



# Newsletter

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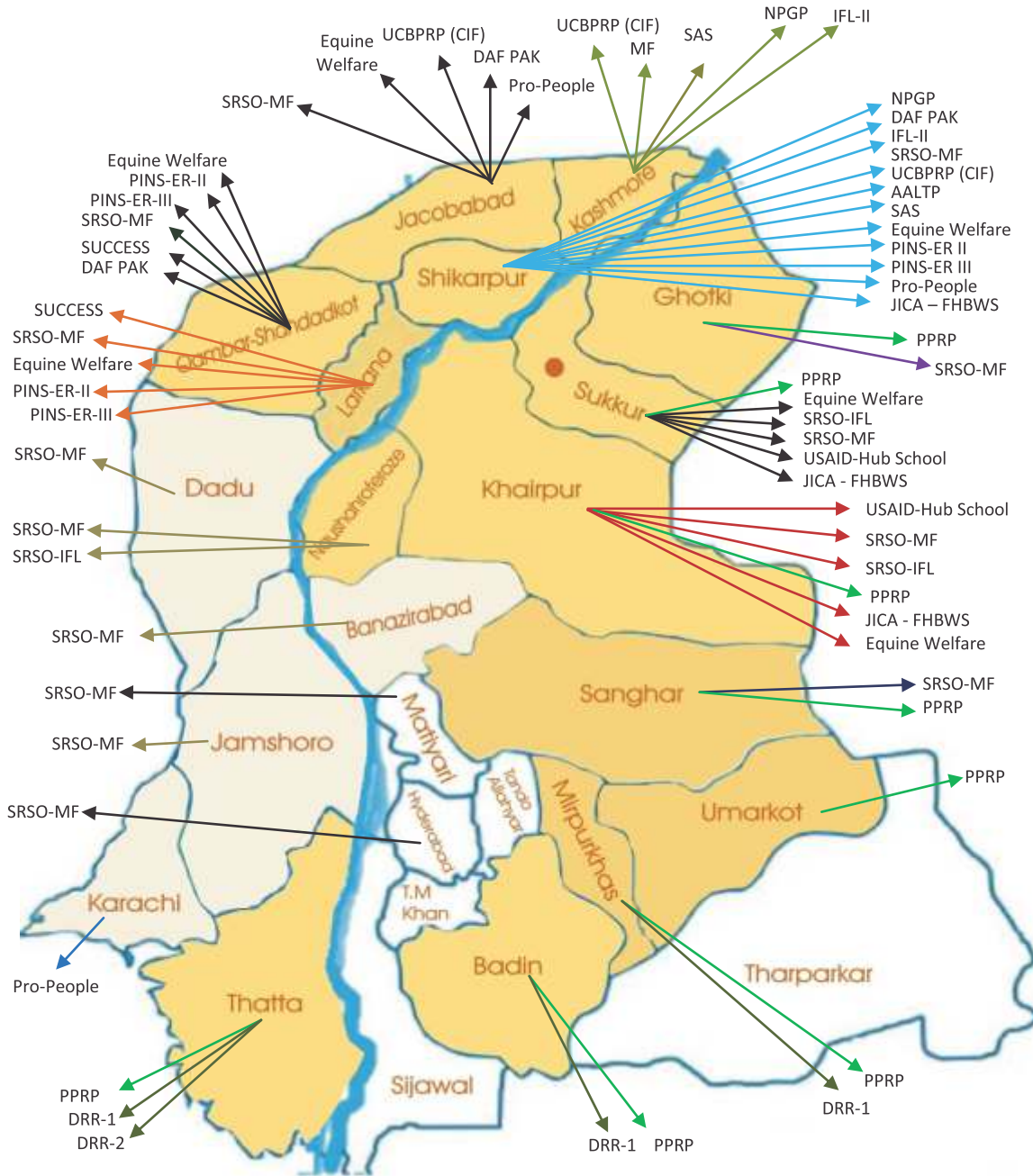
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## Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) Operational Areas



### ON GOING PROJECTS

- UCBPRP (CIF)**  
Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme  
Funded by: GoS
- Equine Welfare Project**  
Funded by: BROOKE
- PPRP**  
Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme  
Funded by: GoS
- SRRS-Microfinance**  
Funded by: SRSO
- Assisted School Program (SAS)**  
Funded by: SEF
- Inertest Free Loan - IFL-II**  
Under EHSAS Programme  
Funded by: PPAF
- USAID-Hub School (EMO-Schools)**  
Funded by: USAID-GoS
- SUCCESS**  
Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support Program (SUCCESS)  
Funded by: European Union (EU)
- SRRS-IFL**  
(Interest Free Loan)  
Funded by: GOS
- AALTP**  
Adolescent & Adult Learning & Training Program  
Funded by: SEF - GoS
- PINS**  
Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh  
Funded by: P&D-GoS - EU
- DAF PAK**  
Delivering Accelerated Family Planning in Pakistan  
Funded by: PSI - DFID
- JICA - FHBWS**  
Improvement of Livelihood and Female Home-Based workers in informal Economic Section in Sindh Province  
Funded by: JICA
- Pro-People**  
Promotion of the Rights of Older People in Pakistan (Pro-People) Sindh  
Funded by: HelpAge Germany & BMZ
- NPGP**  
National Poverty Graduation Programme  
Funded by: IFAD-GoP
- DRR-Project-1**  
Funded by: SIDA
- DRR-Project-2**  
Funded by: ECHO

### VISION

To perceive Socially and Economically empowered Communities especially the marginalized ones and helping create a proactive Community Organizations by attitudinal change by setting free people's Potentials and willingness to alleviate poverty.

### MISSION

To meet the challenge of battering poverty and help the poor to get above the poverty line and have a standard life. To help marginalized rural people harness their potential to bring about change in their quality of life on a self help basis.

### OBJECTIVES

- To unleash people's potential and willingness to alleviate poverty in Sindh
- To reinforce and compliment Government of Pakistan's policy of Poverty Alleviation
- To support and strengthen Government of Sindh's efforts to translate Poverty reduction strategies into actions

