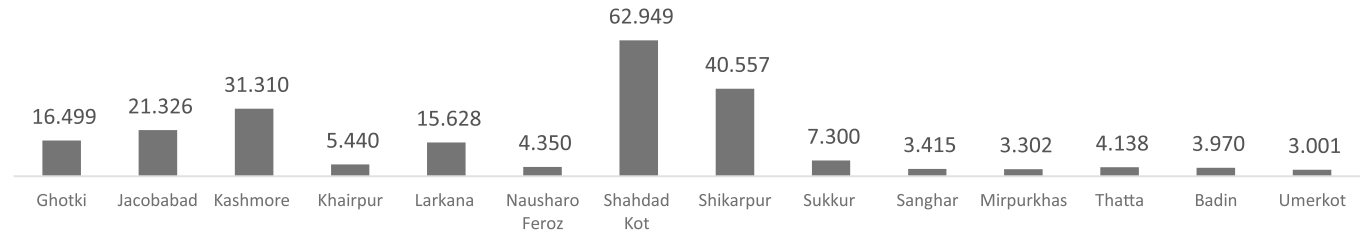
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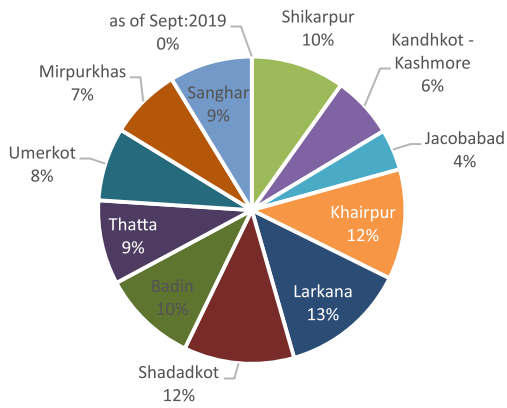
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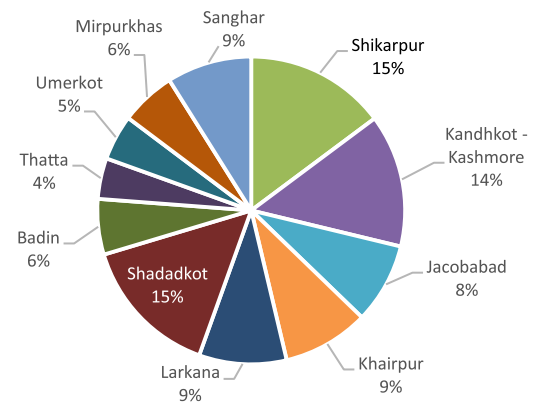
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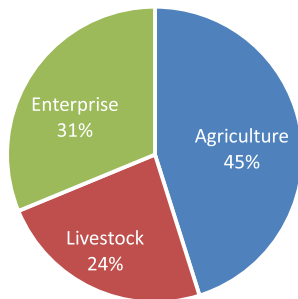
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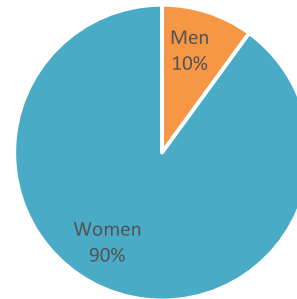
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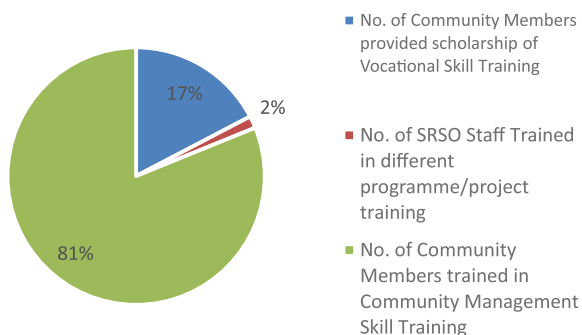
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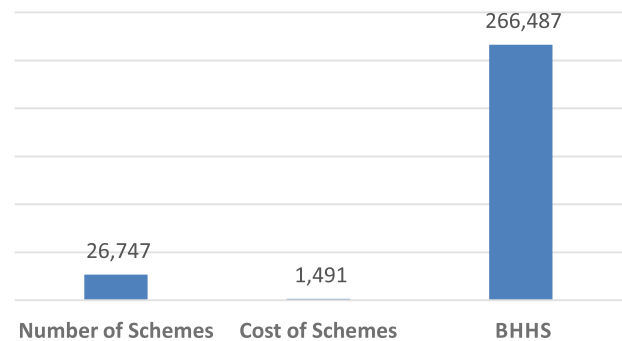
GENDER WISE MICROCREDIT DISBURSMENT AS OF JUNE 2020



