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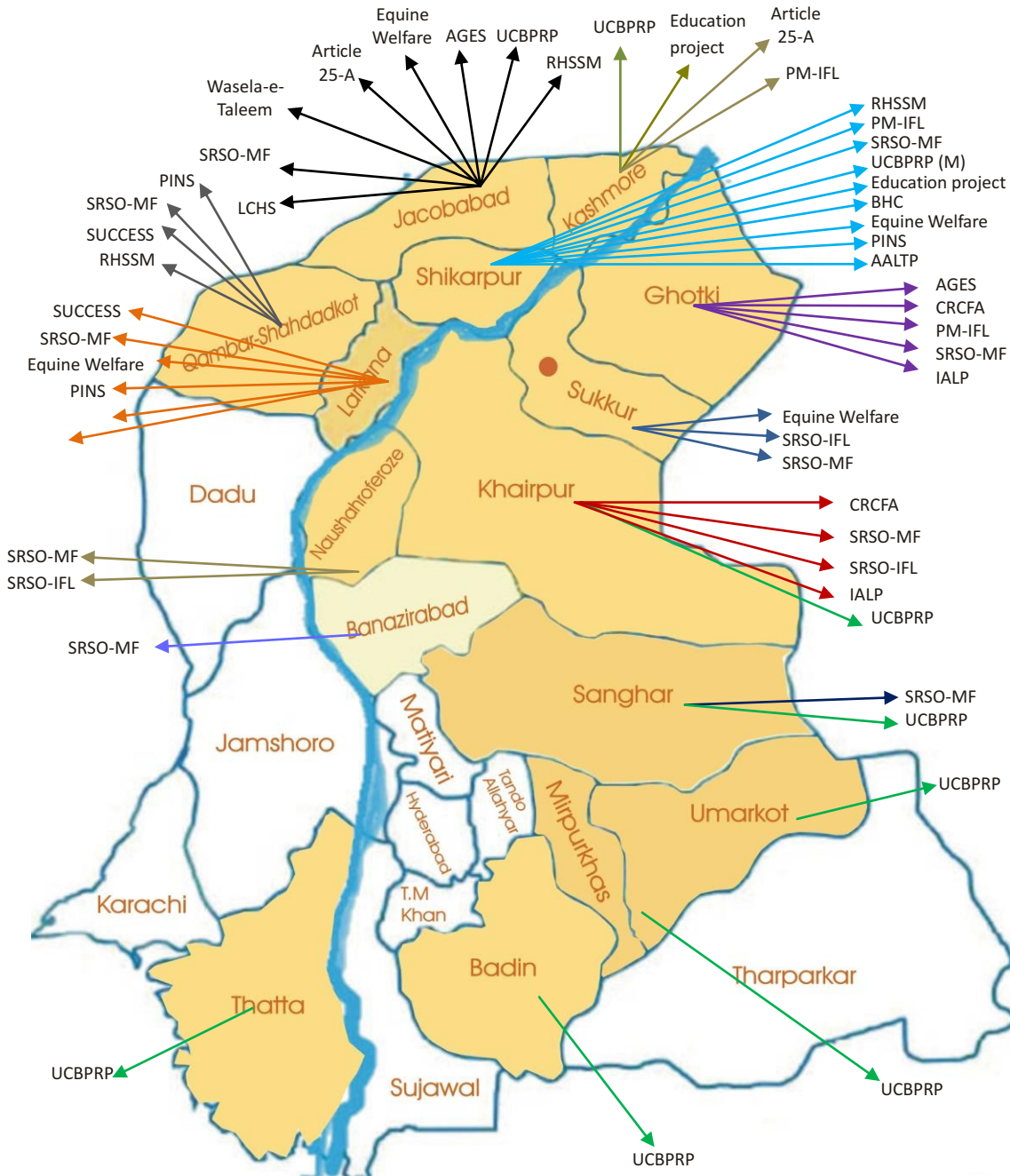
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Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) Operational Area



ON GOING PROJECTS

- UCBPRP**
(Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme)
Funded by: P&D-GoS
- Equine Welfare Project**
Funded by: BROOKE
- AGES**
(Advancing Girls Education & Skills)
- SRSO-Microfinance**
Funded by: SRSO
- Construction of Low Cost Housing Units (LCHS)**
Funded by: BHC-GOS
- Education Project**
Funded by: CDP-GoS
- PM-IFL**
(Prime Minister Interest Free Loan)
Funded by: PPAF-GoP
- CRCFA**
(Child Rights in Cotton Farming Areas of Sindh)
Funded by: UNICEF-RSPN
- 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
- CAIAQELA**
(Community Activism for Improved Access to Quality Education & Local Accountability)
Funded by: OSF - RSPN
- RHSSM**
Provision of Reproductive Health Services through Social Marketing
Funded by: PSI - DFID
- Wasela-e-Taleem**
Funded by: BISP-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



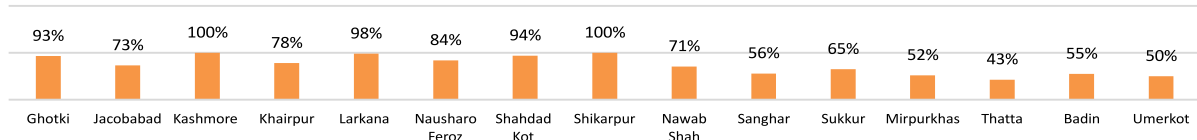
SRSO Cumulative Achievement as of June 2018

S.#	Key Performance Indicators	Achievement as of December-2017	Achievement as of June-2018	% increase during Qtr	
1	No. of Operational Districts	15	15	-	
2	No. of Union Councils with SRSO presence	674	674	-	
3	No. of Taluka with SRSO presence	81	81	-	
4	No. of villages with SRSO presence	13,540	14,550	7%	
5	No. of Household Organized	750,716	736,707	-2%	
6	VO Formation	8,386	9,289	11%	
7	LSO Formation	169	193	14%	
8	CO- Formation	Female	43,140	39,716	-2%
		Male	2,383	2,383	-
		Mix	40	40	-
		Total	45,563	42,139	-2%
9	CO-Membership	Female	712,054	698,045	-2%
		Male	38,662	38,662	-
		Total	750,716	736,707	-2%
10	Community Saving (In million)	Female	127.77	140.3	10%
		Male	6.80	6.80	-
		Total	134.58	147.3	9%
11	Income Generating Grant (IGG) Amount Disbursed (In Million)	82.93	101.52	22%	
12	No. of IGG Beneficiaries	7,608	9,422	24%	
13	Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount disbursed (In Million)	1,135.47	1,316.56	16%	
14	No. of CIF Beneficiaries	106,926	120,649	13%	
15	Total amount of Microcredit disbursed (In Million)	11,068.42	12,228.68	10%	
16	No. of Beneficiaries of Micro Credit Programme	574,566	615,951	7%	
17	No of Community members trained in vocational skill Training	54,191	56,136	4%	
18	No of Community members trained	267,078	284,247	6%	
19	Community Members trained as TBAs	4,777	4,777	-	
20	Micro Health Insurance (Clients)	600,661	651,771	9%	
21	Community Members Insured in Micro Health Insurance (Head Count)	619,281	619,281	-	
22	No. of Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)	26,449	26,479	0.1%	
23	Total amount of CPIs (In Millions)	1,365	1,378	1%	
24	Total Beneficiary Households	225,722	229,265	2%	
25	No of Low Cost Houses	18,418	18,427	0.05%	
26	No of Poultry layers distributed	19,521	19,521	-	
27	No of trees Planted	826,686	836,386	1%	
28	No of Kitchen Gardening	15,878	15,878	-	

