



NEWSLETTER

The Quarterly Newsletter for
SRSO Outreach & Interventions

April - June 2021

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UCBPRP (M)

Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme (Maintenance Phase)
Funded by: P&D-GoS

Equine Welfare Project

Funded by: BROOKE

PPRP

Peoples Poverty Reduction Programme
Funded by: GoS

SRSO-Microfinance

Funded by: SRSO

SEF- Assisted School (SAS) Program

Funded by: SEF

PM-IFL

Prime Minister Interest Free Loan
Funded by: PPAF-GoP

USAID-Hub School

Funded by: USAID-GoS

SUCCESS

Sindh Union Council and Community
Economic Strengthening Support
Program
Funded by: European Union (EU)

SRSO-IFL

(Interest Free Loan)
Funded by: GOS

AALTP

Adolescent & Adult Learning & Training
Program
Funded by: SEF - GoS

IALP

Improving Adolescent live in Pakistan
Funded by: IKEA-UNICEF

PINS

Programme for Improved Nutrition
in Sindh
Funded by: P&D-GoS - EU

DAF PAK

Delivering Accelerated Family Planning
in Pakistan
Funded by: PSI - DFID

IICA - FHRWS

JICA - PHBWS
Improvement of Livelihood and
Female Home-Based workers in
informal Economic Section in Sindh
Province
Funded by: JICA

Pro-People

Promotion of the Rights of Older People
in Pakistan (Pro-People) Sindh
Funded by: HelpAge Germany & BMZ

NPGP

National Poverty Graduation Programme
Funded by: IFAD-GoP

VISION

To perceive Socially and Economically empowered Communities especially the marginalized ones and helping create a proactive Community Organizations by attitudinal change by setting free people's Potentials and willingness to alleviate poverty.

MISSION

To meet the challenge of battling poverty and help the poor to get above the poverty line and have a standard life. To help marginalized rural people harness their potential to bring about change in their quality of life on a self help basis.

OBJECTIVES

- To unleash people's potential and willingness to alleviate poverty in Sindh
- To reinforce and compliment Government of Pakistan's policy of Poverty Alleviation
- To support and strengthen Government of Sindh's efforts to translate Poverty reduction strategies into actions

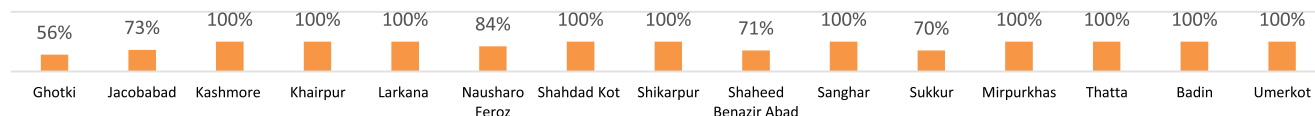


SRSO CUMULATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS AS OF JUNE 2021

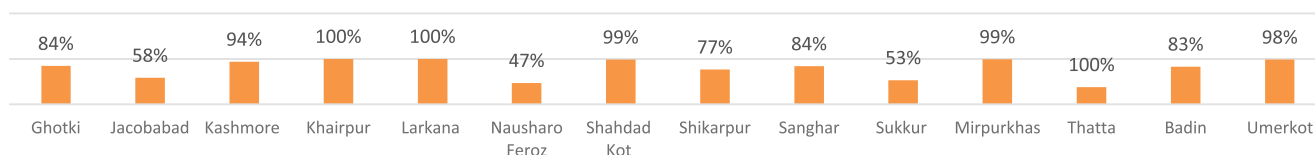
S. No.	Key Performance Indicators		Achievement as of March 2021	Achievement as of June 2021	% increase during Qtr:
1	No. of Operational Districts		15	15	0%
2	No. of Union Councils with SRSO presence		722	722	0%
3	No. of Taluka with SRSO presence		86	86	0%
4	No. of Villages with SRSO presence		15,664	16,140	3%
5	No. of Household Organized		1,306,108	1,322,911	1%
6	VO Formation		13,282	13,486	2%
7	LSO Formation		552	558	1%
8	CO- Formation	Female	71,889	72,476	1%
		Male	2,383	2,383	0%
		Mix	40	40	0%
		Total	74,312	74,899	1%
9	CO-Membership	Female	1,267,446	1,284,249	1%
		Male	38,662	38,662	0%
		Total	1,306,108	1,322,911	1%
10	Community Saving (In million)	Female	236.14	236.14	0%
		Male	6.80	6.80	0%
		Total	242.94	242.94	0 %
11	Income Generating Grant (IGG) Amount Disbursed (In Million)		474	483	2%
	No. of IGG Beneficiaries		37,313	37,560	0.7%
12	Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount disbursed (In Million)		3,511	3,621	3%
	No. of CIF Beneficiaries		264,169	271,289	3%
13	Total amount of Microcredit disbursed (In Million)		18,095	18,511	2%
	No. of Beneficiaries of Micro Credit Programme		798,030	810,088	2%
14	No of Community members trained in vocational skill Training		87,006	87,006	0%
15	No of Community members trained		371,509	371,804	0.08%
16	Community Members trained as TBAs		4,777	4,777	0%
17	Micro Health Insurance (Clients)		898,080	898,080	0%
	Community Members Insured in Micro Health Insurance (Head Count)		673,250	673,250	0%
18	No. of Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)		27,041	27,066	0.01%
	Total amount of CPIs (In Millions)		1,616	1,624	1%
	Total Beneficiary Households		290,232	291,612	0.05%
19	No of Low Cost Houses		23,223	23,679	2%
20	No of Poultry layers distributed		20,921	20,921	0%
21	No of trees Planted		857,540	857,540	0%
22	No of Kitchen Gardening		18,878	18,878	0%



