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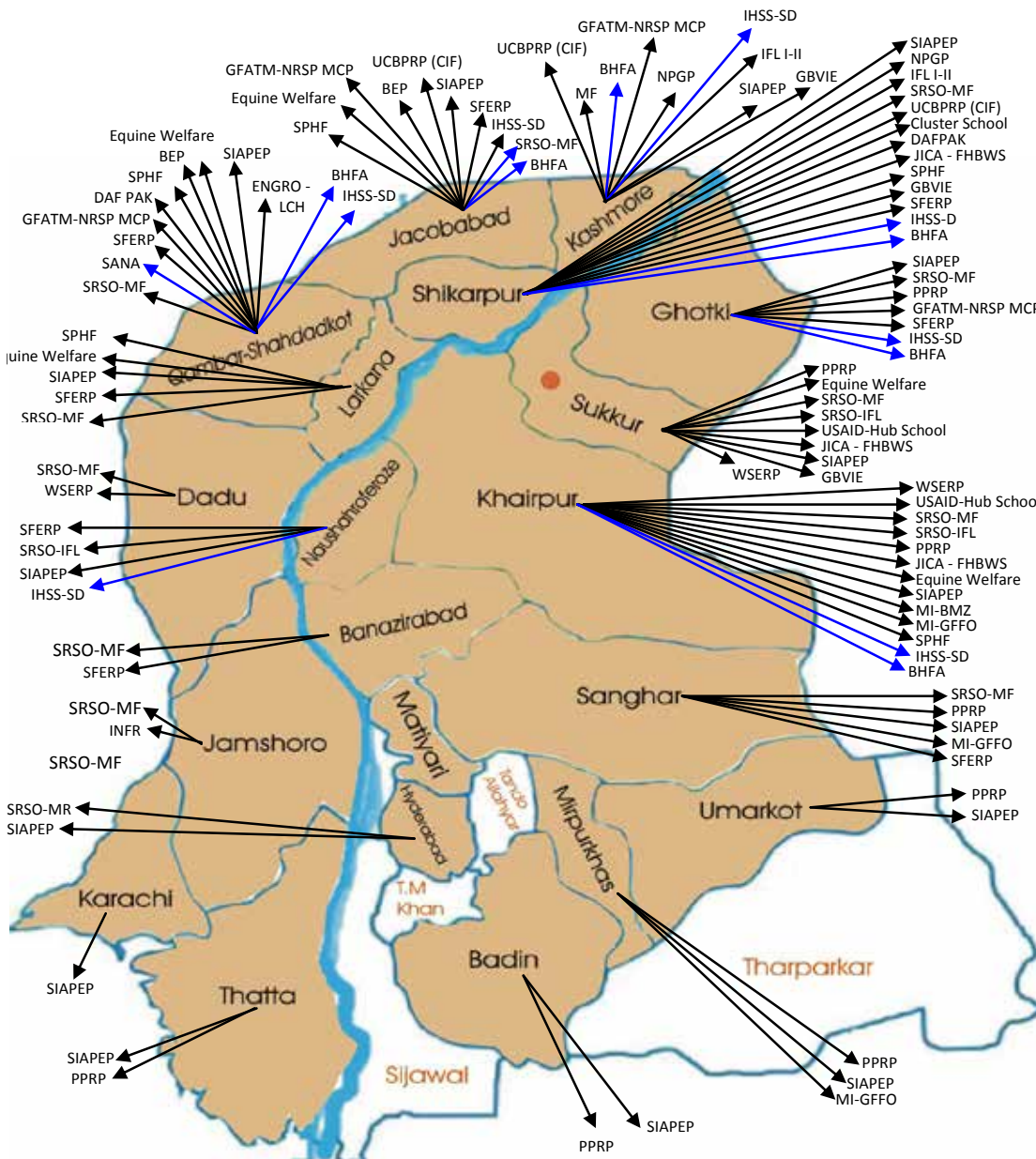
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SINDH RURAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATION (SRSO) OPERATIONAL AREAS



ON GOING PROJECTS

- UCBPRP (CIF)**
Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme
Funded by: Brooke Pakistan
- Equine Welfare Project**
Funded by: Brooke Pakistan
- PPRP (Phase I – II)**
Peoples’ Poverty Reduction Programme
Funded by: GoS
- SRSO-Micro Finance**
Funded by: SRSO
- Inerest Free Loan - IFL-II**
Under EHSAS 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 V 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 (GBVI) Project
Funded by: UNFPA & RSPN
- GFATM-NRSP MCP**
Consolidating Malaria Control Interventions Reduce Incidence in High Endemic Districts Pakistan (NFR-III)
Funded by: GFATM & NRSP
- WSERP**
Women’s Socio-Economic Resilience in Paki (WSERP)
Funded by: UN-Women-RSPN
- INFR**
Improving Nutrition in the Flood Response i Pakistan
Funded by: Nutrition International –BRSP
- IHSS-SD**
Integrated Health Systems Strengthening ar Service Delivery Activity.
Funded by: RSPN
- BHFA**
Building Healthy Family Activity.
Funded by: RSPN
- SANA**
Sindhi Association of North America
Funded by: SANA

