



# WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

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## Message of the Week

"We can never get a re-creation of community and heal our society without giving our citizens a sense of belonging."

[Patch Adams](#)

### Condolence Message

All staff of SRSO offer their profound regret & heartfelt condolence with Mr. Aitzaz Asif (Admin Sukkur) upon the demise Death of Grand Father

### Happy Birthday ...

Happy many return of this day, May this birthday be different from the rest of birthday in every good way!  
Happy birthday to **Mr. Abdul Qudoos Pathan** (SSS Sector)

## News/Events/Highlights/Activities

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016

### SUCCESS Program

#### Field visit of RSPN Delegation in Qambar-Shahdadkot District

Programme Manager SUCCESS RSPN, Mr. Fazal Ali Saadi, Programme Manager SUCCESS SRSO, Mr. Jamal Shoro, and M&E Officer SUCCESS RSPN, Ms. Marvi Ahmed visited district Kambar Shahdadkot to observe and participate in CO formation activity along with SUCCESS-SRSO Social Mobilisation Teams (SMTs). They frequently observed steps of CO formation and also discussed the process and importance of CO formation with rural women. After holding meeting with women, the visitors heartedly applauded the willingness and passion of women for the formation of first tier of social mobilization in their respective areas.

The field visit was followed by a brief Progress Review Meeting held at the SRSO Complex Sukkur, with members from the SRSO SUCCESS team with regard to all completed and planned SUCCESS programme activities.



#### RSPN & SRSO SUCCESS staff monitored the CO Formation Process

SRSO-SUCCESS M & E Manager, Mr. Muzaffar Panhwar and SUCCESS-RSPN M&E Officer Ms. Marvi Ahmed, along with two Social Mobilisation Teams (SMTs) visited Larkana District to observe the Community Organisation (CO) formation processes. They also conducted validation of the on-going Poverty Score Card (PSC) survey data collection.

In the first phase of the EU funded SUCCESS Programme, teams of SRSO are busy in holding dialogues with rural women in two districts to mobilize them for the formation of Community Organisations (COs) which establish the foundation of the RSPs' three-tiered social mobilisation approach. Ms. Marvi also interacted with women and admired their active participation.



## Formation of Community Organizations (COs):

In this table cumulative figures are shown as of 18-June-2016. As per below reported figures district larkana is leading the CO formation activity as they have formed 241 COs and 3911 membership. While district Kamber-Shahdadkot formed 201 COs with 3481 membership.

<b>District</b>	<b>COs</b>	<b>Membership</b>
Kamber-Shahdadkot	201	3,487
Larkana	241	3,911
<b>Grand-Total</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>7,398</b>

## PSC data collection activity

<b>District</b>	<b>PSC Band Wise</b>				
	<b>0 to 11</b>	<b>12 to 18</b>	<b>19 to 23</b>	<b>24 to 100</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
Kamber Shahdadkot	4,161	7,604	6,191	15,310	33,266
Larkana	2,801	6,721	5,748	17,881	33,151
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6,962</b>	<b>14,325</b>	<b>11,939</b>	<b>33,191</b>	<b>66,417</b>

The aforementioned table provides the Taluka and band wise details of poverty score card data collection progress. Currently above table covers the progress as of 18-June-2016 respectively.

## Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Program (UCBPRP)-Funded by GoS

### Weekly Meetings at different SMUs district Shikarpur

On dated June 14, 2016 a weekly meeting was conducted at SMU Lakhi regarding the Progress & Planning of June 2016 including CIF targets Daily Dairy, Social Mobilization status CO, VO, LSO routine meeting targets and other projects BHC, HCCP and some administrative issues were also discussed. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Abdul Latif (District Manager SRSO Shikarpur) and Mr. Amanullah (district MIS) and all SMU staff participated. The weekly meetings at different social mobilization units have been organized where reviewed the targets and achievements of week and plan accordingly.



### Local Support Organization (LSO) routine meetings:



During the week June 13-18, 2016 district Shikarpur conducted below agenda based routine meetings. LSO Mehran decided to more work on MNCH component with coordination of Health Communication Component (HCC) Project, LSO Roshni decided the new date of routine meeting and review the targets of CIF and make plan of VO wise re-disbursement. LSO Sindh decided to work on disable people and will prepare the list of 30 special people and decided to approach social welfare department for support. LSO Rising has decided to fix service charges on CIF amount in different

VOs.