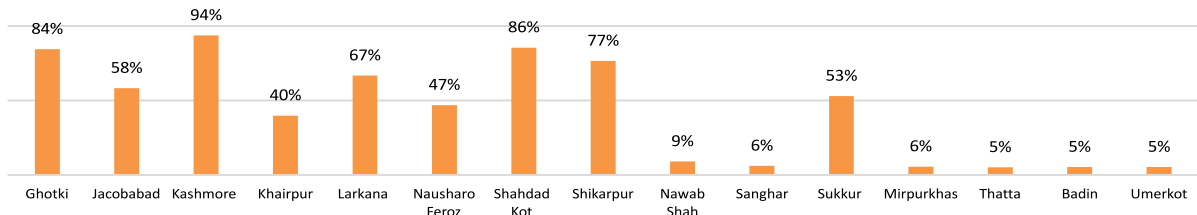
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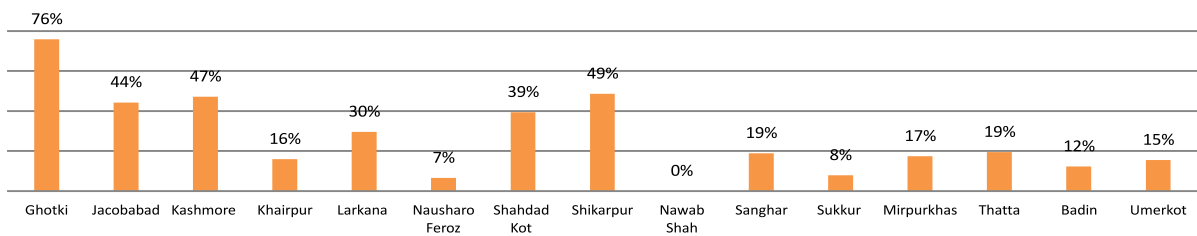
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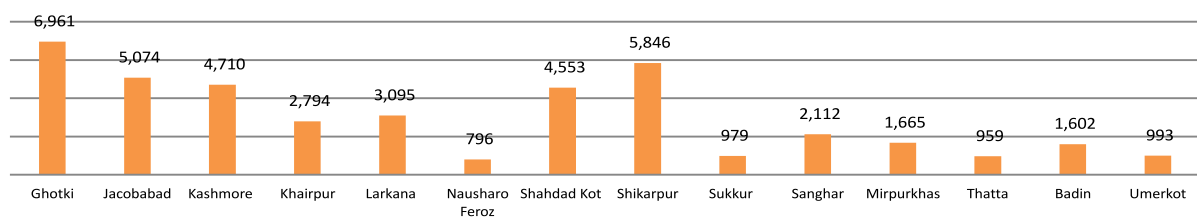
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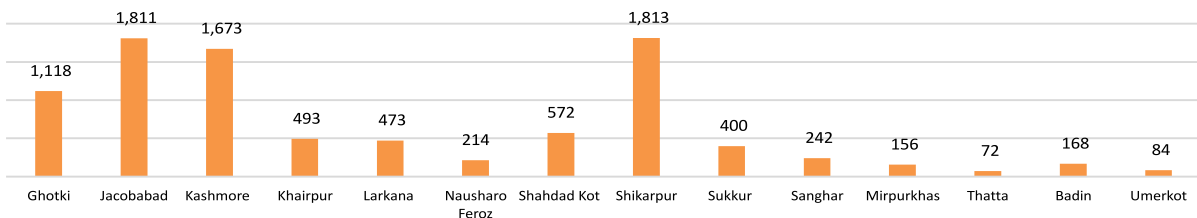
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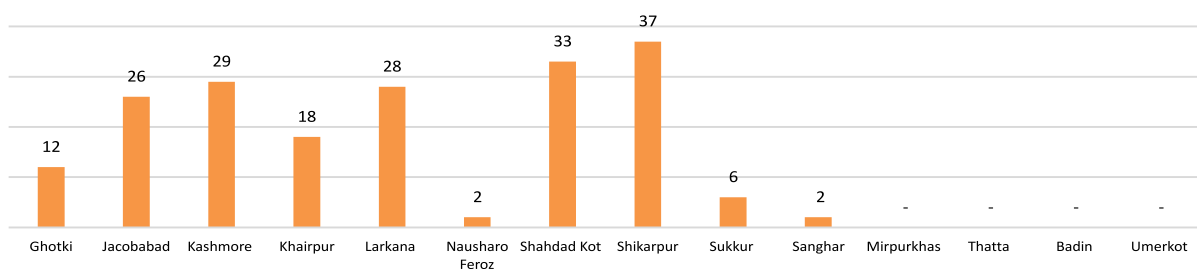
District wise break up of Community Organization (COs) as of June 2018



DISTRICT WISE BREAK UP OF VILLAGE ORGANIZATION (VOs) FORMATION AS OF JUNE 2018

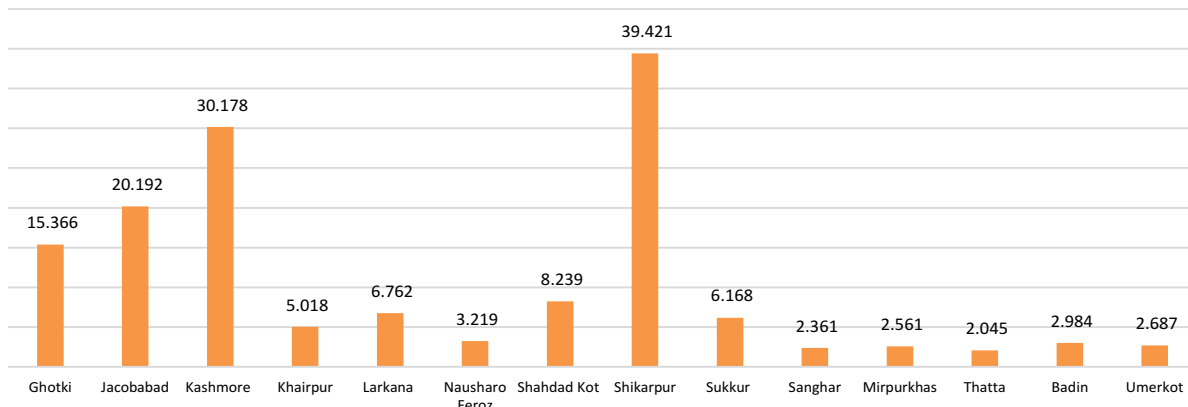


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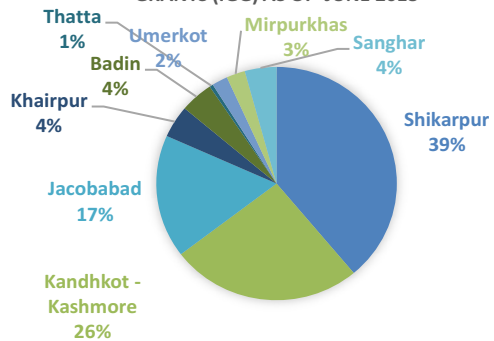




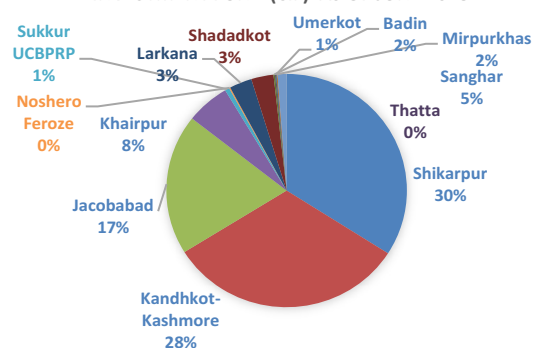
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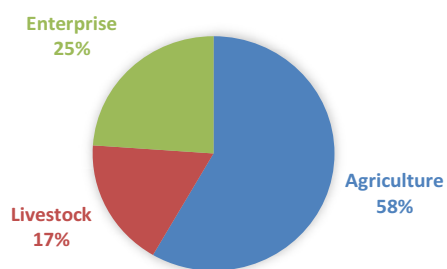
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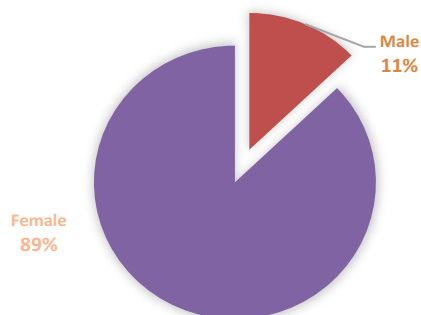
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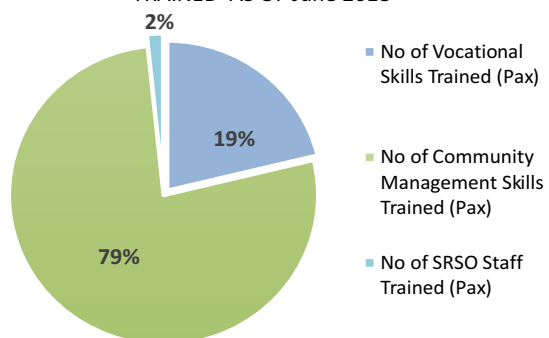
SECTOR WISE MICRO FINANCE DISBURSEMENT AS OF JUNE 2018



