

## MONTHLY AT A GLANCE

## Sindh Rural Support Organization

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EU Consultant and International Journalist along with CEO-SRSO and Team Lead SUCCESS-SRSO visited women-led community institutions' initiatives for reducing poverty, women empowerment, and community development.

KAMBER-SHAHDADKOT, LARKANA AND SHIKARPUR/FEBURARY2 &3, 2021

Mr. Hamza Bhatti, EU Consultant, and Ms. Sadaf Chaudhry, International Journalist along with CEO-SRSO, and Team Lead SUCCESS Programme visited Kamber-Shahdadkot, Larkana, and Shikarpur districts. The key objective of the visit was to; listen, observe, and document the women-led community institutions' initiatives for reducing poverty, women empowerment, and community development and its impacts on the lives of the communities and women.

On the first day, they met with rural women leaders of LSO Aitabar and LSO Ibteda Leaders from Kamber-Shahdadkot and LSO Sarwan from Larkana shared their views, achievements, and stories based on interventions' impact and their efforts for their community people.

The delegation also visited **Business Development Groups (BDGs) Handloom Weaving (Khadi) and Clay Art - Sona Hath (Gold Hands)** at district Larkana. The BDG members shared about the work they have been doing. They recorded their work and views about enterprise and BDG.

2nd Day, they visited LSO Network KAUSHAL at Rustam District Shikarpur. The Executive Committee members of the LSO shared organizational presentations informing about the background, area profile, issues, organizational vision, objectives and strategy, completed, running and future programs and projects, and key achievements. They also shared case studies of the LSOs with the team. After that, they also visited a business development group (BDG) Bhirkan and discussed with artisans about their work, inputs, outputs, and marketing methodologies and faced challenges and issues. They recorded all proceedings of the meetings with LSO and BDG.



Ms. Sonia Kaleem (ADC-I District Larkana) visits SRSO district office and its outreach areas





Ms. Sonia Kaleem (ADC 1 LRK) visited the SRSO Larkana district office and its outreach areas. DM-SRSO LRK welcomed and briefed him about SRSO work especially three-tier social mobilization. efforts of community Institutions (CIs), and the role of JDCs and DCCN. He also briefed about the outreach of SRSO in the district and on-going projects including SUCCESS, PINS-ER-2, PINS ER-3, ECHO HIP, and Equine Welfare. After that, Ms. Sonia Kaleem visited the field and inaugurated a CPI scheme of Tuff Paver under EU funded SUCCESS Programme at VO Sono Jatoi UC Purano Abad, where VO leaders shared the process of prioritization and implementation of the CPI scheme. She also visited the community lift irrigation at VO Channa, UC Mad Bahu, and VO leaders briefed operational and maintenance procedures and the benefits of lift irrigation.

Ms. Sonia Kaleem also participated in **Activist Workshop held at UC Gaji Dero** where more than 50 community institutions (CIs) leaders participated. They shared their achievements, self-initiatives, success stories, and impacts of community-based interventions under EUfunded SUCCESS, PINS ER-II & III, and ECHO-HIP-funded COVID-19. LSO Sindhu Darya office visited where CBK Marui present LSO financial record-keeping maintained on the laptop by her. **She also visited BDG of Handloom weaving (Khadi), where the LSO leader briefed her about handloom.** 

ADC-1 also visited FFS and met with cured children, their mothers, goat, and other beneficiaries. Ms. Sonia Kaleem praised and appreciated the efforts of LSOs with the support of SRSO and different donors especially the EU.

SRSO-Monthly At A Glance (MAAG)-February, 2021 by Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Unit (MER-U)

#### **SRSO-Institute of Management and Skills Development (IMSD)**

6-2 Days Training on Enterprise Development for SRSO Staff of Govt. of Sindh supported the Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP) was organized in 6 covering districts.

#### Khairpur, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Badin, Umerkot & Thatta/February, 2021

Institute of Management and Skills Development (IMSD) has planned and conducted 6- two days of training on Enterprise Development for SRSO Staff in all out-reach districts. The main objective of the training is to capacitate the SRSO staff for developing and managing micro-enterprises and transfer skills at the grassroots level for reducing poverty in rural areas. Initially, 6 workshops were organized and trained 134 staff members successfully in PPRP-GoS outreach districts Khairpur (26), Sanghar(26), Mirpurkhas (24), Badin (26) Umerkot (17), and Thatta(15) from February 8 to 13, 2021.

The first day What is an enterprise, micro-enterprise; characters and stages, how to organize an enterprise, and 2nd-day creating innovative ideas for micro-enterprise, key success factors for sustaining enterprise, what is marketing/digital marketing, economic significance, and business potential in district and clustering BDGs were conducted by the facilitators. In each workshop, one successful enterprise was also called as a guest speaker to share their experiences and views reading their success and enterprise.

