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Message of the Week

"Human race do not go extinct but only if we treat each other as a human regardless of gender, color, class, and ethnicity."

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News/Events/Highlights/Activities

CEO-SRSO visits CMSTs:

Chief Executive Officer-SRSO Mr. Mohammad Dittal Kalhoro along with Team Leader SUCCESS programme Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro visited the ongoing Community Management Skill Training (CMST) organized in taluka (tehsil) Ratodero and Dokri of district Larkana. This was the third and last day of 3 days CMST being organised Under European Union funded SUCCESS programme. He delivered a very indispensable session of CMST and shared the insightful experiences with office bearers of CO on the effectiveness of social mobilisation and fundamental role of women in the development of rural areas. Mr. Kalhoro also briefed about the objectives of SUCCESS programme and the financial support of European Union made for poverty reduction.

At the conclusion of both events, Certificates of participation were awarded to the trained members of Community organizations. Mr. Imam Ali Detho (DM Larkana) and Ms. Samina Barkat Ali (Training Coordinator-SUCCESS programme) were also present on the occasion.



Deputy Director visits CMSTs:



Mr. Nisar Ahmed Solangi (Deputy Director Social Welfare Department of district Qamber-Shahdadkot) attended the conclusion session of Community Management Skill Training organized Under European Union funded SUCCESS programme in village Jingah of UC Lashari Chandio and Taluka Qamber on 12th August 2016. Based on positive feedback received from trainees about training delivery and arrangements Mr. Solangi appreciated the

trainer and showed great satisfaction for conducting community based training in rural areas. He also admired the EU funded SUCCESS programme being implemented for poverty reduction and assured his consistent support in future.

Certificates of participation were awarded to trained members of Community organizations after completion of 3 days CMST. Mr. Asad Jatoti (District Manager-Qamber-Shahdadkot) paid many thanks and Mr. Nisar Ahmed Solangi also thanked SRSO and community members for warm hospitality.



Team Leader-SUCCESS Visits CMSTs

On 06 Aug 2016, Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro (Team Leader-SUCCESS programme) and Ms. Lubna Tawakkul (Senior Manager-HR SRSO) participated in closing sessions of seven Community Management and Skill Training concluded in 7 UCs of district Larkana i.e. Wakro, Dokri, Wada Mahar, Bangul Dero, Kothi and Baqa Pur. And awarded certificates of

participation to trainees. Both officials admired the active participation of women office bearers of Community Organizations, based on the feedback received and tremendously encouraged the women for their future endeavors. Mr. Imam Ali Detho (District Manager-Larkana and Ms. Samina Barkat Ali (Training Coordinator-SUCCESS programme) were also present at the occasion.

PPM-SUCCESS Programme

Progress and planning Review meeting of SRSO SUCCESS programme was organised in district Office Larkana on 03 Aug 2016. Meeting was chaired by Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro (Team Leader-SUCCESS). District Managers of Larkana and Qamber Shahdadkot along with their



respective Social Mobilization Teams and district professionals participated in the meeting. Manager M& E, Manager Finance, Programme Engineer, MHI Manager and other professionals also participated from SUCCESS-Project Implementation Unit (PIU).

During the meeting, Social Mobilisation Teams presented their monthly progress of July 2016 and shared the next month plans as well. While, during their presentations field teams, mentioned the challenges they have been facing during the course of implementation in field and strategies adopted to get resolved all these challenges. Manager M&E shared the key findings and recommendations with compliance status against the reported findings. Manager Finance also presented financial progress against budget for the reporting period.

COO-RSPN Visits SUCCESS Districts



Mr. Khalil Ahmed Tetlay Chief Operating Officer (COO) of RSPN along with the Chief Executive Officer -SRSO Mr. Mohammad Dittal Kalhoro and Team Leader SUCCESS programme Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro visited in village Mandho Chandio in district Qamber-Shahdadt on 02 August 2016, and lead the programme introduction dialogue of the European Union funded Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS) Programme. Rural Women participants unanimously showed full consent to enter into the partnership with SRSO to form their community organisation.



Mr. Tetlay and Mr. Kalhoro also attended the formation process of Community organization (CO) in village Allah Dino of UC Ranwati and district Qamber-Shahdadt. They admired the field teams for their splendid efforts being taken to mobilise the masses to form their community institutions.

Subsequent to these visits, both officials (COO-RSPN and CEO-SRSO) reached district Larkana where they attended monthly progress and planning meeting of SUCCESS

Program in district Larkana. Mr. Khalil Ahmed Tetlay delivered a crucial session on the concept of social mobilisation, community development and the role of RSPs. He applauded the Larkana teams for their better work which was witnessed during his field visit of Larkana. Mr. Mohammad Dittal Kalhoro and Jamal Mustafa Shoro made their profound gratitude to Mr. Khalil Ahmed Tetlay for his visit and guidance to field teams throughout his visit at SRSO.