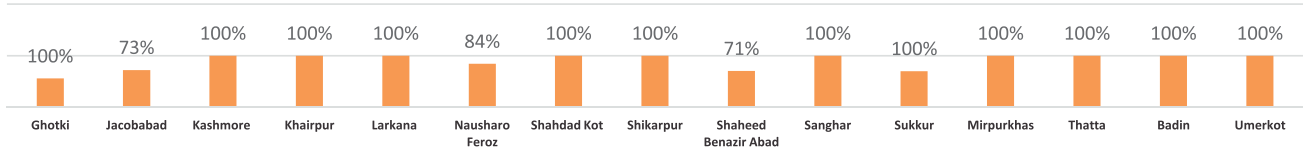


### SRSO CUMULATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 2021

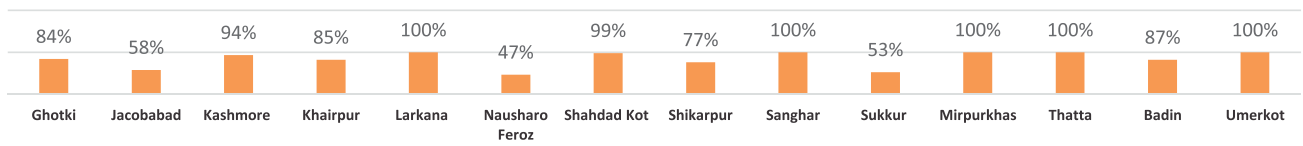
S. No.	Key Performance Indicators	Achievement as of September 2021	Achievement as of Dec: 2021	% increase during Qtr:	
1	No. of Operational Districts	15	15	0%	
2	No. of Union Councils with SRSO presence	762	762	0%	
3	No. of Taluka with SRSO presence	86	86	0%	
4	No. of Villages with SRSO presence	16,287	16,396	1%	
5	No. of Household Organized	1,358,106	1,366,966	1%	
6	VO Formation	13,632	13,741	1%	
7	LSO Formation	569	581	2%	
8	CO- Formation	Female	76,068	76,360	0.4%
9	CO-Membership	Female	1,358,106	1,366,966	1%
10	Community Saving (In million)	Female	242.94	242.94	0%
11	Income Generating Grant (IGG) Amount Disbursed (In Million)	495.40	551.92	11%	
	No. of IGG Beneficiaries	37,639	41,375	10%	
12	Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount disbursed (In Million)-Seed Money	2,697	2,772	3%	
	No. of CIF Beneficiaries	211,100	214,470	2%	
13	Total amount of Microcredit disbursed (In Million)	19,130	19,922	4%	
	No. of Beneficiaries of Micro Credit Programme	826,999	848,733	3%	
14	No of Community members trained in vocational skill Training	88,631	92,704	5%	
15	No of Community members trained in Managerial skill training	376,428	383,542	2%	
16	Community Members trained as TBAs	4,777	4,777	0%	
17	Micro Health Insurance (Clients)	949,586	998,459	5%	
18	No. of Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)	27,121	27,195	0.03%	
	Total amount of CPIs (In Millions)	1,647	1,677	2%	
	Total Beneficiary Households	296,535	302,808	5%	
19	No of Low Cost Houses	24,185	24,374	1%	
20	No of Poultry layers distributed	24,900	25,500	2%	
21	No of trees Planted	858,562	902,602	5%	



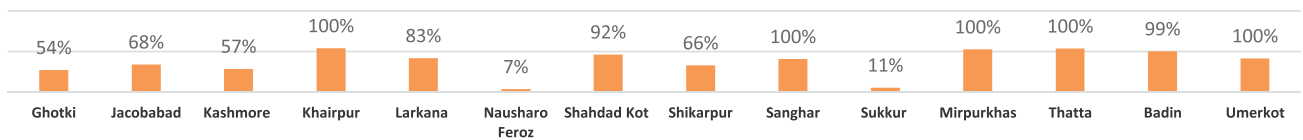
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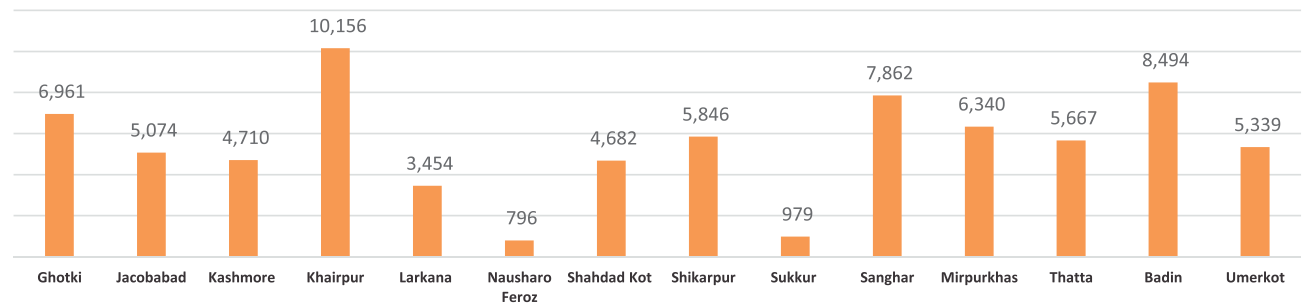
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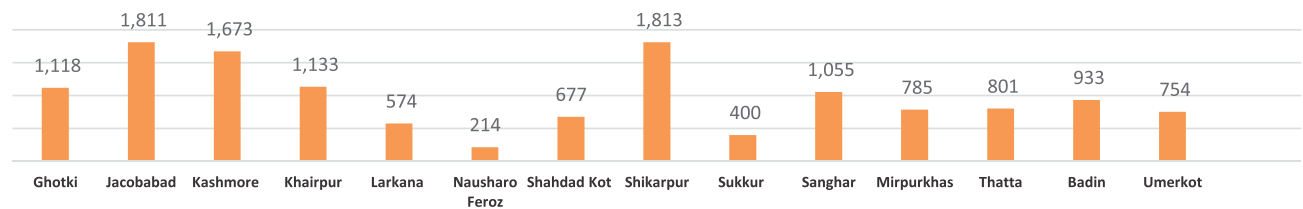
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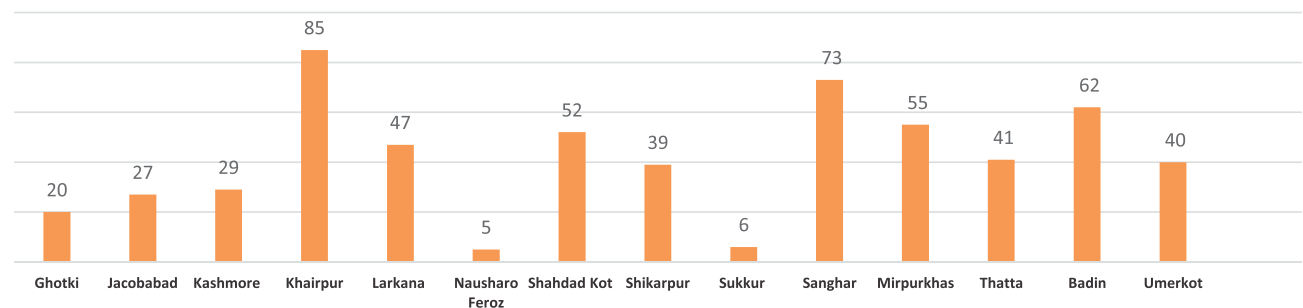
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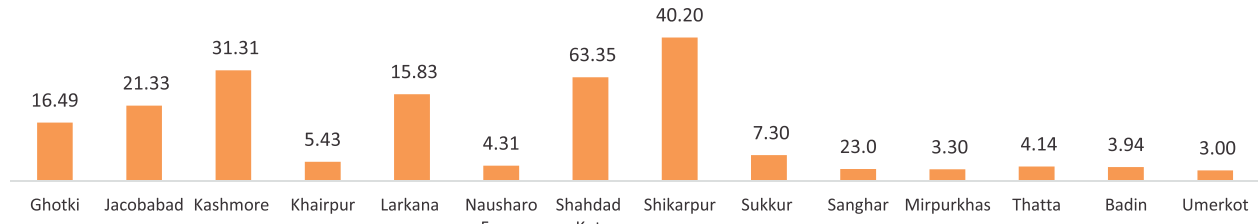