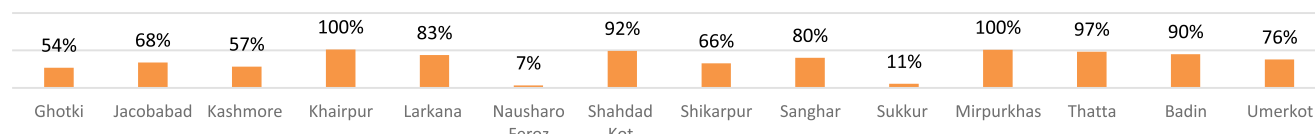
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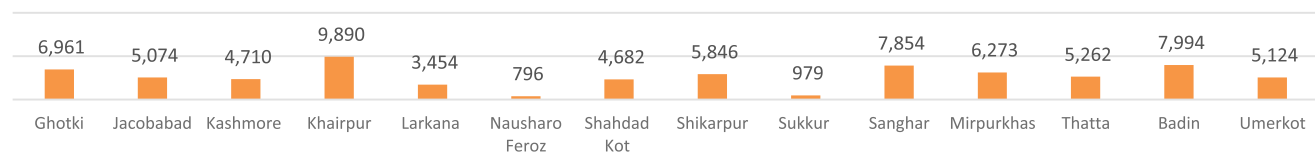
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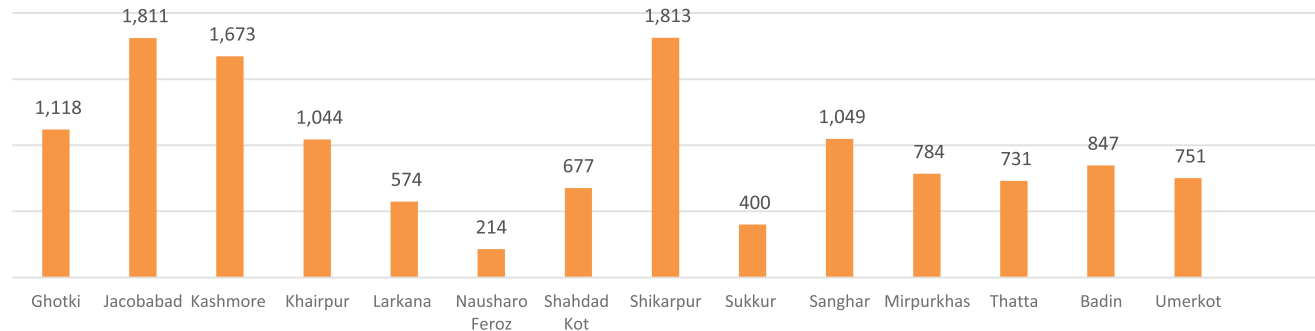
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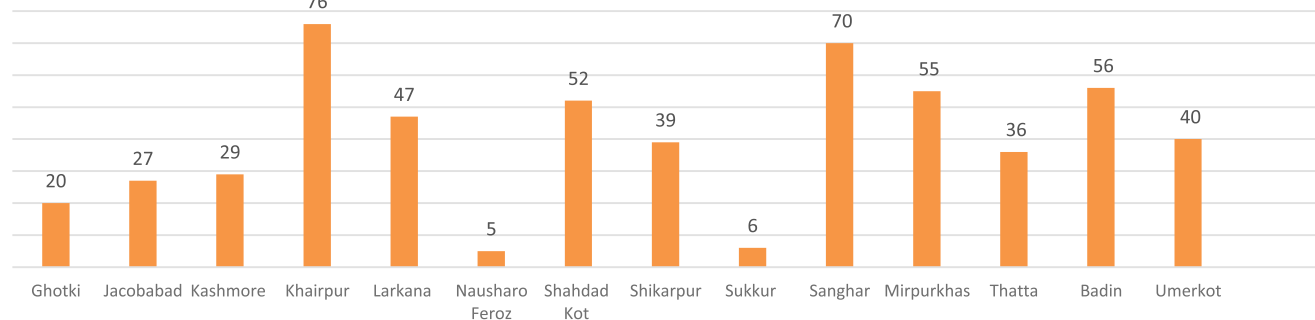
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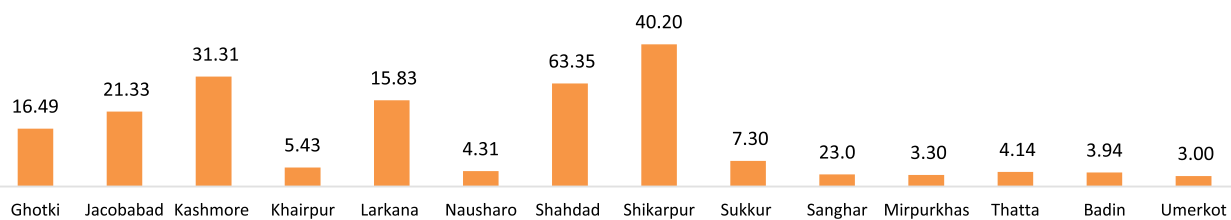


