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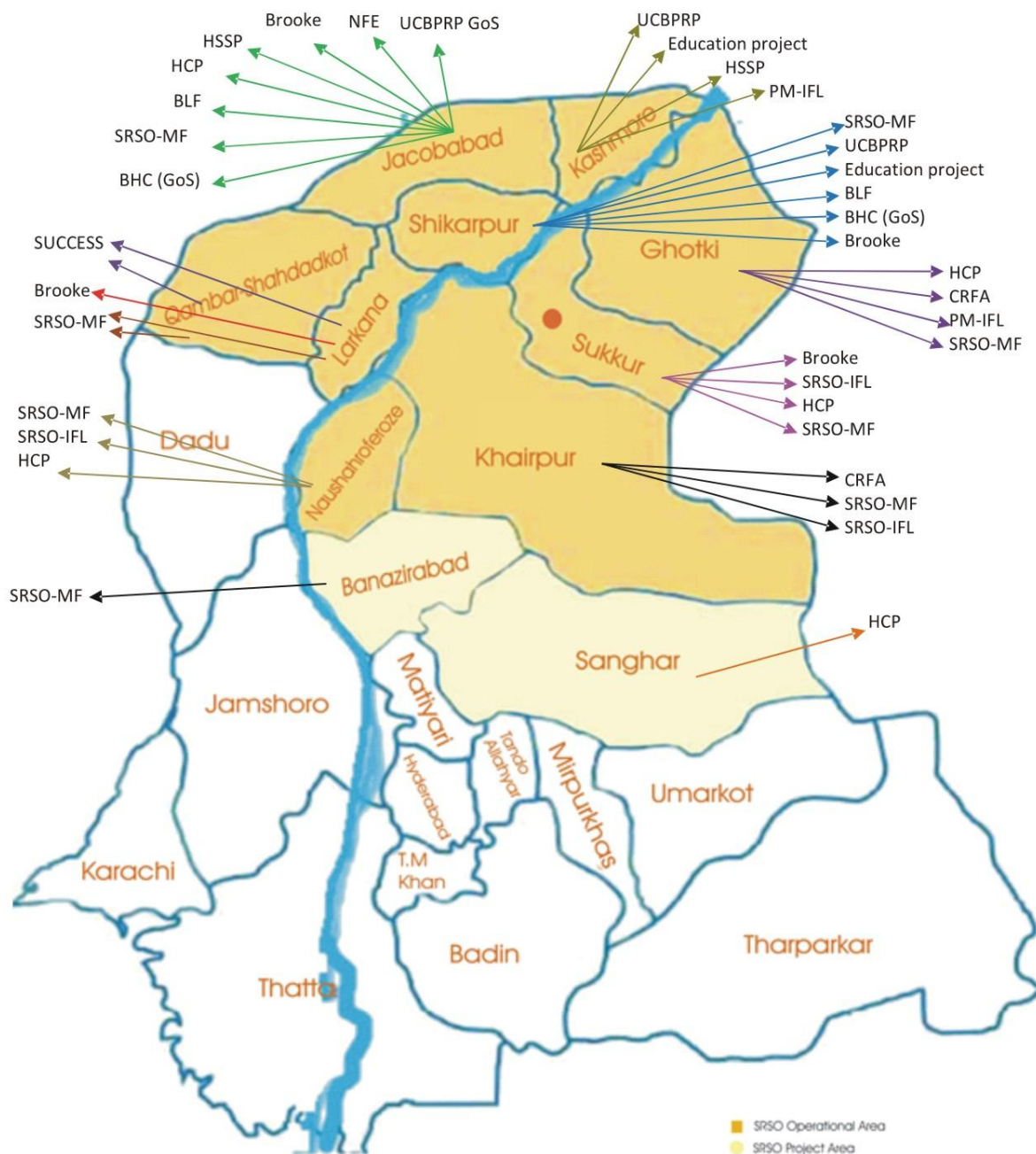
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## Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) Operational Area



