# MONTHLY AT A GLANCE Sindh Rural Support Organization

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# SINCH EDUCATION FOUNDATION (SEF) ASSISTED SCHOOLS MR. MIR SHABEER ALI KHAN BIJARANI (PROVINCIAL MINISTER MINES & MINERAL DEVELOPMENT-GOS) INAUGURATED NEWLY ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY CLUSTER SCHOOL QAISER KHAN GUJRANI CEO-SRSO WAS ALSO ATTENDED THE CEREMONY

## KASHMORE@KANDHKOT/DECEMBER17,2021

SRSO has organized School inauguration ceremony at newly constructed building of Community Cluster School Qaiser Khan Gujarani in Kashmore-Kandhkot.

The school was inaugurated by Mir Shabbir Ali Khan Bijarani (Provincial Minister for Mines & Mineral Development). Representatives of Education department and Mr. Dittal Kalhoro, CEO-Sindh Rural Support Organization, teachers, notables of the area and SRSO officials also present on the occasion. The ribbon cutting ceremony was carried out along with the round of the new school building and interacted with students. Mr. Shabeer Ali appreciated the efforts of SRSO in providing quality education to students by establishing a well-furnished school building equipped with interactive learning resources.

This Community Cluster School is equipped with furnished classrooms with flexible furniture, library, science and computer lab, courtyard and playground . The school built with the financial Support of Sindh Education Foundation(SEF) and will be maintained by SRSO education team with the commitment to not only bringing out of school children in schools but also ensuring the provision of quality education.. The project aims to increase public schools in selected areas of the Sindh province, with a special focus on bringing back children who have dropped out of schools. Through this public-private partnership approach, these innovative solutions help improve school governance and quality of teaching. Children will receive free and quality education



#### **Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program-Govt. of Sindh**

A dialogue with Rural Entrepreneur Women of Business Development Groups (BDGs) conducted By Dr. Kaiser Bengali CEO-SRSO and DG-PPRP-Govt. of Sindh also attended the dialogue

On dated 23rd December 2021, A Team of the high delegation led by Dr. Kaiser Bengali, a renowned Economist, and EUfunded Sindh Union Council Community and Economic Strengthening Support (Success) program's technical assistance team, visited Business Development Croups of Khairpur's rural women running a small business at the community level for poverty reduction and income-generating purposes and met with startups rural women entrepreneurs and also had a talk with these rural women entrepreneurs on economic conditions of the villages and how GoS or SRSO as economically empowered women can help to improve it. SRSO Management led by CEO SRSO also conducted a detailed meeting with the team.



A dialogue was organized with Rural Entrepreneur Women of Business Development Groups (BDGs) fostered by SRSO under the GoS funded PPRP. Dr. Kaiser Bengali conducted an interactive dialogue with rural women entrepreneurs these BDGs. Meanwhile Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO), Mr. Parvaiz Ahmed Chandio (DG-PPRP-Gos, Mr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo (Team Leader-PPRP), delegation team members and SRSO staff attended the dialogue.). Rural entrepreneurs' women's Business Experience sharing (Journey to incubate their idea and how to run a business with challenges). So, 16 rural entrepreneur women shared their business detail, how they incubate their idea and from where/whom idea came into your mind and decided for a small start-up, what challenges faced by them, what is the sustainability of their business, value addition in their business, profit distribution, business/product extension in their existing businesses ( Livestock feed (Growing and Selling on leased land), Grocery Shop, Wheat Straw Stock Business, Fish Farm, Stitching of School Dresses, Livestock Rearing ( Calf and Goat), Dates Gardens on lease and selling the dates, Beauty Parlour, Ladies Cosmetic Shop, Craft Shop, Small Vegetable Farming, Cloth business, Motor Cycle Spare parts, etc.)



In concluding remarks by Dr. Kaiser Bengali, he applauded the rural women for running these successful businesses and your inspiring role with enthusiasm is a real success that women have been empowered economically and socially. The most inspiring moment for that you have self-belief and the ability to take the risk for business through which you are successful. It the most important that you have groomed your personality as a businesswoman because you have a pleasant sense of humor and enjoy your business and earning profit due to hardworking, commitment, and dedication with business and yourself for income generating and uplifting their living standard. In addition that I am happy to listen to your self-initiatives through utilizing social capital for infrastructure requests to the Government line department, improvement in the education ratio especially for girls, healthcare, water supply, and drainage.



"I am happy that your males are supporting you and you are making decisions with economic empowerment and your social capital has been increased due to which you are also supporting male members of your family. You are now economically empowered and I would request you that please sustain your business with a business extension approach and think about the village to market approach for touching all highest rates for-profit purposes. I will pray for your progress and empowerment for village development and women's economic empowerment."