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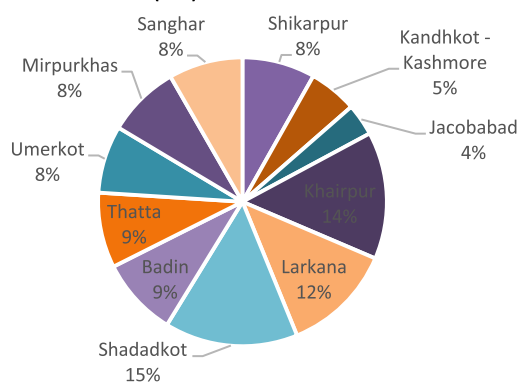




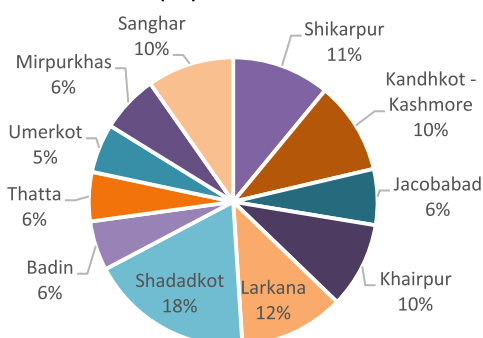
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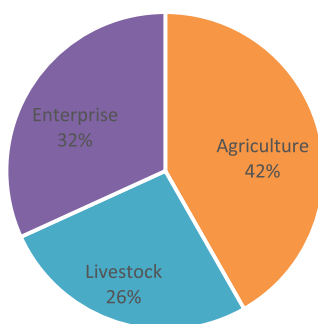
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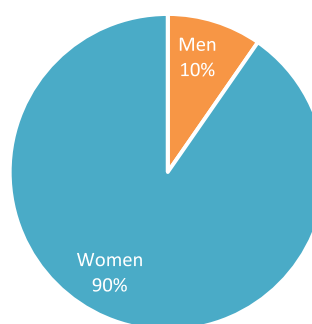
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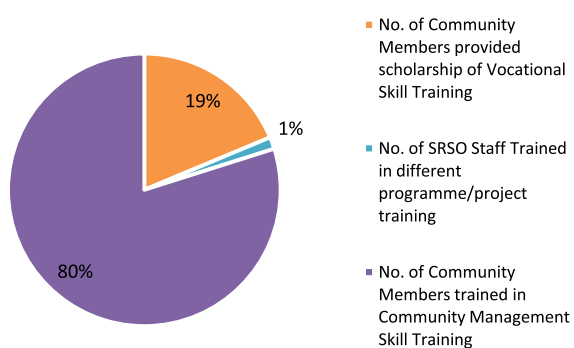
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GENDER WISE MICROCREDIT DISBURSMENT AS OF JUNE 2021