SRSO-IMSD team Mr. Zubir Soomro, Mr. Abdul Latif Soormo, Ms. Hafeeza Bozdar, and Ms. Khalida Meerani facilitated these workshops. Meanwhile, Team Leader Mr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo PPRP-SRSO and Mr. Niaz Hingro Sr. Manager IMSD-SRSO also visited the workshops and conducted sessions as well. IMSD has planned to conduct training on enterprise development for all SRSO staff in all SRSO out-reach districts for increasing the capacity of the staff on enterprise development and management for reducing poverty from the rural communities through promoting/creating job-marketed oriented enterprise.







SRSO Community Activists and Team member received Mohtarma Fatima
Jinnah and Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Appreciation Awards from the Sindh Commission on
the Status of Women (SCSW) on National Women Day

#### Karachi/Feburary 12, 2021

The Sindh Commission on the Status of Women (SCSW) celebrated National Women Day on Feburary 12, 2021 at Frere Hall Karachi. On this occasion, SCSW distributed the Mohtarma Fatima Jinnah and Shaheed Benazir Bhutto appreciation awards among the women activists and leaders for their contribution to women's rights and social services from all over Sindh. Four community activists from SRSO fostered community institutions (CIs) of 4 SRSO outreach districts and one SRSO Team member have been also awarded during this event.

SRSO community activists from Larkana, Kamber-Shahdadkot, Khairpur, and Thatta districts Ms.Shaherbano General Secretary, LSO Roshni District Khairpur, Ms. Parveen Treasurer LSO Pireh District Larkana, Ms. Iffat Batool, Chairperson LSO Ibteda District Qambhar Shahdadkot, Ms.Zahoran, General Secretary, LSO Muskan District Thatta, Ms.Uroosa Khatti Manager Liaison and Coordination SUCCESS received Appreciation Awards in recognition of their contribution to the development of communities and women's rights.

Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro CEO-SRSO has congratulated women leaders on receiving this award and thanked SCSW especially Ms. Raheema Panhwar Board Member SRSO for coordination.





Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) organized a 3-day annual retreat of the EU-funded SUCCESS Programme at Head Office Sukkur. All Programme staff of both out-reach districts Larkana and Kamber-Shahdadkot attended the workshop. The main objective of the retreat was; to review and plan annual progress and provide a platform for meeting, discussion, learning, and sharing views, learnings, and experience. Annual review and planning, orientation on enterprise development, policy dialogue, appreciation awards, meet the guest speaker, motivational and online sessions, and social evening were the parts of the 3-Days Retreat 2021.

On the first day, Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro CEO-SRSO shared opening remarks and stated the proceeding of a 3-day annual retreat. Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro Team-Lead SUCCESS-SRSO welcomed and briefed about the event. District Managers, Monitoring & Evaluation Manager, and Senior MIS Officer presented an annual review of the Programme including progress, major findings, challenges, and recommendations. Then, the forum was open for staff for sharing their personal experiences and field insights. The Team Lead also shared his experiences of working.

Ms. Shereen Mustafa, Secretary Planning (Planning and Development Department Government of Sindh) also joined and gave an inspirational session on "How we should change our thinking approach." At the end of the day, Appreciation Shields were distributed to the District Kamber-Shahdadkot staff for accomplishing 100% recovery of Community Investment Fund - CIF (interest-free loans) in their unit catchment areas.

Second-day staff Orientation on Enterprise Development was conducted through different interactive sessions. Team Lead delivered a session on developing an Enterprise covering basics, entrepreneurial qualities and skills, and much more. The participants shared their ideas and thoughts regarding the small enterprises in rural areas. It also included group activities and brainstorming sessions focusing on the reasons for less rural women's participation in enterprise development and solutions.



## Session on CDLD Policy and Conclusion 2nd day Ms. Shereen Mustafa

2nd day Ms. Shereen Mustafa presented the Rural Enterprise Development Strategy and CEO-SRSO also joined during the session. At the end of the progress review and planning meeting of the SUCCESS SRSO Team, CEO-SRSO thanked Ms. Shereen Mustafa Narejo for giving a comprehensive speech on the Govt. of Sindh CDLD policy especially on! Social capital, poverty reduction, and RGC aspects.

Third and last day of the retreat, staff brainstormed about potential businesses in their respective areas and jointly worked on a particular business value chain model. TVST team and DM Kamber-Shahdadkot presented Business Plan, Marketing Mix, and business clusters. An online brief presentation on Menstruational Hygiene was presented and discussed by participants. At the end of the retreat, Team Lead-SUCCESS-SRSO briefly talked about the next steps, conclusion and appreciated everyone's efforts in arranging such a wonderful Retreat.