VISION

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

MISSION

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

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



SRSO CUMULATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 2023

S. No.	Key Performance Indicators	Achievement as of September 2023	Achievement as of Dec: 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	1,414,975	1,416,204	0.1%	
6	VO Formation	13,883	13,911	0.2%	
7	LSO Formation	589	589	0%	
8	CO- Formation	Female	79,033	79,055	0.3%
9	CO-Membership	Female	1,414,975	1,416,204	0.01%
10	Income Generating Grant (IGG) Amount Disbursed (In Million)	762.30	789.60	4%	
	No. of IGG Beneficiaries	55,357	57,072	3%	
11	Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount disbursed (In Million)-Seed Money	4,074	4,448	9%	
	No. of CIF Beneficiaries	264,135	275,932	4%	
12	Total amount of Microcredit disbursed (In Million)	24,864	25,764	4%	
	No. of Beneficiaries of Micro Credit Programmed	970,098	989,367	2%	
13	No. of Community members trained in vocational skill Training	108,458	108,458	0%	
14	No. of Community members trained in Managerial skill training	405,536	405,536	0%	
15	Community members trained in TBAs	4,777	4,777	-	
16	Micro Health Insurance (Clients)	1,118,769	1,138,129	2%	
17	No. of Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)	27,480	27,480	0.09%	
18	Total amount of CPIs (In Millions)	1,716	1,716	1.6%	
19	Total Beneficiary Households	315,735	315,735	0.1%	
20	No. of Low-Cost Houses	30,208	33,281	10%	
21	No. of Poultry layers distributed	25,500	25,500	0%	
22	No. of trees Planted	939,476	939,476	0%	
23	No. of BDGs members/artisan women	6,005	6,005	-	
24	No. of artisan trained in different skills	3,429	3,429	-	



S. No.	Districts		Geographical Coverage				
			Total No. of area in the District	# of SRSO intervened area as of Sept 2023	# of SRSO intervened area as of Dec: 2023	% increase during Qtr:	% of total area coverage as of Dec: 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	188,827	-	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	52,035	52,911	2%	49%
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	154,376	154,653	0.2%	75%
12	Mirpurkhas	Union Council	55	55	55	-	100%
		Village	3,070	2,763	2,763	-	90%
		Household	155,159	108,747	108,765	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	148,499	148,513	0.1%	70%
15	Umerkot	Union Council	40	40	40	-	100%
		Village	2,362	2,125	2,125	-	90%
		Household	127,965	90,299	90,342	0.05%	71%
GRAND TOTAL		Union Council	796	722	722	-	91%
		Village	38,873	29,899	29,899	-	77%
		Household	2,440,852	1,414,975	1,416,204	0.1%	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 Sept: 2023	# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of Dec: 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	10,235	-
		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)	3,358	3,424	2%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	464	491	6%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	7	7	-
10	Sanghar	Community Organizations (COs)	7,964	7,970	0.01%
		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	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	801	801	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	41	41	-
13	Badin	Community Organizations (COs)	8,533	8,533	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	973	974	0.1%
		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)	79,033	79,055	0.03%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	13,883	13,911	0.2%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	589	589	-



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

S. No.	Districts	as of September 2023		as of December 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	5,444	79.08	5,461	79.32	0.3%
5	Sukkur	1,380	17.8	1,380	17.8	-
6	Ghotki	2,944	44.17	2,944	44.17	-
7	Larkana	8,581	111.8	8,581	111.8	-
8	Qamber - Shahdadkot	11,682	171.9	11,682	171.9	-
9	Badin	3,769	53.3	3,936	55.78	5%
10	Thatta	3,264	48.9	3,611	54.12	11%
11	Umerkot	3,023	44.65	3,589	53.30	19%
12	Mirpurkhas	3,266	47.61	3,355	48.94	3%
13	Sanghar	4,396	60.12	4,925	69.51	9%
Total IGG Disbursed		55,357	762.30	57,072	789.60	3%

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

Districts	As of September 2023				As of December 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	23,566	385.22	43,225	697.64	24,709	418.78	45,582	756.32
Sukkur	9,274	278.21	13,135	399.42	10,194	309.04	15,264	470.79
Ghotki	16,069	399.86	20,795	526.40	17,912	448.19	24,008	612.80
Noshero Feroze	370	1.85	-	-	370	1.85	-	-
Larkana	16,296	251.42	34,280	613.02	16,296	251.42	-	-
Shahdadkot	25,489	402.40	53,863	958.96	25,489	402.40	54,978	994.73
Badin	17,890	300.79	32,978	529.64	19,597	348.56	36,048	601.26
Thatta	12,277	225.83	24,997	450.42	13,690	274.94	26,930	509.73
Umerkot	13,832	240.68	28,192	490.01	15,672	305.84	31,121	579.56
Mirpurkhas	13,888	235.29	30,976	525.87	15,474	293.46	34,108	621.13
Sanghar	20,711	355.65	46,403	693.95	22,056	396.18	49,614	826.66
Grand Total	264,135	4,074.21	329,214	5,942.59	275,932	4,448	333,949	6,224.41



