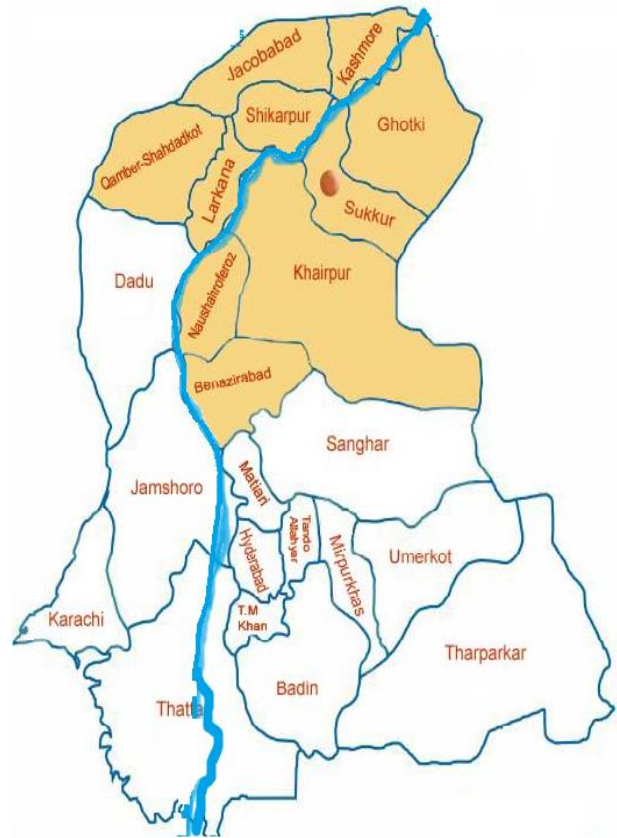




Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO)



***Final Report on SRSO's Relief Work during Flood (2015)
in affected areas of Northern-Sindh***

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Introduction

Monsoon in Pakistan generally penetrates from July to September (One Quarter) and produces widespread rains. While on the other side, early melting of snow and outburst of glacial lakes caused the riverine flooding in Sindh through Indus River and widespread rains with thunderstorms produced rainfall flooding in many areas of Sindh Province. Regarding recent flood 2015, the PMD, PDMA and flood forecasting division Lahore already issued alerts/warnings to take all possible precautionary measures to avoid any unwanted situation in any area of Pakistan in result of floods.

In July and August 2015, the northern districts of Sindh province experienced the high level of flooding inside the protective band areas. Which affected thousands of households who have been living inside of band. In the month of July 2015, the flood situation arisen which has gradually expanded its magnitude and the water level started to increase at both the barrages (Guddu and Sukkur). In the month of August 2015, the flow of Indus River has increased at high scale and reached at more than 700,000 cusecs which inundated each and every settlement inside the protection band. After such hectic situation residents of kacha areas have started their evacuation with support of local Govt, SRSO and their own. Those all households initially settled on the walls of protective bands at different sites. The district Govt and SRSO started rescue and relief work in majority of affected areas and ensured the safe and proper evacuation of all households resided in flooded areas. After evacuation the relief work was also carried out and provided the basic necessity items on need basis. During the course of relief work, the water level in Indus River has started to decreased. While with considered reduction in level of water, the residents of kacha areas partially started to move back to their native areas to see the post condition in their villages. Now gradually the population returning to their native areas to resume the normal life in their villages.

The SRSO's Final Relief Report of northern districts of Sindh province where SRSO has been working over the period of 12 years, briefly provides the details/information on rescue and relief work undertaken by SRSO in order to ensure the possible relief and effort to reduce the sufferings of affected households.



Relief activities by SRSO

After the alerts by PMD & PDMA regarding regular conditions prevailing in northern districts in view of recent floods, the population living in kacha areas have properly evacuated from their areas and shifted at safe places in camps established at the sides of protective band. Relief activities immediately started by the district Governments in their respective districts. SRSO also executed number of relief activities in various districts under the existing context of flood situation in districts. The brief overview of relief work/activities carried out by SRSO, briefly covered in the report.

Assessment of Flood Affected Households

Soon after the evacuation of affected families from their areas, and shifting at nearest band areas, SRSO along with District Govt started the assessment activity in different districts. During the assessment, the priority was given to those areas/camps which have been proposed by the district Govt to assess immediately. This activity initially begun from district Khairpur, where the respective DC asked SRSO to assess the affected families. SRSO teams assessed 3,319 affected families in four different districts, based on this activity the relief work started and extended the possible support to the affected households by covering 21 relief camps throughout all districts.