SUCCESS PROGRAMME

# THE COMMISSIONER OF LARKANA DIVISION, MR. SHAFIQUE AHMED MAHESAR VISITED SRSO DISTRICT LARKANA'S OUTREACH.

#### Larkana/February24, 2021

The Commissioner of the Larkana Division, Mr. Shafique Ahmed Mahesar visited SRSO District Larkana's outreach and participated in an activist workshop, and observed different initiatives carried out under SUCCESS, PINS ER-II, and III, and ECHO-HIP-COVID-19 projects and as well self-initiative of the community institutions (CIs).

He inaugurated a community infrastructure scheme of brick pavement at village Miandad Brohi UC Rasheed Wagan Taluka Larkana. On this occasion, the community leaders briefed them on how they identified, prioritized, and implement their needs through the scheme under EU funded-SUCCESS Programme.

An Activists Workshop was also arranged at village Miandad Brohi in which Commissioner Larkana, Mr. Ijaz Ali Shaikh (DHO LRK), Khalil Tately (COO RSPN), Mr. Abdul Rahim (DM PPHI), Mr. Javed Memon (Sr. Divi. Manager-ACF), Ms. Shabana Shah (Divisional CoordinationOfficer-ACF), Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro (RGM- SRSO), Mr. Hamid Magsi (PM-SRSO-PINS) and Mr. Sijad Kandhar (DM-SRSO) and more than 50 women leaders of different community institutions participated. The CIs leaders Ms. Badar Nisa and Ms.Sughar (LSO Khadimat) and Ms. Naila and Ms. (LSO Jazbo) and Ms. Asat (VO Miandad Brohi) shared their introduction of LSOs, achievements, self-initiatives, and stories based on interventions under SUCCESS, PINS ER-2 & 3, ECHO-HIP Programmes and their efforts for village's development. Local Support Organizations (LSOs) Khidmah and Jazbo Jointly under the SUCCESS Programme organized this workshop.

distributed cheques among goat beneficiary womer under PINS-ER-03 Project. He also met with cured children of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) under the EU funded-PINS-ER-2 Programme. He also planted a fruit tree to support the SRSO campaign for tree planation for nutrition and climate change improvement at the household level. After that, he visited Business Development Groups of Handloom weaving (Khadi) and Clay Art (Sona Hath) stalls, where LSO leaders and entrepreneurs briefed him about their business.

Mr. Shafique Mahesar Sahib appreciated the efforts of the SRSO and Community Institutions with the support of RSPN and thanked EU and ACF for supporting such community need-based initiatives for the improving lives and livelihood of the rural communities. He ensured full support from administration to all for the expanding, improving, and strengthening work throughout the Larkana division.

Mr. Khalil Tately (COO RSPN) conducted an interactive session and briefed LSO leaders and participants on the three-tiered social mobilization approach (COs/VOs/LSOs) of rural support programmes (RSPs) and the importance of their efforts for community development. He also shared views about the importance of linkages development of CIs with district administration and govt. line of departments.

Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro (RGM-SRSO) thanked Commissioner Larkana for visiting SRSO outreach and meeting with SRSO communities and the team. He also briefed about SRSO and working with RSPN through community institutions in the Larkana region.



SRSO achieved a milestone: 300 Adolescent Champions (150 Ghotki and 150 Khairpur) have been trained by SRSO with RSPN under UNICEF supported SAPCI-COVID-19 Project through 3-days training workshops.

**Districts Ghotki & Khairpur Mirs** 



Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) has conducted successfully 8 and 9-three days training workshops of adolescents champions and trained 300 champions (150 Ghotki and 150 Khairpur) respectively in Ghotki and Khairpur districts during January and February months. These workshops were held under the UNICEF supported Sustaining Adolescents Participation in Community Institutions to Address Child Marriages and Create Awareness among Adolescents on COVID-19 in Ghotki and Khairpur Project. SRSO is implementing this project with the partnership of Rural Support Programme Network (RSPN) in Ghotki and Khairpur districts.

150 adolescents (100 girls and 50 boys) were identified and selected from the 5 targeted union councils (Khabhrra, Kamushaheed, Raharki, Khanpur Mahar, and Bhettoor) of 3 Talukas Ubauro, Dharki, and Khangarh of district Ghotki. Thus 150 adolescents (100 girls and 50 boys) were identified and selected from 50 villages of the targeted 5 union councils (Bugro, Hajina Shah, Tando Mastoi, Manghan Wari, and Fateh Pur) of 3 Talukas Khairpur, Kingri and Kot Diji, district Khairpur. They have been oriented and trained on Toolkit through eight, 3-day training workshops to take preventing measures about child protection, child marriages, and COVID-19 through different activity-based sessions by trained master trainers. These adolescents have been identified and training organized with the support of respective Local Support Organization.