SUMMARY OF STAFF & COMMUNITY MEMBERS TRAINED AS OF JUNE 2021



SUMMARY OF CPI AS OF JUNE 2021





S. No.	Districts		Geographical Coverage				
			Total No. of area in the District	# of SRSO intervened area as of March 2021	# of SRSO intervened area as of June 2021	% increase during Qtr:	% of total area coverage as of June 2021
1	Ghotki	Union Council	66	37	37	-	56%
		Village	2,464	2,080	2,080	-	84%
		Household	223,706	120,767	120,767	-	54%
2	Jacobabad	Union Council	40	29	29	-	73%
		Village	3,110	1,811	1,811	-	58%
		Household	125,341	84,893	84,893	-	68%
3	Kashmore - Kandhkot	Union Council	37	37	37	-	100%
		Village	1,786	1,673	1,673	-	94%
		Household	140,872	80,345	80,345	-	57%
4	Khairpur	Union Council	88	88	88	-	100%
		Village	1205	907	1,044	15%	87%
		Household	173,466	174,599	174,599	2%	100%
5	Larkana	Union Council	47	47	47	-	100%
		Village	567	566	574	1%	100%
		Household	88,997	74,134	74,135	-	83%
6	Naushahro Feroz	Union Council	51	43	43	-	84%
		Village	2,192	1,028	1,028	-	47%
		Household	212,073	14,325	14,325	-	7%
7	Qamber - Shahdadkot	Union Council	52	52	52	-	100%
		Village	688	678	678	-	99%
		Household	110,103	101,743	101,747	-	92%
8	Shikarpur	Union Council	50	50	50	-	100%
		Village	2,414	1,848	1,848	-	77%
		Household	155,902	102,306	102,306	-	66%
9	Sukkur	Union Council	37	26	26	-	70%
		Village	1,664	881	881	-	53%
		Household	135,906	14,429	14,429	-	11%
10	Shaheed Benazir Abad	Union Council	51	36	36	-	71%
		Village	4,104	362	362	-	9%
		Household	210,984	-	-	-	-
11	Sanghar	Union Council	73	73	73	-	100%
		Village	1,254	956	1,049	10%	84%
		Household	180,606	144,380	144,940	0.4%	80%
12	Mirpurkhas	Union Council	55	55	55	-	100%
		Village	791	769	784	2%	99%
		Household	103,534	101,863	105,632	4%	102%
13	Thatta	Union Council	41	41	41	-	100%
		Village	655	622	731	18%	100%
		Household	87,453	83,790	84,811	1%	97%
14	Badin	Union Council	68	68	68	-	100%
		Village	1,021	791	847	7%	83%
		Household	146,943	129,768	132,761	2%	90%
15	Umerkot	Union Council	40	40	40	-	100%
		Village	764	692	751	0.1%	98%
		Household	110,034	78,766	83,304	6%	76%
GRAND TOTAL		Union Council	796	722	722	-	91%
		Village	24,679	15,664	16,141	3%	65%
		Household	2,205,920	1306,108	1,322,911	1%	60%



S. No.	District	Institution Formation of Community Community Organizations (COs) Village Organization (VOs) Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	Organized Coverage		
			# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of March 2021	# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of June 2021	% increase during Qtr:
1	Ghotki	Community Organizations (COs)	6,961	6,961	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,118	1,118	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	20	20	-
2	Jacobabad	Community Organizations (COs)	5,074	5,074	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,811	1,811	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	27	27	-
3	Kandhkot-Kashmore	Community Organizations (COs)	4,710	4,710	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,673	1,673	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	29	29	-
4	Khairpur	Community Organizations (COs)	9,775	9,890	1%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	989	1,044	6%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	76	76	19%
5	Larkana	Community Organizations (COs)	3,416	3,454	1%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	574	574	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	47	47	-
6	Naushahroferoz	Community Organizations (COs)	796	796	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	214	214	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	5	5	-
7	Qamber - Shahdadkot	Community Organizations (COs)	4,682	4,682	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	677	677	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	52	52	-
8	Shikarpur	Community Organizations (COs)	5,846	5,846	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,813	1,813	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	39	39	-
9	Sukkur	Community Organizations (COs)	979	979	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	400	400	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	6	6	-
10	Sanghar	Community Organizations (COs)	7,813	7,854	1%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,005	1,049	4%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	70	70	-
11	Mirpurkhas	Community Organizations (COs)	6,196	6,273	1%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	774	784	1%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	55	55	-
12	Thatta	Community Organizations (COs)	5,216	5,262	1%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	655	731	12%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	35	36	3%
13	Badin	Community Organizations (COs)	7,872	7,994	2%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	828	847	2%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	54	56	4%
14	Umerkot	Community Organizations (COs)	4,976	5,124	3%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	751	751	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	37	40	8%
GRAND TOTAL		Community Organizations (COs)	74,312	74,899	1%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	13,282	13,486	2%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	552	558	1%