SUMMARY OF STAFF & COMMUNITY MEMBERS TRAINED AS OF JUNE 2020



SUMMARY OF CPI AS OF JUNE 2020





S. No.	District		Geographical Coverage				
			Total No. of area in the District	# of SRSO intervened area as of Dec: 2019	# of SRSO intervened area as of June 2020	% increase during Qtr	% of total area coverage as of June 2020
1	Ghotki	Union Council	40	37	37	-	93%
		Village	2,464	2,080	2,080	-	84%
		Household	223,706	120,767	120,767	-	54%
2	Jacobabad	Union Council	40	29	29	-	73%
		Village	3,110	1,811	1,811	-	58%
		Household	125,341	84,893	84,893	-	68%
3	Kashmore - Kandhkot	Union Council	37	37	37	-	100%
		Village	1,786	1,673	1,673	-	94%
		Household	140,872	80,345	80,345	-	57%
4	Khairpur	Union Council	88	75	88	17%	100%
		Village	3,254	1,740	1,740	0%	53%
		Household	280,079	131,685	147,246	12%	53%
5	Larkana	Union Council	47	47	47	-	100%
		Village	1,590	1,116	1,120	0.4%	70%
		Household	140,795	70,132	72,404	2%	51%
6	Naushahro Feroz	Union Council	51	43	43	-	84%
		Village	2,192	1,028	1,028	-	47%
		Household	212,073	14,325	14,325	-	7%
7	Qamber - Shahdadkot	Union Council	52	52	52	-	100%
		Village	1,561	1,397	1,413	1%	91%
		Household	155,051	100,461	101,672	1%	66%
8	Shikarpur	Union Council	50	50	50	-	100%
		Village	2,414	1,848	1,848	-	77%
		Household	155,902	102,306	102,306	-	66%
9	Sukkur	Union Council	46	26	26	-	57%
		Village	1,664	881	881	-	53%
		Household	135,906	14,429	14,429	-	11%
10	Nawab Shah	Union Council	51	36	36	-	71%
		Village	4,104	362	362	-	9%
		Household	210,984	-	-	-	0%
11	Sanghar	Union Council	71	73	73	-	100%
		Village	3,351	880	880	-	26%
		Household	270,891	109,540	114,246	4%	42%
12	Mirpurkhas	Union Council	55	55	55	-	100%
		Village	3,223	718	768	7%	24%
		Household	209,861	93,373	94,982	2%	45%
13	Thatta	Union Council	33	39	41	5%	100%
		Village	1,934	486	555	14%	29%
		Household	152,881	61,092	67,324	10%	44%
14	Badin	Union Council	68	68	68	-	100%
		Village	3,800	729	777	7%	20%
		Household	282,574	107,646	115,243	7%	41%
15	Umerkot	Union Council	42	40	40	-	95%
		Village	2,103	592	669	13%	32%
		Household	163,551	66,530	70,301	6%	43%
GRAND TOTAL		Union Council	773	707	722	2%	93%
		Village	38,550	17,341	17,605	2%	46%
		Household	2,860,467	1,157,524	1,200,483	4%	42%



S. No	District	Formation of Community Institution			Organized Coverage	
		Community Organizations (COs) Village Organization (VOs) Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of Dec: 2019	# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of June 2020	% increase during Qtr	
1	Ghotki	Community Organizations (COs)	6,961	6,961	-	
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,118	1,118	-	
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	12	20	-	
2	Jacobabad	Community Organizations (COs)	5,074	5,074	-	
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,811	1,811	-	
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	27	27	-	
3	Kandhkot-Kashmore	Community Organizations (COs)	4,710	4,710	-	
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,673	1,673	-	
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	29	29	-	
4	Khairpur	Community Organizations (COs)	7,302	7,302	-	
		Village Organizations (VOs)	743	777	5%	
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	48	56	17%	
5	Larkana	Community Organizations (COs)	3,378	3,388	0.3%	
		Village Organizations (VOs)	556	556	-	
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	46	46	-	
6	Naushahroferoz	Community Organizations (COs)	796	796	-	
		Village Organizations (VOs)	214	214	-	
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	4	5	25%	
7	Qamber - Shahdadkot	Community Organizations (COs)	4,657	4,683	1%	
		Village Organizations (VOs)	666	676	2%	
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	52	52	-	
8	Shikarpur	Community Organizations (COs)	5,846	5,846	-	
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,813	1,813	-	
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	39	39	-	
9	Sukkur	Community Organizations (COs)	979	979	-	
		Village Organizations (VOs)	400	400	-	
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	6	6	-	
10	Sanghar	Community Organizations (COs)	6,523	6,780	4%	
		Village Organizations (VOs)	799	872	9%	
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	46	57	24%	
11	Mirpurkhas	Community Organizations (COs)	5,933	6,029	2%	
		Village Organizations (VOs)	733	768	5%	
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	43	46	7%	
12	Thatta	Community Organizations (COs)	3,921	4,342	11%	
		Village Organizations (VOs)	492	555	13%	
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	27	31	15%	
13	Badin	Community Organizations (COs)	6,708	7,190	7%	
		Village Organizations (VOs)	728	777	7%	
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	44	46	5%	
14	Umerkot	Community Organizations (COs)	4,340	4,570	5%	
		Village Organizations (VOs)	615	669	9%	
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	33	34	3%	
GRAND TOTAL		Community Organizations (COs)	67,128	68,650	2%	
		Village Organizations (VOs)	12,361	12,679	3%	
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	456	494	8%	



Community Saving

S. No.	District	Community Saving as of Dec: 2019 (In Millions)	Community Saving as of June 2020 (In Millions)	% increase during Qtr:
1	Ghotki	16.499	16.499	0%
2	Jacobabad	21.326	21.326	0%
3	Kashmore - Kandhkot	31.310	31.310	0%
4	Khairpur	5.44	5.44	0%
5	Larkana	15.63	15.63	0%
6	Naushahro Feroz	4.350	4.350	0%
7	Qamber - Shahdadkot	32.469	62.95	94%
8	Shikarpur	40.557	40.557	0%
9	Sukkur	7.300	7.300	0%
10	Sanghar	3.415	3.415	0%
11	Mirpurkhas	3.302	3.302	0%
12	Thatta	4.138	4.138	0%
13	Badin	3.97	3.97	0%
14	Umerkot	3.001	3.001	0%
	TOTAL	204.239	223.19	16%