SRSO-Adolescent Development Officers (ADOs) facilitated these trainings, which has been trained on the toolkit by RSPN. Meanwhile, PM-RSPN Ms. Rana Shah, SRSO-Focal Person Mr. Akram Shaikh and DMs-SRSO Mr. Aashiq Ali Kalwar and Mr. Khadim Hussain Shar also visited trainings, conducted different sessions, and distributed certificates as well.

Child Protection Officer
UNICEF Sindh visits Ghotki and
Khairpur districts and meet
Adolocents Champion

Ghotki and Khairpur/February 9 and 10, 2021



Dr. Jabeen Fatima Abbas Child Protection Officer UNICEF Sindh visited SRSO and participated in ongoing activities met Community Institutions/s representatives, the adolescent champions, SRSO staff, and project meeting of the SPACI COVID-19 Project in Ghotki and Khairpur Mirs. Ms. Aysha Tariq RSPN Islamabad was also accompanied during the visit. Meanwhile, Manager Manager-RSPN and DMs-SRSO the facilitated visit.

On the first day, Feburary9, she visited Ghotki, held a meeting with LSO, VO/CO members, and Adolescent champions at village Sathi Bhatti UC Raharki Taluka Dharki participated in ongoing adolescent's session and observed the process and arrangements of the training. She met participants and staff for getting learning, feedback, and views regarding project interventions. 2nd day she visited district Khairpur and participated in on-going 3-days adolescent champions training and observed the training process and distributed certificates among the participants.

She also conducted a progress review and planning meeting of SAPCI COVID-91 project Ghotki and Khairpur held at SRSO complex Sukkur and discussed the current challenging environment of COVID-19, early child marriages, gender inequality, issues challenges, the role of Adolescent at VO/LSO level discussed. Moreover, Action plan and sustainability of the project was also of the focus



#### Promoting Rights of Older People (HelpAge International supported)

Sensitization Meetings with Member of Provincial Assembly on Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act 2014 under Promoting Rights of Older People Karachi/February 19, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) Karachi office held Sensitization meetings, on Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act with Members of the Provincial Assembly (MPAs) at Sindh Assembly under the HelpAge International supported Promoting Rights of Older People Project. Total 10 meetings with MPAs of 3 political parties (PPP, PTI, and GDA) were conducted during January & February 2021. The objective of the meetings was to sensitize members of the provincial assembly about the Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act 2014.

Ms. Uroosa Khatti (Focal Person of the Project), Mr. Mukhtiar Kapri (Project Coordinator), and Mr. Abdul Qudoos (Advocacy & Communication Officer) conducted meetings and briefed MPAs that Sindh Assembly has passed Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare act for the rights of older people. They briefed MPAs that SRSO, in partnership with, HelpAge International, is implementing a project "Promotion of the Rights of Older People" in Sindh.

They were informed that The Senior Citizens Welfare Act passed in 2016, but the rules of business (RoBs) have not been completed yet and without the rules of business, the implementation of the act would not happen. During the meeting, the SRSO team informed MPAs that the Senior Citizens act gives several rights to older people. and they were given a copy of the bill. They were briefed that under this act, the Senior Citizens Council is formed which is headed by the provincial minister of social welfare, and they were briefed council would ensure the rights of older people mentioned in the act.





They also shared with MPA about the miseries of older people, sensitized them to raise issues of older people on the floor of the assembly.

They were also briefed that SRSO and HelpAge International are taking efforts to address issues of senior citizens and doing advocacy for the effective implementation of the act.

MPAs said they would play their role from the treasury and the opposition batches to pass rules of business of the act.
Furthermore, Members of the opposition assured that they would discuss with their colleagues of treasury batch to take efforts to pass rules of business.

## One-Day Sensitization Workshop for Media Personnel on Human Rights and Rights of Older People

Karachi/Februrary25,2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) Karachi office arranged a one-day sensitization workshop for Media Persons on Human Rights and Rights of Older People at Karachi. 16 men and 3 women from different mainstream media channels including ARY, SAMA, AAJ TV, AWAZ TV, PTV, and also print media including JISARAT, AUSAF, IBRAT, JANG, DAWN FRIDAY SPECIAL participated in the workshop.

The key objective of the workshop was to sensitize media persons on the human rights of older people and The Sindh Senior Citizen Welfare Act. The main sessions i.e.; Human Rights Treaties, Constitutional Rights, Senior Citizens Rights, and The Sindh Senior Citizen Welfare Act 2014 were covered and shared through presentations and discussion during the workshop. An open discussion on human rights and issues of older people was conducted among the participants and in order to get more understanding about the progress of rules of business. Participants have been also briefed about the project and SRSO interventions for promoting and protecting the rights of older people under national and international human rights framework.