### 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 Achievement as of March 2016

S.#	Key Performance Indicators		Achievement as of Dec-2015	Achievement as of Mar-2016	% increase during Qtr
1	No. of Operational Districts		11	11	-
2	No. of Union Councils with SRSO presence		395	395	-
3	No. of Taluka with SRSO presence		52	52	-
4	No. of villages with SRSO presence		12,964	12,964	
5	No. of Household Organized		599,670	600,529	0.1%
6	VO Formation		7,399	7,418	0.3%
7	LSO Formation		128	128	-
8	CO- Formation	Female	35,106	35,160	0.2%
		Male	2,383	2,383	-
		Mix	40	40	-
		Total	37,529	37,583	0.1%
9	CO-Membership	Female	561,008	561,867	0.2%
		Male	38,662	38,662	-
		Total	599,670	600,529	0.1%
10	Community Saving (In million)	Female	110.73	110.83	0.1%
		Male	6.80	6.80	-
		Mix	117.53	117.64	0.1%
11	Income Generating Grant (IGG) Amount Disbursed (In Million)		82.93	82.93	-
12	No. of IGG Beneficiaries		7,608	7,608	-
13	Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount disbursed (In Million)		1,064.64	1,064.64	-
14	No. of CIF Beneficiaries		101,702	101,702	-
15	Total amount of Microcredit disbursed (In Million)		7,568.14	7,869.32	4%
16	No. of Beneficiaries of Micro Credit Programme		431,041	443,739	3%
17	No of Community members trained in vocational skill Training		53,330	53,330	-
18	No of Community members trained		249,798	252,217	1%
19	Community Members trained as TBAs		4,777	4,777	-
20	Micro Health Insurance (Clients)		435,736	454,116	4%
21	Community Members Insured in Micro Health Insurance (Head Count)		619,197	619,197	-
22	No. of Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)		26,428	26,428	-
23	Total amount of CPIs (In Million)		1,304	1,304	-
24	Total Beneficiary Households		222,095	222,095	-
25	No of Low Cost Houses		17,578	17,578	-



Sr.#District			Geographical Coverage				
			Total No. of area in the District	# of SRSO intervened area as of Dec 2015	# of SRSO intervened area as of Mar 2016	% increase during Qtr	% of total area coverage as of Mar 2016
1	Ghotki	Union Council	40	37	37	-	93%
		Village	2,464	2,080	2,080	-	84%
		Household	159,314	120,767	120,767	-	76%
2	Jacobabad	Union Council	40	29	29	-	73%
		Village	3,110	1,811	1,811	-	58%
		Household	191,633	84,893	84,893	-	44%
3	Kashmore	Union Council	37	37	37	-	100%
		Village	1,786	1,673	1,673	-	94%
		Household	170,421	80,345	80,345	-	47%
4	Khairpur	Union Council	76	50	50	-	66%
		Village	3,254	1,296	1,296	-	40%
		Household	305,137	68,694	68,694	-	23%
5	Larkana	Union Council	44	38	38	-	86%
		Village	1,590	842	842	-	53%
		Household	217,208	37,589	37,589	-	17%
6	Naushahro Feroz	Union Council	51	43	43	-	84%
		Village	2,192	1,028	1,028	-	47%
		Household	219,772	37,844	38,618	2%	18%
7	Shahdad Kot	Union Council	40	34	34	-	85%
		Village	1,561	793	793	-	51%
		Household	211,612	29,475	29,475	-	14%
8	Shikarpur	Union Council	50	50	50	-	100%
		Village	2,414	1,848	1,848	-	77%
		Household	210,530	102,306	102,306	-	49%
9	Sukkur	Union Council	46	26	26	-	57%
		Village	1,664	881	881	-	53%
		Household	183,500	37,757	37,842	0.2%	21%
10	Nawab Shah	Union Council	51	36	36	-	71%
		Village	4,104	362	362	-	9%
		Household	213,304	-	-	-	-
11	Sanghar	Union Council	55	15	15	-	-
		Village	5,700	350	350	-	-
		Household	221,845	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL	Union Council	530	395	395	-	75%	
	Village	29,839	12,964	12,964	-	43%	
	Household	2,304,276	598,686	600,529	0.1%	26%	





Sr.#	District	Formation of Community Institutions Community Organizations (COs) Village Organizations (VOs) Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	Organized Coverage		
			# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of Dec 2015	# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of Mar 2016	% increase during Qtr
1	Ghotki	COs	6,961	6,961	-
		VOs	1,118	1,118	-
		LSOs	12	12	-
2	Jacobabad	COs	5,074	5,074	-
		VOs	1,811	1,811	-
		LSOs	26	26	-
3	Kashmore	COs	4,710	4,710	-
		VOs	1,673	1,673	-
		LSOs	29	29	-
4	Khairpur	COs	4,110	4,110	-
		VOs	493	493	-
		LSOs	18	18	-
5	Larkana	COs	3,605	3,605	-
		VOs	35	35	-
		LSOs	0	0	-
6	Naushahro Feroz	COs	2,304	2,352	2%
		VOs	56	75	34%
		LSOs	0	0	-
7	Shahdad Kot	COs	2,221	2,221	-
		VOs	0	0	-
		LSOs	0	0	-
8	Shikarpur	COs	5,846	5,846	-
		VOs	1,813	1,813	-
		LSOs	37	37	-
9	Sukkur	COs	2,698	2,704	0.2%
		VOs	400	400	-
		LSOs	6	6	-
GRAND TOTAL		Community Organizations (COs)	37,529	37,583	0.1%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	7,399	7,418	0.3%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	128	128	-