S.No	Union Council	Name of LSO	Taluka
1	Birkhan	Mehran	Lakhi
2	Abdu	Sindh	Lakhi
3	Amrote	Roshani	Garhi Yaseen
4	Wazirabad	Rising	Lakhi

### Gender Awareness Workshops at district Shikarpur:



Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) district Shikarpur with coordination of Gender and Development sector of SRSO, has organized Gender Awareness session at different locations of SMU Lakhi. In these sessions the good number of male has participated. Mr. Lalan Dahar from Local Support Organization Sindh Surhan (UC Sehwan) and Mr. Qurban Soomro from Local Support Organization Sartyoon Sang (UC Chak) extended their services on volunteer basis as resource person for these sessions. All sessions are organized with complete coordination and support of community institutions (CO, VOs and LSOs).

### CIF Cheques Disbursement of 3rd Cycle by SMU Thull

Cheques Disbursement in VO Haji Bakhtiar Marahto and VO Abdul Baqi Khoso union council Logi tehsil Thull district Jacobabad. Ms. Uroosa Noonari (S.O) accompanied with district MER Mr. Babar Ali disbursed cheques among CIF beneficiaries and held meeting with VO members and emphasized to utilize that amount as mentioned in their respective MIPs and submitted appraisals. VO Members paid Thanks to SRSO & GOS for intervention which is designed for empowering women. Date: 16-06-2016



### **Routine Community Meeting in Village Feroze Kundrani-Jacobabad**

Routine community Meeting conducted in village Feroz kandrani, UC THULL NAO, District Jacobabad. This was their self-imitative to strengthen community institutions through indigenous potential, building capacities through savings and linkages development with state and non-governmental organizations.



### **CIF Cheque Distribution Ceremony**



The disbursement of CIF cheques is made in VO Sikandarabad UC Bachro Tehsil Thull, district Jacobabad. This was the fourth cycle disbursement which made in presence of all VO office bearers and members.

### **Routine Meeting for filling of Appraisals of beneficiaries**

District Manager-Kashmore with the SMU Buxapur team conduct meeting with VO Mohammad Shareef Chachar of UC Rasool Bux Chachar and verified the CIF beneficiaries through their CIF appraisals.



### **Weekly Progress Meeting District Kashmore @Kandh kot**



Conducted meeting with field staff of all SMUs. All staff members presented their individual progress and also share their plan of next week. District Manager also held a significant meeting of with drivers to discuss their issues in detail.

## CIF Disbursement in Village Sabul Jagirani



LSO Wada Machiyoon disbursed the CIF (Community Investment Fund) cheques and insurance receipts at village Sabul Jagirani among the 25 households. The LSO wada Machiyoon is known for its continuous activities duly supported by the SRSO. The LSO has also developed linkages with other organizations and obtained the required support which immensely benefitted the rural communities with various interventions. SRSO team supporting LSO members in record keeping, educating them for relevant linkages



## Education Component-Social Sector Services

SRSO Official Meeting on NFE technical Proposal with SRP-USAID JICA at Sukkur IBA

SRSO Social Sector Services officials attended the NFE Technical Proposal meeting held by USAID-JICA for further processing the proposals at the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Sukkur. In this meeting all the JICA and SRP staff and from SRSO SSS staff participated.

## Field Monitoring Visit by SSS staff

SSS sector Ms. Sonia Chachar visited the different NFE centers of District Kandh Kot@kashmore

## PPM with Community Managed Schools at Kandh Kot

On June 14, 2016 meeting was conducted with the Community Managed Primary Schools of SMU KandhKot. In this meeting 18 teachers participated. In meeting following agenda were discussed.

- School Examinations Reports, Result Sheets, new course books.
- New Enrollment.
- Class 5<sup>th</sup> Pass out students status.
- School building work
- Cluster School facilities.
- Need of Training for Teachers.

