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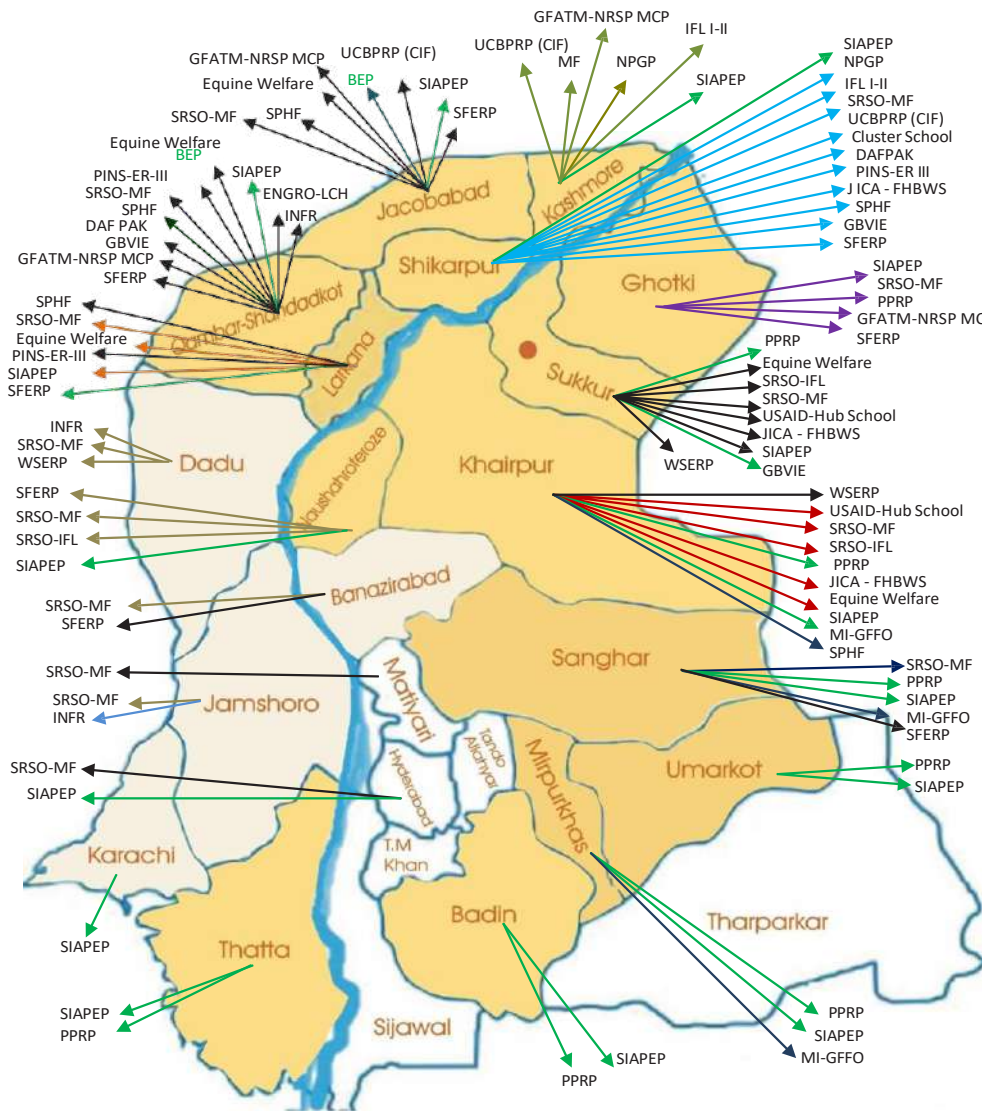
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SINDH RURAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATION (SRSO) OPERATIONAL AREAS



ON GOING PROJECTS

- UCBPRP (CIF)**
Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme
Funded by: GoS
- Equine Welfare Project**
Funded by: Brooke Pakistan
- PPRP (Phase I – II)**
Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme
Funded by: GoS
- SRSO-Micro Finance**
Funded by: SRSO
- Interest Free Loan - IFL-II**
Under EHSASAS Programme
Funded by: PPAF
- USAID-Hub School (EMO-Schools)**
Funded by: USAID-GoS
- PINS ER-III**
Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh
Funded by: P&D-GoS - EU
- DAFPAK**
Delivering Accelerated Family Planning in Pakistan
Funded by: PSI-DFID-RSPN
- JICA - FHBWS**
Improvement of Livelihood and Female Home-Based workers in Informal Economic Section in Sindh Province
Funded by: JICA
- NPGP**
National Poverty Graduation Programme
Funded by: IFAD-GoP
- BEP**
Body Energy Product
Funded by: RSPN-GATES Foundation
- Cluster Schools**
Funded by: SEF-GoS
- SIAPEP - Sindh**
Sindh Irrigated Agriculture Productivity Enhancement Project
Funded by: GoS- World Bank
- ENGRO-LCH**
Low cost House
Funded by: Engro foundation
- MI-GFFO**
Integrated, Emergency Health, Protection Wash Response for Vulnerable Flood Affected Communities in Sindh Province
Funded by: MI-GFFO
- SPHF**
Sindh Peoples Housing for flood Affectees
Funded by: Govt. of Sindh
- GBVIE**
Gender-Based Violence in Emergency (GBVIE) Project
Funded by: UNFPA & RSPN
- GFATM-NRSP MCP**
Consolidating Malaria Control Interventions to Reduce Incidence in High Endemic Districts of Pakistan (NFR-III)
Funded by: GFATM & NRSP
- WSERP**
Women's Socio-Economic Resilience in Pakistan (WSERP)
Funded by: UN-Women-RSPN
- INFR**
Improving Nutrition in the Flood Response in Pakistan
Funded by: Nutrition International -BRSP

