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Message of the Week

“It’s unrealistic to think that the future of humanity can be achieved only on the basis of prayer; what we need is to take action.”

- Dalai Lama

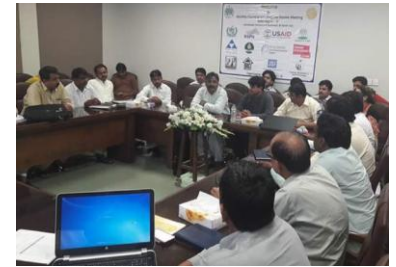
News/Events/Highlights/Activities

Date 3rd June 2016

PPM-Region III

SRSO REGION III progress review and planning meeting for the month of May 2016 held at JIM'S Jacobabad.

Meeting was chaired by Mr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo Regional Manager Region III. From Head Office Mr. Naveed Ishaque Memon (Manager MER), Rashid Ali Bhatti (Manager MHI), Naimatullah Sawnad (PO-MER), all DMs, Project teams, and SMU in charges shared their progress and future planning. Based on the shared progress and further plan, the important decisions were also taken to complement the implementation process at all levels.



District Wise Bright Star Launching Ceremony-HCP Project

Bright Star Movement launching ceremony held at Larkana, where the people of different segments of life attended the ceremony. CEO-SRSO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, SRSO senior Officials, Naveed from John Hopkin, Dileep Kumar of RSPN, Dr. Abdul Khalique of RSPN, DHO Larkana Abdul Fattah Bughio, Dr. Abdul Wahid Taggar and others were present in the event. In the ceremony, Mrs. Heer presented her profile that how she cared her family and her baby. All honorable guests delivered their speeches. A profile documentary of Mrs. Heer was also publicized in the event.



Date: 2nd June 2016

Mr. Naveed Ishaque Memon (Manager-MER) and Mr. Sandeep Bajaj (Manager-Internal Audit) of SRSO, visited district Kamber-Shahdadkot, to monitor the process of poverty score card (PSC) data collection under the EU funded SUCCESS Programme at the household level in village Nabi Bux Mastoi.

During the field monitoring, Mr. Naveed Ishaque technically facilitated the data collection teams and also addressed the queries of enumerators and supervisors.

They also verified the data at the household level and interacted with respective households to observe the data-collection process.

Besides PSC verification, they also participated in CO formation activity in village Umeed Ali, where they monitored the steps of CO formation.



SUCCESS - CO Formation

The process of CO formation has started in Larkana and Kamber-Shahdadkot Districts, after several days of Programme Introduction meetings. Social Mobilisation teams in both districts are engaged in the formation of the first trier of the community owned institutions, i.e. Community Organisations (COs).



COs are the foundation of the three triers social mobilisation approach. The COs are clustered in Village Organisations (VOs), and the VOs federate to form Local Support Organisations at the Union Council level.

Under European Union (EU) supported Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening (SUCCESS) Programme, SRSO will form 12,662 community organisations (COs) in Larkana and Kamber-Shahdadkot Districts.

Brooke Officials Visit of Women Equine Welfare Groups

The Brooke officials paid a visit to two villages, Village Yar Muhammad Bhatti and Baloch Khan Merali on 29th & 30th May 2016. Two Women Equine Welfare groups were selected, organized and mobilized to own the participatory activities for the improvement of working equines. Different activities carried out for the capacity building of the animal owner/users regarding BMPs (Basic management practices). An interactive and open forum for the community was organized to discuss the key related things and also ask a question on their queries. The working equids both have poor equine welfare as they are suffering from low body condition score, WRIs, eye, foot problems and poor feeding/watering and stable hygiene practices. The Brooke-SRSO Equine Welfare Project will work with women of Yar Muhammad Bhatti and Baloch Khan Merali communities to bring about sustainable improvements for working equines welfare through capacity building and skill enhancement in BMPs.



PM-IFL Cheque Distribution

The Cheques were distributed among PM-IFL selected beneficiaries after reviewing the appraisals at LSO Berriri Village Mureed Qaladi among the 12 Beneficiaries.

BHC Visit by MER Officer Jacobabad

BHC Project SRSO Jacobabad

Benazir Housing cell-BHC project is being implemented by Sindh Rural Support Organization-SRSO with the financial support of Government of Sindh-GOS. District MER Officer along with District Engineer Muhammad Yousuf Jafferi visited underconstruction BHC houses in Village Nasar Muhammad Brohi Union Council Bachro.



