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Dialogue with SRSO Management on Way forward Dr. Shereen Mustafa Secretary Planning (Planning & Development Department) Govt. of Sindh

DECEMBER 5, 2020, @SRSO COMPLEX, SUKKUR

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) H arranged a dialogue of Dr. Shereen Mustafa Secretary Planning (Planning & Development Department) Govt. of Sindh with SRSO Management on Way forward on December 5, 2020, @ SRSO Complex Sukkur. The Senior SRSO Team like; CEO, RGMs, and General Manager-Micro-Finance shared the stage with her and their views about the topic and distinguished guest speaker as well. Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro CEO-SRSO welcomed Dr. Shereen Sahiba on her visit to the SRSO head office, meet with staff, and conduct a dialogue with the SRSO Family. He told about the purpose and importance of conducting a development dialogue with the SRSO Team by a senior and key govt. official on an important topic. Dr. Shereen Mustafa shared her insight views about development, its challenges, and the importance of the knowledge economy in modern development discourse. She also briefed about key development initiatives, programs, and policies of the Sindh Government regarding to achieve socio-economic development goals. This dialogue was attended by senior staff members (Sectoral heads, Project Managers, District Managers, and DPOs) from head office and districts and participated in the dialogue through introducing themselves and about their work and raised questions about development and SRSO work and challenges and opportunities in current development scenario and Dr. Shereen responded, in brief, all key questions and concerns of the SRSO Team.



**Dr. Shereen Mustafa
Secretary Planning (Planning &
Development Department) Govt. of Sindh
visits SRSO interventions
under the EU-funded SUCCESS
Programme**

DECEMBER 06, 2020@ DISTRICT LARKANA

Honorable Guest Secretary Planning (Planning & Development Department), Govt. of Sindh and Dr. Shereen Mustafa Narejo carried out a field visit of district Larkana on her 2nd-day visit of SRSO and visited different interventions of EU-funded SUCCESS Programme. SRSO-RGM Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro, DM Larkana Mr. Sajad Ali Kandhir, and Training Coordinator Ms. Samina Barkat were accompanied and facilitated during the visit and briefed them about the SUCCESS Programme and its women-led initiatives for women empowerment and poverty reduction through community institutions (CIs). She visited the Business Development Group (BDG) (Handloom) Gaji Dero and Sona Hath (Clay Art) of Taluka Dokri. During the visit, she also conducted a dialogue with women on future enterprise opportunities, market needs, and fulfillment of market and consumers' demand and vision of expanding their business in order to increase their income and promote their skills on a large scale. She also talked about the sustainability of Community institutions (CIs) at the Local Support Organization (LSO) Sindhu Daryia UC Gaji Dero and Village Organization (VO) Lal Bux Shaikh UC Mohan Jo Daro. Honorable Secretary also visited the building of closed Girls schools of Gaji Dero and sight at Moen jo Daro which is proposed for Outlet and Community Cafe



SUPPORT GOVERNMENT OF SINDH (GOS) TO PREPARE FOR AND RESPOND TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC PROJECT PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT'S (PPES) HANDED OVER TO CHANDIKA MEDICAL HOSPITAL LARKANA AND DISTRICT HEAD QUARTER HOSPITAL SHAIKARPUR. MS.NIFFAT JAMIL PROJECT MANAGER RSPN-ECHO-HIP-COVID-19 PROJECT HANDED-OVER THE PPES.

December 8 and 9, 2020 @ Larkana and Shikarpur Districts

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) under the RSPN-ECHO-HIP-COVID-19 Project handed over PPEs to Chandika Medical Hospital Larkana and District Health Hospital Shikarpur. For this purpose, Dr. Gulzar Tunio (AMS) at Medical Superintendent Office CMC Larkana and MS DHQ Hospital received the PPEs from the hands of Ms. Ifat Jamil Project Manager RSPN-ECHO-HIP-COVID-19 Project.