VISION	MISSION	OBJECTIVES
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 SEPTEMBER 2023

S. No.	Key Performance Indicators	Achievement as of June 2023	Achievement as of Sept: 2023	% increase during Qtr:	
1	No. of Operational Districts	15	15	0%	
2	No. of Union Councils with SRSO presence	722	722	0%	
3	No. of Taluka with SRSO presence	86	86	0%	
4	No. of Villages with SRSO presence	29,899	29,899	0%	
5	No. of Household Organized	1,412,351	1,414,975	0.2%	
6	VO Formation	13,859	13,883	0.2%	
7	LSO Formation	589	589	0%	
8	CO- Formation	Female	78,785	79,033	0.31%
9	CO-Membership	Female	1,412,351	1,414,975	0.02%
10	Income Generating Grant (IGG) Amount Disbursed (In Million)	751.37	762.30	1%	
	No. of IGG Beneficiaries	54,664	55,357	1%	
11	Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount disbursed (In Million)-Seed Money	3,958	4,074	3%	
	No. of CIF Beneficiaries	260,215	264,135	2%	
12	Total amount of Microcredit disbursed (In Million)	24,319	24,864	2%	
	No. of Beneficiaries of Micro Credit Programmed	958,040	970,098	1%	
13	No of Community members trained in vocational skill Training	108,131	108,458	0.3%	
14	No of Community members trained in	405,484	405,536	0.01%	
15	Total Enrolled Students (Education Component)	10,559	10,559	0%	
16	Community members trained in TBAs	4,777	4,777	-	
17	Micro Health Insurance (Clients)	1,106,745	1,118,769	1%	
18	Community Members trained as TBAs	4,777	4,777	0%	
19	No. of Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)	27,227	27,480	0.09%	
20	Total amount of CPIs (In Millions)	1,690	1,716	1.6%	
21	Total Beneficiary Households	304,659	315,735	0.1%	
22	No of Low-Cost Houses	30,844	60,521	10%	
23	No of Poultry layers distributed	25,500	25,500	0%	
20	No of trees Planted	939,476	939,476	0%	



S. No.	Districts		Geographical Coverage				
			Total No. of area in the District	# of SRSO intervened area as of June 2023	# of SRSO intervened area as of Sept: 2023	% increase during Qtr:	% of total area coverage as of June 2023
1	Ghotki	Union Council	66	66	66	-	100%
		Village	2,282	1,255	1,255	-	55%
		Household	162,270	120,767	120,767	-	74%
2	Jacobabad	Union Council	40	29	29	-	73%
		Village	2,478	2,230	2,230	-	90%
		Household	99,944	84,893	84,893	-	85%
3	Kashmore - Kandhkot	Union Council	37	37	37	-	100%
		Village	2,250	2,025	2,025	-	90%
		Household	142,919	80,345	80,345	-	56%
4	Khairpur	Union Council	88	88	88	-	100%
		Village	3,602	3,314	3,314	-	92%
		Household	266,734	188,826	188,826	-	71%
5	Larkana	Union Council	47	47	47	-	100%
		Village	1,407	1,280	1,280	-	91%
		Household	121,019	74,135	74,135	-	61%
6	Naushahro Feroz	Union Council	51	5	5	-	10%
		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	2,167	1,971	1,971	-	91%
		Household	146,804	101,747	101,747	-	69%
8	Shikarpur	Union Council	50	50	50	-	100%
		Village	2,285	2,056	2,056	-	90%
		Household	133,249	102,306	102,306	-	77%
9	Sukkur	Union Council	37	37	37	-	100%
		Village	1,709	881	881	-	52%
		Household	108,837	49,750	52,035	6%	46%
10	Shaheed Benazir Abad	Union Council	51	34	34	-	67%
		Village	3,537	362	362	-	10%
		Household	210,984	-	-	-	-
11	Sanghar	Union Council	73	73	73	-	100%
		Village	3,192	2,904	2,904	-	91%
		Household	206,774	154,172	154,376	0.9%	75%
12	Mirpurkhas	Union Council	55	55	55	-	100%
		Village	3,070	2,763	2,763	-	90%
		Household	155,159	108,731	108,747	0.02%	70%
13	Thatta	Union Council	41	41	41	-	100%
		Village	2,404	2,163	2,163	-	90%
		Household	133,586	93,675	93,675	-	70%
14	Badin	Union Council	68	68	68	-	100%
		Village	3,936	3,542	3,542	-	90%
		Household	212,535	148,385	148,499	0.11%	70%
15	Umerkot	Union Council	40	40	40	-	011%
		Village	2,362	2,125	2,125	-	90%
		Household	127,965	90,294	90,299	0.01%	71%
GRAND TOTAL		Union Council	796	722	722	-	91%
		Village	38,873	29,899	29,899	-	77%
		Household	2,440,852	1,412,351	1,414,975	0.3%	58%