Health Communication Component Project-Funded by USAID



## Village Health Committees Meeting by HCP Ghotki team

The VHC meetings are commenced in Ghotki District at Village Dino-Mako (Tehsil Mirpur Mathelo), in which all the VHC members participated and discussed the future planning of VHC work plan.



## Community Support Group Meeting by HCP Ghotki Team



Community Support Group Meeting was held in all districts of HCP project. All the community support group members, community health workers and SRSO-HCP team participated in the meeting. The objective of the meeting was to discuss the use of IPC toolkit at household level by CSG.

## 17-June-2016 Real Time Monitoring During the Community Support Meeting



A community supported meeting was organized at Village Dino Tehsil Mirpur Mathelo Ghotki District. HCP Social Organizer Ms. Nusrat Mirani attended the meeting for real time monitoring in order to keep vigilance on CHW orientation given to CSG members and encourage them to use IPC toolkit at household level.

## Formation of Village Health Committee and meeting Community Support Groups under HCCC Shikarpur



Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) under Health Communication Component (HCCP) district Shikarpur, have formed 61 Village Health Committees (VHCs) support of Village Health Committee (VHC) at district Shikarpur. SRSO Shikarpur team formed 435 Community Support Groups in uncovered areas of under this National level Programme. Now it is the prime responsibility of respective Community Health Workers to form VHC and conduct meeting with CSG in different VOs. In this context, SRSO HCCP team trained them for 08 days through exclusive trainings. All trainings are conducted with close coordination of District Health Departments (Government of Sindh) at district Shikarpur.

## CSG formation through LSO Mehran UC Bhirkhan

LSO Mehran union council Bhirkhan taluka lakhi district Shikarpur organized routine meeting. The Agenda of the meeting was the formation of the community support groups for HCP Project for usage of IPC toolkit at household level with the coordination of local institutes cos and Village Health Committees under HCCP project in the supervision of LSO.



## CHWs-CSG Meetings-HCP Jacobabad

CHWs conducted a meeting with Community Support Groups-CSGs members for the using of I.P.C Tool kit and HCP Jacobabad officials attended the meeting on real time monitoring purpose on ground level to rectify mistakes'. The purpose of these meetings is to aware community females regarding mother and child health care.



### Conducted Formation and meetings Use of IPC tool kit in CSGs group meetings 13th 18th June 2016

#### Objective of CSGs

- To develop the understanding level of CHWs on MNCH/FP & their role & responsibilities.
- To learn Participate on Technical contents of MNCH / FP use in IPC Tool Kit at HH level.
- Use of IPC Tool Kit in Community support group meetings
- To impart the basic health information to community women groups.
- Create Demand generation through Community support group meetings.



Formed 5 VHCs & introductory meeting in villages Phulpota, Bhoonbhat pur, Kamal khan Chandio, Ali Murad Kurtio, and Ibrahim Je Wandh Taluka Ratodero district Larkana.