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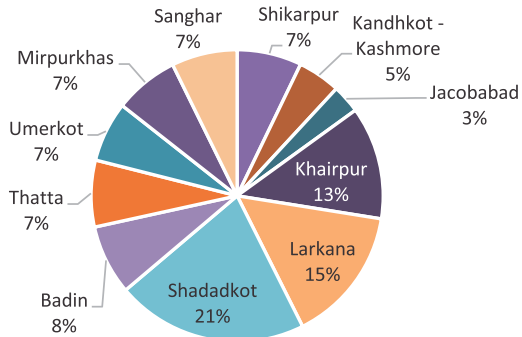




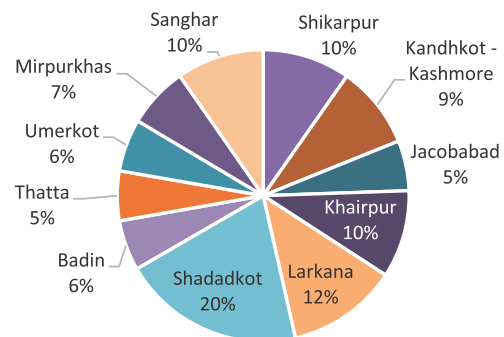
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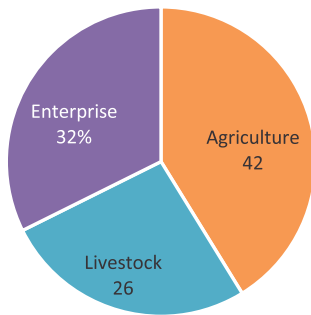
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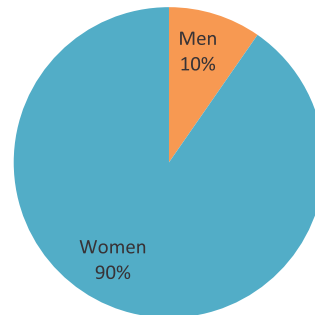
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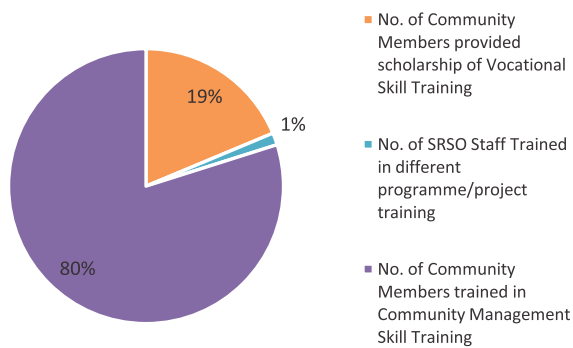
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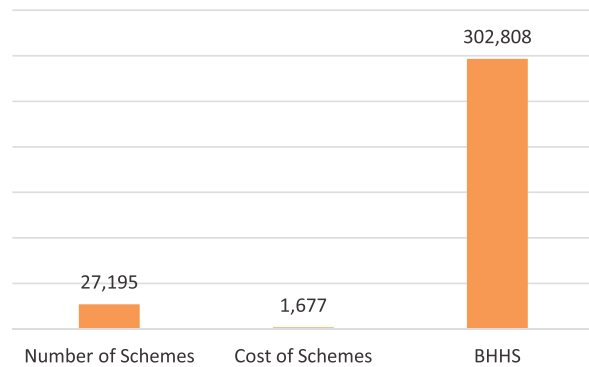
**GENDER WISE MICROCREDIT DISBURSMENT AS OF DECEMBER 2021**



**SUMMARY OF TRAINED STAFF & COMMUNITY MEMBERS AS OF DECEMBER 2021**



**SUMMARY OF CPI AS OF DECEMBER 2021**





S. No.	Districts		Geographical Coverage				
			Total No. of area in the District	# of SRSO intervened area as of September 2021	# of SRSO intervened area as of Dec: 2021	% increase during Qtr:	% of total area coverage as of Dec: 2021
1	Ghotki	Union Council	66	66	66	-	100%
		Village	2,464	2,080	2,080	-	84%
		Household	223,706	120,767	120,767	-	54%
2	Jacobabad	Union Council	40	29	29	-	73%
		Village	3,110	1,811	1,811	-	58%
		Household	125,341	84,893	84,893	-	68%
3	Kashmore - Kandhkot	Union Council	37	37	37	-	100%
		Village	1,786	1,673	1,673	-	94%
		Household	140,872	80,345	80,345	-	57%
4	Khairpur	Union Council	88	88	88	-	100%
		Village	1,327	1,094	1,133	4%	85%
		Household	186,893	182,461	182,461	3%	98%
5	Larkana	Union Council	47	47	47	-	100%
		Village	567	574	574	-	100%
		Household	88,997	74,135	74,135	-	83%
6	Naushahro Feroz	Union Council	51	43	43	-	84%
		Village	2,192	1,028	1,028	-	47%
		Household	212,073	14,325	14,325	-	7%
7	Qamber - Shahdadkot	Union Council	52	52	52	-	100%
		Village	688	678	678	-	99%
		Household	110,103	101,747	101,747	-	92%
8	Shikarpur	Union Council	50	50	50	-	100%
		Village	2,414	1,848	1,848	-	77%
		Household	155,902	102,306	102,306	-	66%
9	Sukkur	Union Council	37	37	37	-	100%
		Village	1,664	881	881	-	53%
		Household	135,906	14,429	14,429	-	11%
10	Shaheed Benazir Abad	Union Council	51	36	36	-	71%
		Village	4,104	362	362	-	9%
		Household	210,984	-	-	-	-
11	Sanghar	Union Council	73	73	73	-	100%
		Village	1,022	1,050	1,055	0.5%	100%
		Household	144,766	145,386	146,123	0.5%	100%
12	Mirpurkhas	Union Council	55	55	55	-	100%
		Village	783	784	785	0.1%	100%
		Household	108,625	108,676	108,676	-	100%
13	Thatta	Union Council	41	41	41	-	100%
		Village	675	786	801	2	100%
		Household	93,533	93,268	93,574	0.3%	100%
14	Badin	Union Council	68	68	68	-	100%
		Village	1073	884	933	6%	87%
		Household	148,784	144,760	147,451	2%	99%
15	Umerkot	Union Council	40	40	40	-	100%
		Village	690	754	754	-	100%
		Household	89,606	90,609	91,032	0.5%	100%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>Union Council</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>91%</b>
		<b>Village</b>	<b>24,559</b>	<b>16,287</b>	<b>16,396</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>67%</b>
		<b>Household</b>	<b>2,176,181</b>	<b>1,358,107</b>	<b>1,366,966</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>63%</b>