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)

S. No.	Types of CPI Schemes	Achievement as of December 2023		
		No. of Schemes	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 Sept: 2023	Achievement as of Dec: 2023	% increase during Qtr:
1	No. of Community Members provided scholarship for Vocational Skill Training	108,458	108,458	-
2	No. of Community Members trained in Community Management Skill Training	405,536	405,536	-
3	No. of SRSO Staff Trained in different programme/project training	6,691	6,691	-

Low-Cost Housing (LCH)

S. No.	Housing Schemes	No of Houses	Cost of Houses (In Millions)	BHHs
Total of Housing Schemes		99,312	34,052	99,312
1	Low-Cost Housing Scheme (2007-2022)	32,791	17,195	32,791
2	SPHF (Initiates)	65,833	16,680	65,833
3	Benazir Housing Cell	490	113.63	490
4	Sindhi Association of North America (SANA)	52	15.6	52
5	ENGRO-Low cost Houses	146	47.7	146

Micro Health Insurance (MHI)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of September 2023	Achievement as of December 2023
1	No. of Community Members provided Micro Health Insurance Cover	1,118,769	1,138,129
2	No. of Community Members Treated through MHI	19,263	19,328
3	Amount of claims availed by Community (In Million)	408	414



Micro Finance (MF)

S. No.		Amount disbursed as of December 2023
1	Total Amount of Micro Credit Disbursement (in (Milion)	25,764
	Men	2,186
	Women	22,677
2	No. of Loans	989,367
	Male	87,747
	Female	901,620
3	Sectoral Disbursement	25,764
	Agriculture	8,162
	Livestock	8,868
	Enterprise	8,735

Crafts Enterprise Development (CED)

Key Performance Indicators	Achievement as of December 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	991
No. of literate artisan women/BDGs members	516
No. of Sartyoon Sang Exhibition organized	14
No. of exhibition (Participation in others)	171
Skill Assessment Test (SAT) of Artisans at BDGs level	215

Education

S. No	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of December 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
		Girls 762
		Boys 766
3	No. of established Community Cluster Schools (ECE to X)	19
	No. of enrolled students in Community Cluster Schools	6,406
		Girls 1,676
		Boys 4,730
4	No. of Community Managed Schools (ECE to V)	8
	No. of enrolled students in Community Schools	553
		Girls 343
		Boys 210
	Grand Total	Girls 2,781
	Grand Total	Boys 5,706
	Total Enrolled Students	8,487

Natural Resource Management (NRM)

Key Performance Indicators	Achievement as of December 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



Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP)-II

District Sukkur & Ghotki

(June 2019-June 2025)

Project Activities	Unit	Programme Targets	Cumulative Achievement as of Dec: 2023	
				%
Poverty Scorecard Census	UC	103	103	100%
Households Census	Household	360,620	268,400	74%
Population Census	Person	2,019,699	1,721,216	85%
Number of HHs organized	Household	252,434	146,350	58%
Formation of Community Organizations (CO)	CO	14,024	8,713	62%
Formation of Village Organization (VO)	VO	1,753	1,134	65%
Formation of Local Support Organizations (LSO)	LSO	103	11	11%
Capacity Building of CO bearers	Person	28,048	15,382	55%
Capacity Building of VO bearers	Person	7,872	3,656	46%
Capacity Building of LSO bearers	Person	618	-	-
No of Beneficiaries trained in Vocational and Technical Skills	Person	9,000	5,782	64%
Village Improvement Plan	No	103	-	-
Kitchen Garden	Person	10,000	-	-
No of Households given CIF	Household	100,000	28,106	28%
No of Households given IGG	Household	10,000	4,260	43%
Formation of Business Development Groups (BDGs)	No	71	-	-
No of Low Cost Housing Scheme	Number	10,000	3,962	40%

Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP) - I

District Khairpur, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Umerkot, Badin & Thatta

(April 2017-June 2025)

Project Activities	Unit	Programme Targets	Cumulative Achievement as of Dec: 2023	
				%
Poverty Scorecard Census	UC	365	365	100%
Households Census	Household	1,176,633	1,103,772	94%
Population Census	Person	5,279,012	5,279,012	100%
Number of HHs organized	Household	772,297	784,775	100%
Formation of Community Organizations (CO)	CO	44,560	44,102	99%
Formation of Village Organization (VO)	VO	5,570	5,540	99%
Formation of Local Support Organizations (LSO)	LSO	365	362	99%
Capacity Building of CO bearers	Person	89,120	83,849	94%
Capacity Building of VO bearers	Person	33,420	28,867	86%
Capacity Building of LSO bearers	Person	2,194	1,842	84%
No of Beneficiaries trained in Vocational and Technical Skills	Person	36,092	32,376	90%
No of Households given CIF	Household	137,492	111,198	81%
No of Households given IGG	Household	34,372	24,877	72%
Formation of Business Development Groups (BDGs)	No	500	271	54%
No of Low Cost Housing Scheme	Number	9,623	8,815	92%