S. No	District	Institution Formation of Community Community Organizations (COs) Village Organization (VOs) Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	Organized Coverage		
			# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of June 2023	# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of Sept 2023	% increase during Qtr:
1	Ghotki	Community Organizations (COs)	6,961	6,961	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,118	1,118	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	20	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)	10,235	10,285	0.05%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,162	1,162	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	88	88	-
5	Larkana	Community Organizations (COs)	3,454	3,454	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	574	574	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	47	47	-
6	Naushahroferoz	Community Organizations (COs)	796	796	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	214	214	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	5	5	-
7	Qamber - Shahdadkot	Community Organizations (COs)	4,682	4,682	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	677	677	-
		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)	3,185	3,358	5%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	443	464	5%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	7	7	-
10	Sanghar	Community Organizations (COs)	7,941	7,964	0.03%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,055	1,055	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	73	73	-
11	Mirpurkhas	Community Organizations (COs)	6,350	6,350	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	793	793	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	56	56	-
12	Thatta	Community Organizations (COs)	5,673	5,673	0.1%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	801	801	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	41	41	-
13	Badin	Community Organizations (COs)	8,531	8,533	0.02%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	970	973	0.3%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	65	65	-
14	Umerkot	Community Organizations (COs)	5,347	5,347	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	755	755	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	40	40	-
GRAND TOTAL		Community Organizations (COs)	78,747	79,033	0.31%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	13,859	13,883	0.2%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	589	589	-



District wise Disbursement of Income Generating Grants (IGG) (Women Beneficiaries)

S. No.	Districts	as of June 2023		as of Sept: 2023		% increase during Qtr
		# of Benef:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	# of Benef:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	
1	Shikarpur	3,717	39.5	3,717	39.5	-
2	Kashmore - Kandhkot	2,543	26.13	2,543	26.13	-
3	Jacobabad	1,348	17.31	1,348	17.31	-
4	Khairpur	5,417	78.678	5,444	79.08	1%
5	Sukkur	1,380	17.8	1,380	17.8	-
6	Ghotki	2,890	43.36	2,944	44.17	2%
7	Larkana	8,581	111.8	8,581	111.8	-
8	Qamber – Shahdadkot	11,682	171.9	11,682	171.9	-
9	Badin	3,668	51.8	3,769	53.3	3%
10	Thatta	3,160	47.4	3,264	48.9	3%
11	Umerkot	2,938	43.23	3,023	44.65	3%
12	Mirpurkhas	3,238	47.19	3,266	47.61	1%
13	Sanghar	4,102	55.33	4,396	60.12	9%
Total IGG Disbursed		54,664	751.37	55,357	762.30	1%

District wise Disbursement of Community Investment Fund (CIF) (Women Beneficiaries 100%)

Districts	As of June 2023				As of Sept: 2023			
	Beneficiaries	Seed Money	Beneficiaries	Revolved	Beneficiaries	Seed Money	Beneficiaries	Revolved
Shikarpur	40,239	396.51	-	-	40,239	396.51	-	-
Kandhkot - Kashmore	35,863	374.07	-	-	35,863	374.07	-	-
Jacobabad	18,371	226.43	-	-	18,371	226.43	-	-
Khairpur	23,251	375.17	42,900	687.18	23,566	385.22	43,225	697.64
Sukkur	8,731	261.11	11,023	331.14	9,274	278.21	13,135	399.42
Ghotki	15,695	391.21	18,162	457.40	16,069	399.86	20,795	526.40
Noshero Feroze	370	1.85	-	-	370	1.85	-	-
Larkana	16,296	251.42	17,991	361.61	16,296	251.42	34,280	613.02
Shahdadkot	25,489	402.40	26,985	515.25	25,489	402.40	53,863	958.96
Badin	17,189	283.11	30,435	478.42	17,890	300.79	32,978	529.64
Thatta	11,573	202.91	22,997	400.14	12,277	225.83	24,997	450.42
Umerkot	13,341	223.86	26,860	453.76	13,832	240.68	28,192	490.01
Mirpurkhas	13,806	232.45	29,704	492.72	13,888	235.29	30,976	525.87
Sanghar	20,001	335.89	43,964	693.95	20,711	355.65	46,403	693.95
Grand Total	260,215	3,958.39	271,391	4,873.40	264,135	4,074.21	329,214	5,942.59
	Total Beneficiaries	(531,606)	Total Amount in Million	(8,831.79)	Total Beneficiaries	(593,349)	Total Amount in Million	(10,016.81)



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)

S. No.	Types of CPI Schemes	No. of Schemes	Achievement as of Sept: 2023	
			Cost of Schemes (In Millions)	BHhs
Total of CPI Schemes		27,480	1,716	315,735
1	Sanitation	15,958	199.89	87,738
2	Street Pavement & Sanitation	74	220.41	13,443
3	Drinking Water Supply Schemes (DWSS)	9,541	351.35	52,641
4	Earth Filling Schemes (SFERP)	253	26.26	11,076
4	Low Cost Village Improvement Schemes (LCVI)	72	127.09	7,248
5	Communication	1,018	474.77	95,044
6	Irrigation	474	196.68	14,314
7	IAUP	1	2.09	75
8	Water Filter Plants by GoS	40	23.58	28,570
9	Street Lighting on solar system	18	13.3	1,040
10	Schools Renovation/Construction	31	80.93	4,546

*CPI figures include all core, relief and recovery projects

Human Resource Development (HRD)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of		% increase during Qtr:
		June 2023	Sept: 2023	
1	No. of Community Members provided scholarship for Vocational Skill Training	108,131	108,458	0.3%
2	No. of Community Members trained in	405,484	405,536	0.01%
3	No. of SRSO Staff Trained in different programme/project training	6,691	6,691	0.1%

Low-Cost Housing (LCH)

