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Promoting Rights of Older People (HelpAge International Supported) 4th Meeting of Senior Citizens Council-Government of Sindh was held with the support of SRSO at Social Welfare Training Institute Karachi.

KARACHI/MAY 19, 2021

The 4th Meeting of Senior Citizens Council-Government of Sindh was held with the support of SRSO at Social Welfare Training Institute Karachi. Madam Shamim Mumtaz, Chairperson of Senior Citizens Council, chaired this meeting. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the NADRA proposal for developing the Azadi Card for Senior Citizens of Sindh. NADRA officials from Head Quarter Islamabad participated in the meeting and gave a presentation on making Azadi Card. In the meeting, Council Members unanimously approved the proposal of NADRA for the welfare of the senior citizens of Sindh.

Sindh Government has formed the Senior Citizen Council in 2016 under the Senior Citizen Welfare Act 2014. It is responsible for the overall implementation of the act and it comprises 17 members, which is representing to all major responsible departments and organizations.

Currently, SRSO is implementing Promoting Rights of Older People Project with the support of HelpAge International at Jacobabad, Shikarpur, and Karachi in order to contribute to the wellbeing of older women and men by facilitating the implementation of the Senior Citizens Act 2014 in Sindh.



Meeting with District Forest Department Larkana

LARKANA/MAY 21, 2021

A team of SRSO, which was comprised of PINS Manager Mr. Hamid Ali Magsi, NRM Manager Mr. Ali Asghar Metlo, and DPO-PINS Mr. Riaz Ahmed Bijarani visited the forest Nursery and held a meeting with Mr. Arshad Kamario District Forest Officer (DFO) Larkana. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the MOU Signed by RSPN with the Forest Department regarding the provision of fruit plants under the Green Pakistan Programme (GPP)/ Ten Billion Tree Tsunami Program (TBTP). SRSO Team discussed in detail tree plantation and SRSO initiatives, especially in the district. DFO LRK agreed that the forest department would provide plants incoming season from October as they will establish a fruit nursery, however, 1500 fruit plants will be provided at the end of June 2021.





National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP)-Govt. of Pakistan

2ND 7-DAYS TRAINING OF TRAINERS (TOT) WORKSHOP WAS ORGANIZED FOR COMMUNITY RESOURCE PERSONS (CRPS) ON ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT, ASSETS MANAGEMENT, FINANCIAL AND FUNCTIONAL LITERACY.

Training Manual on Enterprise Development

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) organized successfully the 2nd 7-days Training of Trainers (ToT) on Enterprise Development, Assets Management, Financial and Functional Literacy from April 27 to May 3, 2021, at SRSO Complex Sukkur under the National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP)-Government of Pakistan. This 7-days training of trainers workshop was organized for selected 27 (14 males and 13 females) Community Response Persons (CRPs) of both Programme districts Shikarpur and Kashmore-Kandhkot.

Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro (RGM-SRSO) shared opening remarks and showed hoped that participants learn through active participation and will replicate the same learning with the same commitment and enthusiasm in their respective areas. All planned sessions were conducted using participatory, participants-focused, and interactive training tools and methodology for the achieving objective of the training. Training Consultant Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed Pirzado facilitated the training.

Under NPGP-GOP, SRSO has initiated a training program for Programme beneficiaries. For this purpose, a total of 660 Community Resource Persons (300 Kashmore-Kandhkot and 360 Shikarpur) will be trained as Master Trainers on 3 main program training themes i.e. enterprise development, health and nutrition, and climate change adaptation and CBDRM in targeted 66 union councils (30 KKK and 36 Shikarpur) of both districts under the NPGP-GOP.

Initially, 132 CRPs of both districts (2 from each UC) have been identified as Economic CRPs and their Training Of Trainers (TOT) have been started. They have been trained in a 7 days comprehensive training that includes mainly; functional literacy, financial literacy, and basic business management and assets management.