Income Generating Grants (IGG) (Women Beneficiaries 100%)

S. No.	Districts	as of Dec: 2019		as of June 2020		% increase during Qtr
		# of Benf:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	# of Benf:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	
1	Shikarpur	3,717	39.50	3,717	39.50	-
2	Kashmore - Kandhkot	2,543	26.13	2,543	26.13	-
3	Jacobabad	1,348	17.31	1,348	17.31	-
4	Khairpur	2,063	28.6	3,268	46.5	63%
5	Larkana	4,970	51.8	5,066	53	2%
6	Qamber - Shahdadkot	3,338	44.5	3,494	46.6	5%
7	Badin	2,190	29.6	2,881	40	35%
8	Thatta	1,757	26.3	2,372	35.5	35%
9	Umerkot	1,717	25.3	2,113	31	23%
10	Mirpurkhas	1,789	25.6	2,098	30.01	17%
11	Sanghar	1,911	24.5	2,739	35	43%
	Total IGG Disbursed	27,343	339.14	31,639	400.55	18%

Community Investment Fund (CIF)

S. No.	Districts	as of Dec: 2019		as of June 2020		% increase during Qtr:
		# of Benf:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	# of Benf:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	
1	Shikarpur	40,239	396.51	40,239	396.51	-
2	Kashmore - Kandhkot	35,863	374.07	35,863	374.07	-
3	Jacobabad	18,371	226.43	18,371	226.43	-
4	Khairpur	18,154	222.23	18,154	243.05	9%
5	Sukkur UCBPRP	513	7.05	513	7.05	-
6	Noshero Feroze	370	1.85	370	1.85	-
7	Larkana	16,558	234.79	16,558	246.3	5%
8	Qamber - Shahdadkot	22,710	358.35	26,581	398.46	11%
9	Badin	10,719	134.35	12,384	156.41	16%
10	Thatta	6,021	89.21	7,710	114.87	29%
11	Umerkot	7,844	107.24	9,393	127.72	19%
12	Mirpurkhas	8,968	126.11	11,090	155.57	23%
13	Sanghar	14,347	200.07	17,111	239.183	20%
	Total CIF Disbursed (In Million)	200,677	2,478	214,227	2,687.47	8%

Micro Finance (MF)

S. No.	Amount disbursed as of June 2020	
1	Total Amount of Micro Credit Disbursement (Million)	(in 16,664,172,573)
	Men	1,635,878,600
	Women	15,028,293,973
2	No. of Loans	756,718
	Male	75,727
	Female	680,991
3	Sectoral Disbursement	16,664,172,573
	Agriculture	7,519,871,551
	Livestock	3,939,387,022
	Enterprise	5,204,914,000



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)

S. No.	Types of CPI Schemes	Achievement as of June 2020		
		No. of Schemes	Cost of Schemes (In Millions)	BHHs
	Total of CPI Schemes	26,747	1,491	266,487
1	Sanitation	15,958	199.89	87,738
2	Street Pavement & Sanitation	74	220.41	13,443
3	Drinking Water Supply Schemes (DWSS)	9,540	351.22	52,556
4	Low Cost Village Improvement Schemes (LCVI)	72	127.09	7,248
5	Communication	567	289.04	58,258
6	Irrigation	462	192.82	14,010
7	IAUP	1	2.09	75
8	Water Filter Plants by GoS	40	23.58	28,570
9	Street Lighting on solar system	5	5.00	301
10	Schools Renovation/Construction	28	79.96	4,288

Low Cost Housing (LCH)

S. No.	Housing Schemes	No of Houses	Cost of Houses (In Millions)	BHHs
	Total of Housing Schemes	21,701	1,631	21,701
11	Low Cost Housing Scheme (2007-2019)	21,211	1517.52	21,211
12	Benazir Housing Cell (2015-2018)	490	113.63	490

Note: During Rehabilitation Phase 2010, SRSO constructed 600 Houses in Jamshoro with financial Support of USAID.

Human Resource Development (HRD)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of Dec: 2019	Achievement as of June 2020	% increase during Qtr
1	No. of Community Members provided scholarship for Vocational Skill Training	69,371	74,929	8%
2	No. of Community Members trained in Community Management Skill Training	344,233	350,751	2%
3	No. of SRSO Staff Trained in different programme/project training	6,593	6,594	-

Micro Health Insurance (MHI)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of Dec: 2019	Achievement as of June 2020	% increase during Qtr
1	No. of Community Members provided Micro Health Insurance Cover	812,369	873,421	8%
2	No. of Community Members Treated through MHI	10,847	12,905	19%
	Men	2,995	4,295	43%
	Women	7,385	18,990	157%
3	Amount of claims availed by Community (In Million)	172.53	214.094	24%



Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP)
District Khairpur, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Umerkot, Badin & Thatta (June 2017-May 2021)