S. No.	Housing Schemes	No of Houses	Cost of Houses (In Millions)	BHhs
Total of Housing Schemes		60,521	19,456.73	60,521
1	Low-Cost Housing Scheme (2007-2022)	30,208	17,106	30,208
2	SPHF (Reconstruction Started)	29,823	2,237	29,823
2	Benazir Housing Cell	490	113.63	490

Micro Health Insurance (MHI)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of June 2023	Achievement as of Sept: 2023
1	No. of Community Members provided Micro Health Insurance Cover	1,106,745	1,118,769
2	No. of Community Members Treated through MHI	19,158	19,263
3	Amount of claims availed by Community (In Million)	397.95	408



Micro Finance (MF)

S. No.		Amount disbursed as of September 2023
1	Total Amount of Micro Credit Disbursement (in Million)	24,864
	Men	2,186
	Women	22,677
2	No. of Loans	970,098
	Male	86,765
	Female	883,333
3	Sectoral Disbursement	24,864
	Agriculture	8,151
	Livestock	8,389
	Enterprise	8,323

Education

S. No	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of September 2023
1	No. of districts with Education Programme presence	04
2	No of established EMO-Hub High Schools (ECE to X)	02
	No. of enrolled students in EMO-Hub Schools	1,528
		Boys 766
3	No. of established Community Cluster Schools (ECE to X)	19
	No. of enrolled students in Community Cluster Schools	5,923
		Girls 1,529
		Boys 4,394
4	No. of Community Managed Schools (ECE to V)	9
	No. of enrolled students in Community Schools	763
		Girls 339
		Boys 424
	Grand Total	Girls 2,630
	Grand Total	Boys 5,584
	Total Enrolled Students	8,214

Crafts Enterprise Development (CED)

Key Performance Indicators	Achievement as of September 2023
No. of Districts with CED presence	10
No. of BDGs formed of artisan women	308
No. of BDGs members/artisan women	6,005
No. of artisans trained in different skills	3,429
No. of new products designed	811
No. of literate artisan women/BDGs members	516
No. of Sartyoon Sang Exhibition organized	14
No. of exhibition (Participation in others)	165
No. of BDGs members trained on Digital marketing (3 Months) and awarded 75 Cell phones	75

Natural Resource Management (NRM)

Key Performance Indicators	Achievement as of September 2023
No. of districts with NRM presence	16
No. of poultry layer distributed	25,500
No. of tree planted	939,476
No. of fruit trees planted	9,127
No. of kitchen gardening established	31,895
No. of kitchen gardening kits distributed	4,880
No. of trained farmers in agriculture & Livestock	12,550



Key SRSO Interventions

The SRSO Board of Directors Mr. Aazar Ayaz, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Abro, and Mr. Muhammad Rafique Burirro visit SRSO Interventions

Mirpurkhas, Sanghar, Umerkot, Badin & Thatta / August 25-28, 2023

The SRSO Board of Directors Mr. Aazar Ayaz, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Abro, and Mr. Muhammad Rafique Burirro, along with CEO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, and RGM Mr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo, visited Mirpurkhas, Sanghar, Umerkot, Badin & Thatta districts. The main purpose of their visit was to observe the impact of SRSO's interventions, particularly GoS funded PPRP project. During their visit, they engaged with women leaders from SRSO-fostered community institutions, and beneficiaries of IGG, CIF, LCH, EDF, and VTP, and entrepreneurs from supported business development groups.

Community members highlighted the positive changes brought by the collaborative efforts of the SRSO and GoS-funded project by utilizing skills and knowledge. They also discussed the best practices and achievements, including savings initiatives and self-initiatives taken during challenging times like the COVID-19 pandemic and floods 2022, aimed at financial resilience and recovery. The visit provided valuable insights of the impact of the program.

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322 successfully passed artisan women from functional literacy centers were awarded

Sukkur IBA University / July 13, 2023

Light-F Literacy Certificate Award Ceremony was organized by JICA, Women Development Department-GoS, and SRSO Jointly at Sukkur IBA University. 322 successfully passed rural women artisan of SRSO fostered Business Development Groups from functional literacy centers were awarded certificates under JICA's Light-F Project in Khairpur, Sukkur, Shikarpur, Larkana, and Jacobabad districts.

Department-Gos, Ms. Sadiqa Salahuddin Executive Director IRC, Professor Pir Muhammad Shah Pro-Vice Chancellor SIBAU, and Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro CEO-SRSO were among the chief guests of the ceremony.

On this occasion, women learners of the functional literacy centers also shared their views and experiences about their learning and its usage in their routine artwork and life as well.

Ms. Hara JICA, Ms. Anjum Iqbal Secretary Women Development



4th batch of a 3-month long training course for 24 youths on Graphic Design in partnership with the NAVTTC-Govt. of Pakistan

SRSO Complex Sukkur/ September 13, 2023

Twenty-four youths from Shikarpur and Sukkur has completed the 3-month training course on Graphic Design in partnership with the National Vocational & Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC)-Govt. of Pakistan.

The course aimed to equip youth with new market-job-oriented vocational and technical skills training through comprehensive training courses. SRSO organized this course under the supervision of the experienced and trained master trainer and team. At the end of the course, successful candidates have been awarded certificates for 3 months-long courses by NAVTTC- Govt. of Pakistan.



The Living Indus Initiative by the United Nations and the Ministry of Climate Change jointly conducted an event on Tuesday called “Clean the Indus Drive”

Sukkur/September 26, 2023

The Living Indus Initiative by the United Nations and the Ministry of Climate Change jointly conducted an event on Tuesday called “Clean the Indus Drive” in collaboration with Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO), WWF, and Sukkur Municipal Corporation at Indus River’s Sadhu Belo point in Sukkur. Its main goal was to increase public awareness about the of the maintenance cleanliness of the Indus River and protecting its environment. This was accomplished by organizing cleanup efforts with the help of numerous partners from the community, civic society, academia, media, and local body authorities.