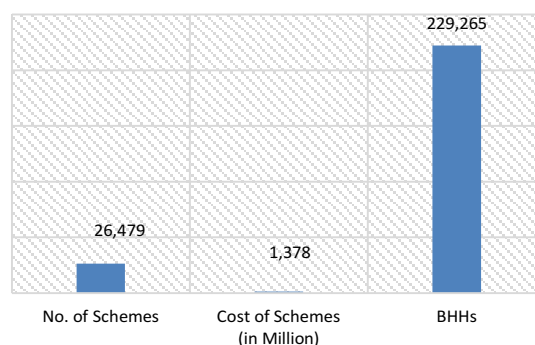
GENDER WISE MICRO CREDIT DISBURSEMENT AS OF JUNE 2018



SUMMARY OF STAFF AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TRAINED AS OF JUNE 2018



Summary of CPI as of June 2018





Geographical Coverage

Sr.#	District		Total No. of area in the District	# of SRSO intervened area as of Dec 2017	# of SRSO intervened area as of June 2018	% increase during Qtr	% of total area coverage as of June 2018
1	Ghotki	Union Council	40	37	37	-	93%
		Village	2,464	2,080	2,080	-	84%
		Household	159,314	120,767	120,767	-	76%
2	Jacobabad	Union Council	40	29	29	-	73%
		Village	3,110	1,811	1,811	-	58%
		Household	191,633	84,893	84,893	-	44%
3	Kashmore	Union Council	37	37	37	-	100%
		Village	1,786	1,673	1,673	-	94%
		Household	170,421	80,345	80,345	-	47%
4	Khairpur	Union Council	76	59	59	-	67%
		Village	3,254	1,296	1,296	-	40%
		Household	305,137	68,694	48,618	-29%	16%
5	Larkana	Union Council	47	46	46	-	98%
		Village	1,590	933	1,077	15%	68%
		Household	217,208	98,993	64,262	-35%	30%
6	Naushahro Feroz	Union Council	51	43	43	-	84%
		Village	2,192	1,028	1,028	-	47%
		Household	219,772	42,852	14,325	-67%	7%
7	Shahdad Kot	Union Council	52	49	49	-	94%
		Village	1,561	1,174	1,355	15%	86%
		Household	211,612	104,563	83,340	-20%	39%
8	Shikarpur	Union Council	50	50	50	-	100%
		Village	2,414	1,848	1,848	-	77%
		Household	210,530	102,306	102,306	-	49%
9	Sukkur	Union Council	46	26	26	-	57%
		Village	1,664	881	881	-	53%
		Household	183,500	37,941	14,429	-62%	8%
10	Nawab Shah	Union Council	51	36	36	-	71%
		Village	4,104	362	362	-	9%
		Household	213,304	-	-	-	-
11	Sanghar	Union Council	71	71	71	-	100%
		Village	3,351	350	489	27%	13%
		Household	196,788	2,229	37,191	798%	10%
12	Mirpurkhas	Union Council	55	55	55	-	100%
		Village	3,223	23	147	226%	2%
		Household	153,016	3,073	26,567	323%	9%
13	Thatta	Union Council	33	33	33	-	100%
		Village	1,934	25	138	208%	4%
		Household	88,092	1,711	17,144	642%	14%
14	Badin	Union Council	68	68	68	-	100%
		Village	3,800	30	160	267%	3%
		Household	208,709	1,355	25,577	1012%	7%
15	Umerkot	Union Council	35	35	35	-	100%
		Village	2,103	26	72	88%	2%
		Household	109,365	994	16,943	740%	8%
GRAND TOTAL		Union Council	752	674	674	-	90%
		Village	38,550	13,560	14,550	7%	37%
		Household	2,838,401	750,716	736,707	-2%	26%



Sr.#	District	Formation of Community Institution Community Organizations (COs) Village Organization (VOs) Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	Organized Coverage		
			# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of Dec 2017	# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of June 2018	% increase during Qtr
1	Ghotki	Community Organizations (COs)	6,961	6,961	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,118	1,118	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	12	12	-
2	Jacobabad	Community Organizations (COs)	5,074	5,074	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,811	1,811	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	26	26	-
3	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)	4,110	2,794	-32%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	493	493	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	18	18	-
5	Larkana	Community Organizations (COs)	6,590	3,095	-53%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	396	473	19%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	18	28	56%
6	Naushahro Feroz	Community Organizations (COs)	2,585	796	-69%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	158	158	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	2	2	-
7	Shahdad Kot	Community Organizations (COs)	6,402	4,553	-29%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	468	572	22%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	21	33	57%
8	Shikarpur	Community Organizations (COs)	5,846	5,846	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,813	1,813	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	37	37	-
9	Sukkur	Community Organizations (COs)	2,710	979	-64%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	400	400	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	6	6	-
10	Sanghar	Community Organizations (COs)	124	2,112	840%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	-	242	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	-	2	-
11	Mirpurkhas	Community Organizations (COs)	196	1,665	319%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	-	156	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	-	-	-
12	Thatta	Community Organizations (COs)	91	959	666%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	-	72	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	-	-	-
13	Badin	Community Organizations (COs)	107	1,602	775%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	-	168	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	-	-	-
14	Umerkot	Community Organizations (COs)	57	993	707%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	-	84	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL		Community Organizations (COs)	45,563	42,139	-2%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	8,386	9,289	11%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	169	193	14%



Community Saving

Sr.#	District	Community Saving as of Dec 2017 (In Millions)	Community Saving as of June 2018 (In Millions)	% increase during Qtr
1	Ghotki	15.37	15.37	-
2	Jacobabad	20.19	20.19	-
3	Kashmore	30.17	30.17	-
4	Khairpur	5.018	5.018	-
5	Larkana	6.620	6.762	2%
6	Naushahro Feroz	3.260	3.260	-
7	Shahdad Kot	7.828	8.239	5%
8	Shikarpur	39.31	39.31	-
9	Sukkur	6.168	6.168	-
10	Sanghar	0.614	2.361	285%
11	Mirpurkhas	1.387	2.561	85%
12	Thatta	1.274	2.045	61%
13	Badin	1.774	2.984	68%
14	Umerkot	0.618	2.687	335%
	TOTAL	139.67	147.20	9%

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

S.no	Districts	as of Dec 2017		as of June 2018		% 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	Kandhkot - Kashmore	2,543	26.13	2,543	26.13	-
3	Jacobabad	1,348	17.31	1,348	17.31	-
4	Khairpur	-	-	441	4.52	-
5	Badin	-	-	442	4.53	-
6	Thatta	-	-	48	0.49	-
7	Umerkot	-	-	212	2.15	-
8	Mirpurkhas	-	-	252	2.45	-
9	Sanghar	-	-	419	4.32	-
	Total IGG Disbursed	7,608	82.94	9,422	101.52	22%

Community Investment Fund (CIF)