## Different Activities by HCP-Noushero-Feroze Team

### CHWs Working on field work plan along with coordination of HCP Nausharoferoze Team



Different coordination meetings with health department and national programme



### World Child Labor Day Celebration-

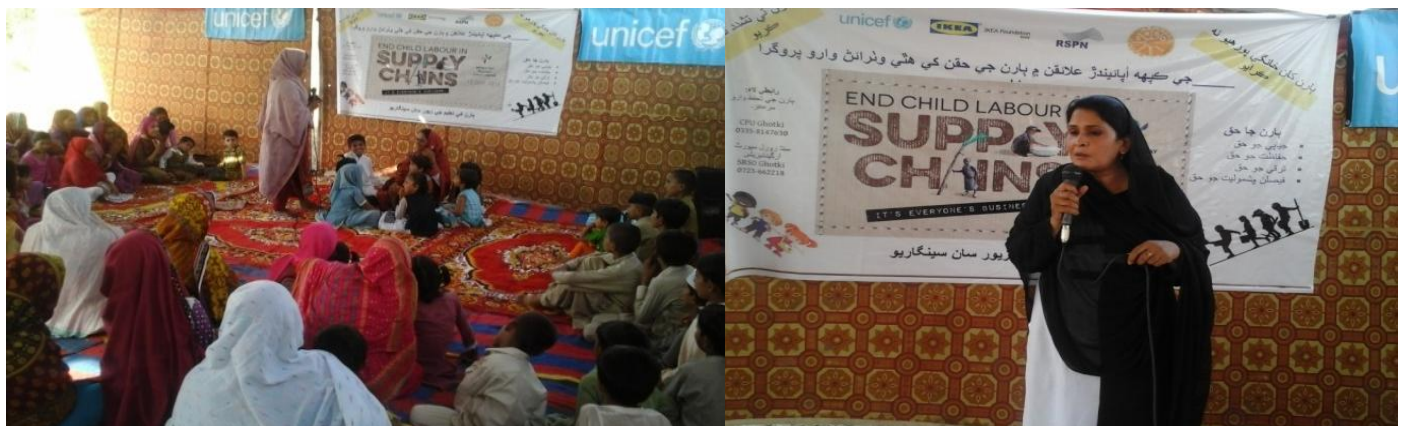
The World Day against Child Labor is celebrated annually on the 12th of June. This year, the theme of the day was to end child labor all supply chains. The CRCFA project team District Khairpur celebrated the 12th of June with a number of local events in project targeted union councils of Khairpur district. The activities were designed tremendously with the local, particularly among women and children, who actively participated in the celebrations. The celebrations were a truly communal effort put together by the local support organizations (LSOs), with SRSO/RSPN staff only providing support in logistical arrangements and coordination with district government officials and other stakeholders.



### Activities under CRCFA Project-Ghotki



### Celebrated world day against child labor @ Uc Mirpur-ii under CRCFA Project



**World day against Child Labour @ Uc Beririe under CRCFA Project**



**World Day against Child Labour @ Uc Bhetoor under CRCFA Project**



**Co-Ordination Meeting with Teachers of Uc-Lohi For Enrollment Under CRCFA Project**



## LSO Executive body meeting held @ UC-Lohi Under CRCFA project.

### Yearly 195th URS of Hazrat Sachal Sarmast

With directions of Deputy Commissioner, SRSO district Khairpur arranged the Sartyoon Sang stall with support of ED Head office on occasion of Salyano 195th URS of Sachal Sarmast at Daraza Sharif Gambat on dated 20 June 2016, where the different handicraft of communities were displayed, during the mela the various officials from district/provincial government, NGOs, banks and travelers from local communities visited the SRSOs arranged stall with utmost keen, the visitors were briefed regarding the various products by SRSO staff members.

The Director Social Welfare, Additional Deputy Commissioner Khairpur, Assistant Commissioners from different talukas of district Khairpur visited the stall and appreciated the SRSO's role for women empowerment and marketing of traditional products made by rural women.



### D.PEC meeting at Deputy Commissioner Office Khairpur

The meeting attended chaired by Mr. Fayaz Ahmed jatoi where all the Members from committee participated, the DC reviewed the Micro plan submitted by different THOs and UCMOs and direct them for ree=wing agin the plan, during meeting DC advised to NGOs that they convey the message to community for facilitating the polio team for ensuring the 100% drops.

SRSO have established the 120 Multi-functional Centers in 4 UCs of talka Khairpur where the trained CRPs and Coordinators are available the MFCC is reserved place of community where all the activities are being done, taking the opportunity we directed to teams that they collect the polio drops qualifying children on respective centers and dropping them there. The team is facilitatng the polio team at one MFCC Vilage Allah Warayo Palh which is captured, but our 120 MFCC and LSO offices are used for this major cause.



## BLF-Helpage funded Project - "empowering older people to improve lives"

### Microcredit Cheque distribution among Older People



Older People Association and VO BER JO GOTH organized a meeting for the distribution of microfinance cheques among older people through the SRSO's Project "empowering older people to improve lives". The project is being assisted by HelpAge International. Mr. Manzoor Ahmed Jalbani DM SRSO Jacobabad was the chief guest and distributed the Cheques among beneficiaries.