Community Saving

S. No.	District	Community Saving as of March 2021 (In Millions)	Community Saving as of June 2021 (In Millions)	% increase during Qtr:
1	Ghotki	16.49	16.49	0%
2	Jacobabad	21.33	21.33	0%
3	Kashmore - Kandhkot	31.31	31.31	0%
4	Khairpur	5.43	5.43	0%
5	Larkana	15.83	15.83	0%
6	Naushahro Feroz	4.31	4.31	0%
7	Qamber - Shahdadkot	63.35	63.35	0%
8	Shikarpur	40.20	40.20	0%
9	Sukkur	7.30	7.30	0%
10	Sanghar	23.0	23.0	0%
11	Mirpurkhas	3.30	3.30	0%
12	Thatta	4.14	4.14	0%
13	Badin	3.94	3.94	0%
14	Umerkot	3.00	3.00	0%
TOTAL		242.94	242.94	-

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

S. No.	Districts	as of March 2021		as of June 2021		% increase during Qtr
		# of Benef:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	# of Benef:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	
1	Shikarpur	3,717	39.50	3,717	39.50	-
2	Kashmore - Kandhkot	2,543	26.13	2,543	26.13	-
3	Jacobabad	1,348	17.31	1,348	17.31	-
4	Khairpur	4,767	68.9	4,767	68.9	9%
5	Larkana	5,920	57.8	5,920	60.0	4%
6	Qamber Shahdadkot	5,050	67.3	5,402	72.2	7%
7	Badin	3,030	42.2	3,062	42.7	1%
8	Thatta	2,719	40.7	2,719	40.7	-
9	Umerkot	2,491	36.4	2,504	36.6	1%
10	Mirpurkhas	2,633	37.9	2,721	39.2	4%
11	Sanghar	3,095	40.02	3,095	40.02	2%
Total IGG Disbursed		37,313	474.34	37,798	483.28	2%

Community Investment Fund (CIF)

S. No.	Districts	as of March 2021		as of June 2021		% increase during Qtr:
		# of Benef:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	# of Benef:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	
1	Shikarpur	40,239	396.51	40,239	396.51	-
2	Kashmore - Kandhkot	35,863	374.07	35,863	374.07	-
3	Jacobabad	18,371	226.43	18,371	226.43	-
4	Khairpur	23,704	334.29	24,522	347.05	4%
5	Sukkur UCBPRP	513	7.05	513	7.05	-
6	Noshero Feroze	370	1.85	370	1.85	-
7	Larkana	25,586	418.90	25,830	424.8	1%
8	Qamber Shahdadkot	40,14	647.13	40,892	660.84	2%
9	Badin	14,742	190.43	15,438	200.20	5%
10	Thatta	12,153	185.02	13,021	199.3	8%
11	Umerkot	13,470	181.77	14,711	198.21	9%
12	Mirpurkhas	15,069	212.55	16,470	233.21	10%
13	Sanghar	23,895	335.05	25,049	351.23	5%
Total CIF Disbursed (In Million)		264,169	3,511.04	271,289	3,620.70	3%

Micro Finance (MF)

S. No.	Amount disbursed as of June 2021	
1	Total Amount of Micro Credit Disbursement (Million)	18,511,003,573
	Men	1,741,665,600
	Women	16,769,337,973
2	No. of Loans	810,088
	Male	78,433
	Female	731,655
3	Sectoral Disbursement	18,511,003,573
	Agriculture	7,727,242,551
	Livestock	4,895,184,022
	Enterprise	5,888,577,000



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)

S. No.	Types of CPI Schemes	Achievement as of June 2021		
		No. of Schemes	Cost of Schemes (In Millions)	BHHs
	Total of CPI Schemes	27,066	1,624	291,612
1	Sanitation	15,958	199.89	87,738
2	Street Pavement & Sanitation	74	220.41	13,443
3	Drinking Water Supply Schemes (DWSS)	9,540	351.22	52,556
4	Low Cost Village Improvement Schemes (LCVI)	72	127.09	7,248
5	Communication	864	413.01	82,299
6	Irrigation	471	195.21	14,198
7	IAUP	1	2.09	75
8	Water Filter Plants by GoS	40	23.58	28,570
9	Street Lighting on solar system	15	10.83	939
10	Schools Renovation/Construction	31	80.93	4,546

Low Cost Housing (LCH)

S. No.	Housing Schemes	No of Houses	Cost of Houses (In Millions)	BHHs
	Total of Housing Schemes	23,679	16,516	23,679
11	Low Cost Housing Scheme (2007-2021)	23,189	16,402	23,189
12	Benazir Housing Cell	490	113.63	490

