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KAMBER-SHAHDADKOT/JANUARY 19, 2022

MR. IVAN BORISAVLJEVIC (FIRST COUNSELLOR-EUROPEAN UNION DELEGATION PAKISTAN) VISITS SRSO

HE PARTICIPATED IN THE LSO CONFERENCE, VISITED DIFFERENT INTERVENTIONS, AND MET COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Ivan Borisavljevic (First Counsellor-European Union Delegation Pakistan) visited Sindh Rural Support Organization. On his second-day visit, he participated in LSO conference, visited different interventions under EU-supported SUCCESS and PINS Programmes, met Community Institutions and district administration in district Kamber-Shahdadkot. Ms. Shereen Mustafa (Technical Adviser SRSO), Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO), Mr. Fazil Sadi (Programme Manager SUCCESS-RSPN), Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro (Team Leader-SUCCESS-SRSO) Mr. Hamid Ali Magsi Program Manager-(PINS-SRSO) also joined him in this visit.

LSO conference held on Langh Lake Kambbr. Mr. Ivan Borisavljevic (Counsellor of EU), Ms. Shereen Mustafa, and Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro were the chief guests of the event. Different stakeholders from SRSO, government, and Community Institutions participated in the conference. The event began with the introduction of guests and the traditional way of Sindh in which Ajraks are gifted to guests after that LSO leaders presented the profile and progress of LSO Dhori and LSO Jazbo. After the presentations, LSO leaders shared their stories about how they faced hurdles and made their lives better than before. Ms. Shereen appreciated and encouraged women leaders of the CIs and she said "You should not stop to grow your struggle. It must be continued with honesty and same courage which you showed today." At this event, Mr. Jamal Mustafa said to LSO leaders that "you should strengthen your base (COs) if you do your LSOs will automatically be strong." Mr. Fazil Sadi said that "LSOs should be able to continue running their organizations on their behalf, it will be the true meaning to achieve the program's aim." CEO -SRSO shared his views and said that "everything is possible when you once decide to do something for change and development of the community and society at large". In the last, Mr. Ivan encouraged the overall work of SUCCESS and said "what we have funded it utilized truly and he expressed that he is happy to see the work and efforts of SRSO -SUCCESS and it is the success of SUCCESS."

A meeting and visit of village Khairo Khan Dhani Bux of LSO Sobh were conducted by the delegation. LSO Sobh organized a General body meeting at Khairo Khan Jatoi, UC Chaudero, Taluka Nasirabad. Delegation members also attended the meeting and listened to experiences, views, and learning of the Women-Led Community institutions. LSO Leaders presented the achievement of LSO Sobh under both EU-funded programs i.e SUCCESS, PINS ER-3 then visited Farmer Field School and KG HH. Mr. Ivan Borisavljevic (First Counsellor-European Union Delegation) and Ms. Shereen Mustafa (Technical Adviser-SRSO) met beneficiaries and discussed different interventions likewise ICG, CIF, TVST, Goat, and other initiatives.

The delegation also held a meeting with District Commissioner Kamber-Shahdadkot at the DC office. District Manager SRSO gave a detailed overview of SRSO work. District Commissioner appreciated the overall efforts that have been taken by SRSO to improve poor communities in rural Sindh. Madam Shireen Narejo and Mr. Asad Ali Jatoi had a fruitful discussion with DC regarding how to contribute collectively better work for poor communities. In the last, government officials ensure to work collectively for these poor people who have the right to live better lives.



Enterprise Development Program-Govt. of Sindh

14-18th Jan, 2022 | Sukkur | SRSO HEAD OFFICE | Enterprise Development | Incubation Management | SRSO collaboration with IdeaGist | 5 Days Workshop Business Incubation Management Training Program SRSO Complex Sukkur

A Five Days (14-18th Jan 2022) training program on “Incubation Management” of small-scale business imparted through the IdeaGist for business incubator field team and managers in rural emerging markets in Peoples’ Poverty Reduction Program Funded by Government of Sindh 08 districts (Ghotki, Sukkur, Khairpur, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Umerkot, Badin and Thatta.

Chief Executive Officer Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro inaugurated on Friday a first incubation Management training under Enterprise Development Program specialized for entrepreneurship. Institute of Management and Skills Development a training Wing of SRSO is hosting the training in collaboration with IdeaGist. The CEO and a team of IdeaGist, SRSO CoS Technical Advisor, CEO SRSO, Team Leader PPRP, IMSD Senior Manager, District Managers, ED Districts Teams, and Head Office employees attended the training.



The Master Trainer Mr. Hassan Sayed lead the training and delivered different sessions by initiating the concept of incubation and how it's important for a small start-up to be incubated for a successful business to know the real market insight and have been adept in market fluctuation and business-related training. The topics covered during the training were: an introduction to business incubation, Mentorship, Digital era of emerging markets through artificial intelligence, knowledge-based business, innovative business, market ecosystem, and competitors' strategies.



In his opening remarks, the CEO said that “learning is a lifelong process and the journey of acquiring knowledge ends only with the end of one’s life.” Addressing training Participants, he said, “Investing in you is an investment in SRSO for incubation of Ideas that supports hundreds of thousands of households who are the future of Sindh for uplifting their living standard.”

On this occasion, Mr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo (Regional General Manager) said that IdeaGist is also a collaboration partner for the execution of the EDP=Enterprise Development Program through the incubation of ideas of youth who are striving to nurture innovative ideas to bring profound social change. He said that the PPRP EDP is open for youth from all eight districts who can build sustainable ventures to become job creators and not job seekers.



“The fifth day was full of enthusiastic, motivational, and digital learning. Ms. Shereen Mustafa SRSO Technical Advisor delivered a session on leadership the current trend in the economy and how we can sustain our small business and contribute to the economy. She explores the new ideas from the team especially regarding waste management products and in detail brief about small Agri-waste Management Project, Solid Waste Management Project and most important that how to become an influencing leader in the society to bring the change to become an active citizen and play their vital role in transforming and changing the lives.

In last, the closing remarks were given by Participants’ and provided their feedback about training, and certificates were distributed among participants.

DRR Kits distribution completed successfully to 10 Local Support Organizations in district

Thatta/January 19, 2022



Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) has initiated an important activity of DRR Kit distribution among the LSOs under the SIDA-ACF-funded Building Resilient Communities by Connecting and Emergency Response to Sustainable Development Project in 03 targeted districts including Thatta. The distribution of tool kits started on January 5, 2022, and ended on January 19, 2022, in the district.



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These DRR Tool Kits comprised of 40 wheelbarrows, 20 Ropes, 80 Search Lights, 50 Whistles, 80 Spades, 20 Mega Phones, and 10 Leather Bags which have been distributed in District Thatta. These DRR tool kits have been distributed in order to facilitate disaster-affected communities to combat disaster by their affective usage. These DRR tool kits will help them to reduce their suffering and help them to come out of emergencies. These DRR tool kits will be placed at LSO offices so that entire villages of particular union councils can use these items to come out of emergency and disaster. DRR tool kits will support them to reduce their losses. Before distribution kit briefing session was conducted with LSO and targeted Village Organizations of 5 villages in each UC and SRSO-SIDA Project team briefed LSO and VOs leaders about the kit, its proper use, and safety during in case of emergency. These ceremonies were also attended by the Project Manager, District Manager, and District Team Leader and surprised the whole process.

"Building Resilient Communities by Connecting Disaster and Emergency Responses to Sustainable Development"
Distribution of DRR Tool Kit Items Among Local Support Organizations in District Thatta

Items	Quantity	Pictures	Items	Quantity	Pictures
Leather Bag چمڑی وارو تیلیھو	1		Spades/کھوڑون	8	
Ropes/رسا	2		Whistles/سٹیون	5	
Search Lights سرج لائٹس	8		Radio/ریڈیو	1	
Mega Phones میگا فونز	2		Wheel Barrows ھٹ جون ٹرالیون	4	

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A Joint Mission of Women Development Department-GoS, JICA, and SRSO visits Selected Business Development Groups (BDGs) for LIGHT F Project Phase 2 *Sukkur, Ghotki and Larkana/ January 28 and 29,2022*



A joint mission of three partners of the LIGHT F Project i.e. Women Development Department, JICA, and SRSO conducted a visit of selected BDGs for the 2nd phase in the Sukkur, Ghotki, and Larkana districts. Mission was comprised of Ms. Anjum Iqbal Jumani (Secretary –Women Development Department-GoS), Ms. Chiyo Mamiya (Chief Advisor-JICA), and Mr. Riaz Jalalani (Manager-CED) and visited selected SRSO fostered BDGs on January 27 and 28, 2022. The main purpose of the visits was to held joint introductory meetings with selected BDGs to brief them about their roles, observe their crafts and discuss faced issues and future strategies. During meetings, BDGs introduced their group, work as well as displayed their artwork.



Under the 2nd Phase, Light-F Project 10 more BDGs have been selected from Larkana07,Ghotki 02, and Sukkur01 districts for interventions to improve the livelihood of female home-based workers.

The 2nd-day delegation visited district Larkana. Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro Team (Leader SUCCESS Programme) led the delegation. Firstly, Ms. Anjum Iqbal (Secretary WDD) & Ms. Chiyo Mamiya (Chief Advisor-JICA) met with Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO) and were briefed about the last day visit and discussed BDGs issues and strengths. Mission appreciated the work of SRSO and BDGs in the community and thanked them for their facilitation during the visit.

In district Larkana, they met with amazing BDG Members of BDG Kundhi at VO Channa, UC Mad Bahu, BDG Dingro at VO Paleo Gopang, and BDG Fashq at VO Balach Sunani District Larkana. The BDG members shared about the work they have been doing. Guests purchased some stunning products from BDGs.

Ms. Anjum Iqbal encouraged the efforts of Business development groups and said that rural women have to improve livelihoods and their families in terms of life skill management, BDGs need to develop linkages with the market in the future for income generation and formal employment.

After that Ms. Anjum Iqbal visited the women-only market established at Balhreji UC Moen jo Daro aro, she encouraged women's entrepreneurial abilities and business potential.

In the last, they visited a food stall "Sindhi Khadha" initiated by Hakimzadi member of LSO Moen jo Daro at Mohan Jo Daro site and enjoyed traditional food there.



On the first day, the mission visited three BDGs i.e. BDG Sher Muhammad Magsi (District Sukkur), BDG Khamiso Chachar Ghotki & BDG Jumo Kubar (DistrictGhotki). District Manager Sukkur and Ghotki welcomed guests. They briefed Mission about SRSO's support of these BDGs. On this occasion, CIF cheques were also handed over to BDG Jumo Kubar members through Secretary WDD.



SIDA-FUNDED BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES BY CONNECTING AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



SRSO-ACF organized Seminar on: Climate Change: Issues & Solutions
Mr. Riaz Hussain Shah Sheerazi
Member Provincial Assembly Sindh
was the Chief Guest
*Sukkur, Ghotki and Larkana/
January 28 and 29, 2022*



Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) in collaboration with Action Against Hunger (ACF) organized a seminar on Climate Change- Issues and Solutions at the auditorium of Polytechnic College Makkli in district Thatta. The main purpose of the seminar was to discuss key issues and causes of climate change and its adverse effects on the lives and livelihood and steps should be taken to reduce its impact.

Mr. Riaz Hussain Shah Sheerazi (Member Provincial Assembly -Sindh) was the Chief Guest. Mr. Riaz Hussain Laghari (ADC 1 Thatta), Mr. Sarfraz Gugo (Deputy Director Agriculture Department), Mr. Kuda Bux Behrani (Deputy Director Social Welfare Department), Mr. Akhtar Samo (Researcher on coastal community), representatives of Social Welfare Department and Education Department were among the distinguished guests and Mr. Mustafa Baloch (Training Consultant), Mr. Sajjad Kandher (Senior PM-ACF) and Ms. Effat (PM- ACF) also participated in the event and shared their views.

At present, SRSO is implementing SIDA-funded, Building Resilient Communities by Connecting Disaster and Emergency Responses to Sustainable Development Project in partnership with ACF in three districts, Mirpurkhas, Badin, and Thatta. The project aims to provide life-sustaining emergency assistance to communities affected by natural disasters in Sindh through resilience-building, including food security, livelihood (FSL), and psychological support interventions.



EMO HUB SCHOOLS-GOVT. OF SINDH



International Day of Education was commemorated under the theme of "Changing Course, Transforming the Education" at EMO-Hub Govt High School Sami in collaboration with the Education and Literacy Department-Govt, of Sindh
Khairpur Mirs/January 24, 2022

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) celebrated International Day of Education under the theme of "Changing Course, Transforming the Education" in collaboration with the Education and Literacy Department-Govt, of Sindh at Govt High School Sami in District Khairpur. Educationists Mr. Muhammad Ashraf, Mr. Ghulam Jaffar, Syed Sabat Ali Shah, and Abdul Razak Memon were among the distinguished guests.

On the occasion speech competition, Quiz Competition, and Essay writing competition was arranged for the student to show their creativity and learning and were applauded by guests and participants.

A panel discussion was also conducted on the Right to Education under Article 25-A. participants shared that 258 million children and teenagers don't go to school and their basic right to education is being violated. If we are to transform the future, if we are to change course, we must rethink education. We need education to fully contribute to sustainable development.

Guests appreciated the efforts of SRSO for the provision of quality education in rural Sindh. Trees were planted in the school to follow the cause of the SRSO to promote a clean and green environment for future generations.



Ehsaas-Interest Free Loan (ILF)

A Dialogue was conducted with Ehsaas-Interest Free Loan Beneficiaries of Most Deprived Baaghari Community

Shikarpur/January 14, 2022



Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) district Shikarpur conducted a dialogue with selected 35 beneficiaries of Ehsaas-Interest Free Loan (INFL) from the most deprived Baaghri community at village Chak Baaghri Mohalla Taluka Lakhi. These beneficiaries have been selected to support their existing business in order to improve their economic conditions. These 35 women are running their business successfully at a small scale and this support will help them in scaling up their business. Mr. Zaheer Ahmed Shar District Manager-SRSO Shikarpur conducted the dialogue. He briefed in detail about SRSO, Ehsaas-IFL, and its recovery process.

SRSO is implementing the Ehsas Interest-Free Loan (IFL) Program in collaboration with Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) at Shikarpur and Kashmore-Kandhkot districts in order to support income generation activities to achieve the goal of poverty graduation to establish sustainable livelihoods.



Three days training of Government Veterinary Doctors under the Equine Welfare Project Khairpur Mirs' January 16, 17, & 18, 2022



Sindh Rural Support Organization under the Brooke Pakistan-supported Equine Welfare Project planned and conducted three days training of Government Veterinary Doctors at Govt. Dispensary Ranipur District Khairpur. Dr. Mansoor Ayoub senior veterinary officer veterinary center Ranipur 2) Barkat Ali Lakho veterinary doctor veterinary dispensary Sobhodero, 3. Dr. Farman Ali Jamro veterinary dispensary Ghambat and Dr. Parvaiz Ali Rajper private veterinary doctor Gadej attended this training. Dr. Siraj Munner Ansari CAHO-Equine Welfare Project SRSO was the trainer.

Project and SRSO introduction, animal's behavior, Behavior of equine Animals, Animals welfare Domain, practical approach and humanely handling and restraining, Calculation of dose rate, Bodyweight measuring of equine, and practical demo on intravenous injection equine main agenda of the training. Classroom presentation, plenary discussion, question and answer, and practical check and check-up and treatment of equine animals training tools were used to cover the agenda of the training and train participants. This is a regular activity under The Brooke Pakistan-supported Equine Welfare Project.



Mr. Ivan Borisavljevic (First Counsellor-European Union Delegation Pakistan) along with CEO-SRSO visited different interventions and met Community Institutions

Larkana/January 18, 2022

Mr. Ivan Borisavljevic (First Counsellor-European Union Delegation Pakistan) along with Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro(CEO-SRSO Team leader SRSO-SUCCESS and Team leader RSPN-SUCCESS visited different interventions undertaken EU support and met Community Institutions in district Larkana.

Mr. Ivan Borisavljevic inaugurated CPI scheme of rehabilitation of school at Darya Khan Kharos UC Banguldero, where VO leaders shared that they decided to provide better educational facilities for their children and listed their priority needs, they prioritized work of rehabilitation of school and implemented CPI scheme under EU funded SUCCESS Programme. Mr. Ivan and VO leaders planted trees to keep their vicinity clean.

CPI scheme of Tuff Paver at VO Kanga UC Fatehpur was also inaugurated, VO leaders shared that people were facing difficulty as the pavement condition caused many troubles for them during and after rainfall. People, we're not able to go to their household chores for a couple of weeks till the rainwater dries.

After that scheme of lift irrigation at VO Channa, UC Mad Bahu was visited by him, where VO leaders briefed operational and maintenance procedures and benefits of the lift irrigation CPI scheme.

After that LSO Sindhu Darya office visited where CBK Marui presented LSO financial record-keeping maintained in the laptop by her. Mr. Ivan also visited the production unit Handloom weaving (Khadi), where Ms. Aneela group leader briefed him about handloom. Another Handloom center at Balhrej was also inaugurated by him.

Women play an important role in community development. To match the rapid development women empowerment is necessary. Community Institution CIs members of VO Balhrej jointly stepped up and established only women market at Balhrej UC Moen Jo Daro. A market where women can freely shop and get their essentials without interacting with any man.

Only Women Market was inaugurated by Mr. Ivan Borisavljevic, on that occasion he encouraged women's entrepreneurial abilities and business potential. Further, he added that these initiatives will ultimately give a boost to the confidence of women in the community and this leads to women empowerment.

In the last, he visited a food stall "Sindhi Khadha" initiated by Hakimzadi member of LSO Mohan jo Daro at Mohan Jo Daro site and enjoyed traditional food there.





ONE DAY ORIENTATION SESSION WITH NEWLY SELECTED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GROUPS (BDGS) UNDER JICA LIGHT-F PROJECT

SRSO COMPLEX SUKKUR
JANUARY 12, 2022

JICA LIGHT-F Project with the support of SRSO and Women Development Department-Govt. of Sindh conducted a one-day session with newly selected SRSO fostered 10 Business Development Groups (BDGs) from the Larkana, Ghotki, and Sukkur district. 23 BDGs leaders of 10 BDGs attended the session.

Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO) Inauguration the orientation whereas Mr. Abdul Ghaffar (Women Development Officer-WDD-GoS), Ms. Hara (JICA Project Expert), and Mr. Riaz Jalalani (Manager-CED) welcomed the participants at the starting of the session. Ms. Sanam Khoso (LM Coordinator-JICA LIGHT-F Project) moderated the session with participants whereas Ms. Hajani, Ms. Neelam and Ms. Shazia, Ms. Suryaia and Mr. Niaz (SRSO Team members) shared their presentations on improving their lives, activity schedule, training sessions, technical visits to increase their understanding about the project and their role in the implementation.

Mr. Majeed Thahim (District Coordinator-JICA LIGHT-F Project) empathized with participants about their learning during the whole day session. The BDGs Leaders shared that orientation has given an opportunity about project understating, main activities, and role and responsibilities of BDGs and its leaders.

SRSO is implementing the LIGHT-F Project in partnership with JICA and Women Development Department-GoS in 05 districts of Sindh i.e. Sukkur, Khairpur, Shikarpur, Larkana, and Ghotki. The project aim is to improve the livelihood of Female Home-based workers and their families through Life Skill Management, Income Generation, and Financial Access.



3rd January 2022 | PPRP-GoS | Sukkur | Digital payment to BNFs | CMST certified Pax | Mobilink/Jazz Cash

Under PPRP program SRSO successfully initiated the digital Payment System to BNFs at Taluka Pano Aqil of Sukkur District. These BNFs have got three days of training and they got their payment as per their Attendance record and verification from NADRA.

The CDP-Cash Disbursement Point was arranged on two locations of Pano Aqil where 158 BNFs were intimated for Payment through CNIC and M-Wallet by biometric verification along with online NADRA verification.

In pursuance of 110 BNFs were present and got the payment successfully, mostly the CNIC based BNFs got their payments, M-wallet BNFs were unable to provide the actual SIM and CNIC, therefore, their payment did not proceed but who have bring both successfully cash out the payment through M-wallet.

There were proper arrangements were made at CDP. Likewise;

1- Information and Registration Desk, 2- MIS verification through MIS record, 3- Jazz Portal Name, CNIC and Payment verification by issuing the Transaction IF to be entered in Jazz agent device against the BNF CNIC. , 4- Biometric / Thumb Inserting on the device by female S.O on jazz agent and if any female found an issue in the thumb, we have brought all remedial solution i.e. Onion rubbing on the thumb, Lemon rubbing and last Special Gel/sanitizers and 5- Cash receiving and the CNIC basis BNFs also got a new sim and opened M-Wallet account.

During disbursement, there were few neutral persons and journalists were also come to check the transparency and the payment deduction and found it satisfactory.

The SRSO Head Office Team, IMSD, and District Manager along with her team were presented their services and made this possible. The community applauded the SRSO efforts to not go to the bank for payments nor to agents who deduct or do frauds in payments. M-wallet BNFs share their usage of accounts and feel economically empowered that they are going by themselves to shops for cash-out of payment.



PROMOTING RIGHTS OF OLDER PEOPLE



On January 24, 2022, a meeting was organized with Mr. Jawed Sibghatullah Mahar Secretary Human Rights Department-govt. of Sindh under Promoting Rights of Older People. During a meeting he was given a detailed briefing about Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act. It was also agreed that SRSO team will conduct sensitization workshop for officials of Human Rights Department.



On January 01 at Karachi, 2022, a meeting of Buzrig Dost Network (BDN) was organized by SRSO under Promoting Rights of Older People. BDN members shared their initiatives taken for the betterment of older people. Updates regarding Azadi card was shared with them. During meeting, members suggested that media persons should be included in the network. They also discussed about future of the network.



On January 2022 at Karachi, follow up workshop was organized for local government officials by SRSO under Promoting Rights of Older People. There 25 LG officials of District Council Karachi were sensitized on rights of older people in line with Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act 2014. The sessions were held on Demographics Transition & Population, the role of local government in the implementation of Act, what local government can do for senior citizens during COVID-19 pandemic, what local government can do in development schemes for senior citizens, what local government can do for senior citizens at health facilities, and what local government can do for entertainment of senior citizens.



UNICEF DELEGATION VISITS SINDH RURAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

SRSO COMPLEX SUKKUR/
JANUARY 06, 2022



UNICEF delegation visited SRSO and held an introductory meeting at SRSO Complex Sukkur. The delegation was led by Ms. Vanessa Lee (Education Manager), UNICEF Sindh. Whereas Mr. Parvez Pirzado (Education Officer), Ms. Nida Dossa (Education Officer), Mr. Aftab Nizamani (School Clustering Consultant), and Ms. Mishal Jawaid (Communication Consultant) was part of the delegation.

The main purpose of the visit was to get an introduction to SRSO and its work, especially in the education sector. Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO) welcomed the delegation and briefed them about SRSO and its philosophy, current programs, and outreach. He briefed about SRSO background, vision, mission, and approach to poverty reeducation and community empowerment through 3-their social mobilization and community institutions approach.

UNICEF Delegation discussed different issues and challenges and options in promoting education in rural areas of Sindh, especially for girls, digital learning, child protection, adolescent and adult literacy fields.

SRSO-Social Service Sector (SSS) Team briefed about ongoing SRSO interventions in education for increasing access to the right to education of rural children in partnership with Sindh Education Foundation (SEF)-Govt. of Sindh and USAID-EMO schools in Shikarpur, Kashmore@Kandhkot, Sukkur, and Khairpur districts. They told that "SRSO is working for formal, non-formal and adult literacy fields in the education sector with active community participation through engaging Community Institutions (CO, VO, and LSO) and Education and Literacy Department-Govt. of Sindh."

The meeting was attended by all key sector heads of SRSO. Delegation members also visited different parts of the SRSO complex. CEO-SRSO provided SRSO Publications to delegation members.



One-Day ToT on
Financial Literacy for
Business Development Groups (BDGs)
Members under LIGHT-F Project
SRSO Complex Sukkur/January 04, 2022



JICA LIGHT-F Project with the support of SRSO and Women Development Department-Govt. of Sindh conducted a one-day ToT on Financial Literacy for leaders and sub-leaders of 10 Business Development Groups (BDGs) in January 04, 2022 at SRSO Complex Sukkur. 22 participants took part in that training and came from the BDGs of Sukkur, Khairpur and Shikarpur districts.

Mr. Ghaffar Thaheem of WDD-GoS addressed the participants, whereas Mr. Riaz Jalalani Manager CED-SRSO shared the opening remarks in the training.

These main topics were covered during the ToT i) Digital humarmandi, ii) How to improve financial capability? lii) Budgeting, iv) importance of saving and v) financial institutions

Mr. Niaz, Ms. Surya, Ms. Sidra, and Ms. Tooba facilitated the sessions through brainstorming presentations, group work, and other interactive cum activity-based training methodology. Mr. Majeed Thaheem (Project Coordinator JICA-LIGHT-F Project) concluded the training and appreciated the participants for their enthusiasm and active participation. He also appreciated the efforts of facilitators, SRSO, and the JICA Project team for conducting the training in a well-organized manner.

At present, JICA is implementing the LIGHT F Project in partnership with SRSO and Women Development Department-GoS for supporting and enhancing the capacity and capability of female home-based workers in 03 districts of Sindh i.e. Sukkur, Khairpur, Shikarpur, Larkana, and Ghotki.



NADRA CNIC REGISTRATION CAMP FOR ARTISAN WOMEN OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

Before organizing the registration camp, CED Team also conducted community mobilization meetings with rural artisan members of 2 BDGs of Langah and discussed and motivated community and BDGs members for registration. SRSO District Khairpur Team coordinated with NDRA district office and motivated them to provide NADRA registration van for these rural women. This camp was facilitated and managed successfully by Ms. Bakhtawar Mahar (Program Officer-CED Head Office) and Ms. Rubina Baloch (Unit Incharge-SRSO Khairpur).



It's a fact that CNIC registration, getting, and renewing is a challenge for rural women, especially due to social taboos and constraints in access to NADRA facilitation services. Therefore, during the meetings with SRSO fostered Village Organizations (VOs) and Business Development Groups (BDGs) women raised this issue and requested SRSO to support them in this process. In response, SRSO-Crafts Enterprise Development (CED) Head Office Sukkur team planned and organized CNIC Registration Camp with the help of SRSO District Khairpur for artisan women. This camp was organized for two Business Development Groups Langha at village Pir Mangyoon Taluka and District Khairpur. The main purpose of the organizing camp was to facilitate artisan women of the SRSO formed Business Development Groups (BDGs) in CNIC registration. Total 54 artisan women and community members were registered by NADRA during the mobile registration service. CED is supporting and facilitating the rural artisan women to capacitate and increase their access to different services, resources, skills, and institutions as well to empower them socially and economically.



Training of 100 CRPs and 10 LSOs Coordinators on CBDRM has been started under ACF supported ECHO-9 Project

Thatta/Thatta/January28,2022



SRSO with the collaboration of ACF organized Three days Training of Trainers on “Community-based disaster risk management” in District Thatta, from 25 to 27 January- 2022. 10 Females, 10 Male Community Resource Persons and 2 Female LSO Coordinators attended the training.

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Under ECHO-9 Project 100 CRPs and 10 LSO coordinators will be trained from the targeted union councils of district Thatta.



REHAN FOUNDATION DELEGATION VISITS SRSO FORMED AND
SUPPORTED RURAL WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS' BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT GROUPS UNDER GOS FUNDED PPRP

Mirpurkhas/January 01, 2022



Mr. Rehan Allahwala along with his team visited the SRSO District Mirpurkhas and conducted meeting with rural women entrepreneurs of Business Development Groups (BDGs) formed and supported by SRSO under the Govt. of Sindh funded PPRP. Dr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo (RGM-SRSO) briefed to delegation regards the SRSO and PPRP philosophy and work with the support of the Government of Sindh. After briefing delegation visited 2 Business Development Groups (BDGs) at UC Mir Muhammad Achan & UC Kak District Mirpurkhas.

