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**A WAY TO
SELF-RELIANCE**



**SINDH RURAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATION
(SRSO)**



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NATIONAL POVERTY GRADUATION PROGRAMME (NPGP) AN INTRODUCTION

The National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP) is a flagship initiative by the Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety in Pakistan, funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). It has two key components: Poverty Graduation and Social Mobilization (SM). The first focuses on creating or transferring productive assets, providing interest-free loans, and training beneficiaries. The second involves training communities through trained Community Resource Persons (CRPs) and building the capacity of Community Institutions (CIs).

Running from 2019 to 2025, the NPGP aims to foster grassroots change through a multidimensional approach that includes social mobilization, livelihood development, and financial inclusion. Its goal is to sustainably uplift vulnerable rural populations, particularly those from the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) with scores of 0-32, while improving food security, nutritional status, and resilience to climate change.

Currently, the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) is implementing the NPGP in the Shikarpur and Kashmore@Kandhkot districts, achieving 93% of asset distribution targets and 98% of social mobilization goals to date.



The overall goal of the Programme is to assist the ultra-poor and very poor BISP families in graduating out of poverty on a sustainable basis, simultaneously improving their overall food security, nutritional status, and resilience to climate change



Summary of Grant Agreement

Name of PO	Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO)
Grant Agreement Start Date & End Date	August 20, 2019 - June 30, 2025
Agreement Amount - Million	3,103.7
Target District	Shikarpur and Kashmore (2)
Number of Target UCs	66
Total Number of Household for Assets (Tangible +Intangible) Asset Transfer	32,442 (Tangible 31,523 & Intangible 919)

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Physical Progress - Poverty Graduation

Description	Overall Targets	Overall Achievements	Percentages of Achievements	Targets FY 2023-24	Achievements FY 2023-24	Percentages of Achievements
Component 1: Poverty Graduation						
Tangible Asset Transfer	31,523	29,473	93%	7,168	4,959	69%
Intangible Asset Transfer	919	696	75%	874	651	74%
Functional Literacy and basic business trainings for Tangible assets beneficiaries	31,523	22,315	71%	10,261	8,984	88%
Basic Enterprise Development for Intangible Assets recipients	919	696	76%	874	651	74%
Training of Interest Loan recipients	32,181	13,983	43%	10,677	6,704	63%

Physical Progress - Social Mobilization

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Component 2: Social Mobilization- Community Trainings by CRPs						
Sessions with IBIs around nutrition	5,081	5,002	98%	2,142	2,676	125%
Training of VOs around Gender IGALS	715	484	68%	35	24	69%
Campaigns on Health & Nutrition/Gender/Sant. Envy/Peace Justice etc.	655	613	94%	50	43	86%
Youth engagement activities	46	38	83%	15	15	100%
Revitalization/Formation of Common Interest Groups (CIGs)	132	83	63%	132	83	63%
CRPs Engagement in IFL and CHG	50	40	80%	50	40	80%



THIS RINGS TRUE WITH THE TRANSFORMATION OF MAI NASEEBA'S LIFE

A wise says that "Poverty is the deprivation of opportunity". This rings true with the transformation of Mai Naseeba's life. A resident of the village Waryam Shar, Taluka Khanpur, District Shikarpur, Sindh, and Mai Naseeba was struggling to make ends meet, even with working endless hours in the fields. In 2022, when the climate-change-induced heavy rains and floods hit her village, she was left homeless and without a source of income.

In a desperate attempt to turn her family's fortunes around, Mai Naseeba applied for the Livelihood Investment Plan – a plan under the Government of Pakistan and the IFAD-funded National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP). She expressed her interest in obtaining livestock as an asset, and after the required evaluation, she was given a cow. With the cow in her possession, Mai Naseeba was slowly but surely able to improve her family's living conditions with a steady source of income. The cow later gave birth to a calf, which Mai Naseeba and her family raised and then profitably sold.