Team Leader of the Living Indus Initiative-UN Pakistan, Ms. Humaira Jhanzeb, The Deputy Mayor of Sukkur, Dr. Arshad Mughal, Mukhi Eshwar Lal of the Hindu Panchayat Sukkur, Toheed Ghani of WWF-Pakistan Sukkur, Shahzaib Mahar Sr. Manager Administration-SRSO, Naveed Memon Sr. Manager MER-SRSO, and Akram Shaikh Manager-Education SRSO, shared their insights and discussed the role of community. Further, they emphasized that there is a need for collective responsibility to protect it from pollution. The cleaning drive symbolized the community’s commitment to the conservation of the river and aimed to inspire joint actions toward this goal.



The Malaria Awareness campaign was initiated by SRSO

Ghotki/August 15 to 19, 2023

The Malaria Awareness campaign was started from 15- 19 August 2023 under GFATM Malaria Project supported by NRSP at district Ghotki. For this purpose, different awareness-raising activities including community sessions, and awareness walks were organized at different locations of the district through engaging community institutions and other stakeholders.

The campaign’s primary objective was to educate communities about malaria, including its proper diagnosis, treatment, and preventive measures.





World Hepatitis Day was observed under the National Poverty Graduation Programme

Shikarpur & Kashmore@Kandhkot /August03, 2023

The Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) under the National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP) a flagship program of MoPASS, Govt. of Pakistan, and IFAD to raise awareness about Hepatitis and how people improve their overall health and well-being. For this purpose, different awareness-raising activities were organized in 20 targeted Union Councils in both districts. The community dialogues, dissemination of IEC materials, and community walks were conducted, to aware community members especially NPGP beneficiaries about Hepatitis and preventive measures. The trained Community Resource Persons (CRPs) conducted the sessions under the theme “One Life-One Liver”.



SRSO in partnership with RSPN observed World Population Day

Kashmore@Kandhkot / July11, 2023



SRSO in partnership with RSPN observed #World Population Day on July 11, under the UNFPA-supported GBVie Project. It aimed to spread awareness and discuss the issues associated with population about population and gender inequality. For this purpose, awareness sessions, walks, and dialogues with stakeholders were organized to aware and discuss population-related challenges and their impacts on women and girls. A session was organized at the established Women & Girls Friendly Space in village Begh Soomro district Kashmore@ Kandhkot

A dialogue was also organized at the SRSO district office with stakeholders from government and civil society attended and emphasized and demanded to control rapid population because it is a serious challenge and severely affecting the socio-economic development of the country.

Secretary Social Welfare Department Govt. of Sindh, visited People’s School

Thatta July 08, 2023

Ms. Shereen Mustafa Narejo, the Secretary of the Social Welfare Department GoS visited People’s School Thatta, supported by Sindh Education Foundation. During her visit, she inspected the newly constructed two rooms of the Government Boys School in the village of Ohhayo Jakhro. The purpose of the visit was to discuss various aspects related to the quality of education. The Regional General Manager and District Manager of the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) facilitated the visit.

Ms. Shereen Mustafa also conducted a meeting with the community of village Rawat Magsi UC Faqeer Jo Goth and village Ohhayo Jakhro UC Chilya Union Council and discussed the issue of out- of-school children, missing facilities.



SRSO Signs MoU with Research and Training Institute (RTI) & WORDS

SRSO Complex Sukkur/July 07, 2023

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Signing Ceremony was held between Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) Research and Training Institute (RTI), and WORDS, under the IFAD-funded National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP) a flagship program of MOPASS- GoP and IFAD.

The chief guest at the ceremony was the Honorable Ms. Tanzeela Um-E-Habib, MPA and Special Assistant to the Chief Minister of Sindh on IT Development. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro CEO -SRSO, Director RTI, CEO WORDS, SRSO-NPGP team, and beneficiaries of the NPGP who will be enrolled in the training programs.

Under the MoU, both organizations, RTI, and WORDS, will provide technical skills and vocational training to the Intangible Assets Beneficiaries of the NPGP covering districts Shikarpur and Kashmore@Kandhkot. RTI will train 150 beneficiaries, while WORDS will train 500 beneficiaries.

Ms. Tanzeela expressed her pleasure in participating in the ceremony and appreciated the initiatives undertaken by SRSO for enhancing the skills of ultra-poor families.



Sindhi Association of North America (SANA) delegation visited SANA Housing for Flood Affected Project

Kamber-Shahdadkot/August 29, 2023

Sindhi Association of North America (SANA) delegation Dr. Maqbool Ahmed Halepoto President, and Mr. Tufail Ahmed Memon member of SANA visited village Khuro Brohi Taluka Warrah where 52 resilient low-cost houses were constructed for most vulnerable and flood-affected families with the financial support of SANA. Delegation members conducted a meeting with Village Organization. Women leaders welcomed and briefed about the organization, flood impacts, post flood situation and process and progress of the project. The delegation

deeply impressed by the quality of work and ownership of the community especially women. It was truly inspiring to witness the transformation and see tangible impact of SANA SRSO efforts on rebuilding the new hopes of the beneficiaries. SRSO conveyed their gratitude for their invaluable support and emphasized the positive impact it will have on the community. SRSO-Chief Financial Officer, Regional Manager and DM facilitated the delegation and briefed about the project.