SRSO HAS ALSO DEVELOPED A COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING MANUAL FOR 7-DAYS TOT OF CRPS ON ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT IN THE SINDHI LANGUAGE WITH THE HELP OF A TRAINING CONSULTANT. THESE MASTER TRAINERS WILL BE TRAINED ON THIS MANUAL AND THEY WILL BE REPLICATED THE TRAINING AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. THE MANUAL COMPRISES 24 MODULES COVERING ALL ASPECTS OF ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT MAINLY; BASIC CONCEPTS, MY ENTERPRISE WORLD, CAPACITIES OF ENTERPRISE, FEASIBILITY STUDY, ENTERPRISE OPPORTUNITIES, ENTERPRISE PLANNING, 6 BASIC ELEMENTS OF MARKETING, CALENDAR, DEMAND, AND SUPPLY, COLLECTIVE INTERESTS, TYPES OF INVESTMENT, ASSETS MANAGEMENT, FINANCIAL LITERACY, BUDGET, INVESTMENT, CREDIT MANAGEMENT, ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES AND PRODUCTS, RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONSUMERS, AND RECORD KEEPING.



Benazir Housing Cell (BHC)-Govt. of Sindh delegation visited Low-Cost Housing (LCH) constructed by Sindh Rural Support Organization

Thatta/May 24, 2021

Benazir Housing Cell (BHC) –Govt. of Sindh’s official’s delegation visited Low-Cost Housing (LCH) constructed by Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) under Govt. of Sindh supported Peoples’ Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP). The main purpose of the visit was to do a comparative study between BHC and LCH for learning. Mr. Faisal Uqaili Chairman BHC and his team visited village Ezza Muhammad Jokhio, UC Bhambhore, Taluka Mirpur Sakro, and District Thatta. Then, the delegation visited BHC houses at Khaskheli Mohalla, Gharo city to compare everything, cost, sense of ownership, room size, Varanda size, roof, washroom without soak pit, etc. They visited SRSO PPRP village Budho Radhar and village Arab Solangi, UC Bijora, where SRSO PPRP LCH and BHC house were there. They compared with feedback of beneficiaries of BHC and LCH PPRP..Dr.Ghulam Rasool Samejo, Mr. Sikandar Sanam (Programme Manager SRSO-PIDT), and District Team facilitated the visit.



People’s Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP) Govt. of Sindh

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Sahiban w/o Hussain belongs to a poor family and she is a member of CO Rukhsana and VO Kanbhoo Samoon at village Kanbhoo Samoon UC Faqeer Abdullah District Badin. Her husband is selling milk to survive life and earn 300 to 400 PKR on daily basis. She has 10 children in which 06 daughters and 04 sons. She was living with her family in Kacha House, which was also partially damaged and not for able to living conditions. She was facing many problems during rain and hot season etc. When SRSO launched Govt. of Sindh financed PPRP in her village, her HH surveyed through poverty scorecard, and she showed ultra-poor as in PSC 05. Therefore, after that, she becomes a member of CO Rukhsana and developed her micro-investment plan of low-cost houses. Then SRSO supported her 110000 PKR for the construction of a house and allied facility latrine. Then she got efforts and completed her house and latrine. She says, “Now, we are living a very comfortable life and living is better than the previous lifestyle.” She added her feeling “we are also feeling free and safe from effects of rains and hot season and other risks.”



3rd 7-Days Training of Trainers (TOT) Workshop was organized for Community Resource Persons (CRPs) on Enterprise Development, Assets Management, Financial and Functional Literacy

SRSO Complex Sukkur/ May 21 to May 27,2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) organized successfully the 3rd 7-days Training of Trainers (ToT) on Enterprise Development, Assets Management, Financial and Functional Literacy from May 21 to May 27, 2021, at SRSO Complex Sukkur under the National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP)-Government of Pakistan. This 7-days training of trainers workshop was attended by selected 25 (20 males and 5 females) Community Resource Persons (CRPs) of both Programme districts Shikarpur and Kashmore-Kandhkot.