S. No.	District	Institution Formation of Community Community Organizations (COs) Village Organization (VOs) Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	Organized Coverage		
			# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of September 2021	# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of December 2021	% increase during Qtr:
1	Ghotki	Community Organizations (COs)	6,961	6,961	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,118	1,118	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	20	20	-
2	Jacobabad	Community Organizations (COs)	5,074	5,074	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,811	1,811	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	27	27	-
3	Kandhkot- Kashmore	Community Organizations (COs)	4,710	4,710	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,673	1,673	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	29	29	-
4	Khairpur	Community Organizations (COs)	9,970	10,156	2%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,094	1,133	4%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	76	85	12%
5	Larkana	Community Organizations (COs)	3,454	3,454	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	574	574	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	47	47	-
6	Naushahroferoz	Community Organizations (COs)	796	796	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	214	214	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	5	5	-
7	Qamber - Shahdadkot	Community Organizations (COs)	4,682	4,682	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	677	677	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	52	52	-
8	Shikarpur	Community Organizations (COs)	5,846	5,846	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,813	1,813	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	39	39	-
9	Sukkur	Community Organizations (COs)	979	979	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	400	400	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	6	6	-
10	Sanghar	Community Organizations (COs)	7,861	7,862	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,050	1,055	0.5%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	72	73	1%
11	Mirpurkhas	Community Organizations (COs)	6,333	6,340	0.1%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	784	785	0.1%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	55	55	-
12	Thatta	Community Organizations (COs)	5,656	5,667	0.2%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	786	801	2%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	41	41	-
13	Badin	Community Organizations (COs)	8,408	8,494	1%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	884	933	6%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	60	62	3%
14	Umerkot	Community Organizations (COs)	5,338	5,339	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	754	754	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	40	40	8%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>Community Organizations (COs)</b>	<b>76,068</b>	<b>76,360</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
		<b>Village Organizations (VOs)</b>	<b>13,632</b>	<b>13,741</b>	<b>1%</b>
		<b>Local Support Organizations (LSOs)</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>2%</b>



### Community Saving

S. No.	District	Community Saving as of September 2021 (In Millions)	Community Saving as of December 2021(In Millions)	% increase during Qtr:
1	Ghotki	16.49	16.49	0%
2	Jacobabad	21.33	21.33	0%
3	Kashmore - Kandhkot	31.31	31.31	0%
4	Khairpur	5.43	5.43	0%
5	Larkana	15.83	15.83	0%
6	Naushahro Feroz	4.31	4.31	0%
7	Qamber - Shahdadkot	63.35	63.35	0%
8	Shikarpur	40.20	40.20	0%
9	Sukkur	7.30	7.30	0%
10	Sanghar	23.0	23.0	0%
11	Mirpurkhas	3.30	3.30	0%
12	Thatta	4.14	4.14	0%
13	Badin	3.94	3.94	0%
14	Umerkot	3.00	3.00	0%
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>242.94</b>	<b>242.94</b>	<b>-</b>

### District wise Disbursement of Income Generating Grants (IGG) (Women Beneficiaries)

S. No.	Districts	as of September 2021		as of December 2021		% increase during Qtr
		# of Benef:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	# of Benef:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	
1	Shikarpur	3,717	39.50	3,717	39.50	-
2	Kashmore - Kandhkot	2,543	26.13	2,543	26.13	-
3	Jacobabad	1,348	17.31	1,348	17.31	-
4	Khairpur	4,771	69.0	4,771	69.0	-
5	Sukkur	-	-	172	2.50	-
6	Ghotki	-	-	146	2.20	-
5	Larkana	5,920	65.8	6,590	83.19	26%
6	Qamber – Shahdadkot	5,402	78.0	8,302	117.17	50%
7	Badin	3,062	42.67	3,062	42.67	-
8	Thatta	2,719	40.74	2,719	40.74	-
9	Umerkot	2,514	36.75	2,514	36.75	-
10	Mirpurkhas	2,721	39.32	2,721	39.32	-
11	Sanghar	3,095	40.15	3,095	40.15	-
	<b>Total IGG Disbursed</b>	<b>37,639</b>	<b>495.40</b>	<b>41,375</b>	<b>551.92</b>	<b>11%</b>

### District wise Disbursement of Community Investment Fund (CIF) (Women Beneficiaries 100%)

Districts	As of September 2021				As of December 2021			
	Beneficiaries	Seed Money	Beneficiaries	Revolved	Beneficiaries	Seed Money	Beneficiaries	Revolved
Shikarpur	40,239	396.51	-	-	40,239	396.51	-	-
Kandhkot - Kashmore	35,863	374.07	-	-	35,863	374.07	-	-
Jacobabad	18,371	226.43	-	-	18,371	226.43	-	-
Khairpur	17,590	246.27	8,225	103.4	17,590	246.27	11,168	149.40
Sukkur	513	7.05	-	-	2,230	61.29	-	-
Noshero Feroze	370	1.85	-	-	1,763	42.85	-	-
Larkana	15,216	243.71	12,553	219.89	16,296	251.42	13,323	249.81
Shadadkot	24,916	389.65	20,446	359.84	25,489	402.40	23,481	420.95
Badin	12,232	157.55	4,188	56.26	12,232	157.55	5,148	70.29
Thatta	8,230	121.69	5,134	82.21	8,230	122.69	6,255	101.45
Umerkot	10,365	142.12	5,082	68.73	10,365	142.12	6,679	95.26
Mirpurkhas	11,729	168.26	6,095	84.91	11,729	168.26	7,514	107.33
Sanghar	15,466	221.13	10,526	145.32	15,466	221.13	12,455	173.58
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>211,100</b>	<b>2,697</b>	<b>72,249</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>214,470</b>	<b>2,772</b>	<b>86,023</b>	<b>1,368</b>
	<b>Total Beneficiaries (283,349) Total Amount in Million (3,818)</b>				<b>Total Beneficiaries (300,493) Total Amount in Million (4,140)</b>			

### Micro Finance (MF)

S. No.	Amount disbursed as of December 2021
1	<b>Total Amount of Micro Credit Disbursement (in (Milion))</b>
	Men
	Women
2	<b>No. of Loans</b>
	Male
	Female
3	<b>Sectoral Disbursement</b>
	Agriculture
	Livestock
	Enterprise





### Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)