Dr. Kaiser Bengali an eminent economist along with his team visited SRSO BDGs managed by community women under the Govt. of Sindh funded PPRP *Khairpur Mirs/* 22 December 2021



Dr. Kaiser Bengali an eminent economist along with his team visited SRSO formed Business **Development Groups (BDGs)** managed by organized community women under the Government of Sindh-funded **Peoples Poverty Reduction** Program (PPRP) at different locations of District Khairpur. They visited three BDGs, met business-owned entrepreneurs, and enquired about their getting, idea, and selection, starting and operating business. He also discussed women about investment v/s profit, current challenges, and the future for expanding and sustaining their business as well. Mr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo (Team Leader-PPRP) and Mr. Khadim Shar (DM-SRSO) facilitated the team

Baakh Craft Enterprise this group is formed with 5 organized women of community & placed their shop at Shah Hussain bypass basically these women got training through Vocational Training Program and started work with community investment Fund of Rs. 100,000/-. Now, this group is connected with other Business Development Groups **BDGs of PPRP such as Business of** Handloom, the business of Rilli making, business of handicraft and with Sartycon Sang under CED. The second location was **BDG Shabnam Motor Cycle Spare parts** Shop, this group was formed by 5 organized women of the community with primary investment in PKR. 263,788/-. Their employees at center market of Narodhoro Kotdiji operate the group, and group is linked this mini business in their surroundings as motor cycle mechanic, tractor mechanic & puncture shop after its execution creates jobs for eradication of unemployment.

The third Location was BDG Sawera Small Scale Nursery Farm this group was formed by 05 women who build their nursery on their premises and make an agreement with the forest department for the earlier sale of plants. For more concerned, this Group won the proposal of GRASP-ESF grant PKR. 600,000/- In which these women wil germinated onion and tomato with having facilities of loader rickshaw and a small tunnel.

Besides that, Dr. Kasier visited Khairpur Special Economic Zone (KSEZ) and interacted with the KSEZ team and they briefed in a detailed presentation.



SRSO-Monthly At A Glance (MAAG) December, 2021 by ME-Unit

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

Activist workshop has been organized under the theme "Stop violence against women" Mr. Javed Nabi Khoso (Depuy Commissioner) was the chief guest Kamber-Shahdadkot/ December10, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) on the occasion of international human rights day December 10, 2021 Activists workshop has been organized under the theme "Stop violence against women" at Dost Muhammad Metlo,Kamber-Shahdadkot. Deputy Commissioner Javed Nabi Khoso was the chief guest of the event and along with Social welfare officer, Women development officer, and SUCCESS leaders participated as well.

SRSO under EU funded SUCCESS Programme international human rights celebrates every year on different levels through engaging different stakeholders. It focuses to discuss openly on all basic human rights especially violence against women in different platforms. Therefore, LSO Roshan Deeo Aabri arranged event at their village. In this special day, a huge number of women participated from the community institutions.



# HUAMA RIGHTS DAY



On this event, Jamal Mustafa Shoro (Team Leader-SUCCESS) shared his views regarding the day. He said a healthy and independent woman could birth a healthy mind and this would lead a healthy society. He further said women should recognize their power and strength otherwise; no one can change their situation they suffer.

Mr. Asad Jatoi DM SRSO welcomed the guests and LSO leaders shared their experiences and stories in impressive manager.

In the end of the event DC Mr. Javed Nabi Khoso' said that" I am happy to see the courage and efforts of women who shared their stories and arranged such a wonderful event. Further he said that "women and men are equal and no one has right to oppress others." On one point, he said whatever would be possible he would support.



#### PROGRAMME FOR IMPROVED NUITRITION IN

SINDH (ER-III)



A Joint delegation of government department's officials and RSPN conducted a visit of Sindh Rural Support Organization interventions under EU funded PINS-3 Shikarpur/



#### December 16, 2021

A Joint delegation of government department's officials and RSPN conducted a visit to Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO)) interventions under EU funded Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh (PINS-ER-3) in district Shikarpur. They visited two Local Support Organizations (LSOs) of UC Taluka Lakkhi. Mr. Anwar Khashkheli (A.C Lakhi taluka), Dr. Gulbahar Narejo ( Deputy Director livestock Department), Mr. Khuda Bux Kalwar (Deputy Director Agriculture Department), Mr. Abdul Rasheed Sethar (Rain Forest officer Forest Department), Mr. Manzoor Ahmed Abbasi (AEG PHED) participated. Mr. Mudassar Hussain (Programme Director PINS ER-3), Dr. Abdul Khaliq Mangryio (RSPN), Mr. Rao Ayoub (ACF) & Mrs. Shazia (GM SRSO), Mr. Rustam Soomro(RGM SRSO), Mr. Zaheer Ahmed (DM SHP), Mr. Mazhar Ali Abro (DPO PINS) were part of the delegation.

First, they visited VO Sobho UC Abdo where they observed the fish harvesting process. LSO Sindh harvested 130 KG of fish and Leaders sale out the lowest rate among the poorest households for consumption so that their nutrition could improve. Fruit plants were also distributed among females to plant at their houses. On this occasion, a community dialogue was conducted in which all delegation members from Govt. were briefed about their departments, its key services for communities, and how they reach them and get services. LSO leader Chairperson Ms. Haseena shared the key achievements, especially under PINS-3. On this occasion, fruit plants were also distributed among females to plant at their houses. European Union funds PINS.