These master trainers have been trained and capacitated mainly all aspects of enterprise development through using different participatory and interactive training tools and techniques. The main topics of the training which were covered during the 7 days; basic concepts, enterprise world, capacities of enterprise, feasibility study, enterprise opportunities, enterprise planning, 6 basic elements of marketing, calendar, demand, and supply, collective interests, types of investment, assets management, financial literacy, budget, investment, credit management, access to financial services and products, rights and responsibilities of consumers, and record keeping.

On the first day, Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro (RGM-SRSO) shared opening remarks, and last day Mr. Muzafar Ali Pahnwar Manager NPGP-SRSO participated in the concluding session and distributed certificates among the participants. Meanwhile Training Consultant Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed Pirzado facilitated the training. Under NPGP-GOP, SRSO has initiated a training program for program beneficiaries. For this purpose, a total of 660 Community Resource Persons (300 Kashmore-Kandhkot and 360 Shikarpur) will be trained as Master Trainers on 3 main program training themes i.e. enterprise development, health, and nutrition, and climate change adaptation and CBDRM in targeted 66 union councils (30 KKK and 36 Shikarpur) of both districts under the NPGP-GOP.

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These trained 132 Economic CRPs master trainers will be replicated this training with 32,549 tangible assets beneficiaries of the Programme in both districts through a 3 days training. These trained Economic CRPs will also train Interest-Free Loan (IFL) beneficiaries on basic business management. Thus, 3,617 Intangibles beneficiaries (i.e. vocational training Programme) will be also trained on basic business management.



The Mid-Term Review of the Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh (PINS ER3 & ER2) has been initiated in SRSO Programme districts.

Larkana/May03, 2021

The Mid-Term Review of the EU-funded Programme For Improved Nutrition In Sindh (PINS ER3 & ER2) has been initiated with SRSO in three Programme districts Larkana, Kamber-Shahdadkot, and Shikarpur. For this purpose MTR Team Leader, Mr. Angus Graham chaired the meeting at SRSO D.O Larkana. All stakeholders of PINS ER3, ER2, attended this meeting. District Larkana team shared a presentation on PINS achievement. Later on, Mr. Angus Graham visited VO Mangria, where a meeting was organized with VO, LSO, and Programme beneficiaries to discuss in detail project activities, their impact, / challenges and the change has brought into their lives due to program interventions. Mr. Angus Graham also visited Kitchen Gardening demonstration plots at HHs level, new latrines constructed by the community on a self-initiative basis, and Alternate Water Supply Hand Pump Scheme sites. SRSO-Regional General Manager and Programme Manager were also accompanied with him and briefed them about the SRSO interventions and achievements under the Programme in the district.



SRSO is implementing EU-funded "Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh" (PINS) - ER-II and ER-III in partnership with RSPN in Larkana, Kamber-Shahdadkot, and Shikarpur districts.

The Mid-Term Review process of the EU-funded, Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh (PINS-ER-II and ER-III) is ongoing in SRSO Programme area. Mr. Angus Graham lead the Mid-Term Review team, met with VO leaders, CRPs, CHWs and goats, kitchen gardening and poultry beneficiaries, also visited Field Farmers Schools (FFSs) at village Golo Ghanwas of taluka Nasirabad in District Kamber-ShahdadKot. Team have detailed discussions on programs activities and Review progress against the programme outcomes in order to identify key achievements, gaps and area of improvements.

Kamber-Shahdadkot/May 19 & 20.2021

Meeting with Mr.Zoahaib Zamir Odhano (AC) Assistant Commissioner /TCCN chairperson Taluka Quboo Saaed Khan and ACF,SRSO delegation accompanied with Mr. Angus Graham MTR team lead for detailed discussion about ongoing EU funded PINS ER2 & ER3 programs and World Bank supported GoS fostered (Accelerated Action Plan (AAP) for reduction stunting & malnutrition in Sindh. Delegation also visited Nutrition Stabilization Center (NSC) established by Integrated Health Services (IHS) under PINS ER2 at DHQ Hospital Kamber.



What an impressive progress!

Inside Sindh, women are getting professional training!

Thousands of women have become artisan agricultural farming fish capital farming!