Key SRSO Interventions

SRSO-Craft Enterprise Development (CED) organized the 14th Sartyoon Sang Mega Crafts Exhibition at Ocean Mall Karachi

Ocean Mall, Karachi/December 1, 2 & 3, 2023

SRSO-Craft Enterprise Development (CED) organized the 14th Sartyoon Sang Mega Crafts Exhibition at Ocean Mall Karachi, Sindh in partnership with Govt. of Sindh. More than 5,729 crafts/products made by 2,268 rural women artisans from 103 Business Development Groups (BDGs) in 12 different districts of rural Sindh were showcased and marketed in the exhibition by artisans. The exhibition attracted a large number of people, especially from Karachi.

Ms. Rana Hussain (Interim Provincial Minister for Education and Women Development-GoS) inaugurated the exhibition. Meanwhile, Ms. Shereen Mustafa (Provincial Secretary SE&LD-GoS), Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO), and SRSO board members were also present. She appreciated crafts and encouraged the efforts of rural women in showcasing their work

as well. On this occasion, she talked with the media and appreciated the efforts of SRSO and artisans in promoting handmade products in Karachi.

Ms. Naheed Shah Durrani (Chairperson SRSO-BoDs) also visited the exhibition to support artisan women and the SRSO team and congratulated them on conducting the exhibition successfully. CEO-SRSO welcomed and facilitated her to visit stalls and meet with artisans and team members. Chairperson-SRSO met artisans and got updates/feedback about the exhibition. She appreciated the efforts and hard work of SRSO team members for the greater cause of supporting rural women artisans to improve their income and livelihoods.

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SRSO-A Success Story Panel Discussion on Women Empowerment at Pakistan Literature Festival-Sukkur

Sukkur IBA University/October28, 2023

SRSO-A Success Story panel discussion was conducted successfully at Pakistan Literature Festival (PLF)-Sukkur on October 28 and 29,2023 organized by the Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi & Sukkur in association with Sukkur IBA University.

Ms. Mehnaz and Ms. Irshad Khattoon Women Leaders of the SRSO fostered and supported Community Institutions (CIs) from rural areas of Shikarpur and Kashmore@Kandhkot districts shared their success stories and achievements, especially in women empowerment, community development, and poverty reduction sectors and faced challenges during their journey.

Meanwhile, Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro SRSO briefed about the organization and its working approach with rural women through social mobilization, capacity building, and income-generating initiatives.

Ms. Tehmina Mangan Vice Chancellor –Begum Nusrat Bhutto Women University Sukkur talked about issues and challenges of women in Sindh and appreciated SRSO’s work with rural women for their social and economic empowerment. The panel discussion was moderated by a renowned poet, writer, and development professional Mr. Zubair Soomro.





Digital Skills Training Course & Laptops Distribution Ceremony was organized under IF-AD-supported NPGP project Shikarpur

Shikarpur/November14, 2023

The Laptops distribution ceremony of 14-month-long Digital Skills Training Course was organized at Shaikh Ayaz University Shikarpur for 49 youth from BISP beneficiaries families of the Shikarpur and Kashmore@Kandhkot districts under the under National Poverty Graduation Programme – a flagship program of MoPASS, GoP and IFAD implemented by SRSO. The course was started with the aim to equip rural youth with digital skills to earn and improve the livelihood of their families.

Ms. Shereen Mustafa Narejo, Provincial Secretary of Education & Literacy Department-GoS chaired the ceremony. Meanwhile Mr.

Muhammad Fazal (Programme Director of NPGP), Dr. Ghulam. Raza Bhatti, (Vice Chancellor of SAU), Mr. Altaf Chachar (Deputy Commissioner of Shikarpur), and Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO of SRSO) were also present as chief guests.

The laptops were distributed among the course participants during the training, aimed to support trainees to earn income through the use of learned digital skills. On this occasion, guests appreciated the initiative to empower youth through digital learning and earning skills and resources.



A Managerial Activist Conference was organized. CEO-RSPN, Commissioner-Mirpurkhas & DG-PPRP-GoS participated in the conference

Mirpurkhas/December13, 2023

The Managerial Activist Conference (MAC) was organized of the Community Institutions by Sindh Rural Support Organization under the People’s Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP)- Sindh Government in the village Bheel Colony, LSO Surhan Union Council Dolat Pur, district Mirpurkhas, Sindh. Ms. Shandana Khan (CEO-RSPN), Mr. Parvaiz Ahmed Chandio (DG-PPRP-GoS), and Mr. Faisal Ahmad Khan Uqaili (Commissioner Mirpurkhas Division) were the chief guests of the conference and interacted with the participants of over 300 organized rural women from community institutions (CO/VO/LSO) and beneficiaries of the PPRP-GoS. Meanwhile, RGM-SRSO Dr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo and DM- SRSO Mirpurkhas facilitated the conference.