Human Resource Development (HRD)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of March 2021	Achievement as of June 2021	% increase during Qtr:
1	No. of Community Members provided scholarship for Vocational Skill Training	87,006	87,006	-
2	No. of Community Members trained in Community Management Skill Training	371,509	371,804	0.08%
3	No. of SRSO Staff Trained in different programme/project training	6,594	6,594	-

Micro Health Insurance (MHI)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of March 2021	Achievement as of June 2021	% increase during Qtr:
1	No. of Community Members provided Micro Health Insurance Cover	898,080	898,080	-
2	No. of Community Members Treated through MHI	23,809	23,809	-
	Men	4,381	4,381	-
	Women	19,428	19,428	-
3	Amount of claims availed by Community (In Million)	226.82	226.82	-



Peoples Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP)
District Khairpur, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Umerkot, Badin & Thatta (April 2017-June 2023)

Project Activities	Unit	Programme Targets	Cumulative Achievement as of June 2021	%
Poverty Scorecard Census	UC	365	365	100%
Households Census	Household	1,176,633	1,103,772	94%
Population Census	Person	5,279,012	5,279,012	100%
Number of HHs organized	Household	772,297	723,587	94%
Formation of Community Organizations (CO)	CO	44,560	42,258	95%
Formation of Village Organization (VO)	VO	5,570	5,202	93%
Formation of Local Support Organizations (LSO)	LSO	365	330	90%
Capacity Building of CO members	Person	89,119	76,510	86%
Capacity Building of VO members	Person	33,420	26,750	80%
Capacity Building of LSO members	Person	2,209	1,613	73%
No of Beneficiaries trained in Vocational and Technical Skills	Person	36,092	28,297	78%
No of Households given CIF	Household	137,492	75,636	55%
No of Households given IGG	Household	34,372	18,823	55%
Formation of Business Development Groups (BDGs)	No	367	158	43%
No of Low Cost Housing Scheme	Number	9,623	7,115	74%



Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS)

District Larkana & Kambar-Shahdadkot (February 2016- June 2022)



Project Activities	Unit	Programme Targets	Cumulative Achievement as of June 2021	%
Poverty Scorecard Census	UC	99	99	100%
Households Census	Household	267,823	267,823	100%
Population Census	Person	1,939,008	1,939,008	100%
Number of HHs organized	Household	187,476	175,882	94%
Formation of Community Organizations (CO)	CO	8,375	8,136	97%
Formation of Village Organization (VO)	VO	1,280	1,251	98%
Formation of Local Support Organizations (LSO)	LSO	99	99	100%
CMST of COs office bearers	Person	18,385	16,262	88%
LMST of VOs office bearers	Person	2,816	2,849	100%
LMST of LSOs office bearers	Person	891	544	61%
Activists workshops for office bearers of LSO / VO / CO	Event	252	125	50%
CRP Training on CIF and CAT (VO based CRPs)	Person	990	891	90%
Training of Bookkeeper/Accountant	Person	764	641	84%
No of Beneficiaries trained in Vocational and Technical Skills	Person	14,600	6,696	46%
No. of Households Given IGG	Household	18,994	10,329	54%
No. of Households Given CIF	Household	41,785	39,442	94%
No of beneficiaries insured in Micro Health Insurance programme	Person	47,984	46,836	98%
No of CPI Schemes Initiated	Number	949	640	67%
No CPI Schemes Completed	Number	520	484	93%



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony

SRSO Complex Sukkur/June 21, 2021

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony held between Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) and Sukkur Institute of Business Administration University (SIBAU) at SRSO Complex Sukkur. Vice-Chancellor Sukkur IBA University Prof. Dr. Syed Mir Muhammad Shah and Chief Executive Officer-SRSO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro signed the MoU. The main outputs of the MoU are to open a new avenue of synergies' in terms of research, professional development, human resources, extending full support for applied and academic research exchange of knowledge and opportunity for human resources especially in an internship for SIBA graduates at SRSO, etc.

This Collaboration will encompass collaborative efforts to organize conferences/seminars, symposiums, workshops as well as other professional as well as academic activities linked

with the field of implementation SRSO will support collaborative research and publication. In addition to this, efforts will be made to develop joint training and research programs in a collaborative spirit. i.e. To organize conferences/seminars/workshops on poverty reduction and humanitarian approaches that can assist in reducing the poverty. To jointly publish research papers; To conduct joint research grants and bid for assignments. The leadership of the institutions firmly believes in strong coordination and cooperation in the future course of action for the betterment of people and society. Guests were honored with SRSO souvenirs and cultural gifts. Senior team members of both institutions attended the ceremony.