C2nd visit was paid to VO Samano Mahar LSO Mehran UC Bharkan where a joint delegation members interacted with the community and women shared their case studies. Ms. Sanam Chairperson LSO Mehran shared a presentation especially the key success of the PINS. She told that in the village total households are 182. She further said, "Before the project, there were a total of 102 and now in 140 and 38 latrines have been constructed by communities and no one housed used open defecation." Meanwhile, program beneficiaries discussed the major impacts of the Programme on their lives especially changed their behavior and practices as well towards nutrition, child and mother health and hygiene. The delegation also visited the Ppaddy fish farming model. CLEW livestock camp was also was arranged where SRSO trained CLEW vaccinated the community's livestock. 31 Small farmers and 40 Low-cost latrine cheques were also distributed among beneficiaries.

Finally, after the field visit, de-briefing meeting was held which Mr. Kashif Hussain Khuhro (Deputy Commissioner Shikarpur) chaired the meeting. Govt. delegation members shared their views and observations of the field. After that, a detailed discussion was conducted on PINS interventions and their

# Ehsaas- Interest Free Loan (IFL) Project



Two-Days-Basic Orientation Training on "Disbursement Tools and Recovery Techniques of Interest Free Loan (INF) Project. CEO-SRSO inaugurated the workshop SRSO Complex Sukkur/December21 & 22, 2021

SRSO-Institute of Management and Skill Development (IMSD) organized 2 days of training on Basic Orientation Training on "Disbursement Tools and Recovery Techniques of IFL Project dated December 21 and 22, 2021 at Head Office Sukkur. 32 staff members attended the training from Shikarpur and Kashmore-Kandhkot districts and Head Office. The main purpose of the training was to orient and capacitate of staff members regarding basic requirements, tools, and techniques of the Interest-Free Loan (IFL) and project.

1st day Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO) inaugurated the workshop proceeding. Meanwhile, Ms. Shazia Zubair (General Manager-Micro Finance), and Mr. Niaz Hingro (Sr. Manager IMSD), Mr. Zubair Soomro (Manager-IMSD), and Ms. Hafeeza Bozdar (Manager-IMSD) attended the inauguration session. CEO-SRSO interacted with participants and said in his opening remarks that "it is a big responsibility to support poor communities especially through financial assistance and you're going to take it, therefore you should be honest, committed, and hardworking to perform this duty in a good manner." On this occasion, Ms. Shazia Zubair said, "we should be well aware, cleared, and trained about the project and its basic tools and techniques, therefore; this workshop has been planned and organized for you by SRSO-Micro-Finance Sector. Mr. Niaz Hingro welcomed the participants and briefed them about the two days training workshop.

The different sessions were conducted and facilitated by resource persons mainly; SRSO and IFL introduction (Ms. Shazia Zubair), review of progress/SoPs (Saira Rajput), policy intro of AML/CFT and SECP Regulations (Ali Raza), 2nd day Mr. Rustam Ali Soomro (Regional General Manager-SRSO) also conducted a detailed session on appraisal and recovery technique. 2nd session was on monitoring and evaluation of IFI activities which was facilitated by Ms. Arifa Roohi and Saira Rajput jointly. MIS and M Wallet (Procedures and Precautions) session was conducted by Mr. Ahsan Soomro. An interactive session was conducted on Gender and Development by Mr. Zubair Soomro. He discussed with participants on different concepts of gender and different taboos, social norms, and practices. He also briefed about SRSO gender-related policies and rules. Last day, certificates were also distributed among the participants.

SRSO has initiated the Ehsaas- Interest-Free Loan (IFL) Project in partnership with Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) at Shikarpur and Kashmore-Kandhkot districts in order to support income generation activities among the poor households of rural areas to achieve the goal of poverty graduation on a sustainable basis.



#### National Poverty Graduation Programme-Govt. of Pakistan

# International Human Rights Day was observed with NPGP/Ehsaas Amdan Beneficiaries

#### Kashmore@Kandhkot/December10,2021



Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) celebrated International Human Rights Day under the National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP)-Govt. of Pakistan at Village Organization (VO) Haibat Bajkani district Kashmore@Kandhkot. The main purpose of the day was to aware communities especially NPGP/Ehsaas Amdan beneficiaries about human rights proclaimed under the Constitution of Pakistan and International Human Rights Deceleration (UDHR). Over 100 beneficiaries and community institutions leaders of the Union Council attended the day.

Addressing to the participants speakers emphasized that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights." The principles of equality and non-discrimination are at the heart of human rights. Participants said that through NPGP/Ehsaas Amdan they have received basic livelihood sources and now, which will lead them in access to basic rights of food, employment, and livelihood on a sustainable basis. Basic rights were written play cards and banners were developed and displayed at the venue as well shown by participants.

#### Shikarpur/December10,2021



On the International Human Rights Day December 10, 2021, Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) celebrated Human Rights Day at VO Abdul Samad Pahore UC Thainero Taluka Khanpur District Shikarpur. This day was celebrated under National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP)-Govt. of Pakistan in order to create awareness about basic human rights among rural communities especially NPGP/Ehsaas Amdan households. For this purpose, a dialogue was conducted with the community/ beneficiaries of NPGP and their family members well on Human Rights. SRSO Team, NPGP beneficiaries and key CIs leaders talked about the main human rights and their importance in dignity and human development especially the right to food, livelihood, education, health, protection from abuse, violence, and exploitation, and women, children, and religious minorities as well.