The conference served as a platform for participants to interact, and share experiences, successes, and the impacts of PPRP

interventions funded by the GoS. It’s particularly noteworthy that the discussions focused on various aspects of community development, including enterprise development funds, community investment funds, low-cost housing schemes, vocational training programs, business development groups, and self-initiatives at the community level.

The appreciation expressed by the CEO-RSPN, Commissioner Mirpurkhas, and DG-PPRP-GoS for the spirit and efforts of organized women and their institutions in promoting women empowerment and poverty reduction is encouraging. They further said, “It’s a positive and impactful initiative that highlights the success of community-driven programs and the collaborative efforts between government bodies and community institutions in promoting sustainable development.”





Two Days Exit Strategy Workshop organized by PRRP-Govt. of Sindh

SRSO Complex Sukkur/October20 & 21, 2023

The 2-Day Exit Strategy Workshop organized under the People’s Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP) - Sindh Government by SRSO. The workshop brought together key partners, including the Directorate Of People’s Poverty Reduction, P&DD Government Of Sindh, SRSO, and Local Support Organizations (LSOs), to collaborate and share their insights in developing an exit strategy for the program.

The primary focus of the workshop was to discuss the way forward and sustainability of the PPRP within the context of the roles played by the Sindh Government SRSO, and the local community. Participants shared their insights and recommendations to ensure a successful exit strategy for the

program. The representatives from LSOs are actively engaged in the program, and their perspectives are vital to the program’s success in the future as well.

Mr. Parvaiz Ahmed Chandio (Director General), Mr. Shah Nawaz Soomro (Sr. Director), and Aabid Mahar (Program Assistant) from PPR Directorate- GoS participated in the workshop. Meanwhile, SRSO-CEO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro and Team Leader PPRP-SRSO Dr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo, Regional Managers and District Managers of PPRP districts, and women leaders of active LSOs also attended the workshop and discussed their roles in an effective and successful exit strategy development for PPRP.



The Healthy Animal Competition (HAC) was organized under Equine Welfare Project

Larkana/October 19, 2023

The Healthy Animal Competition (HAC) was organized in Larkana aimed to encourage equine-owned communities to adopt welfare-friendly practices and supported by the Brooke Pakistan-supported Equine Welfare Project by SRSO. The competition took place at BK Rind Bricks Company, near Gorar Shakh Kamber Road, Larkana.

Out of the 15 animal owners who participated, three winners were selected based on specific criteria. The criteria included ensuring that the animals were clean, free from wounds and pain, had trimmed hooves, were free from eye problems or

lacrimation and that the owners had a good knowledge of husbandry practices and Best Management Practices (BMPs).

SRSO-CAHO observed all the animals and assessed the owners’ knowledge about husbandry practices, common animal issues and their solutions, animal health and welfare, and the name of the organization. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winners were announced at the end of the competition. Mr. Imran Dayo secured the 1st prize, Mr. Aashique Ali won the 2nd prize, and Mr. Kamran Ali received the 3rd prize. These winners were rewarded with prizes in the form of breaching straps, barley, and green fodder.





EMO-Hub School Management organized World Children’s Day 2023

Khairpur/November21, 2023

World Children’s Day 2023 under this year’s theme; for every child, for each right was celebrated at SRSO-managed EMO-GHS Sami in Khairpur, Sindh. The event aimed to raise awareness and promote the rights of children. Mr. Mian Mithal Pirzado, Chairman of UC Sami, graced the occasion as the chief guest. Over 500 children, along with various stakeholders, including local government representatives, Assistant Director BISP, media personnel, educationists, and administrators from both public and private schools attended the celebration.

During the event, students from GHS Sami showcased science projects and quiz competitions. They also delivered speeches in different languages, emphasizing the importance of child rights. The focus was on child protection, a crucial aspect safeguarded under the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Begum Nusrat Bhutto Women University and Sindh Rural Support Organization

Sukkur/December20, 2023

The Vice Chancellor, Begum Nusrat Bhutto Women University Sukkur Prof. Dr. Tehmina Nangraj and CEO-SRSO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), symbolizing a strategic alliance for fostering entrepreneurial activities within the region. This collaboration primarily centers on the pivotal goal of empowering women, achieved through initiatives such as educational and skill development programs, as well as support for entrepreneurship and small businesses.

The MoU extends its scope to encompass vital aspects like facilitating job placements and internships for BNBWU students. Furthermore, it leverages the academic expertise of BNBWU to contribute to agricultural and rural development, while also

tapping into the professional knowledge and skills of BNBWU through tailored training programs. The seamless execution and oversight of this MoU will be entrusted to ORIC, BNBWU.