### Prime Minister Interest Free Loan Programme (Re-Disbursement of Cheque):

Under the Prime Minister Interest Free Loan Programme (PMIFL) Project, district Shikarpur distributed 2nd cycle of PMIFLP in different village organizations with support of Local Support Organization and Karobari Rehnuma Markaz (KRM) at VO Mubarak Soomro, Muhammad Ibrahim, Qaim Labano, Sanjar Mahar, Lal Khan Shar and others. Total PKRs: 1.7 million distributed in women. The main objective of PMIFLP is to contribute in their existing business for more productivity.



### PM-IFL cheques disbursed

Kashmore-Kandhkot team has disbursed PM-IFL cheques of 2nd Cycle in two villages of UC Haibat. 66 cheques of amount PKR 1,294,000/= were disbursed among the 66 poor women beneficiaries under the PSC ranges 1-40.



## HSSP Project



### Vaccination Crash Program by HSSP Jacobabad Team

SRSO HSSP TEAM JACOBABAD taking extra efforts to improve EPI Coverage in the district Jacobabad. Crash program has been started in Union Council Karim Bux Taluka Thull District Jacobabad. Averagely 270 children and 52 pregnant women were being vaccinated, appreciations to entire team for their relentless efforts.

### Routine Vaccination in UC Kareem Bux Tehsil Thull District Jacobabad

Sindh Rural Support Organization-SRSO HSSP project team can be seen busy in routine vaccination in union council Kareem Bux Tehsil Thull District Jacobabad.

## Benazir Housing Cell funded by GoS Project

under the Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Housing cell project, the houses of poor community are under construction. Mr. Muhammad Yousef Jafferri is visiting under construction houses and demonstrating approved model of BHC houses to masons and beneficiaries. Date 16 June 2016.



## Benazir Housing Cell (BHC) distribution of Cheque:



Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) with Support of Benazir Housing Cell (BHC) Government of Sindh provides the shelter to poorest of poor with identification of government elected representatives (MPs). In district Shikarpur GoS-BHC allocated 300 houses each of PKRs: 224,200. District Shikarpur have completed 160 houses and civil work on 140 houses is still continuing. Here are some clicks of BHC cheque distribution in different locations with support of Social Mobilization Teams (SMTs), district engineer and Local Support Organization (LSO) Mehran Chairperson at taluka Lakhi Ghulam Shah District Shikarpur.

## LSO Self Initiatives and Linkages

### Self-Initiative of LSO Sindh Sujagh (UC Rustam) at district Shikarpur:



Inhabitants of village Mohammad Ibrahim Soomro UC Rustam previously faced the issue of water-logging since years. Their shelters are damaged. They decided to have a mud embankment around their village. In 2011 VO Mohammad Ibrahim Soomro and LSO Sindh Sujagh with support of crane, built almost 6 feet embankment around the village. But in 2016 after heavy rains the mud is damaged so the people of village again decided to work on same embankment as to stop the water logging in monsoon session. LSO member collected the amount of PKRs: 40,000 from all VO members

and started work on it with crane. Now Villagers' shared that this has not only stopped water but decreased the incidences of theft in their villages earlier the goats were used to had been taken away.

## Social Activities

### Iftar Party at district office Shikarpur

Sindh Rural Support Organization district Shikarpur celebrated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of Ramzan in the shape of Iftar Party at District office on June 17, 2016. The Unit In charges, staff from different projects including Benazir Housing Cell (BHC), Helpage International, Prime Minister Interest Free Loan Programme (PMIFLP), Health Communication Component (HCCP), district professionals, District Managers Jacobabad and Regional Manager (Region-III) have participated. These activities are significant for team building and to boost up the moral of staff members for better performance.



# ***Empowering adult youth through establishment of Non-Formal Education Centers in underprivileged Communities***

***(A Flame of Education Ignited by SRP-USAID and SRSO)***

An Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire. (William Butler Yeats). The World is full of ornaments and pearls but Education is the white ornament that glistens the human inner beauty to become a complete Human because it is the education that human has learnt to fly in the air, crossing the water waves, making hydrogen and chemical weapons but did not learn one thing that how to become a complete civilized human within society by giving education to their young next generation. It attributes most important, precious and permanent property of an individual. Education provides manpower, strengthens national unity and uplifts public awareness.