This was the third sensitization workshop of media persons on this topic, which have been organized under the HelpAge supported Promoting Rights of Older People. by SRSO in the project covering districts Shikarpur and Jacobabad. Ms. Uroosa Khatti (Project Focal Person), Mr. Mukhtiar Kapri (Project Coordinator), and Mr. Abdul Qudoos (Advocacy & Communication Officer) facilitated the workshop



#### The Sindh Union Councul and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS) Programme

#### **Activist Workshop of Community** Institutions (CIs) under EU funded **SUCCESS Programme**

Kamber-Shahdadkot/February24,2021

**Sindh Rural Support Organization** (SRSO) district office Kamber-Shahdadkot organized an Activists Workshop of Village Organizations on Menstrual Education at VO Lashkari Chandio Taluka Kamber. Ms. Saba Khalid Founder of Aurat Raj participated and conducted an awareness session on menstrual education in which she discussed social taboos. behaviors, and beliefs among the communities.

This workshop was attended by Ms. Shama Parveen (Deputy Director Women Deptt. Govt. of Sindh), Ms. Sitara Hakro (HST Education), Ms. Nasim Rind (Field Technical Officer), Ms. Aneela Hakro, and Ms. Mukhtiyar (Family Welfare counselor), and Ms. Baby (Social Activist), SRSO Team, and more than 50 Community institutors (COs, VOs and LSOs) members.

This workshop started with the welcome remarks by the VO Leader of the village and then after District Manager-SRSO-KSK, Mr. Asad Ali Jatoi briefed about the purpose of the activist workshop and SRSO and its interventions in the district for the empowering rural communities especially women through community institutions (CIs). CI Leaders and members shared their experiences and stories.

An open discussion session was conducted regarding the issues and challenges faced by women and their way forward was part of the discussion session. Government department stakeholders contributed and shared their comments. They appreciated and admired the participation of women CI leaders for coming forward with such confidence and speaking out on the muchneeded topic. Ms. Saba Khalid appreciated and admired the cooperation of CI Leaders and SRSO and she further announce to visit again for more fruitful sessions in Cls.







Activists workshop is a regular activity of the EU funded SUCCESS Programme for the providing a platform for community institutions, SRSO and Other stakeholders sit together at local level and share views, learning, experiences, and development issues and needs with each other.



Joint Development Committees (JDCs) of Taluka Qubo Saeed Khan, Kamber, and Miro Khan District Kamber-Shahdadkot meetings were organized at Assistant Commissioners Offices and chaired by Assistant Commissioners.

The LSO leaders shared the implementation status of

Kamber-Shahdadkot/Februrary 16, 23, and 26, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) district Kamber-Shahdadkot under the EU-funded SUCCESS Programme held Joint Development Committee (JDC) meetings of Taluka Qubo Saeed Khan (23 February), Kamber (23 February), and Miro Khan (26 February) in the chairship of Assistant Commissioner of respective

taluka at AC Offices.

Mr. Zuhaib Zameer [AC-Qubo Saeed Khan], Mr. Munwar Abbas (AC-Kamber), and chaired Mr. Sayed Yar Ali Shah (AC-Miro Khan) chaired the meetings. Meanwhile, the community leaders/representatives from the LSOs, Govt. line departments especially health, education, social welfare, women development, agriculture. Livestock hand SRSO attended the meetings.

DM-SRSO Mr. Asad Ali Jatoi and DPOs-SRSO-PINS ER-II, and ER-III, and DAFPAK presented the progress under the EU-funded SUCCESS and PINS and PSI-funded DAFPAK programmes in the district, especially in respective taluka.

development plans of the mentioned taluka. They also highlighted the major issues and challenges faced by them regarding health, infrastructure, education, absentees of teachers in schools, and safe drinking water, etc.

Mr. Khaleel Tetlay (Chief Operating Officer-RSPN), Dr. Khalique Mangrijo (GLO RSPN), and Mr. Hamid Magsi (PM-SRSO-PINS) also attended a meeting at Kamber and shared views regarding the role of joint forums in the development process and strengthening networking and working relationship.

Assistant Commissioners appreciated the LSO representatives that they dare to come forward and discuss their issues. In addition, he encouraged the way the health and education issues are presented through the JDC platform where the responsible heads are asked for their duties and are directed to support the community members. He Acknowledged the Role of SRSO and LSO Leaders during COVID-19 and the flood. They also recognized the interventions of MHI Cards and CPIs and their benefits.





THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BUILDING COMMUNITY CLUSTER SCHOOL-SEF-GOS AT YAAR MUHAMMAD NINDWANI DISTRICT KASHMORE@KANDHKOT BY SRSO

#### **District** Kashmore@Kandhkot/February17,2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) organized the Inauguration of the newly constructed building of SRSO-Community Cluster School at Yaar Muhammad Nindwani at district Kashmore@Kandhkot. Mr. Dilshad Pirzado Regional Director Sindh Education Foundation (SEF), Government of Sindh Sukkur region. Community members, school staff, and SRSO team members were also present on this occasion.