A signing ceremony for a Memorandum of Agreement between SRSO and SAU Shikarpur

SRSO Complex Sukkur/ August28, 2023

A signing ceremony for a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was held at the SRSO Complex Sukkur. The ceremony was organized under the National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP), a flagship program of MoPASS, GOP & International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) implemented by the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO). The signing took place between The Shaikh Ayaz University Shikarpur (SAUS) and SRSO.

The main objective of the agreement is to empower 21 rural young females and 28 males who reside in the designated Union Councils and village communities through a 4-month Digital Skills Course for Online Earning-Creative Design and Digital Marketing of Rural Youth. The event was attended by youth, faculty members, and senior management of SAUS including VC-SAUS, CFO SRSO and General Manager-MF SRSO.



The MoU was signed between SRSO and Aror University of Arts, Architecture, Design and Heritage Sukkur

SRSO Complex Sukkur/ September 14, 2023

Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design and Heritage (AUAADH) Sukkur and the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) Sukkur signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zahid Hussain Khand of AUAADH and CEO of SRSO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro formalized the partnership at the SRSO Complex in Sukkur. This MoU focuses on collaborative efforts to preserve heritage, revive local art and handicrafts, provide entrepreneurship support, and capacity-building initiatives of staff, engage students in social internships to work and learn with rural communities, and empower rural artisans and entrepreneur women.



The Malteser International Headquarters Delegation visited SRSO

Khairpur and Sukkur / July 18 and 19, 2023

The Malteser International Headquarters Delegation, under the leadership of Cordulla Wasser, Head of the Regional Groups of Asia, embarked on a significant journey to the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO). Their purpose was to engage with the flood-affected communities and explore how Malteser International could support them in building resilience against climate change impacts.

Accompanied by esteemed dignitaries, including Dr. Shereen Mustafa Narejo, Secretary Social Welfare Department of the Government of Sindh, Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, CEO SRSO, and Dr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo, RGM-SRSO facilitated them in the visit.

In Village Wahid Bud Kubur, the delegation visited SRSO-constructed Resilience Based Housing, witnessing the positive impact on beneficiaries' lives. A meeting with Local Support Organization Gul Hassan Kubur provided valuable insights into the ADH-funded project's impact on 30 women and their needs.

Cordulla Wasser, head of the delegation, expressed, "We have

been deeply moved by the courage and determination of the communities we met. The floods may have caused immeasurable damage, but we also witnessed the seeds of resilience and hope planted amidst the ruins."



SFERP-GoS joint delegation visits Cash-For-Work Schemes

SBA & Khairpur / August 25, 2023

SRSO is implementing the Sindh Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project (SFERP) with the financial support of the World Bank and GoS in 11 districts of Sindh for the recovery and rehabilitation of flood-affected families. A Joint delegation visit from the World Bank, LOG, and SFERP-GoS at Shaheed Benazirabad and Khairpur districts,

The delegation members consisted of Mr. Muhammad Aslam Laghari (Deputy Project Director SFERP-Govt. of Sindh), Mr. Naseer Memon, Mr. Shams Jafrani, Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro, Mr. Bisharat Khan, Ms. Mehr-un-Nisa, Dr. Sono Kangrani, Dr. Bakshal

Lashari, Dr. Altaf Siyal, and Shiraz Latif. Meanwhile, the SRSO-Team Leader and Project Manager facilitated the visit.

The purpose of the visit was to assess the progress and impact of the project, A joint delegation engaged with the local communities and observed the Cash for Work - earth-filling schemes.



RSPN & SRSO meeting on review ongoing projects

SRSO Complex Sukkur/ September 13, 2023

The Chief Operating Officer (COO) of RSPN, Mr. Atif Zeeshan, along with a team of RSPN held a meeting with SRSO. This meeting took place at the SRSO Complex in Sukkur, and its main purpose was to review ongoing partnership initiatives, specifically the UNFPA-supported Women's Socio-Economic Resilience in Pakistan (WSERP) project and the UN-Women-supported Gender-Based Violence In Emergency (GBVie) Project.

Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, the CEO of SRSO, welcomed the RSPN team and facilitated the review meeting. During the meeting, Project Focal Persons from both organizations were briefed about the current status of the projects funded by UNFPA and UN-Women in flood-affected districts of Sindh.

Mr. Atif Zeeshan expressed appreciation for the partnership between RSPN and SRSO, highlighting their joint efforts to empower marginalized social groups both socially and economically. He also mentioned their future focus on rebuilding the lives of marginalized families in flood-affected areas.





Key SRSO-Flood Emergency Response 2023

Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Foreign Minister of Pakistan along with CM Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah inaugurated the 1st constructed the resilient house under SPHF

Larkana / July21, 2023

Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Foreign Minister of Pakistan along with CM Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah inaugurated the first constructed resilient house of the flood-affecteds at village Vikia Sangi district Larkana under the SPHF-GoS. Sameena Khattoon w/o Muzafar re-constructed their house according to SPHF set guidelines and standards. Foreign Minister Mr Bilawal Bhutto Zardari also attended the ceremony of land titles distribution among the first 5,000 beneficiaries of Sindh People’s Housing for Flood Affectees in district Larkana implemented by SRSO.

CEO-SRSO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro along with Team Leader-SRSO-SPHF briefed about the housing reconstruction process and progress. They told that 147 houses are under construction among the 266 validated flood-affected houses in the village. Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari appreciated the SRSO work.