Mai Naseeba is a testament to the resilience of people living in Pakistan's rural areas, and how they face extreme hardships and rise from the ashes. With programs like the National Poverty Graduation Programme, the flagship initiative of the Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, the Government of Pakistan, and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), together we can help people weather life's harshest storms.

Meet with Naseeban w/o Miandad resident of vo Awal Shar. She is the mother of 4 children & her husband doesn't work anywhere due to overage. "Before having assets I was dependent on others for my daily basis needy things. During the monsoon season, I along with my children suffered from various deadly diseases, our condition of living went backward day by day we had no money for our treatment, and didn't have food for livelihood all the doors of hope almost closed soon after the glance of IFAD program shines like the sun at our village I enlisted my name in the meeting, hopefully, my name was appeared in UP category & I got Heifer from NPGP program. Now Alhamdullah I am very happy & moving towards satisfaction life. My heifer birth to one kid that was died. My heifer gives 5kg milk a day to which I sell 3kg milk on RS: 120 remaining milk we use for food. She told this story 🙏



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MR. ZOHAIB ALI, A STORY OF SRSO-NPGP TRAINED DIGITAL HERO FROM SHIKARPUR, SINDH

Mr. Zohaib Ali is a young man living in a small village called Buddo UC Chato Mangi, in the district of Shikarpur, Sindh. He had a loving family consisting of his father Niaz Ali Solangi, a farmer, his mother, and two sisters and one brother who were all educated. Life had been tough for the family, and despite his family's financial difficulties, Zohaib was determined to pursue his education. One day, a team from the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) visited his village and held a session with the women who had BISP Pakistan cards. His mother was one of these women and was selected to receive an asset from the NPGP-IFAD program. Zohaib's family decided to use the intangible asset to help him polish his skills, and he was sent to Sukkur IBA University to learn digital skills.

During his time at the university, Zohaib was a diligent student and worked hard to excel in his studies. He was supported by NPGP-IFAD and SRSO, who encouraged him to reach his goals. As a reward for his hard work, he was given a laptop to use when he finished his three-month course. He started to work online designing different posters and IEC material and learning money as well.



Not long after, Zohaib saw a post on a social media platform advertising a job at Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO). He applied and was lucky enough to be selected. Zohaib is extremely thankful to the Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, National Poverty Graduation Programme, and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) for the opportunity and was glad that his hard work had paid off. He is now able to support his family and fulfill his dreams of having a respectable career.



A Way to Self-Reliance: Success Stories of SRSO Interventions

A Story of SRSO-NPGP trained Digital Hero from Shikarpur, Sindh

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MAI MANDAM AND HER HUSBAND ABDUL HASSAN BALOCH HAD ALWAYS DREAMED OF PROVIDING A BETTER LIFE FOR THEIR FIVE CHILDREN

Mai Mandam and her husband Abdul Hassan Baloch had always dreamed of providing a better life for their five children. Living in the rural area of Taluka Shikarpur in the village of Haji Faqeer Muhammad Luhar, within the district of Shikarpur, Pakistan, the family had been enduring extreme poverty. Abdul Hassan worked tirelessly as a farmer and animal herder in their village, but it was never enough to secure a stable income for their household.

Their situation seemed hopeless, until one day, SRSO - Sindh Rural Support Organization an implementing partner of the National Poverty Graduation Programme stepped in to offer their support. NPGP aimed to help families in impoverished communities break out of the cycle of poverty. Mai Mandam and her family were identified as one of the families in need of assistance. The SRSO team conducted necessary documentary procedures, such as Participatory Wealth Ranking (PWR), Poverty Score Card (PSC), and Livelihood Investment Plans (LIPs), to assess their situation. The family was found to be living in extreme poverty and deserving of support.