#### Community Saving

Sr.#	District	Community Saving as of Dec 2015 (In Million)	Community Saving as of Mar 2016 (In Million)	% increase during Qtr
1	Ghotki	15.37	15.37	-
2	Jacobabad	18.27	18.28	0.1%
3	Kashmore	28.62	28.66	0.2%
4	Khairpur	4.53	4.53	-
5	Larkana	2.24	2.24	-
6	Naushahro Feroz	3.25	3.26	0.3%
7	Shahdad Kot	2.35	2.35	-
8	Shikarpur	37.58	37.59	0.1%
9	Sukkur	5.33	5.34	0.3%
TOTAL		117.52	117.62	0.09%

#### Income Generating Grants (IGG) (Women Beneficiaries 100%)

S.no	Districts	as of Dec 2015		as of Mar 2016		% increase during Qtr
		# of Benf:	Amount disbursed (In Million)	# of Benf:	Amount disbursed (In Million)	
1	Shikarpur	3,717	39.50	3,717	39.50	-
2	Kandhkot - Kashmore	2,543	26.13	2,543	26.13	-
3	Jacobabad	1,348	17.31	1,348	17.31	-
4	Total IGG Disbursed	7,608	82.94	7,608	82.94	-



### Community Investment Fund (CIF)

S. No	Districts	as of Dec 2015		as of Mar 2016		% increase during Qtr
		# of Benf:	Amount disbursed (In Million)	# of Benf:	Amount disbursed (In Million)	
1	Shikarpur	40,239	396.51	47,783	402,197	-
2	Kandhkot - Kashmore	35,863	374.07	35,863	374.07	-
3	Jacobabad	18,371	220.87	18,371	226.43	-
4	Khairpur	6,044	56.44	6,044	56.44	-
5	Sukkur UCBPRP	513	7.05	513	7.05	-
6	Noshero Feroze	370	1.85	370	1.85	-
7	Larkana	236	1.98	236	1.98	-
8	Shahdadt Kot	66	0.33	66	0.33	-
9	<b>Total CIF Disbursed (In Million)</b>	<b>101,702</b>	<b>1,064.64</b>	<b>109,246</b>	<b>1070,347</b>	<b>-</b>

### Micro Finance (MF)

S.no	Districts	Amount disbursed as of Dec 2015	Amount disbursed as of Mar 2016	% increase during Qtr
1	<b>Total Amount of Micro Credit Disbursement (In Million)</b>	<b>7,568.114</b>	<b>7,869.320</b>	<b>4%</b>
	Men	925.469	960.418	4%
	Women	6,643.193	6,909.450	4%
2	<b>No. of Loans</b>	<b>431,041</b>	<b>443,739</b>	<b>3%</b>
	Male	54,321	55,501	2%
	Female	376,720	388,238	3%
3	<b>Sectoral Disbursement</b>	<b>7,568.114</b>	<b>7,869.320</b>	<b>4%</b>
	Agriculture	5,480.973	5,537.755	1%
	Livestock	876.941	988.412	13%
	Enterprise	1,210.199	1,343.152	11%

### Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)

S.#	Types of CPI Schemes	Achievement as of Mar 2016		
		No. of Schemes	Cost of Schemes (In Million)	BHHs
	<b>Total of CPI Schemes</b>	<b>26,428</b>	<b>1,304</b>	<b>222,095</b>
1	Sanitation	15,952	196.89	86,995
2	Street Pavement & Sanitation	44	209.07	9,022
3	Drinking Water Supply Schemes (DWSS)	9,517	344.00	47,727
4	Low Cost Village Improvement Schemes (LCVI)	72	127.09	7,248
5	Communication	340	186.81	25,383
6	Irrigation	429	181.11	11,828
7	IAUP	1	2.09	75
8	Water Filter Plants by GoS	40	23.58	28,570
9	Street Lighting on solar system	5	5.00	301
10	Schools Renovation/Construction	28	29.00	4,288

### Low Cost Housing (LCH)

Total # of Houses Constructed	Jacobabad	Kashmore	Shahdad Kot	Jamshoro *	Shikarpur	Khairpur	Larkana	Sukkur
	3,913	4,870	2,026	600	6,048	40	41	40