CEO-SRSO praised the efforts of Vice Chancellor in developing the university in such a short span of time. He also praised how the deserted areas have been converted into green lush belts. During the signing ceremony, conveyed heartfelt gratitude for the collaborative spirit of Sindh Rural Support Organization. The CEO, SRSO, accompanied by his team, engaged in discussions underscoring the crucial role that rural development plays in advancing the economic prosperity of the region.





SRSO initiated a Professional Development Program (PDP) under SEF-supported Community Cluster School Teachers

SRSO Complex Sukkur/December 9, 2023

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) in partnership with UN Women Pakistan and Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) Pakistan organized an event to support the ongoing 16 Days Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign, an international movement to end violence against women and girls from November 25 to December 10, 2023 at SRSO Complex Sukkur, Sindh.

The three-panel discussions on GBV to discuss issues and challenges were conducted among renowned leading women, child, political, minorities, and transgender rights activists.

During the discussion, panelists discussed various issues and challenges especially faced by women, girls, minorities, and transgender based on their gender in the forms of domestic

violence, violence against girls, child marriages, forced marriages, honor killing, sexual harassment at work place, and violence in police custody etc. They talked about fundamental human rights under the Constitution of Pakistan. CFO Asif Ali Khuhro welcome note was given by the and introduction and history of 16 days of activism by Team lead Khan Muhammad Mangi.

CEO-SRSO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro also attended the event and talked about the event, global campaign and SRSO commitment to end GBV and achieve the goal of gender justice. He also distributed memorial shields to all participants/panelists in recognition of contributing to the elimination of the GBV. The event was attended by all major stakeholders from human rights organizations, government bodies, media, police, and bar as well as community institutions from different districts of Sindh.



Professional Development Program (PDP) has been initiated for FAS-supported Community Cluster School Teachers

Shikarpur & Kashmore@Kandhkot/December 06, 2023

To equip teachers with the necessary skills and knowledge to enhance the overall quality of education in FAS-supported schools, the Professional Development Program (PDP) has been initiated for FAS-supported Community Cluster School Teachers in the Shikarpur and Kashmore@Kandhkot districts of Sindh by Sindh Rural Support Organization. In this regard, school-level training workshops were organized from October 16, 2023, to November 29, 2023. A total of 235 teachers were oriented/trained in the 19 (10 Shikarpur and 09 Kashmore@Kandhkot) FAS-supported schools managed by SRSO.

effectively, develop effective lesson plans, and align lessons with learning objectives and standards.

Under the Program 3 major teacher's training themes i.e. methods of teaching, classroom management, and lesson planning were covered through interactive training methodologies. The main objectives and themes of the training were to clear concepts and enhance skills to understand various teaching methods, learn when and how to use each method effectively, maintain a well-managed classroom environment, address student behavior





12 Blood Screening Test for Hepatitis B & C Camps at SRSO-managed Community Schools by SRSO-Micro Health Insurance

Sukkur, Khairpur & Shikarpur / October & December, 2023

12 Blood Screening Test for Hepatitis B & C Camps were organized successfully by SRSO-Micro Health Insurance (MHI) @ SRSO-managed 2 EMO-Hub Schools Numaish Colony Sukkur and Sami Khairpur and 10 FAS-Community Cluster Schools in district Shikarpur . A total of 1, 667 students, teachers and support staff of 12 schools were tested during the screening.

SRSO-MHI has initiated screening for Hepatitis B & C camps in all SRSO-managed community schools with an aim to provide proper screening and testing services to detect Hepatitis B & C. This kind of health screening is crucial for early detection and prevention of diseases, in order to take proactive measures to improve the overall health of the school community. Manager SRSO-MHI, Mr. Rashid Hussain Bhatti, led the team that conducted the camp and provided the screening services to the school. He said, "It's important to ensure the early detection and prevention of diseases among students, teachers, and support staff for their better health."



The Sectorial meeting-cum training of the SRSO-MER-U

SRSO Complex Sukkur /November02, 2023

The Sectorial meeting-cum training of the SRSO-Monitoring, Evaluation and Research (MER) Unit was held to enhance the understanding and capabilities of MER professionals within the organization. The meeting brought together over 30 Head office as well as regional and district-based MER team members. Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, (CEO -SRSO), also joined in the meeting to show his support for the MER sector's efforts, especially for new members.

Mr. Naveed Ishaque Memon (Sr. Manager-MER), welcomed the participants and explained the objectives of the meeting. The primary focus was on providing training and information to the new MER team members. Mr. Memon elaborated on the MER

mechanism within the SRSO and its role in the development sector.

Sr. Development Expert Mr. Khaleel Tetlay, shared insights into the role of monitoring and evaluation in development programs. He highlighted the value of starting his career as an M&E professional and learning from communities while performing various tasks at different levels. Another senior development expert, Mr. Sharafat Hussain, who is currently working as the Country Representative for C4ED, shared his personal experiences and emphasized the crucial role of M&E in project management. Team members had the opportunity to interact with both experts, asking questions and learning from their extensive experience and knowledge.