Visits in Larkana District



Chief Operating Officer (COO) of RSPN Mr. Khalil Ahmed Tetlay visited in village Juman Jogi of UC Wakia Sangi in district Larkana on 01 August 2016 and conducted a session in programme introduction dialogue of the European Union funded Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS) Programme. Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro (Team Leader-SUCCESS) and Mr. Imam Ali Detho (DM-Larkana) were also accompanied him during the visit. A Large number of rural women participated and explicitly shown their consent to get organized in form of Community Organisation.

Later, Mr. Tetlay attended the Monthly progress and planning meeting of district Qamber-Shahdadkot, where he delivered a significant session on social mobilization approach of RSPs, SUCCESS programme, and its core objectives. He appreciated the efforts of teams being carried out in rural areas under the SUCCESS programme of SRSO component.

Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme (UCBPRP) funded BY GoS-P&D

Help Age-BLF- EMPOWERING OLDER PEOPLE TO IMPROVES LIVES

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On 8 August, 2016 Ms. Zahida Kakepoto social welfare officer Shikarpur visited OPA Gabar Junejo district Shikarpur. OPA representatives briefed her about the work of OPA especially CRF-community revolving fund, advocacy, linkages building and poultry management. Social Mobilizer of SRSO's Project 'empowering older people to improve lives' facilitated the meeting. She handed over microfinance cheques to older people of the OPA Gabar Junejo.



District Shikarpur

Field learning visits of three OPAs (older people associations) OPA Longani, Abad Kehar & Azeem Suhandro of district Shikarpur by PM HAI while SRSO Regional Manager Region III held meeting with one OPA longani and handed over insurance claim to daughter in law of demised beneficiary of micro finance in OPA Longani. During the meeting Agha Waheed Ahmed Social Welfare Officer Garhi Yaseen, Mr. Shuaib Syal district counselor, women counselor of uc Daklhan and large number of older women and men participated in the meetings.



Shikarpur



Honorable Deputy Commissioner has nominated a Ageing Focal Person at the office of deputy commissioner Shikarpur for the project of SRSO "EMPOERING OLDER PEOPLE TO IMPROVE LIVES" being implemented by SRSO in District Shikarpur & Jacobabad with the support of HelpAge International. Whole team of the project recognizes the efforts of Latif Soomro sb DM SRSO in this regard. This is the one of the milestone achieved by BLF Project team with the coordination of district management.

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NOTIFICATION

No. DC/SHP/ESTT/- 1969/2016, Dated 12-08-2016,

Mr. Jawaid Anwar Shaikh, Additional Deputy Commissioner-1 Shikarpur is hereby nominated as ageing focal person for the project of Sindh Rural Support Organization at Deputy Commissioner Office Shikarpur (As per attached ToRs).

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
SHIKARPUR

C.C to:-
 > The Additional Deputy Commissioner-1 Shikarpur.
 > The District Manager, Sindh Rural Support Organization Shikarpur.
 > The Assistant Commissioner, Shikarpur/Khanpur/Gerhi/Yesni/Lakhi.
 > PS to Commissioner Larkana Division Larkana.
 > PA to Deputy Commissioner Shikarpur.

12/8/16
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SHIKARPUR

Draft - Terms of References

Ageing Focal Person at office of the Deputy Commissioner Shikarpur

- 1- Ageing focal person will be key contact person on behalf of district administration
- 2- Ageing focal person should be grade 17 officer or more from relevant departments of district administration.
- 3- The key contact person on behalf of Sindh Rural Support Organization - SRSO should be Project Coordinator of the project "Empowering Older People to Improve Lives".
- 4- Ageing focal person will lead a committee comprising on representatives from district administration departments including Health, Zakat and Ushar, Bait ul Maj, BISP, Social Welfare Department and Agriculture department. The committee may be named "Ageing Committee".
- 5- Meeting of proposed ageing committee would be conducted on quarterly basis and also participated by 05 representatives of Federation of Older People Associations district Shikarpur.
- 6- Issues and problems of older people will be discussed in ageing Committee. Recommendation will be made for further process. Meeting minutes will be shared with all relevant departments after approval of Assistant Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner.

SRSO Complex Sukkur

A one day session for BLF project team, about entrepreneur and older people conducted on 12 August 2016 at SRSO complex Sukkur. The contents of the session were project cycle, entrepreneurs in the area and proposal development about the entrepreneur. The methodology adopted was, lecture, presentation and group work. Rafique Soomro and PM HAI facilitated the daylong session.