In the last, a walk was also organized for solidarity with human rights. Above 25 NPGP /Ehsass Amdan, beneficiaries and community institutions leaders participated in the dialogued and solidity walk.





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#### Joint Development Committee (JDC) Taluka Sjjawal meeting was held at Assistant Commissioner Office

#### Kamber-Shahdadkot/ December 17, 2021

Joint Development Committee (JDC) Taluka Sjjawal meeting was held at Assistant Commissioner Office. Mr. Ahmar Ali AC of Sijawal chaired the meeting. All major stakeholders from Government officials, SRSO team, and LSO representatives participated the meeting. Mr. Asad Ali Jatoi (DM, Kamber-Shahdadkot) had a shared a detailed overview on the work and efforts of SRSO.

Ahmar Ali AC Sijawal and Asad Ali Jatoi had a deep discussion on the SRSO projects and work. AC Sijawal suggested that proper channel of communication must be ensured between SRSO and government officials for better and effective work. He also said that we would work together and ensure to resolve problems.

Joint Development Committee has been formed by Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) under the EU funded SUCCESS Programme with an aim to provide platform to all major stakeholders from the administration, line departments, CSOs, community institutions and SRSO to strengthening coordination and sharing issues and views.



# Joint Development Committee of Taluka Qubo Saeed Khan held at Assistant Commissioner Office Qubo Saeed Khan

**Rural Support Organizaiton** Sindh under European Union Funded Programme Joint Development Committee of Taluka Oubo Saeed Khan held at Assistant Commissioner Office Oubo Saeed Khan and chaired by Mr. Syed Ghanzafar Shah In which line departments, different LSO Network representatives and SRSO staff participated.

District Manager KSK briefed participants about SUCCESS PINs ERII and PINs ERIII and shared the progress of Taluka Qubo Saeed Khan

LSO Network representatives shared the developmental status of their respective UCs of Taluka Qubo Saeed Khan including education infrastructure and health.

Assistant Commissioner admired the work of SRSO and ensured his full support to overcome discussed issues.



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# 16 DAYS ACTIVISM

# Awareness Raising Workshops on 16 Days Activism Against Gender Based Violence by LSOs

#### Larkana/December \* & 9,2021

One in three women may suffer from abuse and violence in her lifetime. This is an appalling human rights violation, yet it remains one of the invisible and under-recognized pandemics of our time.

With the adoption of the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women, raises awareness about violence against women and girls as a human rights issue, sent out a clear message to the society that gender based violence will not be tolerated more.

In this regard, LSO Fateh UC Izat Ji Wandh, District Larkana celebrated the day of "Elimination of Violence against Women" under the #orangetheworld theme following COVID-19 SOPs. Ms Rizwana (Advocate High court), Ms Dua (ASI Women Protection cell), Mr. Mansoor (Women Development) from SRSO RGM Jamal Mustafa Shoro, Training coordinator Ms Samina Barkat, DM LRK Muhammad Yousuf Chutto, field staff and more than 60 Community Institutions' leaders from Badhi, LSO Kheerthar and LSO Qadam participated. They shared their views regarding gender-based violence and its effects on society.

Ms. Hafizan (Chairperson of LSO Fateh) gave presentation regarding the LSO self-help initiatives in their Union Council. She also quoted, "Those men who used to bound women and girls in their homes are now allowing them to participate in the development activities of their villages."

In last, all participants pledged to promote human solidarity, avoid indifference, and play a part with society in the solution of the problem of violence

16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is a global campaign calling for an end to violence against women and girls. It begins on 25 November, the International Day of the Elimination of Violence Against Women and finishes on Human Rights Day, the 10th of December every year.

The 16 Days of Activism raises awareness about violence against women and girls as a human rights issue, focusing on the importance of grassroots work on violence against women as well as providing a platform for advocacy and campaigning

On 8th Dec 2021, LSO Sojhro UC Mashori Sharif, District Larkana celebrated the day of "Elimination of Violence against Women" under the #orangetheworld theme following COVID-19 SOPs. Ms. Rizwana (Advocate High court), Ms. Nagma Mazari (Incharge Women Protection cell), from Team Leader Mr.Jamal Mustafa Shoro, Training coordinator Ms. Samina Barkat, DM LRK Muhammad Yousuf Chutto, field staff and more than 50 Community Institutions' leaders from Khidho LSO Jazbo and LSO Nae Azadi participated. They shared their views regarding gender-based violence and its effective society.

Community institutions leaders shared their achievements and experiences regarding their struggle to raise among rural women about their basic rights. As we know, that violence does not only mean physical dama violence also encompasses disturbance in one's emotional and mental capacities. As in our male dominant conservative mentality has remained a huge hindrance in the way of women towards development, and the reflected in speeches of women, guest participants participated today.