HIGHLIGHTS



Joint Development Committee (JDC) meeting held at Deputy Commissioner Office Kamber-Shahdadt Kot under EU funded SUCCESS Programme

Kamber-Shahdadt Kot/23, 2021

Deputy Commissioner Kamber-Shahdadt Kot Mr. Qamar Raza Baloch chaired the Joint Development Committee meeting at Deputy Commissioner Office Kamber-Shahdadt Kot. The meeting was attended by ADC, ACs of relevant Talukas, and officials from line departments; Health, Agriculture, Livestock, PHED, LGD, and Social Welfare department. The representation from other stakeholders especially IHS, PPHI, RSPN, SRSO, and LSO networks also attended the meeting.

Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro (Team Lead-SUCCESS) shared the objectives of JDC formation. He briefed the participants about the formed groups of community-level CO, VO, and LSO; the

Community Institutions fostered by SRSO in the district. The purpose of the meeting was to line up the community organizations with government line departments for future coordination. Representatives of the LSO network shared the progress and self-initiatives taken by Community Institutions (CIs) and highlighted issues that rural communities are facing in their respective areas. DC- Mr. Qamar Raza Baloch appreciated the efforts of Community leaders that they started campaigns for the enrollment of children in remote areas to create awareness among the parents to get their children enrolled to bring back the children in schools.





Managerial Activist Conference (MAC)-PPRP funded by Government of Sindh

Badin/June 2, 2021

Community Institutions (CO/VO/LSO) under Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program of District Badin team organized the Managerial Activist Conference (MAC) at Village UC Abdullah Shah, Taluka Badin. Mr. Taaj Muhammad Mallah (Member Provincial Assembly (MPA), Mr. Agha Shahnawaz (Deputy Commissioner-Badin), and Mr. Muhammad Younis Rind (Assistant Commissioner-Taluka Badin) were the chief guests of the event. District Manager welcomed all participants and briefed them about the SRSO, Key interventions of PPRP. The Chairperson of the Local Support Organization (LSO), UC Seerani, presented the progress of the LSOs, Programme

activities, key self initiatives, and development needs of the area. During MAC, Village organization office bearers also shared their initiatives, linkages with GoS Line Departments, and Impact of PPRP Intervention at HHs level. Different Intervention cheques: CIF-Interest Free Loan and Low-Cost Houses (Instalment) were distributed among the beneficiaries. Last, MPA and Deputy Commissioner Badin appreciated the efforts of SRSO for imparting awareness among the communities through resource mobilization and strengthening community institutions which ultimately contribute to reducing the poverty.



Assistant Commissioner Taluka Kamber-Shahdadtal chaired the Joint Development Committee [JDC] meeting

Kamber-Shahdadtal/June 21, 2021

LSO Networks of Taluka Kamber -Shahdadtal held a meeting at Assistant Commissioner Office under the European Union-funded SUCCESS Programme. Mr. Munawar Abbas AC Kamber-Shahdadtal chaired the meeting whereas, TEO, NCHD, Assistant Director-Social Welfare, Additional Director-FP, AMS DHQ Kamber, Director CSDS, Ms. Rehana Shaikh (EPM Consultant), DM-SRSO-KSK, and the LSO-Network representatives attended the meeting.

DM-SRSO briefed the participants about EU-Funded SUCCESS

and PINS Programmes' progress in the taluka. Then, LSO-Network shared the implementation status of development plans of LSOs for their respective Union Councils. Meeting ended with closing remarks by the Assistant Commissioner in which he appreciated the work of the SRSO and the LSO leaders that they have dared to come forward and became a voice of the community. In addition, he also appreciated their participation of the CIs in the meetings.



Older Peoples' Associations (OPAs) organized world Elder Abuse Awareness Day rallies in

Jacobabad and Shikarpur/June 15- 19, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) with the support of Old People Associations (OPAs) organized awareness-raising rallies on eve of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day at Jacobabad and Shikarpur in which OPAs, Community Institutions, Journalists, Civil Society Activists, SRSO, HelpAge International, and Social Welfare Department representatives participated.

The main purpose of the rallies was to impart awareness about injustice among the people to the elderly persons.

On the occasion, OPA representatives expressed their views in front of media that "we are treated disrespectfully, we feel dishonor and disregard in society because we reached in old age life." He urged Sindh Government, regarding the implementation of Senior Citizens Welfare Act in 2014 which has also passed by GoS the Senior Citizens Welfare Act in 2014, in letter and spirit as the rights could be provided to the

elderly persons and undertakes social security." These awareness-raising rallies were organized in the continuity of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day celebrations by SRSO under the ongoing HelpAge International supported Promoting Rights of Older People Project at Karachi, Shikarpur, and Jacobabad.