District	No of camps covered	No of Affected HHs registered
Khairpur	13	2,374
Sukkur	6	531
Shikarpur	4	307
Ghotki	2	107
Total	25	3,319

Installation of Hand Pumps & PIT Latrines

Based on immediate need raised by the affected households was the provision of drinking water and adequate place for other human necessities. SRSO always preferring the ground realities and assessing the actual needs pertaining to flood affected



families as maximum benefit could be provided meaningfully. Therefore, started the installation of Hand Pumps and PIT Latrines at the different locations, proposed by the respective district governments, the genuine need identified through assessment or highlighted by affected communities. In six different districts SRSO installed 118 Hand Pumps and 239 PIT Latrines for flood affected families in order to reduce their ongoing sufferings with possible resources. From these two facilities 22,263 population being benefitted in all affected districts. The district wise detail of HP & PL installed given below.



District	No of Hand Pumps Installed	No of PIT Latrines Installed	Population benefitted
Khairpur	30	63	6,663
Sukkur	9	15	1,400
Kashmore	25	70	6,920
Ghotki	17	20	2,360
Shikarpur	17	21	1,970
Larkana	10	25	490
Noshehro Feroz	10	25	2,460
Total	118	239	22,263

As the assessment of affected households started in district Khairpur, prior to other districts therefore, the coverage of relief work and scale of support is bigger than the other districts in terms of population benefitted.

Vaccination, Treatment & Deworming of animals

Livestock is the major source of livelihood for rural communities, especially the families living in kacha areas or inside the protective bands where the occurrence of floods is always expected. The affected households ensured the proper evacuation of their animals to protect their livelihood source. SRSO also given reasonable significance to the livestock of affected communities, as to prevent the livestock from the different diseases possibly breakout in



flood 2015. Taking into account, the prevention of diseases, SRSO formally started the mobile veterinary services in three districts, in order to provide easy and free services for animals. Under this activity, 12,099 animals are vaccinated, 1,043 animals treated and 6,807 animals dewormed in different affected districts. This activity has profoundly supported the affected households, in terms of protection of their animals from diseases. Majority of animals sustained the flood and remained healthy and protected just reason of timely vaccination, treatment and deworming. The district wise data of different services provided in flooded as under.

District	No of animals vaccinated	No of animals treated	No of animals dewormed	Total
Sukkur	210	22	88	320
Ghotki	4,316	564	4,316	9,196
Shikarpur	7,372	357	2,202	9,931
Noshehro Feroz	201	100	201	502
Total	12,099	1,043	6,807	19,949

In District Ghotki, SRSO used the mobile clinic vehicle of LEP project, whereas in districts Sukkur and Shikarpur, the SRSO/Brooke veterinary doctor's team provided their valuable services in flood affected areas for livestock and other animals.

Hygiene Awareness Sessions Conducted

During the relief activities it was observed that the affected households somehow avoiding the hygiene, which was initially indispensable to be maintained properly to prevent the affected population from different contiguous diseases, which outbreaks during flooding. SRSO with crucial support of respective LSOs have started the hygiene awareness sessions with affected communities to make them orient and aware on the advantages of maintaining proper hygiene in camps. While teams also informed the affected households regarding the disadvantages of not to



maintaining hygienic environment around their camps.

During the awareness sessions SRSO teams through LSO representative made emphasis on affected masses to promote proper hygiene and purity within the camps as the children could be protected against various contiguous diseases. Through this series of sessions in all affected districts, the SRSO teams conducted 181 hygiene sessions in which 945 male, 2,503 female and 1,042 children participated in different camps. The district wise detail of sessions given as under.

District	No of Hygiene Sessions Conducted	No of Participants			Total
		Male	Female	Children	
Kashmore	54	329	756	271	1,356
Larkana	8	70	80	10	160
Khairpur	11	0	270	115	385
Sukkur	65	245	789	309	1,343
Ghotki	23	139	321	147	607
Noshehro Feroz	20	162	287	190	639
Total	181	945	2,503	1,042	4,490

Soaps distributed under Hygiene activity

Only delivering hygiene sessions were not sufficient to ensure possible hygiene in camps. In this regard, SRSO decided to provide soaps to the affected families as they may have additional support to maintain hygiene during the time of need. During the hygiene sessions the need of the soaps was also emerged from affected communities. Distribution of soaps started in various affected districts, and SRSO teams have distributed 15,000 soaps among the affected families. During the distribution, the teams also urged on households to give priority to hand washing effectively. As this would prevent disease among them and their children during this hard time.