On this occasion, Mr. Akram Shaikh-Focal Person SRSO-ECHO-HIP-COVID-19 Project, District Managers-SRSO and -DPOs-SRSO-ECHO-HIP were also present. Team also visited the COVID-19 Isolation Wards and observed, and discussed the arrangements. The handed over PPEs are as under;

8,055 surgical masks for doctors and paramedics, 840 N-95 Masks for doctors and paramedic working in emergency, 195 gowns (reusable) for doctors, paramedics, and janitorial staff, 195 goggles (reusable) for doctors, paramedics, and janitorial staff, 8,055 exam gloves (pair) for doctors and paramedics, 27.75 heavy-duty gloves (pair) for janitorial staff, 402.75 hand sanitizers (150ml) for doctors and paramedics, and 03 chlorine tabs (500gms) for janitorial staff.

Currently, SRSO is implementing the "Support Government of Sindh (GoS) to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 Pandemic" Project under the ECHO-HIP funding in collaboration with RSPN in Larkana and Shikarpur Districts. The key objective of this project is to support and respond to the Government of Sindh in addressing, responding, and mitigating the suffering of the people of Sindh. Under the project 100 hand-washing stations establishment, PPEs distribution with the district health department, LSOs, and CRPs training on COVID, public awareness, specious cases testing and other initiatives have been undertaking in both targeted districts.



Monthly At A Glance-Sindh Rural Support Organization December, 2020

International Day of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) was celebrated by Sindh Rural Support Organization under the HelpAge supported Promoting Rights of Older People

December 28 and 29, 2020 @ Shikarpur and Jacobabad

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) Shikarpur and Jacobabad observed the International Day of Persons With Disabilities under the HelpAge International supported Promoting Rights of Older People Project on December 28 and 29, 2020. Government Officials from the Health Department, Population, Usher & Zakat, Women Development, Baitutul Mall, and Civil Society Members, Advocates, and Media persons participated in both events. On this occasion, SRSO District Managers briefed about SRSO-HelpAge struggle in the context of the promotion of the Rights of Older People. They said that relentless efforts for raising awareness could make people more proactive about their rights. Apart from this, Mr. Samiullah Unar and Ms. Sabiya Bhutto gave a detailed review regarding the federation of OPAs and shared the rights as given in the Act of 2014. They further briefed about the current situation of Persons with Disabilities. However, the PWD also raised some questions for their rights and they have been responded through the enlightenment of laws passed by the Government of Pakistan. In short, each participant shared his approach to the promotion of the rights of older people.



Promoting Rights of Older People (HelpAge International supported)

International Day of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) was celebrated in collaboration with Social Welfare Department Govt. of Sindh

December 24, 2020 @ Karachi

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) celebrated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) under HelpAge International supported the Promoting Rights of Older People Project in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department GoS. The purpose of the event was to highlight the issues and challenges of PWDs and sensitized people for the equal rights and opportunities of PWDs and Senior Citizens. OPA members, Academia of Karachi on special education, civil society, and media representatives also participated in the event. Department of Empowerment for Persons with Disabilities and Social Welfare Department also shared the progress of Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act 2016 and Sindh Charities Registration and Regulation Act of 2019.



Association of Physically Handicapped Adults participated in the program; in which Persons with Disabilities shared their success stories of life and how they overcome their challenges. In the last of Programme appreciation certificates and Shields awarded to the PWDs and Cake cutting ceremony dedicated to International Day of Persons with Disabilities.



Currently, SRSO is implementing the Promoting Rights of Older People Project with the support of HelpAge International in 3 Karachi, Shikarpur, and Jacobabad in order to contribute to the wellbeing of older women and men by facilitating the implementation of Senior Citizens Act 2016 in Sindh.

PPRP-GoS supported Vocational Training Programme (VTP) Trained Women Artisan Participate in "Women Skill and Art Work Fair" December 07, 2020 @ Mirpurkhas



Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) District Office Mirpurkhas facilitated PPRP-GoS supported Vocational Training Programme (VTP) trained artisan women for participating, promoting, and marketing their work in "Women Skill & Art Work Fair". This event was organized by ARTS Foundation in collaboration with CIDA-SPO and Oxfam where GoS supported PPRP-VTP Trained women showcased and sale their work through establishing 5 different Stalls and displayed 9 different vocational trades i.e. Lacework, Applique work, Pindi work, Mitka Decoration, Candle Making, Bangle Making, Qurshiya work, Sindhi Topi, and Schools beg making.