SRSO's Key Flood Emergency 2022 Response

Graduation ceremonies of the Traditional Birth Attendants in flood-affected areas

Khairpur & Mirpurkhas / November 15 & December 5, 2023

30 rural literate women (12 Khairpur and 18 Mirpurkhas) from targeted flood-affected 5 union councils of Khairpur and 3 UCs of district Mirpurkhas successfully completed a comprehensive 30-day training as Birth Attendants, culminating in a memorable graduation ceremonies were organized. These trainings were organized by Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) under the Malteser International supported Integrated Emergency Health, Protection, and WASH Response for Vulnerable Flood-Affected Communities funded by GFFO.

The certificates were distributed to the accomplished graduates, symbolizing their successful completion of the rigorous training. Additionally, TBA kits were also distributed to further equip these empowered individuals to serve their communities effectively.

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Sanitary Pad-Production Units start by women for women empowerment

Sukkur & Khairpur / November 13 & December 21, 2023

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) in partnership with Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) has established 2 well-equipped Sanitary Pads Production Units in the Sukkur (village Long Bhatti Taluka Rohri) and Khairpur (Village Vistra Taluka Kingri) districts under the UN Women and People of Japan-supported Women's Socio-Economic Resilience in Pakistan (WSERP) Project. For this purpose, 16 community women (8 for

each unit) have been trained as sled workers in pad making, management, and marketing.

It aimed to prepare reusable low-cost sanitary pads by women for women to empower women and increase their access to sanitary pads by providing training, learning, equipment, marketing, and material support.





Key SRSO Visitors

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Ghotki / October 27, 2023

A delegation, from the World Bank and the Project Implementation Unit-Govt. of Sindh, paid a visit to witness the successful implementation of Cash for Work (CFW) schemes to provide livelihood support to vulnerable flood-affected households under the Sindh Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project (SFERP) implemented by SRSO in District Ghotki. During their visit, the delegation had the opportunity to observe the positive impacts of interventions in village Sajawal Malik & Gull Akbar Pathan, Taluka Khangarh.



Thatta/ November 23, 2023

A team from the Indus Resource Centre (IRC) led by Mr. Bakhat Brahmani (Program Manager) along with Ms. Madhu Mala, and Ms. Marvi Soomro had a productive visit to SRSO Thatta, Sindh to understand and address the needs of the communities through the engagement of Community Institutions.

A joint meeting & focused group discussion were held with representatives of LSOs, including LSO Mohal, LSO Domani, LSO Bijora, and LSO Tando Hafiz Shah, and discussed the challenges and identifying areas for capacity building in livelihood, nutrition, education, and disaster risk reduction. This collaborative approach is crucial for addressing the specific needs of the communities and fostering sustainable development.



Kamber-Shahdadkot/November 13, 2023

Chief Executive Officer-SRSO Mr. Mohammad Dittal Kalhoro, along with SRSO Board member Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Abro, held a meeting with the SRSO fostered Village Organization Jamal Khan UC Nawab Shabir Chandio district Kamber-Shahdadkot. The primary purpose was to interact with community institutions and visit interventions especially constructed community physical infrastructure schemes under the EU-funded SUCCESS Programme and their impacts.

Sukkur, Khairpur and Kamber-Shahdadkot/ November 9 and 10, 2023

A high-level delegation from Malteser International paid a visit to the Sindh Rural Support Organization. Led by the Pakistan Country Coordinator Mr. Fayyaz Shah, the delegation included Ms. Rebekka Goeke (Head of Emergency Response and Anticipatory Action) and Marie Wagner (Consultant Global) from the HQ Germany (Cologne Office).

The delegation's itinerary included a visit to Khairpur and a detailed exploration of the SRSO Complex including Sartyoon Sang Outlet unfolded in the facilitation of Sr. Manager Administration, followed by a meeting with the CEO SRSO. Discussions encompassed SRSO's organizational work, social capital usage, and the ongoing partnership with Malteser. The delegation visited Kamber-Shahdadkot and held a dialogue with Village Organization Hamzo Jamilabad and LSO Eman Taluka

Naseerabad, where women leaders briefed them about CIs and their work. After the LSO meeting, visit culminated in an affirmation of collaboration between Malteser International and SRSO, with a shared commitment to addressing pressing humanitarian challenges.





Thatta & Badin / October 2 & 3, 2023

A high-level mission from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) visited the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) interventions in Thatta and Badin Districts of Pakistan. The mission was comprised of several key members, including Ms. Fernanda Thomaz Da Rocha: Mission Leader, and Country Director for Pakistan, Mr. Rick Van Der: Global Technical Advisor. Mr. Rab Nawaz Team Leader and Institutional Specialist, Mr. Abdul Haleem Khan SECAP Specialist, and others. The primary objective of the mission visit was to assess various issues and interventions related to livelihood and well-being, particularly focusing on agriculture, fishers, nutrition, and social inclusion areas for improving the lives and livelihoods of rural people, especially those residing in coastal communities.