**Note:** During Rehabilitation Phase 2010, SRSO constructed 600 Houses in Jamshoro with financial Support of USAID.



#### Human Resource Development (HRD)

Sr.#	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of Dec-2015	Achievement as of Mar-2016	% increase during Qtr
1	No. of Community Members provided scholarship for Vocational Skill Training	53,330	53,330	-
2	No. of Community Members trained in Community Management Skill Training	196,468	198,887	1%
3	No. of SRSO Staff Trained in different programme/project training	4,621	4,711	2%

#### Micro Health Insurance (MHI)

Sr.#	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of Dec-2015	Achievement as of Mar-2016	% increase during Qtr
1	No. of Community Members provided Micro Health Insurance Cover	435,736	454,116	4%
2	No. of Community Members Treated through MHI	7,316	7,316	-
	Men	2,740	2,740	-
	Women	4,576	4,576	-
3	Amount of claims availed by Community (In Million)	94.11	94.11	-

#### Prime Minister Interest Free Loan (PMIFL) Project

Project Activities	Total Project Target	Total Progress as on Mar 2016	% of ach: against total target
No. of branches established	12	12	100%
# of application received	6,000	6,587	100%
# of Applications Approved	6,000	6,024	100%
# of Application Disbursed	6,000	6,020	100%
Amount Disbursed	<b>120,000,000</b>	<b>115,329,000</b>	<b>75%</b>
Total Recovery due as of March 2016	<b>49,042,997</b>	<b>52,059,819</b>	<b>100%</b>





## HIGHLIGHTS



### Launching Ceremony of SUCCESS Programme in District Larkana

SRSO formally organized the launching ceremony of European Union (EU) funded Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS) Programme on 29<sup>th</sup> March-2016 at the auditorium of SZABIST in district Larkana. Mr. Ghulam Akbar Laghari (Commissioner Larkana Division) honored the ceremony as chief guest. Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan (Chairman SRSO), Mr. Fazalullah Qureshi (BoD member SRSO), Mr. Mohammad Ali Bhutto (MPA), local notables, elected representatives, local political leaders, representatives from different organizations and local women from Larkana participated in the ceremony.

Mr. Mohammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO SRSO) welcomed the audience and illuminated the objectives and significance of SUCCESS programme. Women from UCBPRP Districts (Shikarpur, Jacobabad, and Kashmore) also participated and shared their personal successful case studies under GoS funded UCBPRP Program. The stories of these rural women were full of conviction, dedication, firm commitment and restless efforts which resulted the significant reduction in their poverty at the household level. The participants highly applauded the speeches of four women leaders and wished to have a similar type of efforts in these two districts Larkana and Kamber-Shahdadkot under the SUCCESS programme.

MPA- Mr. Ali Mohammad Bhutto also addressed in the event and appreciated the efforts of rural women of Shikarpur, Kashmore and Jacobabad districts. He said that he found himself very lucky and happy while seeing such event where rural women expressed their significant efforts with utmost confidence.

Chairman SRSO, Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan also addressed and expressed the history and importance of UCBPRP initiative. He praised the Govt. of Sindh and the European Union for continuous support towards the rural development and poverty reduction purposes. He further said that the approach of RSPs is very effective in poverty reduction context, because they have deep roots at the household level, due to this relation each household can easily be accessed in the programme districts. Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan said Government has two significant pillars i.e. Political pillar and Administrative pillar, but these two-pillars do not have access at the household level. He added that the RSPs approach of three tiers Social Mobilisation (CO, VO, and LSO) forms the third social pillar of the society which contributes and supplements the Government's political and administrative pillars.

At the conclusion of launching ceremony, Commissioner Larkana Division, Mr. Akbar Ali Laghari also delivered an inspirational speech, urging on the role of women as equal to the men. He said that women should have full freedom to express their viewpoints; women must be treated equally at the household level. He further said that there should be equal opportunities of work, awareness, education for women. He said it is highly indispensable to adopt the policy of equality for women which will result in the visible changes in the status of women.





## First Programme Introduction Dialogue by Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan

First Dialogue (Programme Introduction) was organized in the village Jumo Shaikh on 29-March-2016 under European Union (EU) funded SUCCESS Programme. Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan (Chairman-SRSO) conducted the first programme dialogue with the women of the village. The Senior Managers and Professional staff from three RSPs i.e. SRSO, TRDP and NRSP attended and carefully listened/learned the dialogue. Chairman SRSO passionately interacted with rural women and evoked the years of his work experience in Gilgit-Baltistan where he organized more than one million households, and those HHs significantly improved their lives and got rid of poverty with their self-help initiatives. Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan explained the benefits, objectives and results of formation of community institutions and community driven development.