S. No.	Types of CPI Schemes	Achievement as of December 2021		
		No. of Schemes	Cost of Schemes (In Millions)	BHHs
<b>Total of CPI Schemes</b>		<b>27,195</b>	<b>1,677</b>	<b>302,808</b>
1	Sanitation	15,958	199.89	87,738
2	Street Pavement & Sanitation	74	220.41	13,443
3	Drinking Water Supply Schemes (DWSS)	9,541	351.35	52,641
4	Low Cost Village Improvement Schemes (LCVI)	72	127.09	7,248
5	Communication	988	463.01	93,294
6	Irrigation	474	196.68	14,314
7	IAUP	1	2.09	75
8	Water Filter Plants by GoS	40	23.58	28,570
9	Street Lighting on solar system	16	11.54	939
10	Schools Renovation/Construction	31	80.93	4,546

### Human Resource Development (HRD)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of Sept: 2021	Achievement as of December 2021	% increase during Qtr:
1	No. of Community Members provided scholarship for Vocational Skill Training	88,631	92,704	5
2	No. of Community Members trained in Community Management Skill Training	376,428	383,542	2%
3	No. of SRSO Staff Trained in different programme/project training	6,594	6,691	1%

### Micro Health Insurance (MHI)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of Sept: 2021	Achievement as of Dec: 2021	% increase during Qtr:
1	No. of Community Members provided Micro Health Insurance Cover	949,586	998,459	5
2	No. of Community Members Treated through MHI	23,943	23,943	-
	Men	4,395	4,395	-
	Women	19,548	19,548	-
3	Amount of claims availed by Community (In Million)	230.44	316.10	37

### Low Cost Housing (LCH)

S. No.	Housing Schemes	No of Houses	Cost of Houses (In Millions)	BHHs
<b>Total of Housing Schemes</b>		<b>24,374</b>	<b>16,652</b>	<b>24,374</b>
11	Low Cost Housing Scheme (2007-2021)	23,884	16,465	23,695
12	Benazir Housing Cell	490	113.63	490

**Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP)-I**

District Khairpur, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Umerkot, Badin &amp; Thatta

(April 2017-June 2023)



Project Activities	Unit	Programme Targets	Cumulative Achievement as of Dec: 2021	%
Poverty Scorecard Census	UC	365	365	100%
Households Census	Household	1,176,633	1,103,772	94%
Population Census	Person	5,279,012	5,279,012	100%
Number of HHs organized	Household	772,297	773,699	100%
Formation of Community Organizations (CO)	CO	44,560	43,849	98%
Formation of Village Organization (VO)	VO	5,570	5,459	98%
Formation of Local Support Organizations (LSO)	LSO	365	356	98%
Capacity Building of CO bearers	Person	89,120	81,432	91%
Capacity Building of VO bearers	Person	33,420	28,696	86%
Capacity Building of LSO bearers	Person	2,196	1,795	82%
No of Beneficiaries trained in Vocational and Technical Skills	Person	36,092	30,550	85%
No of Households given CIF	Household	137,492	75,810	55%
No of Households given IGG	Household	34,372	18,839	55%
Formation of Business Development Groups (BDGs)	No	500	221	44%
No of Low Cost Housing Scheme	Number	9,623	8,196	85%

**Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP)-II**

District Sukkur &amp; Ghotki

(June 2019-June 2023)

Project Activities	Unit	Programme Targets	Cumulative Achievement as of Dec: 2021	%
Poverty Scorecard Census	UC	103	103	100%
Households Census	Household	360,620	268,400	74%
Population Census	Person	2,019,699	1,721,216	85%
Number of HHs organized	Household	252,434	64,359	25%
Formation of Community Organizations (CO)	CO	14,024	3,972	28%
Formation of Village Organization (VO)	VO	1,753	277	16%
Formation of Local Support Organizations (LSO)	LSO	103	-	-
Capacity Building of CO bearers	Person	28,048	5,443	19%
Capacity Building of VO bearers	Person	10,518	379	4%
Capacity Building of LSO bearers	Person	618	-	-
No of Beneficiaries trained in Vocational and Technical Skills	Person	15,000	485	3%
Village Improvement Plan	No	103	-	-
Kitchen Garden	Person	10,000	-	-
No of Households given CIF	Household	100,000	4,275	4%
No of Households given IGG	Household	12,000	338	3%
Formation of Business Development Groups (BDGs)	No	71	-	-
No of Low Cost Housing Scheme	Number	10,000	-	-

**Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS)**

District Larkana &amp; Kambar-Shahdadkot

(February 2016- June 2022)



Project Activities	Unit	Programme Targets	Cumulative Achievement as of Dec: 2021	%
Poverty Scorecard Census	UC	99	99	100%
Households Census	Household	267,823	267,823	100%
Population Census	Person	1,939,008	1,939,008	100%
Number of HHs organized	Household	187,476	175,887	94%
Formation of Community Organizations (CO)	CO	8,375	8,136	97%
Formation of Village Organization (VO)	VO	1,280	1,251	98%
Formation of Local Support Organizations (LSO)	LSO	99	99	100%
CMST of COs office bearers	Person	18,385	16,258	88%
LMST of VOs office bearers	Person	2,816	2,849	100%
LMST of LSOs office bearers	Person	891	544	61%
Activists workshops for office bearers of LSO / VO / CO	Event	252	132	52%
CRP Training on CIF and CAT (VO based CRPs)	Person	990	931	94%
Training of Bookkeeper/Accountant	Person	764	661	87%
No of Beneficiaries Trained in Vocational and Technical Skills	Person	14,600	9,772	67%
No. of Households Given IGG	Household	18,994	14,957	79%
No. of Households Given CIF	Household	41,785	41,785	100%
No of beneficiaries insured in Micro Health Insurance Programme	Person	47,894	46,836	98%
No of CPI Schemes Initiated	Number	949	827	87%
No CPI Schemes Completed	Number	827	683	83%



## Provincial Minister Mines & Mineral Development Mr. Mir Shabir Ali Khan Bijarani inaugurated the newly constructed Community Cluster School Qaiser Khan Gujrani

Kashmore@Kandhkot/December 17, 2021

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

The school was inaugurated by Mir Shabir Ali Khan Bijarani (Provincial Minister for Mines & Mineral Development-Govt. of Sindh). Representatives of the Education Department, Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, (CEO-Sindh Rural Support Organization), teachers, notables of the area, and SRSO officials were 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. Shabir Ali appreciated the efforts of SRSO in providing quality education to students by establishing a well-furnished school building equipped with interactive learning resources.