Mr. Zulifqar Larik DIG Mirpurkhas division, Social Welfare, and different NGOs/Civil society representatives visited VTP stalls, met with artisan women, appreciated their skills and spirit, and purchased their products as well.

At present SRSO is implementing a comprehensive Vocational Training Programme (VTP) under Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP) with the funding of Govt. of Sindh in 6 districts of Sindh i.e; Khairpur Mirs, Sanghar, Umerkot, Mirpurkhas, Badin, and Thatta for reducing poverty in rural communities.



The sixth 4-Days Orientation Workshop on Programme Implementation Manual (PIM) for SRSO-PPRP-Govt. of Sindh Staff was conducted successfully by SRSO-IMSD December 8-11, 2020 @ District Umerkot



The sixth and last 4-Days Orientation Workshop on Programme Implementation Manual (PIM) for implementation staff of Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP)-Govt. of Sindh was organized successfully at Umerkot and which was attended by 29 staff members (22 men and 7 women) from Umerkot District. The main purpose of the workshop was to build the capacity of the PPRP-GoS staff on the PPRP-implementation manual in order to implement the Programme smoothly and effectively for achieving set objectives.

All major SRSO working themes, policies, and PRRP components were covered in detail during the workshop through brainstorming, lecture, group discussion, and presentation training methodologies. On the first day, Mr. Imtiaz Khoso District Manager-SRSO-UK welcomed and conducted a session on PPRP introduction and progress and PSC. Last Day, a certificates distribution ceremony was also organized in which participants also shared their experiences and learning of the workshop.

Mr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo (Team-Leader-PPRP) and Mr. Zubair Soomro (Manager-IMSD) were the Lead facilitators and conducted the planned sessions of the workshop. SRSO-Institute of Management and Skill Development (IMSD) organized this workshop. This was the sixth and final workshop of the PIM series, which were planned and conducted for all six districts SRSO-PPRP-GoS staff.





EU-FUNDED SUCCESS PROGRAMME
IN THE CONTINUITY OF 16 DAYS ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY DECEMBER 10 WAS CELEBRATED WITH COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE EU-FUNDED SUCCESS PROGRAMME

December 10, 2020@ Larkana and Kamber-Shahdadkot

The International Human Rights Day on December 10 was celebrated under the title of "Elimination of Violence Against Women" in the continuity of the celebrating of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence by SRSO under the EU-funded SUCCESS Programme. In this regard, two events were organized on IHRD with the collaboration of LSO Noor UC Yaro Lakhir (Larkana) and LSO Sajawal UC Sajwal (Kamber-Shahdadkot). Ms. Shama Parveen (Deputy Director of Women Development), Mr. Toheedullah Kalhoro (Assistant Director of Social Welfare and Child Protection cell) at Larkana and Mr. Waqar Ahmed Soomro (Deputy Director of Child Protection Cell), Ms. Uroosa Khatri (Govt. Liaison Officer SRSO) at KSK were among the main speakers. Above 100 participants attended both events from Govt. departments, Community Institutions, and SRSO. CIs leaders also shared their experiences and views regarding their struggle to raise awareness among rural women about their basic rights. Participants presented different activities regarding VAW and women rights and last all women marked their handprints to symbolize the saying "Stop Violence Against Women"

SRSO under the EU Funded SUCCESS Programme is celebrating 16 Days Activism against gender-based violence each year and organize different types of activities at the village, UC, taluka, and district level through engaging different stakeholders for raising awareness against gender-based violence against women and girls and support campaign.



Sustaining Adolescents Participation in Community Institutions to Address Child Marriages and Create Awareness among Adolescents on COVID-19 in Ghotki and Khairpur.