Jacobabad

SRSO district Jacobabad organized a follow-up meeting with social protection organizations, Micro finance Institutes & Social safety nets for greater inclusion of older people & PWD in policies & Programs at JIMS, Jacobabad. The activity implemented through a project 'empowering older people to improve lives' ongoing in district Jacobabad & Shikarpur with the assistance of HelpAge International. District Officer Ushr 7 Zakat Department Jacobabad, Assistant Director Benazir Income Support Program (BIS), Deputy Director Social Welfare Department Jacobabad, Deputy Director Women Development Department, Social activists and leaders of district federation of OPA participated in the meeting.



Health Communication Component

World Breastfeeding Week Celebrations at HCP Larkano District



World Breastfeeding Week is celebrated every year from 1st to 7th August in more than 170 countries to encourage the breastfeeding for the betterment of babies' health around the world. It commemorates the Innocent Declaration signed in August 1990 by government policymaker, WHO, UNICEF and other organizations to protect, promote and support breastfeeding.

This year's WBW theme is **Breastfeeding: a key to Sustainable Development**. This year commemorates the start of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A broad approach using the sustainability theme is thus relevant and inclusive. It will enable the breastfeeding movement (and beyond) to connect with a variety of development issues over the next 15 years (2030) for maximum impact. The WBW will cover the main link areas between breastfeeding and the SDGs along 5 broad themes

- I. nutrition/food security
 - II. health, well-being and survival
 - III. environment and climate change
 - IV. work productivity, empowerment, social protection
 - V. Sustainable partnerships and rule of law.
- Watch this space for more information and updates.



On dated 08 to 13 August Conducted Community support group meetings, village health committee and Real time monitoring at villages Gul Muhmmad Khoso, Mamtaz colony, Faqeer Muhammad colony & Rizwan colony.



Orientation of New Hired Staff for HCP new Component

RSPN in partnership with Population Services International (PSI) has extended its project Provision of Reproductive Health Services through Social Marketing (PRHSSM) in ten districts of Sindh. Under the partnership, the project interventions will continue for next 12 months with the support of implementing partners National Rural Support Programme (NRSP), Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) and Thardeep Rural Development Programme (TRDP). A two-day orientation workshop of project staff concluded today at SRSO Complex in Sukkur. The purpose of the workshop was to orient team members about the project objectives, its activities, key performance indicators (KPIs) and outcomes. On the second day of the workshop, team members were divided into groups to demonstrate on how to conduct the session on birth spacing by using Interpersonal Communication (IPC) toolkit.



Independence Day Celebration at Community Managed Schools in Shikarpur & Kashmore



SRSO District Office Kashmore-Kandh Kot with collaboration of Community Cluster school team celebrated "Independence Day" at school Shahzado Bahalkani Kandh Kot & @ community cluster school Abdullah Buriro UC Zarkhel tehsil Khanpur district Shikarpur Mr Sikandar Ali Khushik DC Shikarpur was the chief guest with ADC, SDM, CEO SRSO and Education department also attend the programme. In this event other Cluster Schools & Non-Formal Education Center Learners also participated. Childrens manifested wonderful talent in every activities the award distributed among meritorious children the programme ended with resolve to serve the mother land more efficiently with the core of hearts.

LSO-Award Ceremony at District Shikarpur

An Award Ceremony was held for different LSOs on different days in at District SHikarpur under the Project of “Incentivizing Development from (Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) & Chip Training & Consulting (Pvt) Ltd).under the project of: A field Experiment with UCDOs in Pakistan”. The events were arranged in the honor of (SRSO) district Shikarpur Local Support Organization **Bakhtawar** (UC Chato Mangi) taulka Garhi Yaseen district Shikarpur, LSO New Roshani taulka Garhi Yaseen, of Local Support Organization LSO Kainat (UC Taib) taulka Lakhi. Also members of different CO, VO, LSO and LSO Network were participated. Recognition award and certificates were distributed in BoD



Coordination Meeting with WHO staff about Polio Campaign at SRSO Complex, Sukkur

A Meeting was arranged regarding coordination and SRSO support with WHO in POLIO campaigns in North Sindh Districts, in this meeting WHO representatives Dr. Omer Makki Team Leader North Sindh, Dr. Atif Kazmi regional Head and SRSO CEO and senior concern officials joined the meeting. The Meeting was chaired by CEO-SRSO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro.



RSPN MER Resource Group Meeting

SRSO M&E sector head and Manager attended the M&E resource group meeting held at Margala Hotel Islamabad.