Chairman SRSO emphasized on rural women to organize themselves into their community institutions and start the basic practices of savings, self-help activities, identify issues, discuss those issues in detail and decide for its appropriate solutions. Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan also urged women to harness their true potential, work hard to eliminate their poverty by adopting permanent livelihood options doing proper micro investment plans (MIPs) at their household level. He further said that the years of experience has apparently proven that community driven development is always long lasting and sustainable in rural areas and this permanently reduces the poverty as well.

Subsequent to the dialogue of Chairman SRSO, Mr. Fazalullah Qureshi (SRSO-BoD member) also holds a brief interactive dialogue with women. He also urged women to play their essential role by contributing through positive efforts for poverty reduction and development of their native areas. At the conclusion of the event, a mango tree was planted in the corner of the village by Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan and Mr. Fazalullah Qureshi. More tree plants were also distributed among women to plant in their homes.

## Cheques and Contract Letters Distribution Ceremony

A formal event for CIF and Micro Credit cheques distribution organized at the town hall Jacobabad. Mr. Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani (MNA) and Mr. Agha Shah Nawaz Babar (DC-Jacobabad) both have honored the event as Chief Guests. Mr. Khaleel Tetlay (Acting CEO-RSPN), Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro CEO SRSO and other local influential, as well as representatives of various VO and LSOs, has also participated in this event. The Chief Guests have distributed the Cheques among the community members/identified beneficiaries. During the speech, the both guests have applauded the role of SRSO and Helpage for their consistent efforts for reduction in poverty at these marginalized areas.



Their efforts have significantly contributed to raising up the living standards of poor people with adequate access to the facilities of health and education, which helping out to alleviate household level poverty in rural areas





## Inauguration Ceremony of Non-Formal Education Center (NFE) at Jacobabad District



Under USAID funded Sindh Basic Education Programme's Sindh Reading Project, an inaugural ceremony of Non formal education (NFE) centers held on dated 17-Feb-2016 at village Abdul Aziz Kharani, District Jacobabad. The Deputy Commissioner Jacobabad honored the event as the Chief Guest. This event was organized as part of the Sindh Reading Project expansion in this district. Officials from SRSO and SRP along with community members participated. Chief Guest, while addressing the participants said that illiteracy is the major cause of social issues; therefore, education is the only way or remedy to establish a valued society where everyone has equal opportunities and skills to work for the betterment of area and the country as a whole we will have to ensure education for all. He further said that the poverty can only be alleviated through achieving 100% literacy in rural areas. Followed by the speech of DC, Ms. Attiya Bhutto advisor SRP-Sindh said that the USAID-supported Sindh Reading Program's (SRP) vision is to improve the quality of education by promoting and implementing the policies by assisting the Government of Sindh (GoS) Literacy and Non-Formal Education (NFE) Directorate in achieving all set objectives.

## Inauguration Ceremony of Non-Formal Education Center (NFE) at Kandhkot District



Under USAID funded Sindh Basic Education Programme's Sindh Reading Project, an inaugural ceremony of Non-Formal Education Centers held on dated 16-02-2016 in Kashmore district. Non-formal education centers are aiming to enroll and educate out-of-school children between age group of 10-15 years. A total of 34 NFE centers will be established and 1000 out-of-school children will be enrolled. Mr. Liaquat Ali Bhutto Deputy Director (Non formal education) honored the ceremony as a chief guest along with SRP Officials, CEO-SRSO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, SRSO Officials, LSO members, Parents, NFE learners and other local dignitaries and the prominent persons were attended the inauguration ceremony. Mr. Liaquat Ali Bhutto Deputy Director (NFE) cut the ribbon and inaugurated the NFE center. Cluster School Bahadur Khan Khoso's Students presented the subjective tableaus on the importance of education and received standing applaud by the audiences. Chief Guest in his speech said that I am very glad and congratulate to you for opening NFE center in your community. Now this is your responsibility to make it successful. SRSO conducted 5 workshops at different district after that we approved JICA course for you as you got a primary education in two years. Following that CEO-SRSO said that as SRSO is working in rural communities having such relation in rural areas with communities, SRSO prioritized the need for such centers. SRSO started working on education project since 2009. Congratulations to all of you for gathering another chance to educate your community children particularly girls. It is very good for you that you will get a primary degree in two years through this NFE project. He further said, "You are a real asset and we want to provide you with maximum opportunities so that you can prove your capabilities and improve your living standards