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Ms. Aseefa Bhutto Zardari’s philanthropic efforts in providing resilient, and low-cost housing for 13 vulnerable and ultra-poor flood-affected families

Larkana/August28, 2023

It’s heartening to hear about Ms. Aseefa Bhutto Zardari’s philanthropic efforts in providing resilient, and low-cost housing to 13 vulnerable and ultra-poor flood-affected families in village Allah Warayo Solangi, UC Nau Dero, District Larkana.

Ms. Aseefa Bhutto Zardari’s involvement in visiting the site at the initial stage of construction reflects her commitment and involvement throughout the completion of the houses.

Now, people are living in a more dignified manner which is a testament to the positive impact of such initiative. Ms. ABZ’s generous support has undoubtedly made a significant difference in the lives of these families, providing them with safe and comfortable shelter. The beneficiaries are grateful for this kind of support to provide a safe and decent shelter for their families.



The 500 assistive devices were distributed among Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) in flood-affected communities

Mirpurkhas/ August-September, 2023

SRSO under the Malteser International-supported Integrated Emergency Health, Protection, and WASH Response for Vulnerable Flood-affected Communities Project distributed 500 assistive devices among Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) and 125 wheel Chairs, 125 audio inductions, 125 Walking Sticks, and 125 walking frames in flood-affected villages in the district Khairpur and Mirpur Khas.

The primary goal of this endeavor is to promote inclusivity and ensure that PWDs have equal access to opportunities and resources



Empowering Flood-Affected Communities through Street Theaters under Malteser International supported project

Mirpurkhas & Khairpur/ August-September 2023

The Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) in collaboration with Malteser International – supported the Integration Emergency Health, WASH, Protection and Hygiene Project, and organized 10 street theaters at the community level in targeted flood-affected union councils of districts Khairpur and Mirpurkhas. This initiative aimed to create awareness among flood-affected communities about crucial topics such as emergency health, nutrition, hygiene, child rights, and gender-based violence (GBV).

The Chanan Theater Group, through their performances, effectively conveyed messages to 2,544 community members regarding the disadvantages of early marriages, GBV, equal educational rights, domestic violence, cleanliness, and gender equality.



The distribution of essential kits and supplies among flood-affected families under the Malteser International-supported project

Khairpur & Mirpurkhas / September30, 2023



The 3,000 essential kits and supplies (500 Delivery Kits, 500 MHM kits, 500 Newborn Baby Kits, 500 Hygiene Kits, 500 long-lasting insecticidal Nets, 250 Bio stand Nadi Filter, 250 water jerry canes) were distributed among the most flood-affected and vulnerable families (Khairpur 1,200 and Mirpurkhas1,800) in targeted 5 union councils. This distribution was organized by the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) under Malteser International supported Integrated Emergency Health, Protection, and WASH Response for Vulnerable Flood-affected Communities Project.

It aimed to provide immediate relief and support to families who have been adversely affected by flooding and fulfill the urgent needs of vulnerable communities during emergencies and natural disasters



NADRA Mobile Registration camps under Women’s Socio-Economic Resilience Project

Sukkur, Khairpur and Dadu/ September July-September2023

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) is implementing the Women’s Socio-Economic Resilience in Pakistan (WSERP) Project in partnership with Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) Pakistan and UN Women Pakistan & People of Japan. The main objective of the Project is to improve women’s access to essential services in flood-affected areas of Sukkur, Khairpur, and Dadu districts of Sindh.

At present, SRSO is campaigning for CNIC registration through mobile camps in collaboration with NADRA in all 3 targeted districts. For this purpose, 34 NADRA Mobile Registration Camps were organized at Dadu 12, Sukkur16 & Khairpur6 and registered 1,999 (Dadu 570, Sukkur929 & Khairpur500) smart cards, new and renewed CNICs and B-forms of the community members. Community volunteers played an active role in organizing, managing, facilitating, and mobilizing the community members and registration camp.



Mock Drill on flood emergency response by DDMA & UNDP

Thatta / September07, 2023



SRSO Thatta office supported to District Administration and DDMA Thatta in organizing Mock Drill on flood emergency response through early warning system, safe evacuation and relief camp management. This drill was organized at Village Organization Allah Dino Manchhari, UC Bijora. UNDP delegation led by Mr. Andrew also participated and observed the Mock drill from start to end.

After drill, a meeting was held at DC Office Thatta and discussed the role of DDMA and District Administration and appreciated to SRSO in the facilitating and managing the Mock drill in an effective manner.

Flood Emergency Response under Equine Welfare Project with Brooke Pakistan

Khairpur, Sukkur, Shikarpur, Jacobabad, Larkana and Kamber-Shahdadkot/September, 2022

SRSO in partnership with the Brooke Pakistan is improving equine animals through strengthened systems for equine welfare and thriving equine owning communities. The heavy rainfall 2022 has affected all houses and agricultural land, equine animals, and Livestock being heavily damaged. Looking this situation, SRSO initiated operation to provide ease to equine-owning communities affected by the flood. People and animals in dire need were given rations for humans and animals, and mosquito nets and fly repellents were distributed by SRSO. Free Veterinary Medical Camps were also facilitated to equine owning communities and others. Routine awareness of equine-owning communities was also part of our intervention.

The 1st and 2nd phase of emergency relief support was provided to equine communities in covering 6 districts 4,518 feed/fodder distribution, 30 construction of shed/shelter and manger, 30 construction of manger (Feed Trough), 113 provision of portable water trough, 74 provision of first aid box, 41 installation of

hand pumps, 44 community change agents (CCAs) trained on preventive care and management, 80 awareness sessions on husbandry practices, 669 first aid and emergency treatment for equine animals and 1906 breaching straps distribution.