Non-formal education component Progress & Planning Meeting

The quarterly PPM held at SRSO head office Sukkur on dated 02nd June 2016 at SRSO Head Office Sukkur. The meeting was attended by Attia Bhutto SRP –USAID, Junaid Memon SRP and SRSO district and Head Office Officials.



Installation of Solar system at Cluster School Qabalo District Shikarpur



Date: 1st June-2016



Productive linkages of LSO Sindh Surhan Shikarpur & SPO

Productive Linkages of LSO Sindh Surhan with STRENGTHENING PARTICIPATORY ORGANIZATION (SPO) at LSO office UC Sehwan.

LSO Sartyoon BOD Meeting

Today local support organization LSO sartyoon sindh union council chak tuluka lakhi dist shikarpur organized routine meeting . BoD members decided help and support orphans on the occasion of eid ul fitar.



Date: 31st May 2016

SRSO Head Office NRM & MER managers Visit of Kandh Kot District

On 31-May-2016, Senior Manager NRM Mr. Nisar Ahmed Pathan along with Manager MER Mr. Naveed Ishaque Memon visited at UC Saifal, Tangwani District Kashmir-Kandhkot. They interacted with LSO representatives and obtained information on the tree plantation and the distribution of tree plants in their areas. Both the officials also visited a Non formal Education (NFE) center of the evening shift. The purpose of their visit was to verify the distribution tree plants in the community and to check the functioning of non-formal education centers being run in these areas.



Date: 30th May 2016

On the last day of his visit, as scheduled, Mr. George Dehoux, First Secretary, Development Advisor for Rural Development & Nutrition, EU delegation to Pakistan, visited Imam Bux Mallah in UC Mohenjo-Daro of District Larkana, where he participated in the Programme Introduction (PI) dialogue conducted under the SRSO Component of the EU supported SUCCESS Programme .

Followed by the PI dialogue, Mr. George Dehoux attended an introductory meeting with SUCCESS PIU staff at SRSO head office.

Nutrition and WASH components were also discussed in detail during the meeting.

CEO of the Sindh Rural Support Organisation, SUCCESS Team Leader, District Managers, Manager M&E and other staff members were present during the meeting and the visit.



CIF Appraisal Meeting (3rd Cycle) at VO Budho Samejo

SMU Thull team along with District MER Officer participated in the Meeting of Village Organization Budho Samejo Union Council Jounal Tehsil Thull District Jacobabad. The purpose of this VO meeting was to fill appraisals of beneficiaries for the third cycle of CIF(UCBPRP funded by GoS) while last both cycles were successfully revolved in livestock and Fish farming. Each beneficiary has saved amount from 5000 to 25000.



HCP Project Progress Review Meeting

On dated 30th May 2016 a Progress Review meeting held at SRSO District Office Sukkur. The agenda of meeting was to discuss on HCP project activities with DHO, ADHO, DCNP, MNCH focal person and other respected officials of DoH Sukkur



Sukkur-SRSO IFL Cheque Distribution at Kaler Ghoth

SRSO IFL Cheques were distributed among beneficiaries of Kaler Goth at Sukkur District.



Training Session delivered by DM-Sukkur in three days workshop of CHWS-HCP Project

HO MER & Audit team Visit of HCP Project CHW Training at Rohri Office Sukkur



Health Communication Project's Three days CHWs training was in Progress at District Office Sukkur, Head Office MER, and Internal Audit officers paid a visit to training for monitoring the Training process and Selection of CHWS according to the criteria and other components of training.

HSSP Jacobabad Team Weekly Progress Review and Planning Meeting

HSSP Project team's weekly progress review and planning meeting held at D.O SRSO Jacobabad.



Group photo of RSP's Annual Strategy Retreat 2016 participants at PC Bhurban Hotel



NFE Teachers Progress Review Meeting at District Kashmore-Kandhkot

A Monthly Meeting held for Non-Formal Education (NFE) Center Teachers at district office Kashmore-Kandhkot. NFE Teachers shared their progress for the month of MAY 2016 in detail with covered syllabus. All Officials appreciated the efforts of NFE Teachers for making their presentation and present it with their suggestions & views.