S. No	Districts	as of Dec 2017		as of June 2018		% 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	Kandhkot - Kashmore	35,863	374.07	35,863	374.07	-
3	Jacobabad	18,371	220.87	18,371	226.43	-
4	Khairpur	6,044	56.44	9,958	106.91	89%
5	Sukkur UCBPRP	513	7.05	513	7.05	-
6	Noshero Feroze	370	1.85	370	1.85	-
7	Larkana	2,633	35.20	2,633	35.20	-
8	Shahdadkot	2,544	34.98	2,544	34.98	-
9	Badin	-	-	1,941	24.26	-
10	Thatta	-	-	341	4.377	-
11	Umerkot	-	-	933	12.79	-
12	Mirpurkhas	-	-	2,210	29.95	-
13	Sanghar	-	-	4,733	62.16	-
	Total CIF Disbursed (In Million)	106,926	1,135.47	120,649	1,316.563	16%

Micro Finance (MF)

S.no	Amount disbursed as of June 2018	
1	Total Amount of Micro Credit Disbursement (In Millions)	12,228.69
	Men	1,302.22
	Women	10,926.46
2	No. of Loans	615,951
	Male	66,367
	Female	549,584
3	Sectoral Disbursement	12,228.69
	Agriculture	7,092.20
	Livestock	2,084.70
	Enterprise	3,051.76



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)

S.#	Types of CPI Schemes	Achievement as of June 2018		
		No. of Schemes	Cost of Schemes (In Millions)	BHHs
Total of CPI Schemes		26,479	1,378	229,265
1	Sanitation	15,957	199.44	87,512
2	Street Pavement & Sanitation	44	209.07	9,022
3	Drinking Water Supply Schemes (DWSS)	9,533	348.75	51,512
4	Low Cost Village Improvement Schemes (LCVI)	72	127.09	7,248
5	Communication	353	194.20	27,165
6	Irrigation	446	188.69	13,572
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.#	Housing Schemes	No of Houses	Cost of Houses (In Millions)	BHHs
Total of Housing Schemes		18,427	1,322.25	18,427
11	Low Cost Housing Scheme (2007-2018)	17,937	1208.62	17,937
12	Benazir Housing Cell (2015-2016)	490	113.63	490

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

Human Resource Development (HRD)

Sr.#	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of Dec-2017	Achievement as of June-2018	% increase during Qtr
1	No. of Community Members provided scholarship for Vocational Skill Training	54,191	56,134	4%
2	No. of Community Members trained in Community Management Skill Training	212,887	228,111	7%
3	No. of SRSO Staff Trained in different programme/project training	5,384	6,076	13%

Micro Health Insurance (MHI)

Sr.#	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of Dec-2017	Achievement as of June-2018	% increase during Qtr	
1	No. of Community Members provided Micro Health Insurance Cover	600,661	651,771	9%	
2	No. of Community Members Treated through MHI	8,155	8,516	2%	
		Men	2,764	2,768	0.1%
		Women	5,391	5,748	7%
3	Amount of claims availed by Community (In Million)	112.806	121.683	8%	

**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 2018	%
Poverty Scorecard Census	UC	99	99	100%
Households Census	Household	280,823	267,823	95%
Population Census	Person	1,939,008	1,849,246	95%
Number of HHs organized	Household	200,867	148,101	74%
Formation of Community Organizations (CO)	CO	10,043	7,677	76%
Formation of Village Organization (VO)	VO	1,255	1,045	83%
Formation of Local Support Organizations (LSO)	LSO	99	61	62%
CMST of COs office bearers	Person	25,108	14,038	56%
LMST of VOs office bearers	Person	3,138	1,969	63%
Activists workshops for office bearers of LSO / VO / CO	Event	252	87	35%
Training of field staff on Community Awareness Training (CAT)	Person	79	79	100%
CRP Training on CIF and CAT (VO based CRPs)	Person	1,569	575	37%
Training of Book Keeper/Accountant	Person	1,354	427	32%
No of Beneficiaries trained in Vocational and Technical Skills	Person	36,500	632	2%
No of beneficiaries insured in Micro Health Insurance programme	Person	40,500	23,883	59%
No of CPI Schemes Initiated	Number	949	84	9%
No of CPI Schemes Completed	Number	949	29	3%

**Expansion of Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme****District Khairpur, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Umerkot, Badin &Thatta (June 2017-May 2020)**

Project Activities	Unit	Programme Targets	Cumulative Achievement as of June 2018	%
Poverty Scorecard Census	UC	321	323	101%
Households Census	Household	1,023,605	950,337	93%
Population Census	Person	6,141,630	5,702,022	93%
Number of HHs organized	Household	716,544	167,438	23%
Formation of Community Organizations (CO)	CO	39,808	9,895	25%
Formation of Village Organization (VO)	VO	4,975	938	19%
Formation of Local Support Organizations (LSO)	LSO	321	8	2%
Capacity Building of CO members	Person	79,617	23,047	29%
Capacity Building of VO members	Person	29,859	2,635	9%
Capacity Building of LSO members	person	1,926	-	0%
No of Beneficiaries trained in Vocational and Technical Skills	Person	32,244	1,704	5%
No of Households given CIF	Household	122,835	13,944	11%
No of Households given IGG	Household	30,708	1,435	5%
Formation of Business Development Groups (BDGs)	No	321	10	3%
No of Low Cost Housing Scheme Initiated	Number	8,599	162	2%
No of Low Cost Housing Scheme Completed	Number	8,599	-	0%



EUCBPRP Provincial Launching Ceremony



8-Jan-2018. The Provincial Launching Ceremony of the GoS funded EUCBPRP was held at SRSC Complex Sukkur. The Chairman PPP Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and the Chief Minister of Sindh Mr. Murad Ali Shah, Ex: CM Syed Qaim Ali Shah inaugurated the Expansion of Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme (UCBPRP) funded by the Government of Sindh. The senior PPP leadership and the MNAs and MPAs were also accompanied of Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari at the event. More than 13,000 rural organized women from various districts also participated. The expansion of the UCBPRP is approved by the GoS on the basis of positive results and sustainable impact the UCBPRP created in pilot districts including Shikarpur, Kashmore, Jacobabad, and Tharparkar. The Event was formally started with the welcome note by Chairman SRSC Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan. Later the event proceeded with the speeches of CM-Sindh Mr. Murad Ali Shah and PPP senior leader Ms. Faryal Talpur. While speaking at the occasion, Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said that the PPP made good legislation for women which extend them certain rights and empower them to work more freely in the society. GoS also launched different types of programs focusing only on rural women in order to make them socially and economically viable to fight poverty. He said that in the result of such programs the role of women is rapidly evolving at all levels. Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari further said that this happening with a partnership with RSPs across the entire province. The NGOs and charity organizations are playing a positive role in bringing poor people out of poverty ladder. He also pointed out that SRSC with the help of Govt. of Sindh has been successfully organized and graduated around 600,000 poor households from the extreme poverty, through various interventions specially CIF, provided at the household level under UCBPR program. This event was held with struggle and support of Minister Sindh Sayed Nasir Hussain Shah and opposition leader Syed Khurshheed Ahmed Shah who also appreciated the work, commitment, and determination of rural women for the results they are producing.

Sartyoon Sang Crafts Exhibition



5-7 January 2018: The fifth [5th] Sartyoon Sang Craft Exhibition was organized by the CED section at the Ocean Mall Clifton, Karachi. The Chairman SRSC Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan inaugurated the exhibition. Women Artisans from 16 Districts of Rural Sindh produced their handmade products on different stalls for sale. Those women were from remote areas of District Thatta, Badin, Qambar Shahdadkot, Kashmore, Jacobabad, Shikarpur, Sukkur, Ghotki, Khairpur, Larkana and other districts of the SRSC operational areas of Sindh province. The exhibition was visited by all segments of the society. They took great interest in products traditionally made. The handmade products remained the center of attention during the exhibition. A wide range mixture of handicrafts items including Home Textiles, Basketry, Women Wearing, Man Wearing, Liquor Jandi & Accessories made up of the intricate Patchwork, Applique work, Wheat Straw, Kundi, Balochi, Kachi Sui, muka work & woodwork were displayed there which even attracted the many customers to see and purchase the products of their choice.