ISLAM also tells us about Education and its importance. The real essence of Education according to ISLAM is “to know ALLAH” but I think in our country we truly lost. Education plays a vital role in the progress of any nation and is responsible for its advancement towards success. That is why the founder of Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah laid great stress on acquiring education. He once said while addressing the students: “Education is a matter of life and death for our country”

Today in Pakistan, if education (formal & Non-formal) is active at nascent stage, it is due to private Institutes that carrying out in rural areas mostly which has been neglected due to facilities, coverage and political system that poor is become more poorer in all aspects of life either education or basic life necessities’. Education has not been the priority of any government in any era since the inception of our country that is we are lagging behind many countries in the field of education.

The role of non-formal education has been upraising just in few years after the natural disasters in rural areas where nothing could be saved except life. As formal education system is developed through private and government institutes but non-formal has been neglected for those who have rejected due to many compulsions’ either having not any facility, family issue, time and many other but it is necessary for every age group to discover new perspective on life obtain information, skills, knowledge etc. Non-formal centers have begun to play a dramatic role in educating those who have long been out of School and drop out during academic career in Pakistan. In Pakistan, particularly the rural parts, non-formal centers are not an alternative, but rather, the only option for children to have to gain basic education and literacy skills.

To nab illiteracy at rural areas, SRSO has paved its foundation in formal education at unprivileged and deprived rural areas of Sindh where children was acquiring education that was caused of counted as a sin, where every time government Wright was also challenged by tribal feud and feudalism. SRSO Social Services Sector (SSS) conducted baseline survey and found a large number of non-functional Government Primary Schools in Districts Shikarpur, Sukkur and Kashmore respectively.

In this regard, SRSO SSS reopened these Schools and provided small infrastructure, furniture and fixture, hired and placed qualified local teaching faculty and provided reading materials at large. Moving ahead in education sector, SRSO upgraded a few SRSO Managed Government Primary Schools at Secondary level education that was floated a concept of Cluster Schools (Hub Schools) that aim to pool the physical and human resources and may provide quality education to number of Students in to.

Apart from this, SRSO brought in her preview Non-formal education that was demanded by the local organized Communities at their areas. SRSO with financial support of SRP-USAID has established Non-Formal education centers in rural and remote areas of Districts Kandhkot and Jacobabad.

These NFEs are being served underprivileged Community Children and guaranteed to bring back the children in the education net. It is mandatory to form the local Community Committee that may monitor, supervise and own the NFEs. This is clearly a grassroots project, in which community involvement is a key factor to ensure presence of Teachers and Learners all together.

The Non-formal education centers have a number of features which distinguish them from Formal education by government and other schools systems in Pakistan. Some of these include the fact that the teachers are selected from the local communities; the children are out of Schools and drop out in location; the curriculum is practical and related



to issues children face in their daily lives; there is parental and community participation in all of the different levels of the students' education, and particular emphasis is placed on educating girls and underprivileged groups.

These features also make the NFE more cost-effective, since a non-formal education centers costs less than two percent of the total capital costs of a formal school. They are also time-efficient. It takes only one month to establish a make-shift room in a house or Government building of local areas. By the way, SRSO has established a number of non-formal centers in different parts of both districts. SRSO being runs these centers with the participation of the Community Local Institutes and SRSO monitoring teams. The salient features of the program are:

The Non-formal education centers have benefited thousands of children in rural areas of District Kashmore and Shikarpur. They have also increased awareness amongst parents about the need for basic education so that these children can have a better future by securing the skills they need today.

SRSO is playing their small role to finish the darkness of ignorance from rural areas of Sindh through education. The situation in remote areas is very discouraging in this especially when we talk about education, where government's negligence is quite visible.

The Education provides the base for socio-economic development of a nation. An educational system (either Formal or Non-formal education) may be one of the most important reasons to grow as a nation. In Pakistan, the quality of education is on the inclined in spite of the fact that the present government has initiated drastic measures in uplifting the quality of education. It is evident that without community mind transformation about education we cannot transform the education system for improving the quality of education. Eventually, it further affected the Non-formal schooling quality of education being offered well in centers by SRSO. The Education system of Pakistan is changing the traditional dilemma to modern to provide education every single child. It has yet to be developed at par with other developing countries in the region.

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