In last all participants marked their handprints to symbolize the saying "Stop Violence against women"





## **Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program-Govt. of Sindh**

#### Dr. Shereen Mustafa Technical Adviser SRSO visited three SRSO formed VOs under GoS funded PPRP Deputy Commissioner Thatto also joined the visit

#### Thatto/December 16, 2021

Dr. Shereen Mustafa Technical Adviser SRSO Thatta along with Dr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo, Team Leader PPRP visited three VOs/villages of SRSO formed and supported under the Govt. of Sindh Supported Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program (PPRP) district. First visited Chillies-Tomato crop cultivated by BDG, VO Shaam Jo Pehar, village Ahmed Kanh, UC Ghulamullah. Taluka Mirpur Sakro. Where she probed regarding new innovative business & development from members of COs VO. Then, the second village visited Arab Solangi, VO Ithad, UC Bijora, and Taluka Thatta. Mr. Ganzanfar Ali Qadri, Deputy Commissioner Thatta also joined the meeting with COs/VO and visited Calves farming under BDGs supported PPRP and UN ITC GRASP (matching grant) and visited Government Boys Primary School Arab Solangi, where VO is managing the school. The student was very active. Dr. Shereen and DC interacted with students and asked questions, they responded to guests. 1000 Cash was gifted to a student who performed a poem. DC announced 15 Tents, a school boundary gate, and other issues would resolve. Then third village visited at VO Muskan, village Lakho Bhambhro, UC Chhato Chand.

Dr. Shereen emphasized with community institutions (Cis) and BDG members during community dialogues to expand their business through innovative ideas, approaches and value addition, and value chain in their existing business. She further said you could make difference in society and set an example for other women in an effective role in poverty reduction.

#### 1atta/December09, 2021

Deputy Commissioner Thatta visits and awards to Village Organization formed under GoS-PPRP

Mr. Ghazanfar Ali Qadri, Deputy Commissioner Thatta, Mr. Asif Raza Chandio, AC Thatta, and Dr. Imam Bux Soomro, PPHI Ali Bahar along with SRSO Thatta Team visited Village Organization (VO) Khamiso Khaskheli formed under PPRP, GoS at UC Sonda, Taluka & District Thatta. Main purpose of the visit was to resolve refusal cases of COVID-19 vaccination in community through engaging Community Institutions. VO president's briefed SRSO interventions under Govt. of Sindh funded PPRP work since three years and she shared following issues of her village i.e. i) school teacher needed due to one teacher, ii) mosquitoes spray needed in the village, iii) Government dispensary nonfunctional, iv) Veterinary hospital nonfunctional, v) Needed safe drinking water or RO plant, vi) Drainage needed and vii) Unemployment youth needed job.Village organization of the village contact with refusal households and motivated for vaccination.

DC appreciated the VO for supporting the vaccination through communication mobilization and awareness and sharing village issues. He ensured them to take actions for resolve these issues. Furthermore, Deputy Commissioner awards for this village of Cash Rs: 10,000/- and starting vaccination on spot of VO members.









#### **EMO-Hub Schools-Education & Literacy Deptt. Govt. of Sindh**



SINDH CULTURAL DAY CELEBRATION AT SRSO-EMO SCHOOLS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EDUCATION AND LITERACY DEPARTMENT-GOVT OF SINDH

Sukkur and Khairpur /December 7and 9, 2021 Sindh Rural Support Organized (SRSO) in partnership with district Education and Literacy Department (ELD) Govt. of Sindh celebrated Sindhi Cultural Day at EMO schools in order to promote unity, social harmony and tolerance in the society through culture and provide an opportunity to all stakeholders especially children to meet and celebrate happiness.

1st event was organized on December 7, 2021 at EMO Government High School, Numaish Colony Sukkur and 2nd Cultural Day was celebrated on December9, 2021 at Sami Boys High Schools District Khairpur. SRSO-EMO Schools Project Manager also attended the both events.

Education Department, Teachers, Staff, schools management committee members, and students attended the events. Students of the school presented speeches, cultural songs, and tablows for spreading the key message of tolerance, social harmony, and respect to all cultures in the society through presenting and promoting culture.



# Monitoring, Evaluation & Research (MER)

#### RAHIM YAAR KHAN-PUNJAB | RESEARCH | AGRIBUSINESS | ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT | ORGANIC FARMING

Sindh Rural Support Organization Head Office Team has paid a visit to different agri business agriculture Farms for learning purposes and to gain knowledge at Rahim Yaar Khan Punjab. The team was comprised of Senior Manager MER- Naveed Ishaque Memon, NRM Manager- Ali Asghar Maitlo, and AM MER PPRP Naimatullah Sawand. The team paid visited different locations at Rahim Yaar Khan: Mao Mubarak-Chak Igbal Agriculture Farm, Zulgurnanin Organic Farm, and Farukh Agri-Tunnel Farm. The main purpose of this visit was to compare mean differences in the productivity and profitability of organic and conventional farms that grow these crops based on new agricultural methods of control shed/Tunnel structure. From the visits and discussion and response, we find that growing organic crops is at least as profitable as conventional crops because of lower input costs and higher output prices. Overall, per hectare, input costs are 20% and 10% lower in organic Tomato and cucumber farms relative to their conventional counterparts. These lower costs, however, are likely to be related to the lower yields associated with organic farms. Indeed for organic farming, need organic manure (Dung of animals) and control of the atmosphere for farming of fertile land. The Agri-entrepreneurs told that organic farming fulfills the nutrients such as Potassium, Phosphorous, and Nitrogen are significantly higher in organic fields relative to conventional fields. Thus, organic farms tend to better conserve soil fertility and system stability than conventional farms. Based on these benefits, they argue that organic agriculture should be encouraged through reductions in subsidies for conventional farming and more careful zoning and market development.