Project Activities	Unit	Programme Targets	Cumulative Achievement as of June 2020	%
Poverty Scorecard Census	UC	365	365	100%
Households Census	Household	1,099,734	1,099,734	100%
Population Census	Person	5,279,012	5,279,012	100%
Number of HHs organized	Household	802,036	609,525	76%
Formation of Community Organizations (CO)	CO	44,560	37,056	83%
Formation of Village Organization (VO)	VO	5,570	4,468	80%
Formation of Local Support Organizations (LSO)	LSO	295	272	92%
Capacity Building of CO members	Person	71,295	64,491	90%
Capacity Building of VO members	Person	26,736	22,458	84%
Capacity Building of LSO members	Person	1,652	1,176	71%
No of Beneficiaries trained in Vocational and Technical Skills	Person	27,069	17,712	65%
No of Households given CIF	Household	109,994	74,934	68%
No of Households given IGG	Household	25,092	15,471	62%
Formation of Business Development Groups (BDGs)	No	295	62	21%
No of Low Cost Housing Scheme Initiated	Number	9,623	2,308	24%
No of Low Cost Housing Scheme Completed	Number	9,623	1,878	20%



Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS)



District Larkana & Kambar-Shahdadkot (February 2016- January 2021)

Project Activities	Unit	Programme Targets	Cumulative Achievement as of June 2020	%
Poverty Scorecard Census	UC	99	99	100%
Households Census	Household	267,823	267,823	100%
Population Census	Person	1,939,008	1,939,008	100%
Number of HHs organized	Household	187,476	174,074	93%
Formation of Community Organizations (CO)	CO	8,577	8,071	94%
Formation of Village Organization (VO)	VO	1,319	1,236	94%
Formation of Local Support Organizations (LSO)	LSO	99	98	99%
CMST of COs office bearers	Person	21,443	16,070	75%
LMST of VOs office bearers	Person	3,298	2,933	89%
Activists workshops for office bearers of LSO / VO / CO	Event	252	121	48%
Training of field staff on Community Awareness Training (CAT)	Person	79	79	100%
CRP Training on CIF and CAT (VO based CRPs)	Person	990	801	81%
Training of Book Keeper/Accountant	Person	1,418	641	45%
No of Beneficiaries trained in Vocational and Technical Skills	Person	17,733	4,630	26%
No of beneficiaries insured in Micro Health Insurance programme	Person	47,984	46,458	97%
No of CPI Schemes Initiated	Number	752	355	47%

GRASP EU Gender delegation visits the BDGs formed under GoS funded PPRP

Khairpur Mirs, January 23, 2020.

GRASP EU Gender delegation visited enterprise development interventions under Govt. of Sindh supported People's Poverty Reduction Program (PPRP) in district Khairpur. The Delegation including Razafindrhaingo Nydiane, Associate Expert of ITC of the GRASP Program, Moneeza Ahmed, GRASP Research Associate, Simon Baile-ITC, Pippa and FAO representative. The delegation

preliminary visited the date stock storage cold center and conducted the Focus Group Discussion (FDG) with Rural Women's Business Development Groups (BDGs) executed at community level. The Delegation conducted interviews from members of different BDGs pertaining to the benefits, challenges, and plans of their business. Delegation shared the new ideas for establishing the goats fattening business. At the end, delegation appreciated the efforts of organized women under the PPRP-GoS

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Exposure Visits/Study Trips of USAID-Hub Schools

Sukkur and Khairpur, January/February 2020

Under the USAID-Education Project, exposure/study trips were organized for students of Government Boys High School Sami, district Khairpur and Government Girls Numaish Colony, district Sukkur. The students were facilitated to visit "Mohen-Jo-Daro" the most important and ancient "Archeological Site" of world. The exposure trip aimed at increasing knowledge of students on renowned "Indus Valley Civilization." Particularly about the livelihood of inhabitants of civilization. In addition, the students visited Radio station Khairpur, Faiz Mahal (Former palace of the ruler of state of Khairpur) and IRC Khazana. The visit imparted opportunity to youth to have access to those venues and sites, which have been mentioned in textbooks, and to get firsthand information.



Training on "Child Safeguarding and Gender Equality" under USAID Education Project

Sukkur and Khairpur, February and March, 2020

SRSO has organized three- day trainings under USAID Education Project at Government Boys High School Sami, Khairpur (Feb 24,25 & 26) and Government Girls High School, Numaish Colony Sukkur (Mar 4, 5 & 6) on "Child Safeguarding and Gender Equality". The training highlighted different aspects of Child Protection, such as physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, negligence, and its different forms, expressions and manifestations. Cumulatively, 50 participants attended this training from both schools. At the end of the training, a "Child Protection Committee" has been constituted in both schools consisting of government teachers and SRSO staff to ensure and safeguard the fundamental rights of pupils of concerned schools.





Contract Signing Ceremony of People's Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP) Expansion

Karachi, January 28, 2020

The contract signing ceremony for the expansion of the "Peoples Poverty Reduction Program" (PPRP) was organized between Planning and Development Department Government of Sindh Government and Sindh Rural Support Organization for district Ghotki and Sukkur. Now, SRSO is implementing the PPRP in eight districts of Sindh in order to improve the livelihood of rural communities through empowering women. Mr. Muhammad Waseem Chairman, P&D Board, Ms, Shireen Narejo Secretary P&D, Ms. Iffat Malik PC- PMU-PPRP, Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan Chairman SRSO Board, Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro CEO SRSO, Team Lead-PPRP SRSO, and other key officials of P&DD participated in the ceremony.



Accelerated Action Plan Task Force Visited Programme For Improved Nutrition In Sindh

Larkana, January 29, 2020

A delegation from Accelerated Action Plan Task Force Planning & Development Department Govt of Sindh visited Larkana to assess the outreach activities, registration, screening, record keeping, and referrals mechanism. The delegation comprised of Mr. Shoukat Sathio M&E Specialist, Mr. Asghar Ali Soomro Communication Specialist, and Mr. Shafiq Ahmed Jamiro Social Mobilization Specialist. Programme Manager PINS-II Mr. Hamid Ali Mangsi briefed about PINS-II related interventions to the delegation. The Delegation visited OTP site Waris Dino Machhi Tehsil Ratodero where PPHI operated the OTP site.