## UNICEF Delegation Visited CRFA Project at District Khairpur



A delegation from UNICEF visited at village Chuttal Changar and Shah Bhangio under the CRFA project on 29-March-2016. The delegation visited the recently initiated schemes i.e. Safe Play Ground and Computer Lab. Both the schemes were also inaugurated by honorable guests during their visit at schemes. Earlier the community members from COs/VOs and LSOs have warmly welcomed the guests in their villages. The delegations showed huge satisfaction upon the successful completion and initiation of both schemes. They also congratulated the SRSO & RSPN project staff for doing this in stipulated time and resources. The delegation was comprised of Dr. Nargis (CFO-UNICEF), Ms. Zahida Manzoor (Provincial Child Protection Officer-UNICEF), Additional Deputy Commissioner-II, Mr. Riaz Hussain Wasan (Deputy Director-SWD), Mr. Qamar Raza, Mr. Khalil Ahmed Tetlay (COO-RSPN), Dr. Muzaffar Saeed (Project Manager-RSPN), Mr. Munawar Ali Kapri (Project Manager-HSSP, RSPN), Mr. Niaz Ahmed Hingoro (RM-SRSO), Social Mobilization of SRSO District Khairpur and other IKEA partners also participated in this visit. The office bearers and members of community institutions (COs/VOs/LSOs) shared their achievements with visitors and also highlighted the various benefits of these Social Funds and Schemes in their rural areas. The visitors appreciated the role of rural women in social fund schemes. They also applauded the role of SRSO and other partners for implementation of CRFA project in these areas with rural women. This visit was made in Union Council Khanpur of District Khairpur.

## JICA team paid a visit to Jacobabad

Under USAID funded, Sindh Basic Education Program's sub-component Sindh Reading Program (SRP), a delegation of JICA team visited the five NFE centers in UC Garhi Hassan, Tehsil Thull District Jacobabad. The team was comprised on Mr. Mohammad Younis (Program Specialist), Mehboob Ellahi (Program Officer) along with Mr. Ghulam Ali Kato (Academic Coordinator-SRSO) and Rizwan Ali Shah (MIS-SRSO). Team after visiting centers appreciated the efforts and steps that have been taken to ensure the quality of education and access to children at NFEs. It is worth mentioning that 33 NFEs will be established for 1,000 children who had missed the learning/education. This will cause literacy rate enhancement in the target area.



## Brooke Official Visit at District Jacobabad

Dr. Sher Nawaz (Sr. Manager) from The Brooke hospital for animals has visited Women Equine Welfare Group and conducted a formal session on the subject of Wound Management. The visit was organized for village Yar Mohammad Bhatti UC Dashti, Tehsil and District Jacobabad on 28-01-2016. The purpose of this session was to build the capacity of women equine owners on basic management practices of working animals primarily equines. Dr. Sher Nawaz applauded the role and interest of women equine owners who manage the animals in a more caring manner. He also praised the work of SRSO Brooke team and said that it is the result of consistent efforts and firm commitment of SRSO Brooke team. He further paid thanks for a chance to conduct a session with women owners.





## NFE teacher Training

A five day teachers training under SRP project was organized from 15-19, March 2016 at Institute of Medical Sciences hall in District Jacobabad. The purpose of this teachers training was to make the teachers familiar with newly developed materials under package A for non-formal basic education. The material is developed to ensure the quality of education in NFEs through capacity building of teachers. This training additionally enhances the teachers' knowledge using various teaching material and methodologies to achieve the level of education up to the mark.

## Social Welfare Department (GOS) officials visited HCP Trainings

Mr. Khan Mohammad Mahar (Deputy Director-Social Welfare Department) visited at a training event organized by the SRSO-HCP Ghotki team on March 10, 2016. The training was facilitated by a Master Trainer from RSPN and the training participants were the Community Health Workers (CHWs). This training event was aimed to aware the CHWs with globally adopted new techniques and enhance their capacity. Deputy Director, highly appreciated the training event and said that this type of trainings have great impact and can help us addressing the health issues in rural areas at gross root levels.



## Official Visit of PPAF Delegation regarding LEP Project at Ghotki



Mr. Asad Aman from PPAF has reviewed the status of Community Livelihood Fund (CLF) of LEP project's component on 28th & 29th of March 2016 by visiting various loan centers at sundry locations. The purpose of this review was to check the process that was adopted during the establishment of these loan centers at various locations of the district. He also visited the digital hub and cross breed assets under LEP project.



## LSO Conference at Khairpur



Annual LSO Conference was organized by LSO Shadi Shaheed district Khairpur at village Jumo Mangrio union council Shadi Shaheed Taluka & District Khairpur On Dated 24th of March 2016. The Chief Guest of this event was honorable Ms. Naheed Shah (Ex-CEO SRSO & Managing Director Sindh Education Foundation) and other honorable guests were Mr. Fayaz Ahmed Jatoi (District Commissioner Khairpur) Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO) & senior management of SRSO. The participants came from various LSOs of Khairpur, Sukkur & Ghotki districts.