As part of the intervention, the family was provided with a heifer. Mai Mandam and Abdul Hassan were overjoyed and grateful for the opportunity. They knew that this animal could potentially change their lives for the better. With the help of the NPGP and SRSO, Mai Mandam and her family learned how to properly care for the heifer. They made sure the animal received proper nourishment and attention, which resulted in the heifer becoming pregnant. A few months later, the heifer gave birth to a healthy baby heifer.

The estimated value of the heifer was assessed at around 22,000 Pakistani rupees. Additionally, the heifer started yielding approximately 5 liters of milk daily, with the family selling 4 liters. This new source of income enabled them to save money for their children's needs and allocate funds for essential household expenses, ensuring a decent meal for their children every day.

The intervention orchestrated by NPGP-IFAD and implemented by SRSO significantly transformed the family's circumstances. Transitioning from acute poverty, they moved towards an intermediate level of financial stability. The livestock assets acquired through this program, valued at around 250,000 rupees, contributed substantially to their improved livelihood.

With their enhanced financial stability, Mai Mandam and Abdul Hassan were able to send their children to school regularly. They no longer had to worry about not being able to afford their children's education. The family was also able to invest in improving their home and living conditions. The NPGP-GOP-IFAD and SRSO had not only provided the family with a heifer, but they had also given them hope. They are forever thankful for the intervention that has transformed their lives for the better.



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A DIMINUTIVE LIFE STORY OF MASMAT SALEEMAT AFTER RECEIVING AN ASSET

“With the assistance of the program, my son now drives the asset, a Fatta rakshasa, and earns Rs. 500 to 700 daily, which is enough to sustain their livelihood. We also started saving money, moving closer to a successful life.” Ms. Saleemat spoke with confidence and a smile and expressed her gratitude for the opportunities provided by the NPGP-IFAD-MOPASS and SRSOs.

Ms. Saleemat, a beneficiary of the NPGP program and resident of Waryam Shar village district Shikarpur, is a mother of seven children who has been struggling to meet the basic needs of her family. She expressed her difficulties, saying, "I didn't have any resources for living life, therefore I could not care for myself and other family members." Additionally, she revealed that she is suffering from a fatal disease, hepatitis B, and their home was severely damaged during the monsoon rains, resulting in the death of their cattle. As a result, her entire family was left homeless and without any support, leading them to feel hopeless. However, the situation took a positive turn when the IFAD program arrived in their village, bringing a great blessing from God. Ms. Saleemat's name was identified and selected to receive a productive asset to support her livelihood and enable her to graduate from poverty on a sustainable basis.



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Halima's journey of transformation serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration for all

'Through Adversity and Unwavering Courage,

Halima Emerges as a Beacon of Resilience and Shares her **Inspiring Journey of Transformation.'**



Mrs. Halima, a 37-year-old woman living in the rural village of Budh Abdu, Bhirkhan, Lakhi Shikarpur, is known for her bravery and dedication in Sindh province. She got married at the age of 16 to a local, educated, and financially stable army soldier, who was on Short Variant Service (SVS). Mrs. Halima's husband, Mr. Riaz Hussain, is a courageous and intelligent person who retired from the army in 2017 and received a computing benefit of PKR 104,000 / - instead of a lifetime pension. He used this money to build a house and started learning business skills to support his family. However, their peaceful life took a turn when Mr. Hussain had a motorcycle accident and broke his leg, which eventually led to the amputation of his leg. Despite this tragedy,

Mrs. Halima remained strong and sought help from her relatives to ensure her husband received proper treatment. Thanks to her efforts, her husband was able to walk again, but he was not as active as before. Mrs. Halima always wanted to help her husband by starting a small shop or business near their home, but she lacked the resources to do so. During an interview, Mrs. Halima shared her experiences of both joy and sorrow. Despite constant financial struggles, she never lost hope and remained grateful to Allah for her husband's safety after his accident. She desperately tried to find a way to earn a living for both of them, even attempting to set up a small business for her husband but was unable to do so. Although she considered seeking help from relatives, she remained quiet, believing that no one would help in such difficult times. Eventually, they were able to start a small stall outside their house with limited resources. Her husband worked tirelessly to make the stall a success, and with their determination and hard work, they were able to upgrade to a wooden cart.