101 representatives of five LSOs have been oriented on Child Marriages and COVID-19 through One-Day Orientations in five targeted Union Councils of District Ghotki during December 2020



Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) district Ghotki has organized successfully 05 one-day orientations of selected 5 Local Support Organizations in the targeted 05 UCs of the district Ghotki with the partnership of Rural Support Programme Network (RSPN) under the UNICEF supported the project. The key objective of the orientations was to orient LSOs representatives about adolescent issues especially child marriages, violence against children, and COVID-19 preventative measures.

These orientations were organized and facilitated by the SRSO district team and RSPN Project Team jointly and Project Manager RSPN and District Manager-SRSO were lead facilitators. 101 women representatives of 05 LSOs have been oriented about adolescent issues especially child marriages, violence against children, and COVID-19 preventative measures during the month of December. Now, the oriented LSO representatives are mobilizing adolescents and creating awareness among the communities' especially adolescent issues and COVID-19 preventive measures.

Before orientation, Project Focal Person Mr, Akram Shaikh, and SR. Manager-MER-Mr. Naveed visited district Office Ghotki on December 9, 2020, and oriented the district team about planned orientations.

SRSO has initiated this project with the partnership of Rural Support Programme Network (RSPN) with the support of UNICEF in Ghotki and Khairpur districts in order to strengthen community institutions for their role to address adolescent related issues including child marriages, violence against children and create awareness among adolescent on COVID-19.



National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP)-Government of Pakistan Productive Assets were Transferred among the 45-Ultra-Poor BISP-Households for their livelihood support.

DECEMBER 3 & 11, 2020 @ KASHMORE-KANDHKOT & SHIKARPUR



Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) District Office Shikarpur transferred Productive Assets to 15 Ultra-poor beneficiaries under the National Poverty Graduation Programme-Government of Pakistan on 3 & 11 December 2020. The productive assets included; 30 Karyana items at Kashmore and 10 lowddar-rakshas (phatta), 4 Changchi, and one Mobile Oil Shop Material were handed over to poor families of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) of the district Shaikarpur, which has been identified and finalized through a transparent and standard procedure. The main purpose of asset distribution among the ultra-poor households is to provide livelihood support to BISP beneficiaries as they can graduate from the vicious cycle of poverty on a sustainable basis. Mr. Muzafar Pahnwar Programme Manager, District Managers SRSO- and DPOs-NPGP also visited the distribution. Before distribution, selected families have been oriented about NPGP and assets safety and management protocols. On this occasion, the procurement committee, community institutions, and SRSO representatives were also present and supervised, and facilitated the whole process.



SRSO is implementing National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP), in partnership with Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF), with the support of the Government of Pakistan and The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), in Shikarpur and Kashmore@Kandhkot districts since 2019. The overall goal of the Programme is to assist the ultra-poor and very poor in graduating out of poverty on a sustainable basis, simultaneously improving their overall food security, nutritional status, and resilience to climate change.



ITC-GRASP VISITED 6 DIFFERENT BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GROUPS (BDGS) FORMED UNDER GOVT. OF SINDH SUPPORTED PEOPLES' POVERTY REDUCTION PROGRAMME (PPRP) BY SRSO

December 16 and 19 2020 @ Khairpur Mirs and Thatta



PEOPLES' POVERTY REDUCTION PROGRAMME- GOVERNMENT OF SINDH. DIRECTOR MONITORING-PMU-PPRP-P&DD-GOS VISITS SRSO INTERVENTIONS UNDER THE PROGRAMME IN DISTRICT MIRPURKHAS

December 17, 2020 @ District Mirpurkhas

Mr. Parvez Ahmed Chandio Director Monitoring-II PMU-PPRP- P&DD-GoS along with Mr. Abid Mahar Program Assistant visited People's Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP) interventions in the field area of Taluka Jhudho district Mirpurkhas.