This cluster school is containing a total of 11-class room & 2 Halls (science/computer lab) fully equipped with 5.8KW solar installation setup, classroom furnished with furniture, separate washrooms for Girls.

On this occasion, he visited all parts of the building and appreciated the efforts of SRSO efforts and valuable contributions to vulnerable local communities of Sindh. SRSO-Social Service Sectorbriefed about the SRSO interventions undertaken for the education. Regional Head of SEF-GoS also visited other community cluster schools Qaiser Khan Gujrani, Motion Khan Lashari, Bahadur Khan Khoso, and Shahzado Bahlkani of district Kashmore@Kandhkot.

SRSO is constructing all 9-community cluster schools with the support of SEF-GoS in Shikarpur and Jacobabad districts with an aim to provide quality infrastructure and other physical facilities to rural children for ensuing free and quality education.

of Moorras during the one-month long training.

SRSO is going to organize trained women and men in Business



5-BATCHES OF MOORRA MAKING TRAINING FOR RURAL YOUTH HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED SUCCESSFULLY UNDER THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME OF PPRP-GOS IN DISTRICT KHAIRPUR. TOTAL 100 PERSONS (67 WOMEN AND 33 MEN) HAVE BEEN TRAINED ON THIS TRADE.

Khairpur/February, 2021



Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) district Khairpur conducted and completed successfully fifth batch of the Moorra Making and Decoration Training in February month of 2021, in District Khairpur. This training was conducted by SRSO-Institute of Management and Skill Development (IMSD) under Govt. of Sindh supported PPRP. Total 100 persons (67 women and 33 men) have been trained on this locally market-oriented-trade.

The first training batch was stated in August-Sept 2020 at Kangri Taluka and attended by 19 women from the area. The second training was organized in Kot Diji during November-December, 2020 and attended 23 women, thus 3rd training at Gambit Taluka in December 2020 and trained 25 women. Meanwhile 4th batch in January 2021 and fifth in February 2021, and attended by 16 men. The selected trainees have been trained on different types, designs, color combinations, and decorations of Moorras during the one-month long training.

SRSO is going to organize trained women and men in Business Development Groups (BDGs) and support them to initiate this trade as a business for income-generation.

Vocational Training Programme (VTP) is another important component of the PPRP-GoS and has been implemented by SRSO-IMSD in 6 Programme districts. Under the VTP, especially youth boys and girls of rural areas have been trained in above 43 different job-market oriented training trades.

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CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (COO)-RURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMMES NETWORK (RSPN) VISITS SRSO INTERVENTIONS UNDER SUCCESS, PINS-ER-II, ER-III DAFPAK, AND ECHO-HIP-COVID-19 PROGRAMMES.

## Kamber-Shahdadkot & Larkana/February23, 24 and 26. 2021

Mr. Khaleel Tetlay Chief Operating Officer (COO) RSPN visited Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) interventions carried out under the EU funded SUCCESS, Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh ((PINS) ER-II, PINS ER-II, PSI funded Delivering Accelerated Family Planning in Pakistan (DAFPAK) and ECHO-HIP-COVID-19 Project in district Kamber-Shahdadkot and Larkana districts.

On the first day February 23, he visited the VO Mumtazabad UC Warah where he interacted with beneficiaries of these programs and community institutions' members. He visited the demo plot of kitchen gardening. In the VO meeting, beneficiaries shared their success stories that were about goats, poultry, and agriculture entrepreneurs, CIF, IGG, TVST, SAM, and MAM cases as well. On this occasion, he talked with participants, appreciated their efforts and commitments of the village organization and beneficiaries, and urged that this all work have was done well because of the organization to make a strong village organization. The same day, he attended the meeting of the Joint Development Committee (JDC) Taluka Kamber at AC Office. He appreciated the efforts of SRSO regarding close coordination and networking with govt. and other stakeholders for supporting formed community institutions.



On February 24, 2021, he visited district Larkana where he joined Commissioner Larkana visit of Larkana outreach. He participated in the Activists Workshop village Miandad Brohi UC Rasheed Wagan Taluka Larkana and conducted a dialogue with community institution leaders on social mobilization and networking with govt. and other stakeholders.

On February 26, COO RSPN visited Village Organization Arzi Markhand, UC Aitbar Khan Chandio, and observed all the programs being implemented through the Community Institutes (CIs) in District. He conducted a meeting where CI leaders welcomed the guest and gave a brief presentation about their progress, achievements, and self-help initiatives. Additionally, they shared their efforts and experiences throughout their journey. After that, he visited the LSO Soohn office where Ms. Parveen Khatoon (LSO Treasurer) shared her case study of CIF utilization in the enterprise development of the decorations material. On this occasion, he distributed the cheques distribution among the goat's beneficiaries was held under the PINS ER-3 Project.