December21, 2021



The team also visited the Tunnel Farms structure (Lower and High (Walking) Tunnel), the owner of the Tunnel farm Mr. Akbar briefed us that a Tunnel farm for offseason vegetables is more profitable Because of the controlled atmosphere. Tunnel farming is the source of higher yields and earlier production, and these earlier and quality products give good profits to farmers. For this reason, modern and progressive farmers of Pakistan are adopting this advanced mode of farming at a faster pace because of market-driven requirements especially of vegetable farming (off-season) to fulfill the vegetable market and hotels/restaurants/supermarkets.

SRSO Team also paid field visits to Organic and Tunnel farms. The Owners were briefed at the field level also regarding technical things required for such type of farming and how they are treated. In last the detailed questions and answers discussion was carried out and also asked guidance for visiting the SRSO community agri-business for technical guidance. Team also paid thanks to all for providing such an opportunity and time.

SRSO Team members visited farmer (Mohammad Akbar Raza) who is successful in off seasonal vegetable's farming through best use of Tunnel farming. Mr Naveed Memon, Mr Asghar Maitlo and Mr Naimat Sawand from SRSO briefed him about the purpose of visit. He assured to facilitate & guide SRSO team at all levels and showed his interest to visit our community engaged in agri businesses. SRSO team visited Tomato, Capsicum (shimla chilli), Bitter gourd (Karela), cucumber and other crops managed through tunnel farming and drip irrigation system.

# PROMOTING RIGHTS OF OLDER PEOPLE

Refresher Training of Media Persons on Rights of Older People and Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act 2014 Karachi/December30, 2021

Sensitization workshop on officials on Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act 2014 for officials of local government-Govt. of Sindh Karachi/December .2021



Sindh Rural Support Organization organized Refresher Training of Media Persons on Rights of Older People and Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act 2014. There 30 journalists from electronic and print media attended the training. Training was based on participatory approach, journalists shared their contribution (articles, stories and TV shows) focusing promotion of the rights of older people. Media persons also shared that they are raising awareness among masses regarding rights of older people. In addition, sessions were conducted on basic concepts of Human Rights, Role of media to protect rights of older people, Population Ageing and Demographic Transition, and Senior Citizens Welfare Act.



Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) under HelpAge International supported Promoting **Riahts** of Older People organized sensitization workshop for officials of local government-Govt. of Sindh held in Karachi. SRSO Project briefed officials on Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act 2014 and SRSO and SRSO interventions for the promoting and protection rights of older people under the project. LG officials were sensitized to play their effective role in the implementation of the Act. In sessions addition. were conducted on **Demographics Transition & Population Ageing,** and rights of older people. During a workshop, officials made a commitment that they would facilitate older people as per the Act. SRSO is organizing sensitization workshops with all key stakeholders of the welfare of older people



### **PROMOTING RIGHTS OF OLDER PEOPLE**



On December17, 2021 a sensitization workshop was organized for officials of Transport & MassTransit Department. There 22 officials including Mr. Shariq Ahmed Secretary and Mr. Mushtaq Shaikh Additional Secretary participated in the workshop. Officials were briefed on Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act 2014.As per Act, it was shared with officials that transport department is a responsible to provide travel facilities to older Media representatives from printing and people. The secretary of Transport said Sindh Government will electronic including Sama TV, K21 News, Jang soon start bus service across the province, adding that special News, The Nation and Vloggers attended the facilities such as ramp and discount in fares for older people will training.



On December10, 2021, SRSO Karachi Office conducted a training on Human Rights and Rights of Older People for media persons.



On December9, 2021 a meeting was held with Ms. Rehana Laghari Deputy Speaker of the Provincial Assembly of Sindh. During a meeting, she was briefed about Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act 2014. Deputy Speakers said passing this Act is a big achievement of the assembly for the protection of the rights older people. We requested her to support SRSO team for conducting sensitization meetings with lawmakers from the PPP-led treasury benches. She assured that SRSO team will fully be cooperated in this regard.

an was organized in the connection of International Day of persons with disabilities. Civil society representatives, **PWDs** and students attended rally. **Participants** of the rally presented charters of demand for rights of PWDs. Wheelchairs were distributed among PWDs.