Kamran Khan Kay Sath-Dunya TV /May 21, 2021



This is the storyline of the famous TV news show Kamran Khan Kay Sath on Dunya TV which was telecast on May 20, 2021 (10.00 PM). This Top Story prepared by a senior research story journalist Mr. Akhtiyar Khokhar of Dunya News. Story covers successfully ongoing women-owned enterprises of Business Development Groups (BDGs) in Thatta, Khairpur, and Larkana districts. Sindh Rural Support Organization has supported these businesses under the EU-funded SUCCESS Programme and Sindh Government supported the Peoples' Poverty Reeducation Programme (PPRP) in order to reduce poverty, unemployment and improve women's economic empowerment through engaging fostered Community Institutions (CIs). The story also tells about the SRSO's community institutions and Business Development Groups of rural women for women empowerment and economic development.

The clay and handloom making (District Larkana), vegetable farming and dates storage (District Khairpur), and Cattle, and fish farming (Thatta) enterprises have been shown in the story. All enterprise-owner women of the BDGs have briefed their success stories in front of the camera confidently and briefly. They say, "we decided, planned, initiated, managed, and benefited the form the owned business for the improving our household's economic conditions with financial and technical support of the Sindh Rural Support Organization and Government of Sindh."

Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO) was also interviewed in which he talks about the SRSO vision and approach of women's Business Development Groups (BDGs) formation, initiating enterprise development, and support groups through financial, technical, market linkages, and its impacts on women and its family livelihood and role of Sindh Government.



BBC covers the story of Ms. Fareeda Mahar: A SRSO supported Woman Entrepreneur from Rasham Bazar Larkana

BBC/May21,2021

Farida Mahar, the first female shopkeeper of Silk Street in Larkana:

Initially, Farida volunteer at the non-governmental organization Sindh Rural Support Organization then hired there. She says that the villagers and the relatives objected to their job which made them leave the village and they went to Larkana. A rented house in the city.

Farida Mahar continued to work in a non-governmental organization and soon became a master trainer. Interestingly, she did not get a formal education and was given basic education by the same organization.

She says after a year she saw the villagers changing their thinking. ' They realized that nothing was wrong and I'm just supporting my father and trying to end my home and family poverty. Doing. After this change, I came back to the village. '

After some time, Farida thought of opening a shop in the market.

This story has been covered by a renowned journalist of BBC Mr. Riaz Soahi and published in BBC Urdu and aired a video documentary.



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بیٹھے گی، یہ
فلط ہے

فریدہ مہر، لاڑکانہ کی ریشم
گلی کی پہلی خاتون دکاندار:
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بی بی سی اردو ڈاٹ کام، لاڑکانہ

17 مئی 2021



Larkana: 'She'll have a shop in the Bazaar now, this is wrong' - BBC URDU

EU funded PINS-ER-II and III Mid Term Evaluation (MTR) Team Leader Mr. Angus Gharum visited district Shikarpur.

Shikarpur/May 26m 27 & 28, 2021

On 26, & 27 Mid Term Evaluation (MTR) team leader Angus Gharum visited district Shikarpur. The first day, he visited village Sobho where he observed the community Fish Pond, where he also conducted a detailed meeting with VO leaders. Mr. Angus discussed the food preservation activity. Community leaders shared their experience on food preservation, brought preserved food, and showed him. He also visited the Paddy Fish farm at Village Moorani

On 27, MTR team lead Mr. Angus Graham had a productive day at Shikarpur District. A meeting with LSO Sindh Sujag UC Rustam. Taluka Lakhi and DCCN meeting with AAP & PINS Partners and detailed meeting with Deputy Commissioner at DC office, Shikarpur. Mr. Angus conducted Capacity Assessment Review Meeting with Govt. officials departments: Agriculture, Extension Livestock, Education, Population at SRSO District Office. He visited Village Jano and held a meeting with Progressive Farmer visited the Private Poultry farm and discussed Disease Deaths Surveillance of Poultry in district Shikarpur. He also visited Village Ghulam Muhammad Mirbhar where he did boating, visited, KG, Moringa, and fruit Nursery as well as fruit plants and private Fish Ponds.



SRSO- Pictorial Highlights May, 2021