7th - SARTYOON SANG CRAFTS EXHIBITION 2020

OCEAN MALL KARACHI, January 10 - 12 2020

Sartyoon Sang is known to exhibit traditional crafts made by rural women artisans with the support of SRSO. These crafts include a variety of appliqué and embroidered shirts, dupattas, stoles, trousers, home textiles such as ralli quilts, bedspreads, cushion, covers, tablecloths, mats, baskets, bags, purses, etc.

7th 'Sartyoon Sang Crafts' exhibition was organized by the Sindh Rural Support Organization at Ocean Mall Karachi with the collaboration of Govt of Sindh. Mr. Nasir Hussain Shah, Provincial Minister for Local Government, Forest, and Religious Affairs Sindh inaugurated the three days exhibition at Ocean Mall Karachi. The Minister appreciated the skills and spirit of rural communities of Sindh and endeavors of Sindh Rural Support Organizations for organizing such kind of events for the poor and destitute communities.

Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro CEO SRSO briefed to the visitors that, SRSO trained more than 15,000 women artisans from Jacobabad, Kandhkot-Kashmore, Shikarpur, Ghotki, Kambar-Shahdadkot, Khairpur, and Sukkur and those artisans are being linked across the world through e-commerce with an aim to gain maximum monetary benefit from their skill for their wellbeing.



UNICEF Delegation Visited The Girls' Adolescent Group Under IKEA Project

Khairpur & Ghotki, February 3 & 4, 2020

A delegation from UNICEF Ms. Micaela Parsini (Chief of Child Protection UNICEF), Ms. Emelia (Child Protection Specialist UNICEF), DR. Jabeen (Child Protection Officer UNICEF Sindh), and

Mr. Sardar Ahmed Gadani (Deputy Director SWD district Ghotki) held a meeting with girls adolescent group, VO members, and IGG Beneficiaries at village Jan Muhammad Patti UC Adilpur district Ghotki under IKEA UNICEF funded project. Delegation appreciated the initiatives taken by an adolescent group.



Ms. Iffat Malik PC- PMU-PPRP-GoS Visited an Orientation Workshop of Enumerators for PSC Survey

SRSO Complex Sukkur, February 8, 2020.

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) organized a one-day orientation workshop on Poverty Score Card (PSC) survey at SRSO Complex Sukkur under the expansion of Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program (PPRP) funded by Govt. of Sindh. Ms. Iffat Malik PC- PMU-PPRP-GoS participated in the orientation workshop. Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro CEO-SRSO, Mr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo Team Leader-PPRP and Mr. Naveed Ishaque Sr. Manager MER-U briefed the GoS members on PSC Survey.



RSPN-Gender Resource Group Meeting

SRSO-Complex Sukkur, February 18, 2020

Rural Support Programs Network (RSPN)-Gender Resource Group organized a meeting at SRSO Complex Sukkur. All RSPs gender group members, and Mr. Aazar Ayaz SRSO Board member participated in the meeting. On behalf of SRSO Mr. Mohammad Dittal Kalhoro CEO-SRSO welcomed all participants. The main objective of the meeting was to observe the role of women in Social Mobilization, Women Empowerment, Women-Led Grassroots Institutions, and their contribution.



One Day Learning and Sharing Workshop on Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act 2014 under Promoting Rights of Older People

Karachi, February 20, 2020

SRSO organized a Learning and Sharing Workshop to roll out the plan for immediate implementation of Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act 2014 under HelpAge International supported project of "Promoting Rights of Older People". The overall objective of the event was to arrange the platform where the Older People

Associations and the Social Welfare Department can sit together, share their issues, challenges, and suggest the way forward for the betterment of the older people. This workshop was attended by Dr. Muhammad Nawaz Shaikh Secretary Social Welfare Deptt: Mr. Abu Bakkar Madni Additional Secretary, Mr. Nisar Ahmed Solangi DG, Ms. Sheema Arif Ex-DG, Mr. Imdad Channa Director P&MC, Focal Person of Senior Citizens, Mr. Abdul Hameed Shaikh Deputy



Director of Social Welfare Department, Additional Directors, Deputy Director and Directors from six districts of Karachi participated in the event. Representatives from Older People Associations (OPAs) that have been formed in six districts of Karachi by the Sindh Rural Support Organization SRSO were also part of this event.



A delegation of Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) led by Chief Executive Officer Mr. Qazi Azmat Isa visited NPGP-Govt. of Pakistan.

Kashmore/Shikarpur Districts on February 24, 2020

A delegation of Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) led by Mr. Qazi Azmat Isa Chief Executive Officer (CEO) visited Govt. of Pakistan and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) funded National Poverty Graduation Program (NPGP) in Kashmore @ Kandhkot and Shikarpur districts. Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) is implementing this Programme with the collaboration of PPAF in 60 UCs of both districts with the overall goal 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. Delegation participated in the Product Assets Distribution ceremonies organized at village Attur Chachar UC Rasool Bux (Kashmore @Kandhkot) and village Khabrri UC Taib (Shaikarpur) and conducted dialogues with beneficiaries of the Programme and Local Support Organizations (LSOs) on the implementation and issue and challenges faced during the process. LSOs respective of both UCs shared the presentations covering the background of the area and LSO formation, organizational objectives, structures, major interventions and achievements.