HIGHLIGHTS

## Community dialogue with NPGP beneficiaries of the Country Director Pakistan-IFAD

Kashmore@Kandhkot/November 19, 2021

SRSO is implementing National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP) in partnership with the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) and financial support of the Government of Pakistan & International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). A delegation of the International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) led by Country Director for Pakistan Mr. Hubert Boirard, PPAF Senior Group Head Graduation Ms. Samia Liaquat Ali Khan with other team members, Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO), and other senior officials participated in the dialogue. The delegation visited village Ghulam Qadir Khokhar UC Kashmore Colony-I and interacted with beneficiaries who had received productive assets and Interest-Free Loans (IFL) and transformed their lives and livelihoods. Rural community women shared their journey of success from extreme poverty to sustainable livelihood with the support of NPGP & IFL.



## Deputy Country Director Education USAID- Pakistan visited SRSO managed EMO-HUB School Numaish Colony Sukkur

Sukkur/October 27, 2021

A High-level delegation of USAID under the leadership of Deputy Country Director Education USAID Pakistan Mr. Zahid A. Sbuhouran visited SRSO managed EMO-HUB School Numaish Colony Sukkur. All key stakeholders of the project were accompanied by a delegation including Mr. Naveed Ahmed Shaikh Chief of Party CMP, Mr. Tousef Latif Director PPP. Node, Mr. Lila Ram Education Officer USAID Pakistan, Education Department, and SRSO officials.

During the visit, students of the school presented a wonderful presentation on vital organs of the human body. Afterward, the delegation participated in a School Management Committee meeting where the student enrolment issue came under discussion. Finally, the delegation appreciated the efforts of

students and the role of staff in quality education. In the last, the delegation also visited the school building.





## Country Director, Action Against Hunger (ACF) Pakistan visited SIDA funded DRR Project interventions

Thatta & Badin/November 3 & 23, 2021

SRSO is implementing the Project “Building Resilient Communities by Connecting Disaster and Emergency Responses to Sustainable Development” in Thatta, Mirpurkhas & Badin districts with the technical support of Action Against Hunger (ACF) and financial support of SIDA. Ms. Jennifer Ankrom Khan Country Director Action Against Hunger (ACF) Pakistan along with other ACF officials visited DRR interventions in district Thatta and Badin. Country Director-ACF-Pakistan visited village Ali Bux Brohi UC Faqir Jo Goth and village Obhayo Jakhro district Thatta, and village Bhog Bheel of Union Council Aulia Jerkas district Badin. The delegation participated in locust

awareness sessions and interacted with LSO coordinators and CRPs. Representatives of LSO members highlighted the activities and described hazard mapping and vulnerability about the disaster of rain and super flood. Moreover, delegation interacted with the resilient community to discuss DRR challenges and their preparedness, conditional and unconditional grants, and potential hazards came under discussion as well. The community shared their Learning and previous practices and their evacuation plan. On this occasion, Country Director-ACF handed over DRR Kits to the Local Support Organization.



## Participaiton of SRSO Board of Directors in Managerial Activists Conference and visit of Govt. of Sindh funded PRPP interventions

Thatta/October 17, 2021

A 06-members delegation of SRSO-Board of Directors (BoD) visited different initiatives undertaken under the Government of Sindh funded Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program (PPRP) in district Thatta. The delegation was comprised of Ms. Sadiqa Salahudin, Ms. Raheema Panhwar, Mr. Aazar Ayaz, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Abro, Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Kherro, Mr. Waheed Umrani, and Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO). Meanwhile, Government Officials: Mr. Parvez Ahmed Chandio (DG Directorate PPRP), Mr. Muhammad Siddique Palijo (Deputy District Education Officer), and Mr. Niaz Ahmed Memon (Additional Director Social Welfare Thatta )were also part of the visit.

members shared their success stories taken under the PPRP. Later, during MAC, a detailed discussion took place between community institutions and other stakeholders especially line departments and administration which is an achievement of milestones towards the linkages development between the two entities.

The delegation visited different interventions undertaken by SRSO formed Community Institutions (CIs) under the PPRP-GoS in Council Jungri, village Qaim Shoro. BoD members and Government officials inaugurated Low-Cost Houses provided to the poorest of the poor Households and then they visited a small flour mill (Ata Chaki) a beneficiary established from CIF, Community Investment Fund (CIF), and interacted with Vocational Training Program beneficiaries for (VTP) utilization of skills. On the occasion, Managerial Activist Conference (MAC) was also organized by community institutions and community





## A dialogue of Dr. Kaiser Bengali with rural entrepreneur women of Business Development Groups

SRSO Complex Sukkur /December23, 2021

Dr. Kaiser Bengali, a renowned Economist, and EU-funded Sindh Union Council Community and Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS ) Programme's technical assistance team conducted an interactive dialogue with rural women entrepreneurs.

SRSO has successfully created Business Development Groups (BDGs) under the strategy of Social Mobilization for the improvement of entrepreneurship and value chain under the

Peoples' Reduction Program. PPRP is an initiative of Sindh Govt. to reduce poverty in rural Sindh and at present SRSO is implementing this project in 8 districts. SRSO has mobilized the women and organized them into Community Organizations, trained them, provided capacity-building training, and then support in the shape of Interest-free loans (CIF). This will help to create employment, generate income and contribute to economic development and growth for rural communities.



## International Rural Women Day celebration under the theme of “Rural Women Cultivation Good For All”

Kashmore@Kandhkot & Shikarpur/October 14, 2021

International Rural Women Day was celebrated by rural women of organized community institutions and NPGP-GOP Beneficiaries under the theme of “Rural Women Cultivation Good For All in Shikarpur & Kashmore on October 15, 2021. The event was attended by community institutors and the Government of Pakistan-supported National Poverty Graduation Programme beneficiaries of Union Council District Kashmore and UC Wazeerabad Taluka Lakhi District Shikarpur. Women Leaders of CIs and NPGP beneficiaries shared their views regarding issues and the role of rural women in the development especially agriculture and production of food for all. Participants said, "Rural women are playing a crucial role from production of crops to processing, preparing, and distributing food, women's labor-paid and unpaid-feeds their families, communities, and the world. Yet, they do not wield equal power with men, and as a result, they earn less income and experience higher food insecurity.





## District Level Awareness Seminar on International Disaster Risk Reduction Day in collaboration with Sindh University Laar Campus

Badin/October 14, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) district Badin in collaboration with Sindh University Laar Campus Badin organized a district-level awareness seminar on International Disaster Risk Reduction Day under the theme of international cooperation for developing countries to reduce their disasters risks and losses. This program was organized under the SIDA-ACF-funded “Building Resilient Communities by Connecting Disaster and Emergency Responses to Sustainable Development” Project. The event was attended by ACF representatives, campus students, teachers, district administration, civil society organizations, media, community institutions (COs, VO, and LSOs), and community women from the targeted disaster-prone areas.

Mr. Taaj Muhammad Mallah (Member Provincial Assembly), Aga Shah Nawaz (Deputy Commissioner Badin), Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Khoso (Deputy Director-SWD), were also participated in the



event. Deputy Commissioner Aga Shahnawaz appreciated the efforts of SRSO and said, that now it's our responsibility to come forward and support these efforts.