District	No of Camps Covered	No of Soap distributed	Beneficiary HHs
Khairpur	8	3,461	3,461
Kashmore	6	3,744	3,744
Shikarpur	3	720	720
Larkana	6	1,225	1,225
Ghotki	6	2,250	2,250
Sukkur	4	1,800	1,800
Noshehro Feroz	5	1,800	1,800
Total	38	15,000	15,000

The respective local support organizations remained proactively involved in the distribution process at different camps chiefly in districts Kashmore, Shikarpur and Ghotki. LSO members thematically urged rural women to maintain the personal hygiene in their camps by using these soaps which is only provided to save the households from diseases.

The LSO members also ensured proper discipline during the course of distribution in different camps, which significantly supported the SRSO staff to work efficiently.

Cloths distribution for children and elders

After assessment, the need of cloths also emerged in different camps for children and women. The majority of the households have kept their cloths with, but many others forget to take due to the reason of emergency and fear of flood. SRSO along with respective LSOs distributed the 791 different dresses of male, female and children in 15 camps of various districts. The detail is as under.

District	No of Camps covered	Distributed
Khairpur	4	245
Ghotki	5	246
Shikarpur	2	100
Kashmore	4	200
Total	15	791

Distribution of NFI (Cooking Pots)

The nonfood items (NFIs) are always required to the affected households. After flood 2015, in majority of affected districts the affected families who have been shifted besides the band areas in camps were genuinely needed for cooking pots, as to cook any food for their families. On such grounds and after assessment of affected communities, SRSO started to provide the different cooking pots in various camps of multiple districts where affected households were settled. During the distribution 1,500 affected households were provided cooking pots and other items in 21 camps of four districts. The district wise detail is given below.

District	No of Camps	Families
Shikarpur	3	250
Khairpur	13	900
Sukkur	2	100
Kashmore	3	250
Total	21	1,500

Distribution of mosquito nets

After assessment and requested by the respective DC Khairpur, SRSO only managed to provide mosquito nets to the flood affected households of district Khairpur in those areas where the effects of mosquitoes reported more as compare to the other areas. With support of local support organization, SRSO provided 163 mosquito nets to the affected families temporarily settled in camps.

District	Mosquito Nets Distributed	Beneficiaries	Remarks
Khairpur	163	163	Women were provided Mosquito Nets
Total	163	163	

Hiring of Boats for the transportation of affected HHs

SRSO prioritized the initial need of affected population, and ensured the possible support to make the population easily evacuated from flood water. For this purpose, SRSO hired the services of local boats being taken from district Govt and other private boat owners to provide rescue and relief to affected masses in two mainly affected districts Ghotki and Kashmore. In



addition to this, SRSO Ghotki declared free of cost transportation through boats for those households who preferred to stay within their villages during the flood, but they were required of transportation to reach out the city for initial purchasing of necessities on a daily basis.



Through this daily free of cost service the population of 18 different villages were provided easy transportation (pick & drop) at least two times in a day. Other than the daily transportation, SRSO also used the boats for the safe and full evacuation of population who could not be evacuated on their own from flooded areas.

Through this support 21,207 population safely evacuated from flooded areas and shifted them at safer places besides the bands. District wise data is below.

District	No of Boats provided	No of Population Evacuated	Remarks
Ghotki	13	8,679	Started 3/8/2015
Kandhkot @ Kashmore	4	12,528	Started 27/7/2015
Total	17	21,207	

Establishing the child friendly spaces and provision of sport kits

In order to maintain average environment for children, SRSO decided to establish child friendly spaces for children to engage them in different activities, as they may feel fresh as well as healthy and avoid any physical and mental sufferings of children during the flood days. It is well known fact that devastation affects the children in many ways like physically, mentally and academically. Through this initiative SRSO established 3 CFS in which 263 children are enrolled, and also provided three sport kits to these children to make them happier.