Mr. Qazi Azmat Isa said, "this Programme is an initiative of federal Govt. under EHSAS Programme to end poverty from the poorest of poor families of Pakistan on a sustainable basis. The targeted beneficiaries are the extreme poor families of BISP and I'm sure that they will definitely graduate themselves from poverty line and sustain their livelihood".

"Managerial Activist Conference" under the Govt. of Sindh supported PPRP

Mirpurkhas, February 21, 2020

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) organized the Managerial Activist Conferences in district Badin, Mirpurkhas and Sanghar where PPRP project is being implemented by SRSO with the financial support of GoS. The key stakeholders from Govt. Line Departments, Civil Society Organizations and organized Community Institutions participated in the conference. The LSO members shared their Union Council level achievements, initiatives, and success stories of CIF/IGG/VTP in District Mirpurkhas. PPP MPA Mr. Sayed Zulfiqar Ali Shah was the Chief Guest of the conference where BDGs and trained VTPs such as "shoes making, candles making and pickle making" displayed their stalls in the conferences. At the end, Guests distributed cheques among the beneficiaries of CIF, IGG, LCHs.



PPAF-CEO dialogues with Women of Community Institutions (CIs)

SRSO Complex Sukkur, February 25, 2020

Mr. Qazi Azmat Isa, CEO Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) held a dialogue with members of Community institutions (CIs) at SRSO complex Sukkur. Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro CEO-SRSO welcomed to PPAF delegation and representatives of CIs. On the occasion, Mr. Qazi Azmat Isa "said, National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP) is an initiative of federal Govt. under EHSAS Programme to end poverty from the poorest of poor families of Pakistan on a sustainable basis. This program has been initiated in 23 districts of Pakistan from which 7 are from Sindh. The targeted beneficiaries are the extreme poor families of BISP and they will definitely graduate themselves from poverty line and sustain their livelihood. Furthermore, he said, "PPAF strongly believes in 5 core values of participation, partnership, transparency, accountability, and sustainability at all levels". He showed his satisfaction when he observed that all values were in practice by SRSO and women led Community Institutions at gross tool. While his speech, he addressed especially to women participants and quoted that "your passion and efforts to end poverty and empower poorest of poor is very valuable that provides a lot of energy to me for fighting yours' cause at my own level."

The community leaders shared their success stories and challenges faced at the grass-root level. CEO PPAF appreciated the efforts and commitments of the SRSO to empower rural women. Further, he added that Community Institutions and women empowerment at the grass-root level play a vital role in poverty alleviation.



A Kitchen Gardening Kits Distribution Ceremony under SIAPEP-GoS

Ghotki, February 26, 2020.

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) distributed 43 Kitchen Gardening Drip Irrigation Kits among women through LSO at Khanpur Mahar, Taluka Khangarh district Ghotki. Kits were containing vegetable seeds, tools, and buckets to strengthen drip irrigation system. Those kits were provided by World Bank-funded Sindh Irrigated Agriculture Productivity Enhancement Project (SIAPEP) Project with the support of On-Farm Water Management (OFWM). Mr. Ayaz Ali Abro Director OFWM Sukkur, Mr. Abdul Razaq Dhandhu Deputy Director OFWM Ghotki, LSOs, and

organized community members participated in the ceremony. The main objective of this activity was to support marginalized women-headed households by providing them support to grow fresh vegetables to meet the nutritional requirements of the family and go for selling the surplus at later stages.



Dr. Kaiser Bengali Visits GoS supported PPRP interventions

Mirpurkhas, February 27-2020

A renowned Economist and former Advisor to Sindh Chief Minister Dr. Kaiser Bengali and EU Technical Assistance Team of the SUCCESS Programme visited Govt. of Sindh Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program (PPRP) interventions in district Mirpurkhas. The visiting team was briefed about interventions of programme and initiatives taken under the PPRP by the rural communities.

The delegation visited a nursery established under a Business Development Group (BDG) in village Mirwah Gorchani. The Delegation conducted the interviews from participants regarding the business. Delegation also participated in Managerial Activists Conference (MAC) at Makhan Samo village, where they met with community members, BDGs, and low-cost Houses beneficiaries. DR. Bengali appreciated the efforts of the SRSO to reduce poverty through integrated social development and income generation initiatives in rural Sindh.





Local Support Organization (LSO) celebrated International Women Day

Kamber-Shahdakt, March 11, 2020

To mark the International Women's Day 2020, the Local Support Organization "Eeman" organized an Activist Workshop at village Jameel Abad, Union Council Damraho, taluka Nasirabad, District Kamber-Shahdakt. More than 200 organized community members (women) attended the workshop. Mr. Javed Ali Jagirani (Deputy Commissioner Kamber- Shahdakt) was the chief guest of the workshop. Mr. Javed Ali Jagirani shared that, "Every religion teaches respect to women and protects their rights, and Govt. of Sindh is committed to providing all basic facilities to women. Further, he expressed his views that women from rural areas should be empowered because they can play a pivotal role in alleviation of poverty at the household level. Community Institutions shared their social and economic issues. The Deputy Commissioner encouraged the community members and assured to extend full support. He also inaugurated the Brick Pavement Schemes at village Jameel Abad and Village organization (VO) Hamzo Jameel Abad.