On December3,2021 SRSO and HelpAge International observed International Day of Persons with Disabilities under its 2021 theme - Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world'. The seminar was organized whereby differently abled people, members of Older People Associations, civil society representatives, and government officials were in attendance. Keynote speakers put a light on the importance of the day and they demanded that PWDs should be provided rights. PWDs shared their experience and struggles. In addition, cake cutting ceremony held and A.P.H.A President and General Secretary gave appreciation awards and Sindhi Topi to SRSO and HelpAge Team.

# **Enterprise Development Program (EDP)-Govt. of Sindh**

SANGHAR/DECEMBER 06, 2021

AWARENESS SESSION REGARDING ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (EDP) AT SHAHEED BENAZIR BHUTTO UNIVERSITY CAMPUS SANGHAR

Sindh Rural Support Organization is initiating aEnterprise Development Program (SRSO-EDP) to alleviate poverty in Sindh province. The program has been initiated in a partnership with. Government of Sindh. SRSO and IdeaGist. The objective of this program is to develop a micro/small business/incubation program through training of 300 individuals in six districts of Sindh (Khairpur, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Umerkot, Thatta and Badin).





Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) and IdsaCist organized an awareness seminar on Enterprise Development Program (EDP) for the students at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Campus Sanghar regarding an incubation program for youth empowerment n entrepreneurs. Dr. Shereen Mustafa Narejo (Technical Advisor for SRSO) Dr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo (RGM SRSO) Mr. Naveed Wahid Awan (Director SBBU Sanghar Campus), Syed Hassan Shah (CEO IdeaGist), Prof Muhammad Nawaz Kumbhar (Principal PSSSS Degree College Sanghar), and Irshad Mallah (DM SRSO) were main speakers and they briefed and talked about EDO and its impacts. Above 300 youth from the community, SBB campus and PSSS collage participated and got information about the program and getting benefits from it. They emphasized to youth for imitating enterprise and taking technical training. This program provides these opportunities to youth, therefore; they come award and get benefit from the program.

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# **CEO-SRSO visits Tomato's Cluster** Seerani accompanied with SRSO **Technical Advisor**

Badin/December30, 2021



Chief Executive Officer -SRSO Mr. Dittal Kalhoro along with Dr. Shereen Mustafa Narejo Technical Advisor SRSO and Ms. Rukaya IMSD Manager visited Tomato Cluster Seerani. The Office bearer Ms. Zakia briefed the Tomato Cluster consists on 15 members which are from three different VOs and 10 COs while she has revealed that Tomato Cluster made with the support of GoS and SRSO. The group agreed to cultivate 15 acres Tomato and received technical training. Meanwhile, GoS approved Rs. 1,390,000/-. Moreover, cluster members shared their Cluster Seerani. Technical Adviser SRSO said that experiences with CEO & TA of SRSO. On that ocean members shared their Tomato Sell Rs. 1, 305, 697/with production figures.

Simultaneously, honorable management discussed on future's planning in which next crops and other related things. Before the closing of meeting/visit LSO-Roshni office bearers & cluster members handed over recovery cheque Rs. 783,630/- to respected CEO. An additionally, CEO stated that strengthen your organization and carry out your work and he announced that member who get more tomato product they will be rewarded three prize's 1st 25,000, 2nd 15,000 & 3rd 10,000. District SRSO team facilitated higher management and visit of Tomato "good work by our teams and community members. Efforts are well appreciated. Good part was everybody acknowledged that they are continuously learning apparently



# Program Manager Engro Foundation visits SRSO supported Business Development Groups under the PPRP-Govt. of Sindh

#### Mirpurkhas & Sanghar/December16 &17, 2021

Dr. Sadoro Naz Kerio (Program Manager) Engro Foundation visited rural women entrepreneur Business Development Groups from 4 Mirpurkhas and Sanghar districts formed and supported by Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) under the Govt. of Sindh funded People's Poverty Reduction Programme-(PPRP). The main purpose of his visit was to understand and learn concept, approach, and practices of the enterprise in the rural areas with women in the group and replicate at Engro level in their working areas.

In district Mirpurkhas he visited 7 different business managed by BDGs ; i) BDG Cloth shop Diggri, ii) BDG Mirpurkhas nursery Diggri, iii) BDG Onion & Husk intercropping Jhuddo, iv) BDG Manjhandari Jhuddo, v) BDG Cross breed cow-rearing KGM, vi) BDG Grocery Shop KGMand vii) BDG School Bag Making Sindhri

On 2nd day 17 December, he visited district Sanghar and witnessed different enterprise development initiatives of BDGs under the GoS funded PPRP. Mr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo (RGM-SRSO) was accompanied with him during the visit. He visited i) VO Ali Decoration Shop, ii) Sindh mehran hotel village Rasheed Khan Marri UC Bhiro Taluka Jam Nawaz Ali iii) VO Haji Shah Tunnel and nursery farming village Ubhpur UC Abbas Abad Taluka Sinjhoro SMT Sinjhoro and vi). VO Ali Waris calves village Jamal faqeer Khaskheli UC Shah Mardan)

Mr. Sadoro Naz visited all business and conducted the meetings and interacted with the BDG members, BDG focal person and discussed their ongoing business and impacts on their lives, and share some ideas for further its sustainability.He checked BDG sale & expense record and he purchased school bags from BDG school bag making; He impressed from BDG members and appreciated the work of SRSO under PPRP GoS Support.