Currently, SRSO is implementing SUCCESS,, PINS-ER-II and ER-III, DAFPAK, and ECHO-HIP-COVID-19 initiatives with the partnership of RSPN for improving socio-economic conditions of rural communities especially poverty reduction, women empowerment, nutrition, reproductive health, and COVID-19 emergency sectors through community institutions in



February 5, Kashmir Solidarity Day was observed with Communities, schoolchildren, CSOs and district administrations throughout Sindh by Sindh Rural Support Organization.





#### **SRSO-INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (IMSD)**

4-DAYS-ORIENTATION WORKSHOP ON PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION MANUAL (PIM) FOR PEOPLES' POVERTY REDUCTION PROGRAMME (PPRP)-GOVT. OF SINDH STAFF.

SRSO Complex Sukkur/February17-20, 2021

SRSO-Institute of Management and Skill Development (IMSD) organized a 4-days-Orientation Workshop on Programme Implementation Manual (PIM) for Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP)-Govt. of Sindh staff from February 17 to 20, 2021 at SRSO Complex Sukkur. 33 staff members (including 14 women) of PPRP-SRSO District Sanghar and 6 Monitoring Officers PPRP-PMU-GoS (Khairpur, Sanghar, Umerkot, Mirpurkhas, Badin, and Thatta districts) attended the workshop, the main purpose of the workshop was to build the capacity of the PPRP-GoS staff on implementation in order to implement the Programme smoothly and effectively and achieve set objectives.

During the 4 days' workshop, all major SRSO working themes and PPRP components were covered through brainstorming, presentation, and group discussion training methodologies, and an exposure visit for learning field-level experiences and learning from the communities

and community institutions of programme implementation. This exposure visit of the participants was arranged of the Local Support Organization of UC Bugro Taluka Kot Diji District Khairpur. For this purpose, participants have been divided into groups and they visited two locations, met Community institutions, and visited the community initiatives under the PPRP-GoS.

Mr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo (Team-Leader-PPRP) and Mr. Zubair Soomro (Manager-IMSD) were the Lead facilitators. Meanwhile, Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro (RSP approach), Mr. Naveed Ishaque (Poverty Score Card Survey), Ms. Hafeeza Bozdar (Record Keeping), Ms. Samina Barkat (Sexual Harassment), Mr. Niaz Hingro (Vocational Training Programme), and Mr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo (IGG and CIF) conducted planned sessions of the workshop.

Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO) inaugurated and concluded the workshop and Mr. Parvez Chandio (Director-Monitoring PPRP-PMU-GoS) attended this workshop.



## Komal is becoming an inspiration at a very early age!

#### **District Larkana**

Komal's father, Mujeeb-Ur-Rehman, was an engineer. He dreamt of giving his children education to secure a better tomorrow. The family lived in Larkana city, where Komal did her intermediate studies.

Unfortunately, Komal's father passed away and the family had to move to their relatives in the village. Komal was not able to continue her education but that didn't stop her from pursuing an opportunity to become a member of a Business Development Group (BDG) specializing in clay artwork.

Komal kept learning and practicing her new skill; now she can make clay jewelry. Komal's BDG is named "Sona Hath" or "Golden Hands." The business group has started selling replicas of Moen-Jo-Daro archaeological artifacts and clay art jewelry. Speaking about the pricing strategy, Komal said, "We keep the cost and some profit margins while pricing the products, but we keep it reasonable so that people can afford to buy here." Komal is the only participant who is educated and she intends to utilize her knowledge for expanding the BDG's work

## The family who survived on limited crop production once has a small business now!

#### **District Kamber-Shahdadkot**

Azhar and Tahir. Mariam's both sons have families but they were unemployed. The crop production was not enough for raising expenditures. In that hard time, Mariam's planning gave a new hope to the family. Being a member of the Community Organization 'Azhar', Kamber-Shahdadkot, she received and invested the interest-free loan under SUCCESS in beginning a small shop. According to her: "I submitted another request for the 2nd Interest-free loan and got PKR 20,000 to purchase additional items for the shop." Now, the family started getting some profits from this business too. Mariam is hoping to grow shop earnings with her planning and sons' hard work.



# Success stories from EU funded-SUCCESS Programme



#### SRSO-Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Unit (MER-U)



Poverty Score Card (PSC) survey is continued by SRSO-MER-Unit in expanded districts of Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP)-Govt. of Sindh and PMU-PPRP-GoS team visited both districts.

Sukkur and Ghotki Districts/February, 2021

SRSO-Monitoring, Evaluation, and Research Unit (MER-U) is conducting a comprehensive Poverty Score Card (PSC) Survey in both expanded districts (Ghotki and Sukkur) of the Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP) Government of Sindh. After the team formation and training completion, the survey is going on in all targeted talukas of expanded PPRP-GoS districts. At present, eight teams have been engaged in both districts. 5 teams at district Ghotki which is comprising 46 enumerators, 5 supervisors, 5 monitors, 3 post validation monitors, and one district coordinator. Each team at district Sukkur, which comprises 36 enumerators, 3 supervisors, 3 field monitors, 2 post validation monitors. & one District Coordinator.