However, their income was still not enough to meet their needs until they received an Interest-Free Loan amounting Rs.30,000/- from Government of Pakistan -IFAD, facilitated by PPAF. Mrs. Halima was able to repay the loan and even applied for a second time, which she was fortunate to receive Rs.35,000/-. With this loan, she purchased two goats that quickly multiplied, providing them with 3-4 kg of milk per day for their own nutritional needs and to help a poor acquaintance feed his children. Mrs. Halima expressed her hope that Allah would one day bless them with a child of their own. Looking to the future, they plan to start a green grocery shop in their area, as there is currently none available. Mrs. Halima and her husband have both benefited from the Interest-Free Loan program, and she is grateful to the donors and PO for their support. Her husband, Riaz, is now a potential CRP for NPGP and continues to work for the program while also helping with the shop.



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STORY OF MS. FIZA

**VILLAGE HAJI DAD MUHAMMAD UC NASEER,
DISTRICT KASHMORE@KANDHKOT**

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Village Haji Dad Mohd,
UC Naseer,
District Kashmore

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18th August was the day when I started my journey to learn tailoring with support of SRSO & NPGP at Kashmore. I come from a poor family and I am the eldest of three sisters.

When I started my training, I learnt the basics of tailoring such as machine equipment, simple stitching and dress cutting. After mastering the basics, I began to learn more advanced skills like designing. I was determined to become a skilled tailor and use my new found knowledge to help my sisters and our family.

My dream is to open my own "Silai Center" in my village and teach my sisters and other women in the village how to make a living using their tailoring skills. I want to show people that women can be empowered through tailoring and that it can be an important source of income. I believe that I can make my dreams a reality. With the help of the NPGP, and my own hard work and dedication, I am sure that I can make a difference in my village.

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Gul Hassan, a NPGP trained community Livestock Extension Worker (CLEWS) Training

Gul Hassan, a resident of UC Lotra, Shikarpur-Sindh, had been struggling to make ends meet for his family. With no steady source of income, his family was living an impoverished life. However, his life took a turn for the better when he completed his Community Livestock Extension Workers (CLEWS) training with the support of SRSO - Sindh Rural Support Organization an implementing partner of the National Poverty Graduation Programme (a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety & International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)) in September 2023.

Before the training, Gul Hassan had limited knowledge about livestock management and its potential for generating income. Gul Hassan was a dedicated student throughout the training, and his hard work paid off when he completed the program in November 2023. He is now a certified Community Livestock Extension Worker, equipped with the skills and knowledge to support his community and earn a livelihood.



With his newfound expertise, Gul Hassan started providing livestock management services to his community. He educates farmers on proper animal nutrition and health.

Gul Hassan's success story is not an isolated one. Many other individuals from his village who completed the Community Livestock Extension Workers training have also been able to improve their lives. The training not only provided them with the necessary skills but also instilled a sense of entrepreneurship in them, encouraging them to start their businesses and become self-sufficient.

With a passion for helping others and a drive to succeed, Gul Hassan - is determined to transform his future.



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PROMOTING DECENT WORK & CREATING OPS FOR RURAL YOUTH

Kashmore@Kandhkot, Sindh Pakistan



Promoting Decent Work & Creating Opportunities for Rural Youth.
Qadir's family en route to graduate out of poverty.



“
Having an independent source of income is better than any donations and loans. The programme [NPGP] ignited my lost dream of being an entrepreneur. Before I was unemployed now, I am generating employment and transferring skills.
~Qadir
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KASHMORE, SINDH

Last year, this young boy launched his mobile shop in the Kashmore market with the livelihood support provided under the National Poverty Graduation Programme. Contributing on average PKR 1000 (USD 5) daily to his family's overall income.