During the program, a panel discussion was also organized to discuss the DRR issues and the way forward. The panel was comprised of Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Khoso, Mr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo, Senior Journalist Mr. Haroon Gopang, Professor Khalilullah, and DRR specialist Ms. Rabia Rauf. Mr. Muhammad Khan Samo moderated the panel. Panelists discussed different aspects of DRR and explained in detail with participants and students all major DRR issues of the district i.e. LBOD, extreme shortage of water, erosion of seawater, monsoon, and other, and its effects on the communities and their lives and livelihood. In the end, memorial shields were distributed among the key speakers, guests, social workers, and students.



## Award Ceremony event for awarding of Literacy Certificates under JICA LIGHT-F Project

SRSO Complex Sukkur/October 07, 2021

Literacy Certificates Awarding Ceremony was organized at SRSO Complex Sukkur under the JICA's LIGHT-F Project. Ms. Anjum Iqbal Jumani Secretary Women Development Department-Govt. of Sindh was the chief guest of the event. Whereas, Ms. Sadiqa Salahuddin (Executive Director IRC), Mr. Aazar Ayaz (SRSO-BoD Member), Mr. Abid Gill (JICA's Aqual Project), Mr. Prem Sagar (JICA-Sindh), and Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO) participated and gave the opening remarks and appreciated all stakeholder's roles in making this program successful. On the occasion, two learners of the program from BDGs Ms. Rukhsana and Ms. Waheeda shared

their learning experiences and how their life is changed through this intervention. Education and Literacy Department-GoS distributed 192 literacy certificates among the Business Development Group (BDG) learners who have completed successfully a 3-months course.

Finally, Ms. Anjum Iqbal Jumani shared her views and said “I have visited this program in the field and met with learners and all stakeholders especially JICA, SRSO, IRC, and Education Department whose were involved in this program and made this program successful.





## Tayaba Organization distributed 500 H2O Wheels in desert areas

Umerkot/30th November 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization distributed H2O wheels in the collaboration with Tayaba Organization, wheels funded by Bayer is addressing the Thar-deserted areas' most pressing problem of water scarcity. Indeed, SRSO in the District Umerkot PPRP-Govt. of Sindh intervention areas has distributed the 500 Wheels to the poorest of the poor households living in white desert areas of different Union Councils and villages to provide

ease in access to carry clean drinking water to water-deprived communities through the H2O wheels.

The event was attended by Acting CEO Tayaba Welfare International Association along with the MEAL team and SRSO Regional General Manager, DM Umerkot, AM-MER PPRP, and district Team was also present. Nida Sheikh (Acting CEO) said that the impact of these wheels is very effective on humans.



## 05 Business Development Groups (BDGs) from Thatta and Khairpur received cheques of matching grants from UN-ITC

Karachi/November 30, 2021

Five Business Development Groups (BDGs) from Thatta and Khairpur districts received cheques of matching grants to small & medium enterprises in Sindh from the International Trade Center (ITC) under the Project Growth for rural advancement and sustainable progress (GRASP). ITC has disbursed 12 million PKR among 12 Business groups of Karachi, Thatta, and Khairpur. The ceremony was organized in Karachi. GRASP is a six-year

project designed to reduce poverty in Pakistan and aims to uplift Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs). These BDGs were formed and supported by SRSO under the Sindh Govt. funded Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program. Ms. Shereen Mustafa Narejo (Technical Advisor-SRSO) and Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO- SRSO) also participated and addressed the event.



## LSO Network Taluka Kamber visited Safe House

Kamber-Shahdadkot/November30, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) under the EU-funded SUCCESS Programme is working for the strengthening of women-led Community Institutions and networking through building linkages with govt. department and institutions and increasing their access to services and facilities. The Safe Houses have been established and managed by the Women Development Department Govt. of Sindh to provide shelter and legal aid to survivors of violence, abuse, and injustice.





## An activist workshop was organized on International Human Rights Day under the theme “Stop violence against women”

Kamber-Shahdadkot/December 10, 2021

To mark the International human rights day on December 10, 2021, an activist workshop was organized by LSO Roshan Deo Aabri at village Dost Muhammad Metlo district Kamber-Shahdadkot under the EU funded SUCCESS Programme. The event was organized as part of the 16 days of activism to end violence against women and girls and discourage all types of discrimination.

Deputy Commissioner of Kamber Shahdadkot Mr. Javed Nabi Khoso was the chief guest and representative of the Social Welfare Department, Women Development Department, women community leaders, and SRSO officials participated in the workshop. Women activists shared their achievements and experiences regarding their struggles to raise awareness among rural women about their basic rights. Mr. Javed said, “he was happy to see the courage and efforts of rural women. Moreover, he said that society should empower girls and women to prevent inequality, abuses, and discrimination and protect the most vulnerable, no one has the right to oppress others”. The workshop concluded with a commitment to protect the rights of every human.



## Deputy Commissioner Thatta visited Village Organization formed under GoS-PPRP

Thatta/December 09, 2021

Deputy Commissioner-Mr. Ghazanfar Ali Qadri and Assistant Commissioner- Thatta Mr. Asif Raza Chandio visited Village Organization (VO) Khamiso Khaskheli formed by SRSO under Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program (PPRP)-Govt. of Sindh in UC Sonda of Taluka & District Thatta. President of VO briefed about SRSO and activities carried out under the PPRP program. Community-level initiatives shared by the community that has changed their lives. The community also highlighted issues faced by rural communities such as education, lack of teachers

in schools, cleanliness, safe drinking water, health, nonfunctional BHU, non-availability of Veterinary hospitals in the area.

Deputy Commissioner appreciated the work of SRSO and the Community Institutions at the grassroots level and is happy that community leaders have dared to come forward and become a voice of the community. Mr. Ghazanfar assured to extend full support from his office for community institutions.







## Measles-Rubella (MR) Vaccination Campaign

November 15-27, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) is a network member organization of RSPN is a partner of the MR campaign in three districts of Upper Sindh; Kashmore@Kandhkot, Jacobabad, and Kamber-Shahdadkot. Under the campaign, SRSO undertook different activities to support the MR campaign at pre, during the post phases in these three districts through engaging CRPs and LSOs in collaboration with the District Health Department and EPI Programme. Measles-Rubella pre-campaign activities have been started formally from the 2nd week of October 2021 after identification, recruitment, and training of the Staff, and Community Resource Persons (CRPs). Advocacy seminars, community awareness sessions, visit of schools and madders

for awareness activities, market committees and mass announcements at religious places, and regular coordination with the district health department and EPI program and cover the refusal activities were conducted successfully to support the campaign.

Another hand SRSO with the collaboration of Community Institutions supported the campaign under the Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program funded by the Government of Sindh initiated the campaign at the community level in 468 Union Councils of eight districts: Ghotki, Sukkur, Khairpur, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Umerkot, Badin and Thatta.