Ms. Naheed Shah (MD SEF), Mr. Fayaz Ahmed (DC), Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO) addressed the participant by appreciating their efforts towards poverty alleviation through mobilization, organizing themselves, saving and properly utilization of Community Investment Fund and get the required benefits. In the Last CIF Cheques has been disbursed among 13 beneficiaries of LSO Shadi Shaheed.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> March Pakistan Resolution Day Celebration



The 76<sup>th</sup> Pakistan's Resolution Day was Celebrated with enthusiasm and patriotism at Cluster Secondary Schools Garhi Sahib Khan taluka Garhi Yaseen where Mr. Javeed Ahmed Shaikh (Additional Deputy Commissioner Shikarpur) was the chief guest and Mr. Ali Nawaz Dakhan (DSP) was the honorary guest of the program. The program was glowing with adorable faces of students, their inspirational speeches highlighting the efforts of our great leaders who passed this resolution for Pakistan and with dramatic activities by students on Pakistan's national songs and anthem. This celebration was attended by officials from various Organizations and SRSO Senior Management.





## PCP Delegation visit at Shikarpur

The PCP (Pakistan Center for Philanthropy) team's interaction session was held in Shikarpur District at village Muhammad Ibrahim UC-1 Rustam taluka Lakhi Ghulam Shah to assess & analyze the community gap after the interaction of SRSO at the household level. Community response was admirable and appreciated by PCP team in terms of communication, financial knowledge, and awareness about social issues presently prevailing in the local community.



## Coordination meeting with Save the Children by LSO Mehran



### Save the children established mall nutrition center at LSO office Mehran

Local Support Organization Mehran UC Bhirkhan, Taluka Lakhi, District Shikarpur created concrete linkages with Save the Children which resulted in the establishment of Malnutrition Center at LSO office by Save the Children. This recently established center is titled as the Focal Transition for Food Voucher distribution among the destitutes and vulnerables.

## Coordination meeting with DC Shikarpur



District Management and Senior Management of SRSO had a meeting to discuss the existing coordination mechanism at various levels from taluka to district. SRSO officials gave a detailed presentation revealing the regular contact and involvement of district officials in activities of SRSO being carried out at gross root level. District Govt. officials were also informed on the overall objective of SRSO which is poverty reduction and empowerment of rural women. Information on ongoing and completed projects was also shared with Govt. officials/participants. Deputy Commissioner Shikarpur valued the work of SRSO for mentioned cause and directed the ADCs to continue their support to SRSO whenever they approach for any assistance.



## Green Sindh Campaign

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) different districts Khairpur, Jacobabad, Kandh Kot and Shikarpur team started the Tree Plantation Campaign under the Green Sindh Program, at various locations through the involvement of local community members from village organizations (VOs) and Older People Associations (OPAs) in the District. According to the plan, more than one hundred thousand three trees will be planted in areas of the district. The purpose behind this campaign was to reduce or overcome the effects of Global Warming in these areas. Trees are considered very effective To control the effects of global warming.



## Community Conference



SRSO district office Shikarpur organized a Community Conference, in which the cheques of Micro-Credit under HelpAge-BLF were given to the older people. This project aims to improve the lives of older people by empowering them as they are also the respectable citizens of the country and can have significant contribution through their vast exposure and experiences. At the conclusion of the Community Conference, the DC Shikarpur planted a tree and started the Tree Plantation Campaign under Green Sindh Program at OPA and VO level. The participants at the program were Mr. Sikander Ali Khushk (DC Shikarpur), Mr. Agha Waheed Ahmed (SWD), Mr. Mohammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO) and members and office bearers from Community Institutions (COs/VOs/LSOs).

## SRSO- Help Age organized five free Eye Camps



Help Age International & Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) organized 05 one day Free Eye Camps with the technical assistance of AL-Shifa Trust (medical Staff) and with financial support from Sight Savers International. These camps were organized on different dates and different venues at District Shikarpur in areas of the project, with the help of OPA (Older People Association). The service in the eye camp included Eye checkup, prescription & surgeries with free eyesight glass) for patients. The main goal of this activity was to provide quality eye health facility to Poor older people & their families that cannot bear medical expenses and fair to come at hospitals. Following beneficiaries benefited from this eye camp were Free checkup of 2000 older poor persons, free medicines to 2000, free near vision glasses to 1197 persons and free cataract surgery services to 251 older and poor persons were provided to poor and older people of Shikarpur.