Business Development Groups (BDGs) Organized Stalls for Promoting their Business

Mirpurkhas, March 5, 2020



The Business Development Groups (BDGs) from Mirpurkhas displayed their stalls in the 62nd "Annual Flower Exhibition 2020" held at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Park Mirpurkhas. This was an

excellent opportunity where BDGs exhibit their products and services in front of different stakeholders and create market linkages. Mir Munawar Ali Talpur (PPP-MNA), Mr. Zahid Hussain Memon (Deputy Commissioner Mirpurkhas), Mr. Javed Baloch (SSP Mirpur Khas) Mr. Salamat Memon (ADC-I), Civil Society Members and other stakeholders visited the stall and appreciated the efforts and work of rural women.

A senior delegation from Government of Baluchistan participated in Experience Sharing workshop

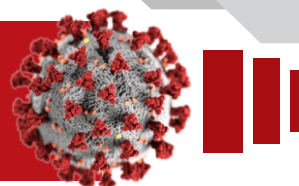
Karachi March 12, 2020



A senior delegation from the Government of Baluchistan participated in the Experience Sharing workshop at PNDD office Karachi. The delegation comprising of the senior members of the Provincial Assembly, Secretaries, and other govt line departments. The main purpose of the visit was to assess the province-wide community-driven local development program and learnings supported by the Government of Sindh(PPRP Programme) and the European Union (SUCCESS Programme).

The Chairman planning and Development Board GoS welcomed the delegation and started briefing that Sindh was the first province to scale up Social Mobilization approach to CDLD across the districts of Sindh. Dr. Kaiser Bengali also presented a presentation on GoS' Poverty Reduction Strategy. CEOs SRSO, RSPN, and EU Technical Assistance team were also present in the workshop.

COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE: BACKGROUND, APPROACH, INTERVENTIONS, & ACHIEVEMENTS March-June 2020



The recent outbreak of Coronavirus caused massive catastrophe in 192+ countries across the world. In wake of this catastrophic situation, WHO declared Emergency throughout the world that was followed through declaration by Government of Pakistan. In this context, a National Plan is being enforced immediately to cater Pandemic COVID-19 response through lockdown has been varying including Gilgit-Baltistan and AJK. Sindh has been the first one to impose lockdown across the province that has been implemented as per SoPs.

Consequently, considering the situation, the worthy Board Members of SRSO immediately called an extra-ordinary meeting on 24th March 2020, via Tele Conference to discuss the risks and devise mitigation strategy, and Board decided that SRSO should contribute to extend its support the poor of Sindh through the organized communities in its target districts, and in this regard allocated substantial budget for the support in this testing times without jeopardizing the safety of the employees, organized communities and the general public, thus giving a helping hand to the Government of Sindh.

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) initiated the Emergency Response in the context of the COVID-19 through Community Institutions (CIs). These CIs have been organized by SRSO that have been supporting to deserving persons and households in many kinds. They have been utilizing their savings, skills, assets, and linkages to provide relief services during and after lockdown situation. The tremendous potential and resilience of CIs have contributed to relief services as the organized entity for prevention of the spread of coronavirus and enabling deserving persons to access relief services in pandemic situation. In the wake of the situation arising out of the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), Community Institutions have responded to the COVID-19 situation with the following initiatives.

- Community awareness campaigns for mass awareness raising
- Ration distribution among poorer HHs
- Utilization of community savings by Community Institutions (CIs)
- Relief assistance through Field Farmers Schools (FFAs) and

business Development Groups (BDGs)

- Volunteer Services at UC level through Relief Committees and facilitation role in EHSAAAS Emergency Cash Program for ensuring social distancing and transparent way of cash delivery to the Beneficiaries
- Awareness Raising of community members against COVID-19 with support of National Command and Operation Center under signed MoUs with 10 district demonstrations
- Distribution of pre-cautionary items i.e. Soaps, Face Masks and Sanitizers
- Support to local authorities in Govt. health facilities and quarantines centers.

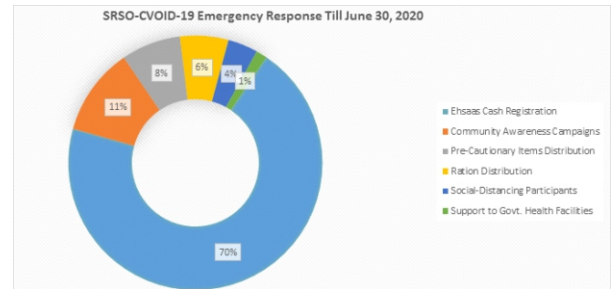
SRSO Outreach and Scale of Response to COVID-19 Outbreak

SRSO outreach and scale of response to COVID-19 outbreak in Districts	14
Number of task-forces/special-committees set up by the divisional, district and tehsil authorities with an <u>active membership of SRSO</u> for coordination and response to COVID-19 outbreak	89
Number of special-committees with an <u>active membership of LSO activists, CRPs and community leader's set-up by the district and tehsil authorities and other entities for COVID-19 response coordination arrangements</u>	348
Number of tehsils	64
Number of urban towns and cities	99
Number of UCs	459





COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE: OVERALL INTERVENTIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS



A. RATION DISTRIBUTION



17,164 poor households (HHs) were provided with ration and cash grants. 1,072 households received Cash Grant and 16,092 households received Ration Bags

B. COMMUNITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS



30,795 community awareness campaigns were conducted on COVID -19 through **1,820** community volunteers (community leaders, CRPs, etc.) and **14,073** community institutions (COs, VO and LSOs) engaged on public awareness campaigns.