“Having an independent source of income is better than any donations and loans,” says Qadir. “The programme ignited my lost dream of being an entrepreneur. Before I was unemployed now, I am generating employment and transferring skills”. Within six months, aiming to diversify income streams, Qadir hired Shankar in his shop for load sharing and simultaneously trained him to learn mobile repairing tips and tricks.

“There is no better joy than being self-employed, once Shankar will be trained completely, I will help him open his own business,” says Qadir.

He is one of 159,762 beneficiaries (since 2020), who received a productive asset worth PKR 60,000 (USD 300) provided by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Government of Pakistan in the district Kashmore. The livelihood support complemented by mentoring and training supports women and youth to find decent jobs, and also to utilize their creativity to become entrepreneurs and thus, generate a sustainable income on their own.

“POVERTY IS NOT A HINDRANCE TO SUCCESS”

A Story of NPGP Beneficiary Ms. Gul Zadi w/o Deen Muhammad from district Shikarpur, Sindh

Ms. Gul Zadi w/o Deen Muhammad lives with her husband and ten children in Wazirabad UC Lakhi, a remote area of district Shikarpur, Sindh. Her husband is involved in seasonal agriculture, and her sons work for a daily wage with no sustainable income. They could barely eat two meals a day, her daughter was engaged and was about to get married, but she did not have the money to pay for his daughter's wedding.

Let's meet Mrs. Gul Zadi through her story which she told during the interview. "I always wanted to contribute financially with the consent of my husband and sons; I always thought how I would manage the dowry for my eldest daughter. And how I would manage the education expenses of my youngest daughter? Because my husband's and sons' income is not enough to cover such expenses".

Last year Mrs. Gul Zadi received a productive asset (heifer) through the NPGP program, she said happily, talking about her asset. "All my worries were gone when one good day (PPAF's SRSO PO) team visited my village and recorded some data of others and me. They asked me about my desire to get out of poverty, so I told them I could take care of cattle easily in my house later, I got a heifer of PKR. 60,000, through NPGP I fed and cared for her as my baby, my asset has matured and she has given birth to a bull calf, I now have 230,000 assets, I will sell the bull calf soon and will manage all expenses of my elder daughter's wedding, I will also send my youngest daughter to school and she also wants to get a good education".

Talking about her food and nutritional needs, Mrs. Gul Zadi expressed her happiness, saying "My buffalo gives milk that is enough to meet our nutritional requirements, and I don't sell its milk now because the calf is on the breastfed". Mrs. Gul Zadi plans to continue the production of buffaloes and cows in the future by raising cattle breeding, she said, "I will increase production of cattle, I will install a solar system in my house and I will arrange separate rooms for my sons".

Mrs. Gul Zadi's husband and family are very happy with the production of their assets. The efforts and struggle of SRSO and Mrs. Gul Zadi have proved that "Poverty is not an obstacle to success".



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SUCCESS STORY OF MS. KAZBANOO BAKHT ALI

“Poverty is not an accident. Like slavery and apartheid, it is human-made and can be removed, by the actions of human beings.”



Ms. Kazbanoo Bakht Ali resident village (Mithapur Lodran Shikarpur) is the second wife of her husband. They have five children while her husband is a laborer on 500 daily wages. Her husband Mr. Bakht Ali used to spend all of his earnings on his other wife (Mrs. Kazbanoo's co-wife) while Mrs. Kazbanoo's children remained hungry and deprived of meals. She said in an interview.