SRSO Launches EU funded PINS Project in three Districts



SRSO with the funding of EU-through RSPN has launched a Program for improved nutrition in Sindh (PINS) in three Districts (Qambar-Shahdadkot, Larkana, & Shikarpur). This project is a multi-sectoral project under the umbrella of Accelerated Action Plan for Reduction of Stunting and Malnutrition, with the objective of reducing stunting rate from the existing 48 percent to 40 percent by 2021. The overall objective of PINS is to sustainably improve the nutritional status of children under five and of pregnant and lactating women (PLWs) is projected with corresponding to the second target indicator of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) No 2. Moreover, SRSO has started PINS programme activities in all three Districts Kamber-Shahdadkot, Larkana, and Shikarpur. All

project teams have started the activities, coordination meetings with stakeholders, Program introduction with Community Institution about nutrition and other activities. They conducted a dialogue with VO/LSO for introducing the PINS project & asked them to identify Agri entrepreneurs, Poultry entrepreneurs, Masons, Plumbers, CRPs, Wash Entrepreneurs so that they can be given training on the importance of nutrition. Farmer Field Schools will be established in which vegetables, rice crop, wheat crop cultivation methodologies will be taught to poor organized communities, Promoting Moringa Tree plant is part of the project. Five days training of Agri entrepreneurs on kitchen gardening poultry & livestock management is ongoing at Field unit levels. The dialogue happened at Haibat Magsi, near Qubo Saeed Khan Mr. Nisar Pathan (Project Manager PINS SRSO) during workshop shared that this project is striving to address balance nutrition for sound health, hygiene, and drinking water issues through small water supply schemes and rain harvesting, kitchen gardening, fisheries, poultry & livestock management so that community can avail rich nutritious foods at HH level. Moreover, the tree Moringa & fruit tree plantation is a step to address the negative impact of nutrition. Mr. Abdul Kareem Sangrasi (Assistant Commissioner Qubo Saeed Khan) said that there is the dire need for growing fruit & Moringa plants in houses and field for the betterment of the environment during speech, he also said that malnutrition is also lying in this district, so fruit, Moringa & vegetable sowing (promoted under PINS through Farmer Field school to community) for growing is the better solution for the poorest family as a substitute of expensive fruits and other food because Moringa is full of vitamins, Proteins, fiber, and Iron. In last, he appreciated the community initiatives and assurance for any support. Mr. Javed Qamboh Assistant Mukhitiyarkar, Mr. Tahir Korejo (District Officer WD Deptt. Kamber) and SRSO Officials also participated.

A delegation from UNICEF visits District Ghotki



13-Feb-2018. A delegation from UNICEF visited the district Ghotki under the project Improving Adolescent Lives in Pakistan. The delegation was comprised of Ms. Kristina Child Protection Specialist from UNICEF-Pakistan, Ms. Jabeen Fatima Child protection Specialist UNICEF Sindh, Mr. Muhammad Akram M&E UNICEF. The delegation visited in three different villages and monitored the activities of an adolescent. Followed by the visits the delegation also attended in Stakeholders meeting at the DC office. SRSO and NRSP gave a detailed presentation on the overall achievement made under the project. During the debriefing, the delegation applauded the activities and engagement of adolescents in all three villages and also appreciated the efforts of SRSO field team for making this all possible in the field.

JICA & Home-Net Pakistan visited LSO Mehran BDGs



16 Feb 2018. The delegation from JICA & Home-Net Pakistan visited handmade products of rural artisans working under the Business Development Group (BDG) Birkhan at Local Support Organization Mehran, LSO Kainaat UC, Taib Taluka, Lakhri Ghulam Shah, and District Shikarpur. JICA & Home-Net Pakistan representatives shared that the purpose of the visit was to conduct a survey regarding the work of business development groups. The visitors lauded the work of BDGs, being carried out in an organized manner.

Launching Ceremony of USAID supported Education Program



Sindh Rural Support Organization in collaboration with Government of Sindh, through the Education and Literacy Department, is working to promote the quality of education and outsourcing management and operation of Government Schools under the Hub- schools project of USAID. Under a Program - Sindh Basic Education Program (SBEP) funded by USAID, A School named GGHS-Numaish Colony Schools's Inauguration ceremony was held on 19th Sept. 2017 by USAID Deputy Mission Director for Sindh and Balochistan, Denise A Herbol, Education Minister Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar, Education Secretary Abdul Aziz Uqaili, Nauman Islam Shaikh, Muhammad Abbass Baloch Commissioner Sukkur community elders, teachers, students and their parents. This will open the doors of quality education and equal access quality education for learners of Government Girls High School Numash Colony Sukkur, and Government High School Sami in District Khairpur on 28th February 2018 by Mr. Riaz Hussain Wassan, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Khairpur accompanied by Mr. Faiz Mohammad Jiskani, Deputy District Education Officer, Khairpur, Mr. Mohammad Dittal Kalhoro, CEO-SRSO, The school was Inaugurated representing the EMO of the school. The school is equipped with 14 spacious classrooms along with a library, science and computer lab, separate washrooms for male and female, admiration block, principal office, clinic, courtyard, and playground. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was carried out along with the round of the new school building. The inauguration marks another milestone achieved by the SBEP team. GHS Sami is the 17th school, which is being handed over to EMO in continuation of teaching and learning process in the schools.

IRC & Social Welfare Department Visits SRSO

21-Feb-2018. Mr. Ateeq ur Rehman from IRC and Deputy Director Social Welfare Dept. Mr. Khan Mohammad Mahar visited the Training center established under the NAVTTC in Mirpur Mathelo. The center was running with two trades i.e. Tailoring and Hand Embroidery. They interacted with the trainees and asked some relevant questions regarding post training plan and the training arrangements. They also interacted with the trainers and asked about the training contents being delivered during the various sessions. They also asked about the theory and the practical work of the trainees. Checked the products the trainees have initially produced. After visiting the center, they praised the way center is being managed and maintained by the SRSO field team.



Community Conference



23-Feb-2018. The community conference was organized by LSO Nai Roshani, UC Ranjhapur District Jacobabad. Participants from social, political and administrative pillars attended the event. More than a 100 organized women from CIs participated. Other participants were Deputy Director SWD Jacobabad Ms. Zuhra Khoso, Deputy Director WDD Jacobabad Ms. Khalida Soomro, FMF Bank Manager Mr. Noor Nabi Buriro, Assistant Director SWD Thull Mr. Abdul Qadir Dayo, PO WDD Ms. Saima Soomro, UC Chairman, 2 District Council Members, and General Councilors. From SRSO Mr. Zahid Karim Shar CFO, Mr. Manzoor Jalbani RM, DM Kashmore Mr. Shahid Lakho, DM Jacobabad with district field staff. LSO Nai Roshani presented the achievements made so far. CI leaders from various villages also interacted and shared their insightful stories and successes. Followed by the experience sharing, CIF Cheques were also distributed in beneficiaries. PPAF recognition award was also provided to the LSO Shaheen by the distinguished guest. The participants highly admired the role of women in development

activities. They also appreciated the consistent active engagement of rural organized women with different departments and stakeholders.