Jacobabad/December 04, 2023

A delegation visit from Hystra France and Pakistan visited the BEP (Pakistan Rural Market Test Project) in district Jacobabad, Sindh, implemented by SRSO. The delegation, including Mr. Adrian and Ms. Julie from Hystra France, Mr. Bashir Anjum from Hystra Pakistan, and representatives from RSPN, Mr. Badar ul Islam, and Mr. Zain Shafiq. It aimed to explore and support rural market initiatives. DM-SRSO welcomed and briefed about SRSO and BEP updates in the district.



Khairpur/December 15, 2023

A delegation from the Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) Pakistan visited the village of Muhammad Nawaz Rind, UC Bugro, Khairpur, Sindh. The visit included discussions with 20 women entrepreneurs and the Business Development Group (BDGs) who set up the business stalls to showcase their endeavors. The delegation, led by CEO-RSPN Ms. Shandana Khan, COO RSPN, and CFO RSPN, accompanied by CEO-SRSO Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, RGM-SRSO Dr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo, and Sr. District Manager-SRSO Khadim Hussain. The delegation interacted with EDF/BDG members to impact their income, lifestyle, and challenges faced.

This visit aimed to recognize the efforts of these entrepreneurs/BDGs and the support from the Government of Sindh. The SRSO's dedication to empowering women and eradicating poverty on a sustainable basis was also acknowledged by the delegation. It was an opportunity to observe firsthand the impact of PPRP-GoS and other initiatives implemented by the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) at the grassroots level.



SRSO Complex Sukkur/December 18, 2023

Prof. Dr. Asif Ahmed Shaikh, Vice Chancellor of Sukkur IBA University visited Sindh Rural Support Organization to discuss mutual understanding between both institutions of Sindh. Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro CEO-SRSO welcomed and briefed about the organization and its current interventions. He visited different parts of the SRSO Complex, especially Sartoon Sang Crafts Enterprise - Handicrafts, and highly appreciated SRSO's work for promoting rural artisan women's crafts in a well-organized manner.



A Way to Self-Reliance: Success Stories of SRSO Interventions

A Story of SRSO-NPGP trained Digital Hero from Shikarpur, Sindh

Mr. Zohaib Ali is a young man living in a small village called Buddo UC Chato Mangi, in the district Shikarpur, Sindh. He had a loving family consisting of his father Niaz Ali Solangi, a farmer, his mother, and two sisters and one brother who were all educated. Life had been tough for the family, and despite his family's financial difficulties, Zohaib was determined to pursue his education.

One day, a team from the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) visited his village and held a session with the women who had BISP Pakistan cards. His mother was one of these women and was selected to receive an asset from the NPGP-IFAD program. Zohaib's family decided to use the intangible asset to help him polish skills, and he was sent to the Sukkur IBA University to learn digital skills.

During his time at the university, Zohaib was a diligent student and worked hard to excel in his studies. He was supported by NPGP-IFAD and SRSO, who encouraged him to reach his goals. As a reward for his hard work, he was given a laptop to use when he finished his three-month course. He started to work on line design different posters and IEC material and learn money as well.

Not long after, Zohaib saw a post on a social media platform advertising a job at Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO). He applied and was lucky enough to be selected. Zohaib is extremely thankful to Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, National Poverty Graduation Programme, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) for the opportunity and was glad that his hard work had paid off. He is now able to support his family and fulfill his dreams of having a respectable career.



Haseena a flood2022 victim from village Aandil Mahar, district Shikarpur has constructed a resilient house..!!

A resident of village Aandil Mahar district Shikarpur has started to use it as a residential house after the completion of the reconstruction of a resilient house under the SPHF funded by the Sindh Government.

Haseena's journey from living in tents on the roadside to having a safe and resilient house is a testament to the effectiveness of Sindh People's Housing for Flood-Affectees (SPHF)-Govt. of Sindh. The involvement of the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) in listing, verifying, and approving beneficiaries adds an essential layer of credibility and fairness to the process.

"The 2022 floods destroyed my home and we shifted to tents on the roadside when that rainwater was still in the homes. Haseena shared their sorrows for the floods.

"I was fortunate that my name was listed and verified by the SRSO team and approved by Govt. of Sindh." She says. The first time, my bank account was opened I got the first installment of Rs.75, 000 and started the construction of the house reached DPC, and then received 2nd installment of 1 Lakh and completed Latrane. Thus after receiving 3rd installment and completing the roof level as well."

"I have started living in a new and safe house without any fear of damage in a rain or other emergency. I am very happy and now, focusing on my family's well-being, especially education. Of the children"

She is grateful to the Sindh Government for supporting the reconstruction of a resilient house.





PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS