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Mr. Rehan Allahwala appreciated the efforts of SRSO for the proper implementation of the Program with quality and a proper mechanism. He shared that women can bring positive changes when we economically empower them. So SRSO with the support of the Government of Sindh is implementing a good program named as Peoples Poverty Reduction Program (PPRP) which is directly given to women's hands.

Furthermore, he gave tips them on how to introduce their businesses on social media whether it is WhatsApp business account, Facebook book page & Instagram account, he elaborated this era of entrepreneurship is going ahead to e-commerce for boosting up the business and their marketing.



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Mr. Tasneem Ahmed Siddiqui

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The SRSO Board members and staff wholeheartedly express their sorrow on the death of Mr. Tasneem Ahmed Siddiqui. We all acknowledge his services, contributions and support during his long-term affiliation with SRSO as founding member since its inception in May 2003.

A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts and minds, he will not be forgotten. The valuable contributions extended by him during the tenure with commitment and dedication to our cause over the past 18 years, were great source of strength and inspiration to SRSO. He was a man of great intellect, vision and courage who dedicated himself to building bridges to a better future.

For excellence in public service, he won Ramon Magsaysay Award and Sitara-e-Imtiaz in 1999.

Today we mourn the passing of a great son of the Pakistan who has left behind a powerful legacy of humility, simplicity and dedication in our struggle for democratic culture, unity, justice, peace and prosperity in Pakistan.

Pray for strength for his family. Most profound condolences to the family, friends and entire development sector.

MAY THE ALMIGHTY ALLAH REST HIS SOUL IN ETERNAL PEACE. Ameen!

CEO-SRSO addressed 30th Senior Management Course (SMC)

January 24, 2022



Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO) addressed 30th Senior Management Course (SMC) on January 24, 2022 at National Institute of Management (NIM) previously known as NIPA Karachi. He briefed in his presentation about SRSO, its mandate, organizational structure and strategy to reduce poverty and community empowerment. In strategy, he shared detail of the beneficiary identification and selection through Poverty Score Card survey, three tier social mobilization (CO, VO and LSO), interventions and impact assessment tools and techniques. Especially, social mobilization process was shared and discussed in detail with management course participants.

On this occasion, he said that "its honor me and blessings of Allah and thank full to Living Legend Respected Shoab Sultan Khan and SRSO Board for trust me to present SRSO work with senior govt. officials."



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With a drive that everyone has a place to call **#home**, **#SRSO** is constructing Low Cost Houses for homeless communities with financial support of **#SindhGovt** under Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme. These 2 room **#LowCosthouses** now have a visible presence across villages of Sindh.



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District Manager of Shikarpur conducted a dialogue with beneficiaries of Ehsaas-Interest Free Loan (IFL) in village Chak Baaghi Mohalla and Taluka Lakhi. Interest free Loan program is providing **#entrepreneurship** opportunities to **#rural** communities. SRSO is implementing the Ehsaas Interest Free Loan (**#IFL**) Program in collaboration with Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (**#PPAF**) in Shikarpur and Kashmir-Kandhot districts in order to support **#incomegeneration** activities to achieve the goal of **#poverty** graduation to establish sustainable **#livelihoods**.



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and Thatta. The project aims to provide life-sustaining emergency assistance to communities affected by natural disasters in Sindh through resilience-building, including food security, livelihood (FSL) and psychological support interventions.

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Light-F Project team organized a one day Training of Trainers on Financial Literacy for Female Home based Workers, with support of Women Development Department Government of Sindh & JICA. 22 female artisans participated from BDGs of Sukkur, Khairpur and Shikarpur.

SRSO is implementing the LIGHT F Project in partnership with JICA and Women Development Department-GoS in 03 districts of Sindh i.e. Sukkur, Khairpur and Shikarpur. Project aim is to improve livelihood of Female Homebased workers and their families through Life Skill Management, Income Generation and Financial Access.

#LIGHTF #Project #JICA #WomenEmpowerment #HomeBaseWorker #Training



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