For this purpose, on the first day, 8 one day training (5 Ghotki and3 Sukkur) have been also conducted for hired/on-board teams on the PSC survey. Sr. Manager SRSO-MER-U, PSC Coordinator, and MIS-PPRP-SRSO conducted these trainings.

Mr. Parvez Ahmed Chandio (Directo Monitoring-PMU-PPRP-GoS and Mr. Abid Mahar Programme Assistant (PMU-PPRP-GoS) from February 1 to 4, 2021 also monitored the PSC survey process. They visited two teams in district Ghotki one at Ghotki and 2nd at Khangarh Taluka and 3 teams of Sukkur. They observed the survey process of the teams during the field and verified the data as well. Sr. Manager-MER-U and PS Coordinator were together and facilitated the team in the field visits. On February 5 and 6, 2021 another visit also conducted by the Mr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo Team Lead of PPRP-SRSO, and Mr.



#### SRSO-E-BULLETIN IN FEBRUARY 2021

SRSO-Monitoring, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit (MER-U) has started an initiative of SRSO-Special E-Bulletin from October 2020. The main purpose of developing and sharing E-Bulletin is to document special intervention/s of SRSO and Community Institutions (CIs) in a good form in order to promote and update all stakeholders. Each issue of bulletin covers an important intervention or consolidated different activities with all necessary information about intervention/s and Programme with supporting good pictures on a developed specific template.

Total 19 Issues of the E-Bulletin were developed by MER-Unit during the month of February 2021. These SRSO-E-Bulletins cover 19 major and specific interventions that consolidated the different activities in one news/issue of 09



#### Media Coverage of SRSO Interventions-February 2021





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#### Khairpur (Soon Times) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Sindh Rural Support Organization Khairpur (SERSO) and Social Forest Division Khairpur, both organizations to make the

environment greener and

promote the nursery busi-

ness. On the occasion of the MoU, Khadim Hussain Shar, District Manager, SERSO Khairpur, said that is launching a regular nursery business for the well-organized women of the village below which will not only guarantee good employment but will be a new chapter of eco-friendly tree

DAILY ALEEF KARACHI

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SERSO signed MOU with

Forest Division Khairpur

planting. On this occasion Divisional Forest Officer Social Forestry Division Khairpur He said that SERSO appreciates the beautiful and lush initiative of Khairpur's nursery business. We are ready for all technical support for this business and eco-friendly cam-





Citizens demand to impleme Senior Citizen Act for the wel the elderly people

#### By: Adeel Alvi SHIKARPUR: The elderly villagers, a

Gada Hussain Shar and village talking with media men said that s are deprived of fundamental facilities a dectricity, gas connections, government Sindh Rural Support Organization [SESO] has been providing help to resolve outstandi



فيريور: منده دورل سيدرث آركنا كزيش ادرسوش فاريست دويان كردرميان معاجب كي إواشت يرو تنظ كية جارب جي

## منده دورل سيورث آركنا يُزيشن

فیری (النانده ایکی ایس) سند داشهٔ آرگناگزانش فیری (درمو)در سیورت ارتازخان کریم در موان می از از مان کار مول قاریت آوین فجر اور کے درمیان مام ل کو مرفع معاد دردون کے کاروبار کے ایک معادمت کا معاد دردون کلیکس کے باقی معادمت کا باداشت پروسخط مولکس ایست کار میں موقع کے راوست به و محدود با المؤسسة بالدع بالوري مراس في اسك المؤسسة بوانام من هم المدود كرمود و الى الديات الديان من همان المدود فرمة كالفرات المؤسسة المؤرد الماك المدود المؤسسة فرمزان كادوارك لا شاكر المشاكل المثال المحالك المديا ال در مرکز انتظام الدور و احداق کا با بدر مرکز ا و در است مجراری کا اک نام بالب محدال موقع کے اور ایل الدور نام کی کا سرور کار است کا مرکز میان کا جداد مرکز کار طرف کیا کا سرور می را سد کار مرکز میان کا مداود کے فوامل کا اور است محمل کا الدین مجال کار کار دوار کا اور است محمل کے لئے بحر کارا و المينل والدوياك المالي والمس

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بهاستسر) SHIKARPUR: The elderly villagers residents of Gada Hussain Shar and men said that our villages are deprived of facilities schools, and other facilities, but they said that Sindh Rural Support Organization high-ups to take steps to implement gathering held at both villages, here on

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### Pictorial Highlights of SRSO Interventions-February 2021