The delegation visited Business Development Group (BDG), Azad Flour Mill, in Gohram Bhatti village of UC Khuda Bux 2, got an update of the daily, weekly, and monthly income and checked the record, and visited the ongoing VTP Center in Wadal Shah Village of UC Khudadad and observed, met, and got views of training participants. The team also observed and met beneficiaries of CIF utilization of the Karyana shop. They held meetings, where Programme beneficiaries and Village Organization (VO) representatives briefed on Programme interventions, their status, and impacts on their lives and livelihood.

PPRP-PMU-GoS monitoring team interacted with the community members and Programme beneficiaries and discussed different interventions i.e. CIF, IGG, VTP, LCH, and BDG, interventions, and their impacts.

Mr. Muhammad Umer Arfi ITC-GRASP visited 6 different Business Development Groups (BDGs) formed under Govt. of Sindh supported Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP) in districts Khairpur and Thatta by SRSO. The visited BDGs are; 1. Date stock, 2. Buffalo for milk, 3. Cow calves fattening, and 4. Small-scale vegetable farming at Khairpur and 5. Vegetable farms and 6. cattle farms at Thatta. He also visited Deep cold storage at Khairpur city.

During the field visit, they visited the ongoing business, held meetings with BDGs members, and discussed progress, challenges, plans, capacity the building of BDG members, value chain, and market linkages. During the discussion, the following two proposals were identified and suggested for promoting and strengthening BDGs;

Mr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo Team Leader PPRP-SRSO and District Managers-Khairpur and Thatta facilitated ITC-GRASP members in visiting the field, conducting meetings, and briefing about SRSO, PRPP-GoS, and BDGs.





**EQUINE WELFARE PROJECT (THE BROOK PAKISTAN SUPPORTED)
THE AWARD DISTRIBUTION CEREMONIES WERE ORGANIZED TO
DEVELOP/PROMOTE MOTIVATION AMONG LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS (LSPS)
HAVING GOOD OR OUTSTANDING SCORE BY SINDH RURAL SUPPORT
ORGANIZATION(SRSO)**

December 10 and 17, 2020 @ Jacobabad and Larkana

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) District Jacobabad and Larkana organized Award Ceremonies on December 9 and 17, 2020 at Jacobabad and Larkana about developing/promote motivation among Local Service Providers (LSPs) having good or outstanding a score under Equine Welfare Project. The key objectives of the events were; to build the capacity of LSPs to encourage, motivate, and promote LSPs who have got an outstanding score in Animal Health Monitoring Framework (AHMF) and Farrier Monitoring Framework (FMF), to aware Livestock and animal's husbandry department about Equine Welfare Project, and to train all the LSPs and create linkage with equine owning communities. The representatives from livestock (Animal Husbandry), community institutions, and SRSO talked about the issues, challenges, and livestock (Animal Husbandry) and other services providers, especially the equine family and appreciated the efforts of SRSO. Later on, the award of appreciation (shields) were distributed to our LSPs for their performance.

20 at Jacobabad and 40 at Larkana representatives attended the events from the livestock department, service providers, community organizations, and the SRSO team.

Dr. Hizbullah Bhutto Additional Director Livestock (Animal Husbandry) Department, Dr. Mansoor Ali Junejo Deputy Director Livestock (Animal Husbandry) Department, and Dr. Rajesh Kumar Senior Veterinary Officer- Livestock (Animal Husbandry) Department District Larkana and Dr. Ghulam Murtaza Kundhar Deputy Director Livestock Production and Dr. Muhammad Azam Brohi Additional Director Livestock (Animal Husbandry) Department from Kamber-Shahdadkot also attended the event. Deputy Director and Additional Director Livestock department District Jacobabad were chief guests.

Meanwhile Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro-RGM-SRSO at Jacobabad and Mr. Hamid Ali Magsi Manager SRSO-PINS, and Mr. Ali Asghar Matilo Manager NRM-SRSO, also participated in the award distribution events. These events were organized and facilitated by Animal Health Officer and Equine Welfare Project Team District Larkana.



Pictorial Highlights: SRSO Key Interventions December, 2020



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