## If the feelings are mutual the effort will be equal

(A case study of joint venture in installing a 'Chaki' Village Sanbal Khan Jagirani, District Khairpur)

Mai Bali a feeble poor old woman aged 51 and Nazar Bano a sincere unschooled mother aged 36. Both women are Mother in law and Daughter in law in relationship respectively. They belong to the village of District Khairpur UC Wada Machi Village Sanbal Khan Jagirani. They have large family but little resources to lead happy and healthy life. The head of HH is a daily wage laborer which is the only source of their livelihood. They were leading their lives under poverty line with poor health and hygiene conditions.

Mai Bali's husband, Mr. Ali Dost aged 55 is weak and unable to do lot of labor. Contrary to this, Nazar Bano having a large family comprises six daughters and two sons; five out of eight are school going children. Nazar Bano with visionary mind and ambitions to uplift her family doesn't want her children get deprived of education; because of low income earned by her husband Rasool Bux aged 38. Both women were suffering from the same menace of poverty and helplessness.

Education is a basic right of every child. So that, Nazar Bano doesn't want her children deprived of their right. But poverty and shortage of resources were great hurdles to her. She couldn't afford the expenses of education as a whole. Her mother in laws and her sufferings were same therefore; to cope with the situation they planned for joint venture a grind mill to support their households.

In the year 2009, SRSO team visited village for Introduction of the Program and CO formation. It brought a silver lining to fulfill their needs and dreams. SRSO team was welcomed with cheered faces and shinning eyes. Not only women but also men members of the village were hopeful and found themselves blessed after mobilization. As a result of mobilization both women participated in the Community Management Skills Training (CMST) held in district Khairpur. This great effort of the SRSO team changed the course of lives and paved a new way for the betterment of the helpless women and families, which further raised more status of women in their families, changed socioeconomic conditions and empowered them.

In the year 2010, Mai Bali and Nazar Bano with mutual consensus submitted a resolution for Community Investment Fund (CIF) to fulfill their dream of joint venture. Luckily, the interest free loan of Rs. 19,000 was disbursed to both applicants with lenient installments. The amount of Rs. 10,000 disbursed to Mai Bali and Rs. 9,000 to Nazar Bano. By adding another Rs. 1,000 Nazar Bano purchased a used small grinding mill 'Chaki'. They initiated small enterprise to support their families. Owing to age factor Mai Bali does not work over the 'Chaki', she regularly in the morning, cleans the mill and offer prayer from the Almighty to shower His blessing in shape of 'Barkat'. Mai Bali only gets Rs. 4,000 of the income of 'Chaki' while Nazar Bano keeps Rs. 8,000 for herself.

In the area there is trend of deduction of 2 kg of flour as a service charges but Nazar Bano provides extra benefit to the customers; no deduction of 2kg of flour. She only gets Rs. 100 charges per 40 kg, she approximately earns Rs. 200 to Rs. 500 per day. Which have improved the conditions of both households thoroughly. People from Village Mang Tagar, Murid Jalbani and Mehr Jagirani bring their wheat bales to get flour without losing their 2kg.



Nazar Bano also participated in the training of Enterprise Development Program (EDP) held in the district Khairpur organized by SRSO, where she improved her expertise of embroidery and learnt about value addition to make the articles marketable and generate more money. Moreover, she is a part of Business Development Group (BDG) by selling 'Balochi Bharth' hand embroidery she earns her livelihood in a better way. She earns Rs. 5,000 per month from 'Balochi Bharth' embroidery.

As she is a visionary woman, she didn't restrict herself to embroidery but she bought a sewing machine to generate more income. It is her remarkable achievement that a sewing machine is a result of her savings. She charges Rs.130 for stitching a suit; in the month she gets about 5 to 8 suits from which she is able to earn Rs. 700 per month.

She has a buffalo given under Government of Sindh, Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme (GoS/UCBPRP); to build assets and promotion of livestock farming and dairying as enterprise for poor women. Nazar Bano had no livestock prior but these days she has a pregnant buffalo with increased worth.

The prime objective of hard working is to provide quality education and health to her children. She had fulfilled by her determination and cooperation of Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO).

Finally, Nazar Bano shared her feelings with gratitude. She said that before becoming the member of CO she was not confident and able to speak in other local languages. Further she exclaimed that all she has these days; whether it should be clothes, health and enrollment at the school is the result of organizing into a community group in shape of CO. This membership has changed my life and made me hopeful to fulfill my dreams and prosper life. She is very thankful for the capacity building of her i.e. disbursement of interest free loan, improving her handicraft skills and having a buffalo under GoS/UCBPRP. As a result, she has improved her socioeconomic conditions comprehensively.

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