Key SRSO Visitors

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Sukkur/ Septmber07, 2023

Care International Pakistan Country Office Islamabad team visited SRSO-Craft Enterprise Development (CED) at SRSO Complex in Sukkur led by Project Manager Mr. Muhammad Azeem Faisal. The primary objective of the visit was to gain insights into SRSO's social enterprise approach, e-commerce strategies, and specifically, the Sartyoon Sang Crafts Enterprise - Handicrafts.



Thatta /July14, 2023

A delegation of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), RSPN & IUCN visited SRSO coastal belt covering areas with an aim to assess climate change impacts on the local environment and communities and identify sustainable solutions to combat its adverse effects/cyclones and other disasters as well.



Jacobabad/July14, 2023

A delegation from the World Bank and the Sindh Government visited the Sindh Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project (SFERP) in Essa Machhi, UC Dasti and held a dialogue with the community and women leaders of the Village Organization (VO) and observed on-going cash-for-work scheme. The delegation was consisted on Mr. Babar, Mr. Naseer Memon, Mr. Aslam Laghari, Mr. Bisharat, and Mr. Kamal Afridi, Ms. Noor ul Hoda and Ms. Sana. Meanwhile, CEO-SRSO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro and other senior team members were accompanied the delegation.



Shikarpur/July12, 2023

A high-level mission from Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) HQ Rome, including Mr. Benjamin Davis Director Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality Division FAO HQ Rome, Mr. Mark Jhonsan Protection Expert FAO HQ Rome, Mr. Bhalla Garima Economist FAO HQ Rome accompanied by Aamer Irshad, Naeem Iqbal (FAO) and Muhammad Fazal (MoPASS-GoP) visited the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) to observe the interventions funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) through the National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP). They visited VO Ghulam Muhammad Mirbahar LSO Sindh Surhan in UC Sehwan, and had opportunity to meet and engage in a dialogue with 54 beneficiaries of NPGP assets and members VO and LSO.



SBA & Khairpur /August25, 2023

The World Bank, LOG, and SFERP-GoS joint delegation visit was held at Shaheed Benazirababd and Khairpur districts, the World Bank joint delegation engaged with the local communities and observed the Cash for Work - earth filling schemes. The purpose of the visit was to assess the progress and impact of the project.

The delegation members included Mr. Muhammad Aslam Laghari (Project Director SFERP-Govt. of Sindh), Mr. Naseer Memon, Mr. Shams Jafrani, Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro, Mr. Bisharat Khan, Ms. Mehr un Nisa, Dr. Sono Kangrani, Dr. Bakshal Lashari, Dr. Altaf Siyal, and Shiraz Latif

A Way to Self-Reliance-Brief Success Stories

Meet Samira, a Community Resource Person (CRP) working in village Jan Mohammad Lighari, distric Kamber-Shahdakot, Sindh



Samira w/o Sabir Hussain, is a mother of five children, with three boys and two girls. Four of her school-going-aged children attend school as well. She is the 2nd group of women Community Resource Persons (CRPs) from the village Jan Muhammad UC Misri Khan, district Kamber-Shahdakot, Sindh who were selected and engaged in 2022 for selling and marketing nutrition and hygiene products and services to rural women under the BEP (Balanced Energy Protein) Project funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and implemented by Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) in partnership with RSPN and Hystra Paris. She visits 20 to 25 households daily in their assigned area to sell products to women to improve their health, nutrition, and hygiene. Now, Samira's monthly income is between 10,000 to 11,000 thousand, which she primarily uses for her children's education and health.

Samira works in the field for the well-being of women as part of the BEP Project, which has given her a mobile phone and training on data punching. This has allowed her to punch her sales data herself on an app and generate income. Samira's work is a source of inspiration for women in rural areas, showing them that they too can run a business from their homes. "It was challenging for me and my family to decide to work on the project, but after they made the decision, I feel

proud to contribute to the family livelihood support and well-being of women of the own area," Samiara says with confidence.

Samira's story highlights the impact of empowering women with skills and technology in rural areas. By providing access and knowledge, women like her can become self-sufficient and contribute to their family's well-being. It is crucial to continue supporting programs like the BEP project to help more women like Samira achieve economic independence.

A diminutive life story of Masmat Saleemat after receiving an asset from IFAD-NPGP through the SRSO in district Shikarpur, Sindh

Ms. Saleemat, a beneficiary of the NPGP program and resident of Waryam Shar village district Shikarpur, is a mother of seven children who has been struggling to meet the basic needs of her family. She expressed her difficulties, saying, "I didn't have any resources for living life, therefore I could not care for myself and other family members." Additionally, she revealed that she is suffering from a fatal disease, hepatitis B, and their home was severely damaged during the monsoon rains, resulting in the death of their cattle. As a result, her entire family was left homeless and without any support, leading them to feel hopeless.

However, the situation took a positive turn when the IFAD program arrived in their village, bringing a great blessing from God. Ms. Saleemat's name was identified and selected to receive a productive asset to support her livelihood and enable her to graduate from poverty on a sustainable basis.

"With the assistance of the program, my son now drives the asset, a Fatta rakhsawa, and earns Rs. 500 to 700 daily, which is enough to sustain their livelihood. We also started saving money, moving closer to a successful life." Ms. Saleemat spoke with confidence and a smile and expressed her gratitude for the opportunities provided by the NPGP-IFAD-MOPASS and SRSOs.





PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS