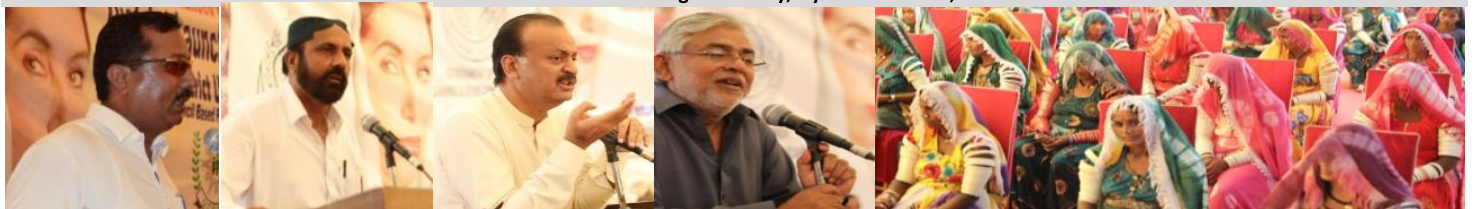
District Launching Ceremonies of UCBPRP



UCBPRP District Launching Ceremony District Council Hall Badin



UCBPRP District Launching Ceremony, Gymkhana Makli, Thatta



UCBPRP District Launching Ceremony, Indus Lawn District Umerkot



UCBPRP District Launching Ceremony District Council Hall Sanghar



UCBPRP District Launching Ceremony Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Mango Exhibition Hall Mirpurkhas



UCBPRP District Launching Ceremony Gymkhana Club Khairpur

In connection to the Provincial Launching ceremony of EUCBPRP by Bilawal Bhutto, all projected districts followed this activity. During February and March 2018, SRSO EUCBPRP districts: Thatta, Badin, Mirpurkhas, Sanghar, Umerkot, and Khairpur arranged the launching ceremonies of UCBPRP expansion phase in districts. The different Political, elected leaders and District management guests honored the program in which mainly Senators, MPAs, MNAs, District & Local Govt. officials participated in the ceremonies. The launching ceremonies were attended by different people from three pillars: District administration, local representatives, and social community activists. The events were started with a welcome note by the CEO SRSO with a detailed orientation of SRSO thematic focus for poverty alleviation, achievements, philosophy and proven track record of UCBPRP 1st phase. Later, TL-EUCBPRP shared the detailed and specific objectives of EUCBPRP and shed light on the marvelous work being done by the women of 1st phase UCBPRP districts in northern Sindh and showcased some of the stories and documentaries in these events. GoS-PDD from UCBPRP PMU, other NGOs representatives, Media team, LSO representatives from Shikarpur, Kashmore, Jacobabad, and Local body representatives participated. Rural women from interior Sindh (UCBPRP 1st Phase beneficiaries) also shared their success stories in the UCBPRP program through their interventions. The speakers put meaningful light on the role of rural women in the community development and presented success narrative during UCBPRP were applauded and appreciated. They also told that how they changed their lives through this project with different interventions: CIF/IGG/VTP/housing schemes/MHI and more they told the road to success through CO/VO/LSO which was full of ups and downs at every stage of program is remarkable and a catalyst for other rural women They warmly encouraged women to come forward and ensure their indispensable role in all walks of life. Moreover, the local organized community members also shared the short journey with SRSO and what they have got from SRSO until now but they were happy to be a stakeholder of this revolutionary program that has changed the life of marginalized rural women and says thanks to Government of Sindh to bring this project in their areas. They also thanked the Government of Sindh for such great initiative ever taken for poverty reduction in the entire province.

A delegation from European Union visits SUCCESS field areas



1-2 February 2018. A delegation from the European Union comprising of Mr. Bernard François (Head of Cooperation-EUD) and Ms. Shohreh Naghchbandi (Food Security and Nutrition Officer-EUD) visited the field areas under Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS) Programme in Larkana and Kamber-Shahdadkot districts. The purpose of the visit was to monitor the programme activities being undertaken at the grass root level by interacting directly with the final beneficiaries of the programme. Secondly, to assess the scale of achievements in terms of results and initial impact the programme has brought in both programme districts. The delegation visited different villages and participated in a number of activities led by the rural organized women. Inaugurated the three CPI schemes being operated, managed, and maintained by the organized communities' especially rural women. In addition to those visits in various VOs/villages, EUD officials also held meetings with the Commissioner Larkana Division, Deputy Commissioners of both the Districts and representatives of various line Deptt: & PPHI team. During a visit to district Larkana, Mr. Bernard said that projects start and project ends but it the rural women who will reside always in these areas. So it is important that these women are empowered to choose what is best for the areas. He further said that EU taxpayers would be pleased to know that their money is being used to empower the rural women in far-flung areas. In district Kamber-Shahdadkot, he said that donor only provide funds for certain objectives and they utilize. But it's you and your Govt. which have the resources to address these all issues in well efficient manner. He appreciated the efforts of women and said that he is happy to see that the money of European Taxpayers being utilized effectively. While during meetings with Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners, Mr. Bernard said that we just spent three days in Karachi for the launching of PINS focusing on improved nutrition in Sindh. It is a major issue in Pakistan and your District is top. Earlier, stunting was not being recognized but now GoS has adopted steps to address the stunting issue in the province. The engagement of the community is very impressive; SUCCESS is now more than two years of implementation. Mid-term review/evaluation is soon, we will see what is good and what is better further.



A Delegation from BROOKE Pakistan Visits SRSO



12-14 March 2018. The delegation from Brooke hospital for animals visited the SRSO field areas. They conducted the CV & TM study on the welfare of equine animals at SRSO from 12-14 March. They also visited the field areas and met with the equine owners and the Vet Doctors to discuss the matter technically. The delegation also visited the shed and infrastructure constructed for equines which planted with green trees around. The delegation after visiting the sites and SRSO office remarked that they are extremely happy that the field staff is working with the care required to work for the equine animals especially in rural areas. They also appreciated the role of equine owners and the Vet Doctors who work throughout in the field.

SRSO Board member holds dialogue with beneficiaries

14-March-2018. Ms. Naheed Shah Durrani Managing Director Sindh Education Foundation and Member of SRSO-BoD conducted a detailed dialogue with the beneficiaries of Heifers and organized women from COs in village Jumoo Maitlo, District Khairpur. More than 70 women attended the dialogue. Ms. Naheed Shah Durrani discussed in detail the micro-investment plan [MIP] and its importance. She also discussed the education, health sanitation and most importantly the role of organized women in bringing improvements in service delivery. Other participants were Mr. Darban Khaskheli (Deputy Director Livestock) Khairpur, Mr. Mehboob Elahi (Plan International) and Dr. Abdul Sattar from livestock department. In the end, Ms. Naheed Shah Durrani also inaugurated the computer center established under the UNICEF funded CRCFA project.





A Mission from UNFAO visited Umerkot District



07- March-2018. A mission from UNFAO office and Pakistan office visited the SRSO office and VO Walidad Pali in district Umerkot. The mission was comprised of Ms. Alessandra Cristina Gage, international Consultants, Green Climate Change/ Environmental & Social Safeguards. Ms. Junko Nakai, Mr. Durani environmental consultant, Ms. Munainza and Zohra Gender Specialist and Mumtaz Mangi and Shabana from FAO Hyderabad. The mission conducted meetings with the male and female farmers and the Hindu community resides in the village/ area. The purpose of the meeting was to seek the information on the latest practices in terms of agriculture, and its impact on the lives to upscaling the recent climate change program. The mission interacted with the participants and posed relevant questions. The VO members extended answers based on their information and knowledge. The passion and active engagement of rural women and male were highly appreciated by the mission. They also applauded the SRSO field force for such efforts for rural communities. They thanked SRSO for hosting the event for them.

Celebrated the International Women Day



International Women Day was celebrated in district Noushehro Feroz. The event was hosted by the SRSO District Office. More than 300 women participated and shed light on the importance of this great day. The chief of the event was Mrs. Shahnaz Ansari [MPA-PPP]. The representatives from local Government depts. including education, health social welfare and information also participated. The LSO chairperson Ms. Shazia welcomed all guests and others participants who joined the event. The women presented the different tableau and Sindhi cultural items including songs. One by one different woman who belongs to different segments spoke at the occasion and tribute the women who serve the society from all aspects in different characters, sometimes as a mother, while as a sister or a wife. They present the huge tribute to those women who always worked and struggled against the oppression and other social evils to make this world peaceful. While speaking at the occasion, the chief guest said that women contributing effectively in all matters and forms. Need is to recognize those efforts and even sacrifices which these brave and committed women presenting. The society can only build when women are taken on board in all matters which affect their lives either its decision making or becoming the partner in livelihood for the family. All speakers urged women to make the best use of their role while ensuring that all children especially girls are enrolled and getting a better education in rural areas. The women's dedication, commitment, and role were appreciated in possible words.

Gilgit Baltistan Administrative Pillar and AKRSP delegation official visit of LSO Mehran



26 March 2018. A high delegation of AKRSP and P&D Gilgit visited 2 LSOs (Local Support Organization - LSO Sindh Sujaag and LSO Mehran) in District Shikarpur. This visit was accompanied by CEO, CFO SRSO, and GoS-Officials from line departments: Education, Health, Police and Social welfare department. This event was held by community institution rural women especially the organized women of CO/VO & LSO. The community leaders shared their success journey and a dedicated struggle path that found their destination through community institution platform. The chief guest delegation and Government officials appreciated community platform that has played a vital role in poverty reduction in their UCs. According to visitors Cls leaders have performed a wonderful role in order to support their community in various segments like Education, Health, Mother and Childcare, Poverty reduction tree plantation, and small home-based business through BDGs.

Chairman SRSO, GoS official & RSP representatives Visit of SUCCESS Program



13-March-2018. An official visit of high delegation (GoS, RSPN, NRSP, TRDP, SRSO, and Community Institutions Office bearers) in SUCCESS program funded by EU Districts: Larkano and Kamber-Shahdaktot. Chairman SRSO Mr. Shoab Sultan Khan, Mr. Athar Hussain Mirani [Additional Secretary Finance, GoS], Mr. Shahmir Khan Bhutto [DC Kamber-Shahdaktot] and RSP representatives from NRSP, TRDP and RSPN officials inaugurated the LSO Lashari UC Lashri tehsil Ratodero. The guests applauded the work of rural women because they are doing is exceptional to address the poverty because poverty is at the household level. Chairman appreciated the efforts and passion women have been demonstrating throughout the implementation of the activities. Later, the delegation moved to district Kamber-Shadaktot and participated in three pillars community conference, where more than 500 women leaders and CRPs of COs/VOs/ LSOs attended and shared their inspiring stories with the participants and guests. Women shared how they have been working hard to get rid of poverty and striving for a betterment of life by unleashing their potential at CO/VO/LSO platform. While speaking on this occasion, SRSO organized rural women shared the journey that how they have been actively mobilized and fostered into community institutions. Later, we convinced other women to become a part of women based CIs. Moreover, organized women also expressed that despite all issues and challenges, their commitment and dedication is unshaken, unless they attain the destination. Chairman SRSO also spoke at the occasion and said that it is the result of your untiring as well as unconditional efforts, leadership qualities, SRSO's partnership, and Govt. support that made it possible for you organized women to reach a level where you are today. I really thank and congratulate all women who come over here that it was not possible without your commitment and GoS consistent support in the province. Now, the support is being extended by the GoS and programme is expanding in maximum districts Chairman said. Deputy Commissioner Kamber-Shahdaktot also spoke to organized women and said that it would not be wrong if we say or call it a social tsunami which organized women brought in both the districts.

Award Ceremony Organized



District Khairpur under the Self-reporting project funded by the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund [PPAF] and CHIP Training consulting it. In recognition of work and efforts done by the LSO Shadi Shaheed for self-reporting, the award was extended. More than 90 organized women from various CIs participated. Other participants were Ms. Ambreen from Chip Training Consulting, Mr. Rajesh from UNICEF/ Polio Control Room, Mr. Irshad Junejo (UCPO WHO), Mr. Iqbal (PM BSWA), Mr. Ghulam Rasool Soomro and SRSO staff members. The Chairperson LSO Shadi Shaheed shed light on the overall achievements of the LSO. Other speakers also spoke at the occasion and praised work being carried out by the organized women under the umbrella of community institutions.

Joint Development Committee [JDC] Meeting

Followed by the establishment, all JDCs were facilitated by the respective social mobilization teams to conduct the first meetings of each JDC in respective Talukas and Districts. All JDC meetings were presided over by the DCs at the District level, and ADCs at the Taluka level. Representatives from Govt. Deptt. including Education, Health, Livestock, Agriculture, and PPHI participated. Representatives from LSOs and its Networks also participated. LSO office bearers briefed in detail regarding the progress being made under various activities especially ongoing schemes. In addition to this, District Managers - SRSO also presented the progress made so far. Programme objectives and core activities particularly schemes to be initiated in various union councils were also reviewed extensively. The Govt. officials made a clear statement that this forum means to identify the potentials for future synergies and highlight the activities/initiative in order to avoid any kind of duplications of same activities in the districts. The DCs applauded the remarkable role of rural organized women and urged women leaders to put all their efforts in introducing the sustainable change in all spheres of life. The Govt. authorities also assured to extend their full support to the organized women, as they can contribute more effectively to the development of less privileged areas.





Launching Ceremony of BISP Waseela-e-Taleem Program District Jacobabad



On dated, 11 April 2018, BISP Waseela-e-Taleem Programme launching ceremony was held at District Jacobabad by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Jacobabad, Mr. Naeem Ahmed Sindhu as a chief guest of the event. BISP Waseela-e-Taleem Programme is initiated in District Jacobabad and Kashmore Kandhkot, which aims to ensure enrollment of 147,000 children in schools of BISP card beneficiaries' households. Addressing the event of Waseela-e-Taleem under Benazir Income Support Programme, DC said that no development can take place without the development of human resource with education because education is the only tool to be a progressive and developed nation in the world. He said that the Programme is aiming to provide education to all children of the district and mainly the families who are availing the BISP card facility to eradicate the poverty and now further adding the value to boost up their living standard through educating their children for building a career of their children. He added that BISP families should emphasize the quality education of their future generation and enroll them into schools.

Further, CEO-SRSO Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, Assistant Commissioner Bilal Saleem, Deputy Director Social Welfare, Ms. Sughra Khoso, Education Officer Hafiz Abdul Shakoor, Manager Social Services Sector Naimatullah Shaikh, Director Jacobabad Institute of Medical Sciences, Dr. Muhammad Ali Laghari, representative of RSPN Ms. Nasreen, Gul Buledi, Munsib Shaikh, Ms. Farida Naz and others also spoke on the occasion and looking forward of putting the role in the society to educate and enroll more children

Activist Workshop & Distribution of CIF Cheques



26-April-2018: The LSO Ibtada organized an Activist Workshop of organized rural women of community institution CO/VO/LSO. The CEO from Insan Dost Welfare Organization, Mr. Ghanhwar Brohi was the chief guest in the event. Other participants were Mr. Ghulam Yasin, TEO Education and a large number of organized women from various COs/VOs. The purpose of the event was to enhance the coordination between local NGOs and the CIs for community development. CI leaders and members spoke at the occasion and shared their experiences and insights; they have been witnessing the changes after getting organized. During the event, 112 poor households were provided with the cheques of CIF in order to implement their livelihood plan. While the chief spoke at the occasion and said that SRSO has been doing magnificent work providing CIF at the household level which contributing towards economic development at the household level. The activist workshop serves as a forum for women to share their experiences & insights to inspire other women to adopt and replicate similar activities in their villages.

NADRA mobile camp arranged to make new CNICs

19-April-2018: A two-day mobile camp was organized in four different villages of Union Council Dhori for making new CNICs. LSO Ibtada facilitated the entire arrangements for the mobile camp. LSO office bearers coordinated with the NADRA team for the proper and timely event. Throughout two days, NADRA mobile camp visited in various villages [Sardar Ali Jarwar, Beero Khoso, Geo Khoso, Mohd Alam Magsi, Saifal Solangi] and made 191 new CNICs of male and females. The event has created good awareness regarding making and renewal of expire CNICs. The women commented that they were informed in CAT sessions regarding the importance of making CNIC, and today their LSO make this possible for them to get their CNICs first time ever in their life.