#### Khairpur! GoS-PPRP! Enterprise Development! Agriprenurship! Gur/jaggery Making Khairpur Mirs/Feburary09, 2021

In District Khairpur, a group of rural agri-preneurship women is exploring the new avenues of their business in terms of sugarcane harvesting and gur-making to avoid manipulation at the hands of market forces, including millers and middlemen/commission agents. Indeed, this product fetches cash price whereas supplying to sugar mill farmers faces problems in timely payment besides some other problems. Now they are fighting against poverty and exploring new ways of income generating and improving their lives in the best possible and sustainable way.WHEREAS, Business Development Group BDG Mitho Dero Bapar, this business Group of 5 organized women by for running their business of Local Sweet (Gur) through Sugarcane in Feb 2021, under the "Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program PPRP" funded by Government of Sindh & implemented by Sindh Rural Support Organization SRSO. These Women have collateral-Interest Free loan of PKR. 340,000/.



# SEF Assisted Schools (SAS)



### Deputy Commissioner District Kashmore - Kandhkot visited Community Cluster School Motio Khan Lashari

#### December06.2021

Deputy Commissioner of District Kashmore – Kandhkot Mr. Munawar Ali Mithani along with his team visited Community Cluster School Motio Khan Lashari , established by SRSO. Deputy Commissioner visited different classrooms , observed the teaching process and interacted with teachers and students. Mr. Munawar expressed his satisfaction and commended the initiatives taken by SRSO and providing quality education in rural Sindh by establishing a wellfurnished school building equipped with interactive learning resources.

At present SRSO is managing 19 community cluster schools in the rural areas of Shikarpur and Kashmore @ Kandhkot districts This is the reflection of collaboration of Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) and Sindh Education Foundation (SEF)-Government of Sindh with an aim of serving communities by providing quality education to underprivileged children in the rural Sindh. Quaid's Day has been celebrated at Community Cluster School Garhi Sahib Khan District Shikarpur Shikarpur/December25, 2021

"I do not believe in taking right decision, I take a decision and make it right " said Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. The auspicious occasion of Ouaid's Day was celebrated with great devotion and spirit to pay tribute to the great leader at Government Secondary Cluster School Garhi Sahib Khan Taluka Garhi Yaseen, District Shikarpur on Saturday, December 25th. 2021. The event aimed to make the students aware of inspiring past and the ultimate sacrifices rendered by Quaid-e-Azam for an independent state. They delivered speeches to present a big tribute to the founder of the Pakistan. School academic team has also organized the quiz competition for students related to the life of the Quaid-e-Azam. **School Principal and teachers** highlighted different aspects of Quaid's life and laid great stress to practice his thoughts and actions. They discussed role of quaid as a great leader in the independence movement. They also made students aware of the fact that this country was raised on the world map after many sacrifices and struggles and advised them to follow the doctrine of Unity, Faith and Discipline. Students were high in spirits throughout the day and showed their utmost love for their country and respect for the great leader. Students' engagement in such co-curricular activities is an attempt to holistic development of students where they rediscover their potentialities in terms intellectual, physical, emotional, personal and social development. Moreover, the celebrations of National days also equip students with necessary understanding regarding the national heroes and the extended posture of patriotism.



#### DECEMBER 08, 2021

An online interactive session was conducted with IFAD, PPAF, NRSP, and SRSO in the Twenty fourth Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) under the theme "Beyond the Pandemic: Leaving No One Behind" from 6 – 9 December 2021 in Islamabad

Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO) was part of the distinguished panelists



Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) is organizing its Twenty-fourth Sustainable Development Conference (SDC) under the theme "Beyond the Pandemic: Leaving No One Behind" from 6 - 9 December 2021 in Islamabad. On December 08, 2021, an online interactive session was conducted on Poverty Alleviation and Graduation in Pakistan: Evidence from the Field featuring representatives from IFAD, PPAF, NRSP, and SRSO. Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO) was part of the distinguished panelists. It was a great experience and opportunity for SRSO to be a part of a thought-provoking discussion and share their best experiences and learnings held on the topic of "Poverty Alleviation and Graduation Evidence from the Field'. The panelists were great names of their respective fields and organizations. SRSO- CEO shared very useful and grassroots level based evidence regarding the topic and emphasized on complete Development Package to alleviate poverty. He recommended that Education and Health be properly given to marginalized people and the explosive growth rate of the population be addressed.







Surely we belong to ALLAH and to Him we shall Return

#### December28,2021

It is with deep sadness and heavy heart that we inform, Mr. Abdul Shakoor Shaikh working as a finance officer at SRSO head office has passed away on dated 28 December 2021, due to heart attack while performing his duty at office.

اِنَّا لِلَّہِ وَاِنَّآ اِلَيْہِ رَاجِعُوْنَ May Allah, Rahmanir Rahim expands his grave and lights it with his blessings. May Allah grant him Jannatul Firdaus. He has been a valuable and dedicated member of SRSO team and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

Regards SRSO Management

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