## SRSO under the Brooke Pakistan funded Equine Welfare Project celebrated World Animals Day (WAD)-2021

Khairpur, Sukkur, Jacobabad, Shikarpur, Larkana/October 04, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization under The Brooke Pakistan-funded Equine Welfare Project celebrated World Animal Day (WAD) 2021 in all 05 project districts. World Animal Day is celebrated each year on October 04 across the globe, also known as Animal Lovers' Day. The global initiative for animal rights is aimed at raising awareness about their importance in the ecosystem and improving their welfare standards. SRSO

celebrates this

Events were attended by all major stakeholders especially project communities and the livestock department. On this day, different types of activities were conducted during the events i.e. seminars, community dialogues, case study presentations, awareness walks, and demos of grass feeding to equine family animals.





## Awareness Session regarding Enterprise Development Program (EDP) at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Campus Sanghar

Sanghar/December 06, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization and IdeaGist organized an awareness seminar on Enterprise Development Program (EDP) at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Campus in Sanghar on December 06, 2021. CEO IdeaGist Mr. Hassan Syed, Dr. Shereen Mustafa Narejo (Technical Advisor-SRSO) Dr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo (Regional General Manager- SRSO), and Mr. Naveed Wahid Awan (Director SBBU Sanghar Campus) briefed the business models and process of registration

Awareness sessions were conducted in six districts of Sindh on the Enterprise Development Program. SRSO is initiating a project Enterprise Development Program (SRSO-EDP) to alleviate poverty in Sindh province. The program is initiated in a partnership with, the Government of Sindh, SRSO, and IdeaGist. The objective of this program is to develop a micro/small



business/incubation program that can help start small businesses through the training of 300 individuals in six districts of Sindh (Khairpur, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Umerkot, Thatta, and Badin).

## Staff Recognition and Achievement award

SRSO Head Office Sukkur/ November 23, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization under the Government of Sindh Funded Program Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program organized the Staff Achievement Awards to recognize exceptional staff contributions to the success of the Program. The program provides a recognition award to thank the staff for the valuable work performed throughout the year. In Pursuance of this, On November 23, 2021, the district Khairpur Program Team received appreciation awards and certificates for their dedication and hardworking in achieving their targets and goals. Chairman RSPN and Living Legend Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan, distributed awards among the social mobilization team. In last, CEO SRSO applauded the District Team and encouraged them to continue this exceptional work at the community level. On this occasion, he also dialogued with women leaders of

Community Institutions and listened to their success stories and views regarding changed lives, community development, and socio-economic conditions.





On December 22, 2021, Dr. Kaisar Bengali an eminent economist along with his team visited 3 Business Development Groups (BDGs) formed and supported under PPRP-GoS in Khairpur and met with women entrepreneurs, and discussed investment/profit, current challenges, and future strategy for sustainability of the business.



Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) organized 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



SRSO Head Office Team has paid a visit on 22nd December 2021 to different agribusiness agriculture Farms for learning purposes and to gain knowledge at Rahim Yar Khan Punjab. The team was comprised of Sr. Manager MER- Naveed Ishaque Memon, NRM Manager- Ali Asghar Maitlo, and AM-MER-PPRP Naimatullah Sawand. The team paid visited different locations at Rahim Yar Khan: Mao Mubarak-Chak Iqbal Agriculture Farm, Zulqurnanin Organic Farm, and Farukh Agri-Tunnel Farm. The main purpose of this visit was to compare main 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.

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) organized an awareness-raising rally on October 27, 2021, for the rights of older people at Press Club Karachi. Older people and members of Older People Associations (OPAs) attended the rally and they demanded that rights mentioned and protected in the Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act 2014 should be provided to the older population of Sindh. This rally was ended at Karachi Press Club where representatives of OPAs briefed the media about problems faced by older people and demands as well.



Deputy Commissioner District Kashmore - Kandhkot Mr. Munawar Ali Mithani along with his team visited SRSO-managed Community Cluster School Motio Khan Lashari in Decembwer06,2021. 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 well-furnished school building equipped with interactive learning resources.





## Training Management & Research Wing-Govt. of Sindh organized “Study tour of 1st MCMC” to Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program funded by the Govt. of Sindh

Khairpur Mirs/Head Office Sukkur/November22-23, 2021

Government of Sindh's Training Management & Research Wing's (TMR) 1st Mid-Career Management Course (MCMC) delegation paid an official visit of Government of Sindh Funded Poverty Reduction Program for interaction with the pro-poor rural community that has been graduated from poverty with a package of interventions (Interest-Free Loan-Community Investment Fund, Vocational Training, Low-Cost Houses and Small Scale Business Execution) at five different venues of district Khairpur Mir's. At the community level. CIs arranged interactive community meetings for participatory discussion and community initiatives sharing how they came out of poverty with managed and disciplined behavior of development. Rural women narrated their success stories of transforming their lives by increasing the financial and social capital, and imparting vocational training on e-commerce, digitalization, mechanical trades that have increased their source of income, and made them successful entrepreneurs. Through demographics, Community Leaders presented self-

initiatives they have taken. The delegation visited the small-scale enterprises established by rural women and Low-cost houses in the villages. In the last best practices shared by the community under the GoS-funded Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program which found the visit quite a learning experience.

After the completion of the field visit, an experience sharing and learning workshop was organized where participants of the Training Management & Research Wing (TMR) shared their field-level learnings, experiences, and recommendations based on their field visits. They shared that SRSO is playing a vital role in the development and empowerment of rural women. Moreover, they appreciated the efforts of SRSO in the shape of economic empowerment and community development.

The living legend Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan (Chairman Rural support Program Network-RSPN) was the chief guest on the occasion. Mr. Pervez Ahmed Chandio (DG-PPRP-GoS and Dr. Aamir Ansari (Group Leader) also grace the occasion with their presence.

## BBC Covers the story of SRSO supported woman entrepreneur

Umerkot/November 04, 2021

SRSO is Empowering rural women to support sustainable livelihoods. Ms. Kastoori from a far-flung village of the desert has struggled for survival because, despite the vital role of women entrepreneurs in the economic development of their families, it has been depicted that they have the lowest income-generating opportunities in deserts of Thar-Umerkot compared to their male counterparts. As an analysis of her business profile and entrepreneurial characteristics, she has successfully executed her own small business in the village has been carried out. Ms. Kastoori Premchand hails from the village of Laloo Kolhi, Taluka Camaro. Initially, she became an organized member and later got life skills vocational and business training of self-employment of Advance stitching and dress designing under the Govt. of Sindh-funded Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program. She is self-reliant and incubates her idea of dress stitching by a start-up of tailoring Stitching of Garments industry for customized tailoring of ladies and children at village level. She utilizes the skills and generates income and support for her family as well as other community members. This detailed story was developed by a senior BBC Urdu report Mr. Riaz Sohail,

published, and telecast on BBC Urdu web and youtube channel on November 04, 2021.

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