SRSO Region III PPM at Kandh Kot

Monthly Planning and Progress Review meeting of Region-III was held at District Office Kashmore@kandh Kot. The PPM was chaired by Regional Manager Mr Dr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo in which all district staff, Project officers and Head Office staff participated. All Social Mobilization Units of UCBPRP and Region-III, Project Heads of District Kashmore-Kandh Kot, Jacobabad and Shikarpur under the lead of their DMs shared progress of July 2016 month with Plan of August 2016. LSO Aqsa of UC Saifal also present their LSO progress.



MER Annual PPM at SRSO Head Office Sukkur

A Progress and Planning Meeting of MER sector SRSO was held on 9th August 2016 at SRSO Head Office Complex. The meeting was chaired by M&E sector head and Manager Mr. Naveed Ishaque Memon and all M&E Officers from district, head office and all M&E head office staff

participated and shared their annual progress and next year planning. In last the CEO-SRSO and CFO also joined the meeting and CEO-SRSO share their valuable feedback and guidance for M&E sector.



Clean & Green Sindh Campaign-Tree Plantation



SRSO- Natural Resource Management have planted 15,000 saplings with the help of organised communities of Sukkur and Shikarpur. NRM planted 2500 saplings in Union Council Lakhi and Chak of district Shikarpur. 12500 saplings were planted in UC Loung Bhatti, Bagerji, Ismail Labano and Tamachani of district Sukkur. SRSO has planted 404800 plants in rural areas of Sindh. Schools, basic health units, government hospitals & road sides of villages are in special focus for plantation. Each one of us has to play our part in making Sindh Greener.

Craft and Enterprise Department-Sartyoon Sang Stall setup at Mohatta Palace Muesuem Karachi

In Karachi at Mohatta Palace Museum an 'Azaadi Mela' was organized to celebrate the day in a fun and educational manner. Sartyoon Sang set up a stall in Azadi Mela and recieved a positive response at the carnival. Children, accompanied by their families, thronged the festival in the true spirit of Independence Day. The festival included games, crafts, music and dance, children's books, competitions, performances and delicious food.



Introductory Meeting with PSI Project Staff

DM-Jacobabad Mr. Manzoor Ahmed Jalbani Held an Introductory meeting with newly hired staff regarding newly launched project "Provision of Reproductive Health Services through Social Marketing" In district Jacobabad.



Low Cost Housing Scheme Project Funded by BHC Project Cheque Disbursement

PITD sector is working with full dedication and commitment to provide all basic facilities' for construction of Low cost Housing schemes at their door step to all beneficiaries. In this regard Second installments cheques of BHC were distributed among 17 beneficiaries on 10 August 2016. Mr. Muhammad Yosuf Jafri (district Engineer) along District MER & Mr. Javeed Ahmed Hajano (Unit Incharge SMU Jcd) distributed Second installments cheques among BHC beneficiaries at Shahbaz colony Jacobabad.



World Bank Delegation Visit



World Bank delegations paid to visit SRSO Jacobabd on 11th August 2016 . A Community meeting was also held with LSO Anmol in which World Bank consultants' research based interaction regarding a future project of "Saff Suthro" by World Bank so they interacted with COs/VOs/LSO regarding sanitation and nutrition.

Best Performance Award



The Dedication, commitment and hardwork of SRSO District Manager has feel proud that got the Best Performance Award regarding humanitarian services and proved to be as a social change agent in district Jacobabad. IN regard this Mr. Manzoor Jalbani (DM-SRSO) received Best performance Award Mr. Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani MNA (PPP) Jacobabad on 14th August 16. In this event all high delegation of Governemnt and Non-Goevrnemnt Officials attended the meeting.

COO RSPN Paid Visit to LSO Sindh Surhan District Shikarpur



Mr. Khaleel Tetlay (Chief Operating Officer) RSPN along with Dr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo, Manzoor Jalbani, Asad Ali visited Local Support Organization Sindh Surhan (UC Sehwani) taluka Lakhi Ghulam Shah district Shikarpur. The detail presentation was presented by Ms. Rehmat (LSO treasure). A detailed dialogue made for CIF revolve strategy at LSO level and its process, documentation, and maximum utilization. Ms. Gulshad (Chairperson of

LSO Network Khushal) shared working of Health Communication Component in the capacity of Community Health Worker (CHWs) it's working, selection of location, training and referral mechanism. In last COO RSPN jot down valuable inputs in comments book and appreciated efforts taken by LSO members especially the construction of LSO office, self-initiative's, linkages with Government and other stakeholders.