Free Medical Camps arranged in District Kamber-Shahdadkot



14-17, April -2018: The three free medical camps were organized in district Kamber-Shahdadkot with a joint collaboration of the SUCCESS program formed CO/VO/LSOs' and Jubilee General Insurance Company. The camps were organized in different villages of UC Ghaibi Dero, UC Bagho, and UC Hammal. The doctors conducted the blood screening tests for the hepatitis B & C. A total of 395 male and female were tested for the Hepatitis B & C. As per results, out of 395 persons, 142 persons were diagnosed as hepatitis B & C positive. The doctors consulted those patients to start their required treatment to prevent any possible damage. The community institutions members proactively facilitated the arrangements for the camps. Community Institutions also informed and facilitated the males & females in reaching out at the camp's locations in various union councils. The officials from Govt. line department also facilitated and visited the camps and supervised the arrangements.

EY Technical Assistance teams field visit of SUCCESS Program

09- May-2018. Ernst & Young (EY) team comprising of Mr. Mohammad Amin [Policy & Research Expert], Mr. Salman Qadri [Communications Officer] and Mr. Hammad Younis [PFM] visited in LSO Fateh UC Izat Ji wandh, formed under the EU funded SUCCESS program and LSO Roshani UC Gulwali, District Kashmore formed under the UCBPRP program. The purpose of their visit was to witness and discuss the approach, activities being carried out by the organized women under their institutions for poverty reduction. They discussed with LSO leaders regarding their routine activities, progress and major achievements made so far. LSO office bearers shared the LSO progress and further plan for the various activities being undertaken. EY team also discussed the interventions such as CIF/IGG, CPIs, MHI, and TVST. The team also discussed the recommendations pertaining to the responsibilities of JDCs and sought the consent of LSO leaders so that they can make those recommendations as part of poverty reduction strategy [PRS] to be approved by the Govt. of Sindh. The team applauded the smart role being played by women especially in LSOs. They encouraged women and their leaders to take part in all activities and make sure that the development agenda is being implemented effectively.



Community Leaders and CRP participate in education activities



18-April-2018: Community leaders from various institutions and CRPs participated in education activities like enrollment walk to enrol the out of school children, installation & inauguration of water hand pumps in different schools and distribution of books among the students in various schools of district Kamber-Kandhkot. Other participants were AC Kashmore, District Council Vice chairman, RSPN program officer, SRSO staff, Local and I/NGOs representatives. The role and active participation of LSO office bearers and members were praised by all the stakeholders. They encouraged women to come forward and play their prominently.

P&D-GoS team participates in SUCCESS activities



11-May-2018. A team from P&D- Govt. of Sindh, comprising of Mr. Sayed Amjad Hussain, Dr. Qaisar Rafiq, Mr. Mohammed Ayaz Keerio, Mr. Sohail Ajmal, Mr. Mohammed Khan, and Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed, participated in Activist Workshop organized by the community institutions in village Wada Rahuja, District Larkana. A large number of organized women from COs and VO's participated. CI leaders shared their inspiring insights in own words that with their commitment to better their lives have been a catalyst for other in form of what we have achieved today. A community initiative that has embarked the milestone at village by opening of non-functional Govt. schools with the support of the GoS education dept. GoS Officials appreciated the efforts of community initiatives' that has added value in the society to be a progressive nation and striving for passion to achieve success for reduction of poverty at household level. They admired the role of women

especially their leaders and urged them to keep their efforts continue for community development sustainability. In last, the GoS officials, SRSO management CEO SRSO, and Team Leader SUCCESS along with project team recognized the struggles and achievement of community for poverty reduction at community level.

A delegation from NAVTTC visits training Center at Sukkur



A delegation comprising of Mr. Asif Imran Butt [Deputy Director] and Mr. Akbar Ali [Assistant Deputy Director] from NAVTTC Head Quarter Office Islamabad, visited training centers at District office Sukkur being run under NAVTTC & SRSO joint partnership. The purpose of the visit was to assess the NAVTTC training centers ongoing classes of Beautician & Advance Tailoring trades. Both visitors visited each classroom and interacted with the participants regarding training arrangements including environment, material, support, and syllabus etc. they also discussed the post-training plans and activities with the participants. They conducted a detailed debriefing with the District Manager with respect to the training events and arrangements. They appreciated the training environment and all other arrangements made by SRSO field teams. They also admired the 100% attendance of trainees, made some good suggestions to bring more innovation and improvements.



2nd Sartyoon Sang Crafts Exhibition 2018

SRSO Enterprise Development (CED) sector organized three days Sartyoon Sang Crafts Exhibition (Promoting ethical Fashion of rural artisans) 2018 at Dolmen Mall Clifton Karachi from May 04-06, 2018. This exhibition is held to promote the rural artisan's handwork at the national level that is the pride of culture. The event was inaugurated by special assistant CM Sindh for Women Development department Ms. Irum Khalid. While 20 Rural Women artisans from different Districts of backward areas of the Rural Sindh participated as a stall holder to represent their own made products with a selling concept at Exhibition. Moreover, above 500 different creative designs with full of varieties including Apparel, Basketry, Fashion Accessories, Home Textiles, and Footwear etc were available for display and selling in the exhibition. It was a meaningful learning opportunity for women artisans to display their products, proven experience of selling and negotiation with customers directly.



Conference organized by LSOs



03-May-2018: Local Support Organizations [LSOs] from District Ghotki arranged a joint conference at village Sher Mahar union council Bhehtoor, Taluka Khangarh, District Ghotki. The purpose of the conference was to create good joint working relationships with the LSOs formed in the District. Secondly, to acknowledge the efforts of various LSOs being in poverty reduction and uplifting the role of women in different areas of the District. Speakers from different LSOs spoke at the occasion and concentrated on their insightful experiences, learning, self-base initiatives and most importantly the bottlenecks they have facing while working for the best cause of poverty reduction. LSO leaders said that such events providing an ample opportunity to learn from the experiences of each other in a positive way. Women urged on to strengthen the unity within the institutions which source of joint working in the District. Other participants were Mr. Zahid Karim Shar [Chief Financial Officer-CFO], Mr. Niaz Ahmed Hingoro [Regional Manager Region-1], Dr. Fiaz Ahmed (M.S Civil Hospital Khanpur Mahar), Dr. Bashir Ahmed Bhutto (District Coordinator EPI), Altaf Gujar (DFC-IRD Ghotki), Mr. Ashique Ali Kalwar [District Manager] and SRSO district Ghotki team. All participants

appreciated the immense role being played by organized women in their respective areas. They also encouraged women's participation. In the end, the newly established LSO Ithad's office was also inaugurated in village Sher Mohammad Mahar.

CEO from Help Age International visits district Jacobabad & Shikarpur



26-June-2018. A delegation headed by Mr. Justin Derbyshire [CEO- Help Age International] along with Regional Directors and Head of Programs, visited two Districts Shikarpur and Jacobabad. Attended a number of activities with OPAs including conducted an extensive meeting with older people and discussed their issues being encountered in Thull, District Jacobabad. They also met with the members of an OPA in district Shikarpur and discussed the recent activities, achievements, linkages, and role of OPAs in the development and facilitation of older people in these areas. OPA members shared their activities and showcased the progress made under the umbrella of their OPA. Followed by these activities, the delegation also held a meaningful meeting with OPA's district federations at district office Shikarpur. They discussed the role of OPAs and its federations for the welfare/wellbeing of older people. Among other participants were Mr. Zahid Karim Shar [CFO-SRSO], Ms. Ajeeba K. Aslam [Country Director-HelpAge], Mr. Shahzado Khaskheli [Program Manager-BLF] and Mr. Nisar Ahmed Pathan [Focal person-BLF] and other SRSO staff. The CEO Help Age applauded the efforts of OPAs and its federations in improving the lives of older people in both the districts. Mr. CEO commended the dedication of project staff and OPA members for outstanding achievements.