District	No of CFS established	Children	Sports Kits provided
Kashmore	1	63	1
Khairpur	2	200	2
Total	3	263	3

Awareness sessions for BCG & TT vaccinations & linked with EPI

SRSO along with relevant LSOs started to conduct awareness sessions with respect to BCG and TT vaccination, with flood affected households who temporarily settled in camps. The LSO representatives urged the masses particularly women to ensure the timely and properly availing of both vaccinations. After these sessions the EPI vaccinators visited those all camps and vaccinated the children and pregnant women. Through these awareness sessions fourteen camps were covered in which 4,251 children age of 0-3 were properly vaccinated, and 1,145 pregnant women were also vaccinated. The detail is given in below table.

District	No of Camps Covered	0-23 year children	Pregnant Women
Kashmore	14	4,251	1,145
Total	14	4,251	1,145

Other activities (Visits and Meetings)

Other than the rescue and relief work, SRSO officials along with district Govt officials also visited different affected areas/sites and supervised the whole relief work effectively. The brief summary of those visits and meetings given as below.

- District Govt Khairpur and SRSO jointly organized a distribution ceremony at village Garhi Pathan, in which Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari graced the event as Chief Guest along with CM Sindh and Mr. Khurshid Shah. Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari distributed the dresses among men, women and children who



affected in recent flood.

- CEO SRSO visited the relief camps at Bagarji, met with affected households and assessed the needs physically. After this visit, CEO directed the respective RM & DM to start the assessment of affected households and results of assessment would be shared with the worthy Commissioner Sukkur and respective DCs. The affected households shared with CEO regarding their immediate needs, they informed that PIT latrines and water facility in form of Hand pumps is essentially needed at their camps.



- SRSO Kashmore and Buxapur teams with support of LSO Bukhari UC Rasool Bux Chachar distributed three (03) Tents (Large Size) in Flood affected households of Village Bakho Chachar of UC RBC LSO Bukhari, Taluka & District Kashmore.

- Commissioner Sukkur Mr. Abbas Baloch and DC Khairpur accompanied with CEO SRSO visited the different Camps of flood affected area of Khairpur District on 5th August 2015.

- CEO SRSO briefed about the initiative taken by SRSO for conducting initial assessment of 1200 flood affectees, Installing Hand 12 pumps and 40 Pit Latrines near Fareedabad, UraJageer, Sadarji, Nawan Jatoi Band and others.

- Commissioner and DC appreciated the efforts of SRSO and emphasized SRSO to Manage Camps and support Government for proper assessment of IDP camps of Kingri Taluka.



- CEO SRSO agreed to install more Hand Pumps, Pit Latrine, Few Child Friendly Schools and Camp Coordination of the given area.

- Commissioner Sukkur, DC Khairpur, CEO SRSO expressed their heart felt sympathies and condolences with the families of two girls drowned into the flood water near Baharo Band.

CEO SRSO visited the flood affected areas i.e. Tori Band, affected villages Sohanro Chachar, Durrani Mahar of district Kashmore on 6-Aug-2015. CEO made some activities there as under:

- Held meeting with LSO Haibat in order to discuss the role of LSO in relief activities along with SRSO in their respective UCs.
- CEO applauded the endeavors of LSO for flood affected communities at the ground level and further encouraged the LSO members for more efforts required to remove fear of flood in affected communities.
- CEO visited the affected areas by boat and assessed losses physically in two different villages of UC Haibat.
- Held a meeting with SRSO District Kashmore staff and directed them to take maximum efforts to provide possible relief to affected families in form of drinking water and PIT latrines.
- CEO SRSO emphasized on DM Kashmore to install additional hand pumps and also ensure the installation of PIT latrines at various locations on severe need basis.



CEO SRSO also made detailed visit in flood affected areas i.e. at Mehmooda Bagh Band which almost touches the three UCs of district Shikarpur. During visit the CEO met with affected households which are temporarily settled in camps at Band.

- CEO held meeting with the affected population at different sites of Band and assessed the immediate need physically from the affected households.
- Based on need mentioned by respective affectees, the CEO directed the DM Shikarpur to prioritize plan in order to address the need required by the affected families at possible scale.



- CEO also directed to install the hand pumps and PIT latrines at various sites of Band near camps where the affected households are suffering for water and toilets.
- With proper involvement of respective LSOs all possible efforts to be taken to eliminate the sufferings of affected communities under the available resources.

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