“I had nothing to feed my children, I was so much in pain and, all the time I was thinking of dying, Days passed and passed in the same jittery, one fine day a team from SRSO came to my village, and they also came to my door, they asked me about my spouse's profession and family members, they surveyed and saw my house. They introduced themselves to me as the representatives of SRSO and its donors IFAD/PPAF. They told further. "We are visiting rural areas and communities to help such poor people to help them and lift them out of poverty on a sustainable basis". They took some data and went back. A few days later, they came again and came to my door as well. They asked me, “Do you have any dreams? Which help you to graduate from this much poverty and penury”. Since I was always thinking of running a shop or running another business so that I could feed my children with respect and dignity, I told them that I wanted to open a Spaza shop here in my village, if you would support me, please do help me. They took my record, wrote it down, and went back. The connection with SRSO and my journey out of poverty began that day. SRSO gave me Spaza shop items worth PKR 65,000/- Now I am running my Spaza shop and earning PKR 400/- to PKR 500/- daily. I have extended my shop and equipment. I have goods worth PKR 75,000/- in my shop. I am making good food for my children, saving PKR 100/- daily. I will be arranging a solar system in my shop soon. Furthermore, I will enroll my eldest daughter in school. I am very thankful to “Almighty Allah” and SRSO/IFAD/PPAF for making me independent”.

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NATIONAL POVERTY GRADUATION PROGRAMME (NPGP)-GOVT. OF PAKISTAN

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MEET SRSO-NPGP-IFAD PRODUCTIVE ASSET BENEFICIARIES **SHIKARPUR & KASHMORE@KANDHKOT DISTRICTS (SINDH)**



It is the time of year to reiterate our commitment to [#EndPoverty](#) to reduce inequality, improve health, boost economic growth, and increase social stability.

In 2020, Ameeran Begum received a fishing vessel under the [NPGP](#) initiative through Asset Transfers & Livelihood Intervention. She describes how this sustainable livelihood approach has helped her and her family amidst high levels of unemployment and poverty.

Meet Shabana from District Shikarpur, Sindh who received an asset from [NPGP](#) through an asset transfer initiative back in year 2020.

"I am extremely grateful to [NPGP](#) for providing me with a small fishing boat as a personal asset. It has helped my family to have a consistent source of income and we no longer have to pay rent for the boat as we used to. I saved enough money to buy a cow, and now I sell milk, which has significantly increased our monthly income."



MEET SRSO-NPGP-IFAD PRODUCTIVE ASSET BENEFICIARIES

Meet Nawab whose family benefitted from the National Poverty Graduation Programme back in the year 2020. She lives in District Shikarpur, Sindh
“I am extremely grateful to the NPGP programme for enabling me to open my small grocery store. During these two years, not only have we had a better financial life, but we have also saved enough. I have also purchased a sewing machine with my savings, which has increased our monthly income.”



Meet Masmnat Hasrat who received goods and groceries for her small business through the National Poverty Graduation Programme two years ago in year 2020
She is earning almost 800 PKR on a daily basis which is helping her family to have three meals a day and her daughters attend school.
She is very happy to have a sustainable and consistent source of income amidst high levels of unemployment and poverty.

Meet Saasi from Sindh
"I am thankful to NPGP for providing me with an asset and financially empowering me, that led an increase in my household earnings, consumption and asset"



MEET SRSO-NPGP-IFAD DIGITAL HEROES

NPGP believes that poverty ends when we #InvestinRuralPeople

Meet our digital heroes from BISP beneficiaries families from the remote areas of both program covering districts i.e. Shikarpur and Kashmore@Kandhkot districts, Sindh who is enrolled at Sukkur IBA University for the three-month digital skills course under the initiative of the National Poverty Graduation Programme.

NPGP- a flagship programme of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety implemented by Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) aimed to achieve the goal of poverty graduation on a sustainable basis.



MEET OUR DIGITAL HEROES

“ I am very happy to learn new skill set through this digital course. They show all the possibilities to explore in the digital world. They teach well, also they repeat until we understand.

AYAZ ALI GHULAM HUSSAIN MIRANI
beneficiary of NPGP
from Sindh



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“ The digital course covers all aspects of digital marketing and hands-on training. I am very thankful to the Institution for providing the best training and support.