MF Sector-Training on Portfolio Management

IMSD-SRSO conducted two days training on “Portfolio Management” of Microfinance sector. In training the Vital role of the portfolio was discussed and how to manage it. The Trainer of this training was Mr. Malik Dilawar. The participants include District/Branch Field Staff, Mr. Jinsar Ali Jatoy, and Mr. Riaz Ali Memon from Head Office.



Media Coverage

Media Coverage of International Mother's Day celebrated by SRSO Kashmore-Kandhkot on May 27, 2016



SRSO & HelpAge sensitizes media men, Government officers & elected representatives over senior citizens welfare bill

By our correspondent

SUKKUR— Speakers expressed concern over delay in implementing on senior citizens welfare bill even though they were 6.8 percent of the total population and this percentage would rise to 15.8 percent by 2050.

They were speaking on Wednesday at a sensitization workshop on the senior citizens welfare Bill 2014 at a Press Club Sukkur organized by Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) in collaboration with the HelpAge International.

Senior Manager Nisar Pathan spoke about current and future demographic trends and issues faced by older people. Highlighting the role of media regarding needs and rights of senior citizens in Pakistan, he lauded the efforts of the Sindh Provincial government that Sindh Assembly unanimously passed into law the Sindh Senior Citizens' Welfare Bill, 2014 made the province the first one to adopt a law for the elderly.

He said that the bill was to formulate policies for the welfare and improving the well-being of senior citizens and to issue the senior citizens cards, which would be called Azadi Cards by providing essential services and benefits to senior citizens.

The council will also establish senior

citizens' lodging establishments and due to lack of its implementation older people were facing many problems, social, and economic well-being, terms.



he said and added that after implementing the bill, older people will provide free genetic, medical, and health services with free medicines for senior citizens as prescribed by respective medical officers from government dispensaries, hospitals, medical centres and 25 percent concession on all private hospitals and clinics.

Nisar urged the media and elected representatives to play their pivotal role and

Programme Manager Help Age international Shahzad Khasakhevi said that after implementing the 50 percent concession will be provided to senior citizens on both public and private within and inter-city transport. Besides, a concession will be provided on the tickets of Railways and PIA on filing prescribed forms.

The bill also envisages concession of 25 percent on drugs and medicines for the

treatment of age-related illnesses of senior citizens, he added.

He said that the bill ensures the provision of 25 percent discount at recreation centres, cinemas, theatres, visiting places including hostels, motels, resorts, restaurants, food points and lodging establishments.

It also ensures provision of free services for funeral and burial on the death of a senior citizen by the local council, he said.

Project Coordinator Rafique Soomro and other also spoke on the occasion. Former Federal Ombudsman Sukkur Muhammad Aslam Pathan, Assistant Director Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Sukkur Ghulam Shabir Memon, Social Welfare Officer Syed Naseer Shah, Advocate Rizwana Memon, elected representative Syed Kamal Hyder Shah, officials of the Agriculture, Zakat and Usher, EOBI, representatives of the various NGOs and large number of Journalists in their debate session presented the scenario of Pakistan in the context of senior citizens welfare bill and its implementation. It was highlighted that there is no scheme or program specifically designed for older people, therefore older people are facing number of social protection issues.

NADRA announcement

By our correspondent

SUKKUR: In-charge MRVs of NADRA Regional Head Office Sukkur announcing the visit program of Mobile Registration Vans (MRVs) has said that MRVs (NADRA vehicles) will patrol different union councils of Sukkur, Khairpur, Ghotki and Nausahero Feroze districts from 30th May to 10th June, 2016 to provide people facility of issuing CNICs at their doorsteps. Accordingly, union councils of talukas new Sukkur, Rohri, Salehpota, Kingri, Khairpur, Thaminwah, Faizgarh, NRC Gambat, NRC Mirpur Mathelo, NRC Ghotki, Mehrapur and Moro will be covered from 30th May to 10th June, 2016. The people of the concerned talukas are suggested to contact Regional Nadra Head Office Sukkur on telephone numbers 071-504548 (119) to know visit schedule of MRVs at their concerned union councils.

Annual Urs of Mian Adam Shah Kalhoro to be started today

By our correspondent

SUKKUR: The annual Urs (410th) of Mian Adam Shah Kalhoro will be celebrated on 2nd June, 2016 (25th Sha'aban, 1437 h.ejri) at his last resting place at Adam Shah Taluk in Sukkur. On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Sukkur Dr Waheed Azghar Bhatti will inaugurate Urs celebrations by laying Chadar at the shrine of Mian Adam Shah Kalhoro.