C. THE SOCIAL-DISTANCING



863 Social-Distancing sessions aiming at behavioral changes were conducted at community level in which **10,647** community members participated and were made aware in SRSO 14 out-reach districts.

D. PRE-CAUTIONARY ITEMS DISTRIBUTION



21,084 Pre-cautionary Items were distributed among the poor HHs of the targeted communities including 15,708 face masks, 3,770 soaps, and 1,576 sanitizers.

E. REGISTRATION UNDER EHSAAAS CASH PROGRAMME



194,824 potential beneficiaries were registered under EHSAAAS Emergency Cash Programme-Govt. of Pakistan in SRSO operational areas by 4,671 community institutions (CIs) and CRPs in SRSO 14 out-reach districts of Sindh.

F. SUPPORT TO GOVT. HEALTH FACILITIES



3,940 items were provided to Govt. Health Facilities, local authorities set up four quarantine centers, and one private medical center was supported through the provision of cooked food, surgical masks, sanitizers, and soaps.

Community Awareness Campaigns Organized By Community Institutions (CIs)

The community awareness campaigns have been initiated under COVID-19 Emergency Response by SRISO and Community Institutions (CIs) to make aware communities well aware about COVID-19 to undertake preventing measures for combating with the pandemic in an effective manner. Under these campaigns different types of interventions i.e.; community sessions, hand-washing activity, IEC material dissemination, and public announcements were planned and initiated by SRISO Teams and community institutions (CIs) at different levels especially in targeted communities of the SRISO out-reach areas of 14 districts in Sindh.

30,795 Community awareness campaigns: 8,535 items of IEC material were distributed, **1,736 announcements** were made using mobile speakers, **386 announcements** made using local mosques/ churches/ mandirs/, and **4,245 community sessions** were organized from January to June 30, 2020 through **1,820 community volunteers** (community leaders, CRPs, etc.) and **14,073 community institutions** (COs, VOs and LSOs) support and engagement.



Farmer Field School (FFS) is combating with COVID-19 Emergency 2020

During COVID 19 Situation Farmer Field School (FFS) has played a pivotal role for supplying fresh vegetables to villagers. When lockdown was announced and people were confined at home/village, they faced hardship in purchasing food on daily basis from cities especially vegetables. The members of FFS were aware about it and they purchased fresh vegetables from Agriculture Entrepreneurs (AEs) that were made available to them economically and free of cost to poorest families. **656 Farmer Field Schools (FFSs)** have been established in three districts (Larkana 221, Kamber-Shahdadkot 214, and Shikarpur 194) under European Union (EU) supported Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh (PINS) and developed Demo Plots as well. These demo plots have played very important role in the fulfilment of food and nutrition needs of FFSs member and poor families of the area.

2606 poor Households (HHs) have been supported till May, 2020 through distribution of fresh vegetables supported by these developed demo plots by Agriculture Entrepreneurs (AEs) of Farmer Field Schools (FFSs) and demo plots that benefited in 3 districts i.e. Larkana 1136 HHs, Kamber-Shahdadkot 382 HHs, and Shikarpur 1088 HHs respectively.





Community Mobilization and Awareness Raising on COVID-19 under NCOC Agreement

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by SRSO with 10 District Administrations under National Command and Control Center (NCOC) Agreement regarding Community Mobilization and Awareness Raising on COVID-19. In this regard, different activities were started from May, 2020 in order to mobilize and aware communities through conducting awareness sessions and dissemination of IEC material provided by health department/district administration in 10 outreach districts (Larkana, Kamber-Shahdadkot, Shikarpur, Jacobabad, Kashmore @ Kandhkot, Khairpur, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas., Badin, & Thatta). Orientation/training sessions of Community Institutions' representatives on COVID-19 were also conducted with the support of the District Health Department, and handed-over IEC material. The trained/oriented CIs representatives conducted the community-based awareness sessions on social distancing, handwashing activity disseminated and displayed IEC material as well in their areas.



Role Of Community Institutions In Relief Committees-Govt. Of Sindh

Government of Sindh formed the Relief Committees in order to provide relief especially ration to most vulnerable families during the lockdown at District, Taluka, and UC level. The notification was issued by Govt. of Sindh and nominated representatives of community institutions as a member, and engaged them into the identification and distribution of ration. Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners, and UC Chairmen following their domain chaired these committees.

348 special committees with active memberships of LSOs, VO, and CRPs activists were formed Relief Committees at District, Taluka, and UC Levels. These committees worked in **459 UCs of 64 Taluka and 14 districts of Sindh.**



Role of Community Institutions in Ehsaas Cash Registration Programme



4,617 community institutions (CIs) village Organizations (VOs) 4,132 and Local Support Organizations (LSOs) 485 in 495 Union Councils of 14 out-reach districts of SRSO played an active role in the registration process of **194,863 potential beneficiaries** of the EHSAAAS Cash Programme Govt. of Pakistan. The role of CIs in the registration and cash transfer process is as under;

- The community members were informed about EHSAAAS Programme and facilitated into registration process through door to door visit.
- On the request of district administration, community institutions (CIs) managed EHSAAAS Cash Centers and ensured social-distancing, handwashing, and other SOPs at centers.
- CIs arranged hand-washing corners and ensured soaps, sanitizers, and drinking water facilities or beneficiaries, cash transfers centers, staff, and visitors.
- CIs also conducted awareness sessions, made aware, and sensitized the people on COVID-19 and its preventing measures.
- These efforts of CIs were widely appreciated by community members, media, and district administration at large.