MOLA BUX SULTAN
beneficiary of NPGP
from Sindh



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“ To be honest, this opportunity is incredible and amazing for me; it is a very expensive and huge avenue that I would never have been able to get into without the kind sponsorship of National Poverty Graduation Programme

SAIFULLAH
beneficiary of NPGP
from Sindh



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“ Coming from a small village, it was a dream come true for me to receive training from the country's most prestigious institute. For this, I am truly grateful to the **National Poverty Graduation Programme** and its donors.

AKHLAQ AHMAD
beneficiary of NPGP
from Sindh

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BRIEF SUCCESS STORIES OF THE PPAF-IFAD SUPPORTED NPGP-GOP FROM DISTRICT KASHMORE-KANDHOKT SINDH.

KASHMORE-KANDHOKT/JUNE 29, 2021

Ms. Zib Khattoran mobile shop items a few months back through the NPGP project. Her son is selling items and doing repairing mobile phones. He is also providing training for her more family members in the repair and maintenance of Mobile phones. This is good to note that two more young men will be ready technically in the business. This supporting beneficiary family earns Rs.200000 per month and is happy with the business and intend to enhance the profit by more efforts.

Rasheen Khattoran is also a member of Village Organization. Her family's condition were not good because her husband was doing daily wage labor on Sugar Cane Juice machine shop. When the SRSO have conducted the family and enquire about their vision and plan about doing business. Rasheen said, "I want to have owned a sugar machine that a business and get a prescience. We SRSO provided them the machine and now they are doing this business readily home and earning Rs. 300 to 500 daily and Rasheen and Shaban stated a journey to their vision for a prosperous life."

Her electricity and solar spare parts shop supported through the NPGP program. Son of Ms. Kamran Dal is doing this business. Earlier he was earning the 300 per day this value addition. He is earning Rs. 750-800 per day his happy with support and gain confidence.

Musoma Akhatoon, VO Zahir Hussain (2008) Sukkur Khattoran repaired kitchen items under the NPGP project. Her son is doing this business and earning a net profit of Rs. 900 per day. The family happy through this support.

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BRIEF SUCCESS STORIES OF IFAD-PPAF SUPPORTED NPGP-GOP BENEFICIARIES FROM KASHMORE-KANDHOKT

KASHMORE-KANDHOKT/JULY 15, 2021

Ms. Khattoran is a beneficiary of the National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP), which was supported by IFAD in opening a small shop at her home in KASHMORE. She is also a member of the Village Organization (VO) Shahn Mahalla. She is running successfully this shop and earning Rs. 500-500 per day. Her son about her income statement, "we were poor and unable to fulfill daily food needs of family members because we have not regular income source". She is happy on the returns because she has got a job, getting insurance and making her efforts to extend it more. The whole staff (employee family) extend their thanks to SRSO and Govt of Pakistan for support to give her family and their poverty chain.

A larger unit was installed by Mansoor Ahmad (VO Zahir Hussain) Khattoran team with the support of NPGP Govt of Pakistan. Ms. Kamran Dal is a member of Village Organization (VO) Nadeh Mahalla, KASHMORE. She had already experience of this small business but due to financial constraints could not extend it. Through NPGP support to her BLP (small shop) and desiring with required BLP (NPGP) and having very happy with this output and needs of AFSP (Pakistan) and the living with his wife are happy and assured to enhance this business with the learning inputs.

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A SUCCESSFUL CASE STUDY OF EHSAA'S AMDAN/NPGP-GOP SUPPORTED BENEFICIARY FAMILY FROM KASHMORE@KANDHOKT DISTRICT

KASHMORE@KANDHOKT/JULY 24, 2021

This young boy is running successfully a mobile shop in KASHMORE city market and his mother Ms. Rasheen Khattoran member of the Village Organization (VO) Imam Buk Khattoran was supported mobile accessories/items for supporting their livelihood. Through NPGP-IFAD supported EHSAA (AMN/NPGP-GOP) Govt. of Pakistan.

He is earning Rs. 800-900 per day and supporting the whole family. His father has standing desire from childhood that his son was working as labor at the mobile shop. He is a owner of this shop. It was a dream to open a shop for our son and which become true with the support of SRSO. He expressed happiness and thanks to PPAF, SRSO, and Govt. of Pakistan.

His mother says, "Our financial conditions were worst and unable to get even sufficient food to live. When the SRSO team came visited us and enquired about the future business plan that we planned to establish a mobile shop for my younger son who was trained, experienced, and working as labor. Now, we are feeling good because we have a regular income source and are living a happy life and my son is doing a good job as owner not servant."

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Brief Case studies of Productive Assets beneficiaries National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP)-Government of Pakistan

Kashmore@Kandhokt/September 27, 2021

Ms. Barzan (VO Hashi Bux (2018), UC Ghosarpur, She received a bull calf on 12 March 2020 of Rs. 60,000. Now, she is (2021) producing and the current market rate reached Rs. 190,000. She is happy and intend to continue assets building upward and come out from poverty chains.

Ms. Naseebat (VO Bagan, Ghantara, UC Mallahan, received a bull calf on 19 March 2020 of Rs. 60,000. She now this buffalo is pregnant of 6th month, and current market rate of assets is Rs. 200,000. She and her family are happy with this asset building.

Ms. Zulekha W/O Abdullah received this buffalo calf on 13 May 2020. She raised this buffalo and looked after it properly with fodder and proper care. The buffalo was delivered 2 months back and she is selling milk of 1kg per day and earning Rs. 400 and her family is consuming 3-4 kg per day as well to fulfill nutrition needs. The current asset value is Rs. 230,000.

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SUCCESS STORY

Mrs. Gul Zaidi w/o Deen Muhammad

"Poverty is not a hindrance to success"

District Shikarpur

Ms. Gul Zaidi w/o Deen Muhammad lives with her husband and five children in village of UC Ghanta, a remote area of Shikarpur District. Her husband is involved in seasonal agriculture, and her sons work for a daily wage with no sustainable income. They could barely get two meals a day. Her daughter was employed and is about to get married, but she did not have the money to pay for the daughter's wedding.

Ms. Gul Zaidi through her shop which she had during the pandemic. "I always wanted to contribute financially with the consent of my husband and sons. I never thought that I would manage the poverty for my eldest daughter? And I would manage the education expense of my youngest daughter? Because my husband's and son's health was not good enough to cover our expenses."

Last year Mrs. Gul Zaidi received a productive asset (buffalo) through this major program. She said happily, taking about her asset, "All my worries were paid when my good day (SRSO) (SRSO) (SRSO) (SRSO) visited my village and recorded some data of mine and me. They asked me about my desire to get out of poverty, as I told them I could take care of cattle easily in my house. I got a half of PKR 60,000 through NPGP. I had an asset for her as my baby, my asset has matured and she has given birth to a bull calf. I now have 250,000 assets. I will sell the bull calf soon and will manage all expenses of my older daughter's wedding. I will also send my youngest daughter to school and she also wants to get a good education."

Talking about her food and nutritional needs, Ms. Gul Zaidi expressed her happiness, saying "My buffalo gives milk that is enough to meet our nutritional requirements, and I don't sell to others because the calf is on the breastfeed". Mrs. Gul Zaidi aims to continue the producing of buffaloes and cows in the future by visiting cattle breeding, she said, "I will increase production of cattle, I will install a solar system in my house and will arrange separate room for my son."

Ms. Gul Zaidi's husband and family are very happy with the production of their assets. The efforts and struggle of SRSO and Ms. Gul Zaidi have proved that "Poverty is not a hindrance to success".

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SUCCESS STORY

Mrs. Kazbanoo Bhatti

"Poverty is not an accident. Like slavery and apartheid, it is man-made and can be removed. By the actions of human beings"

District Shikarpur

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SRSO's mandate is to alleviate poverty by harnessing people's potential within the communities to help themselves and undertake development activities.



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