Celebration of World Environment Day PINS ER-III

Larkana, Kamber-Shahdadkot & Shikarpur/June 5, 2021

World Environment Day with the theme of World Environment Day is observed in all program districts. Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) under European Union (EU) funded "Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh" (PINS-ER-III) organized awareness-raising events and seminars in different villages of Shikarpur, Larkana, and Kamber-Shahdadkot districts to commemorate World Environment Day of 2021.

On the occasion, representatives of Community Institutions, Officials from the Forest Department, Agriculture,

Environmental Protection Agency, Education Department, and other stakeholders participated and shared their views regarding the importance of WED and also shared impacts of clean and green environment on the lives, health, and climate. They planted the trees and also distributed 200 Moringa plants among the communities' members. In the last, they appreciated the efforts of community institutions fostered by SRSO and said that empowered women from local communities have made a difference.





The delegation from Benazir Housing Cell (BHC)-Govt. of Sindh visited Low-Cost Houses (LCH)

PPRP Funded by GoS, Thatta/May 24, 2021

The delegation from Benazir Housing Cell (BHC)-Govt. of Sindh visited village Ezza Muhammad Jokhio, UC Bhambhore, Taluka Mirpur Sakro, District Thatta. The main purpose of the visit was to compare the Low-Cost Houses and houses constructed under Benazir Housing Cell (in terms of sustainable feasibility, financial & technical assistance). The delegation was led by Mr.

Faisal Uqili, Chairman BHC-Govt. of Sindh. Dr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo (Team Leader-SRSO-PPRP), Mr. Sikandar Sanam (Programme Manager SRSO-PITD), and Mr. Ahmed Khan Soomro (District Manager-Thatta) were present and facilitated the visit.



SRSO celebrated World Immunization Week April 24-30, 2021

Head Office/April 24-30, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) and Health Department –Government of Sindh jointly celebrated the “World Immunization Week” from April 24 to 30, 2021 in the outreach districts. This was celebrated under the theme “Vaccines work to bring us closer to urge greater engagement around immunization globally to promote the importance of vaccination in bringing people together, and improving the health and wellbeing of everyone, everywhere throughout life.”

In pertinent to this, SRSO arranged different activities i.e. community sessions, staff and stakeholders' meetings, community-based rallies, developed, and displayed banners for creating awareness about the importance of immunization and vaccination, especially in rural communities.





SRSO NRM sector distributed 700 Poultry Units among the poor households of 09 outreach districts for improving their income and nutritional status

April 13, 2021

SRSO-Natural Resource Management (NRM) sector distributed 700 poultry units among the poor household of the rural communities. However, the poultry units were distributed in 09 districts namely; Sukkur, Khairpur, Ghotki, Naushoro Feroz Shikarpur, Jacobabad, Kashmore-Kandhkot, Larkana, and Kamber-Shahdadkot. The key objectives of the poultry distribution were; to improve the income and nutrition status of the poor households through promoting poultry rearing at the household level. Each selected poor family has been provided one set 4+1 (four hens and one cock). SRSO teams have also

oriented beneficiaries about the proper management of the poultry for achieving the objectives.



Ms. Tanzeela Qambrani MPA-Sindh and Mr. Pojo Mal Bheel Special Assistant to CM Sindh participated in the Managerial Activist Conference organized under the GoS supported Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme

Badin/April 13, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) team organized Managerial Activist Conference (MAC) under the Govt. of Sindh funded Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme at UC Dai Jharks, Taluka Tando Bagho district Badin. Ms. Tanzeela Qambrani MPA- Sindh and Mr. Pojo Mal Bheel Special Assistant to CM Sindh were the chief guests of the event. EX-UC & Town Chairman, representative of Social Welfare Department, CSOs, VOs, LSO, LCHS, IGG, and CIF beneficiaries participated in the event.

LSO representatives welcomed all guests and were briefed about LSOs interventions under this Programme. DM-SRSO-

Badin briefed about the SRSO and PPRP-GoS interventions. Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Khoso Deputy Director Social Welfare Deptt. District Badin briefed about the role and efforts of SRSO and community institutions in the district. Chief Guest Ms. Tanzeela Qambrani appreciated the efforts of SRSO at the community level to support the poorest of the poor under this government of Sindh supported Programme and emphasized that "now it's our responsibility to take benefit and change our lives." During the event, the cheques were also distributed among the 71 Low-Cost-Housing beneficiaries.



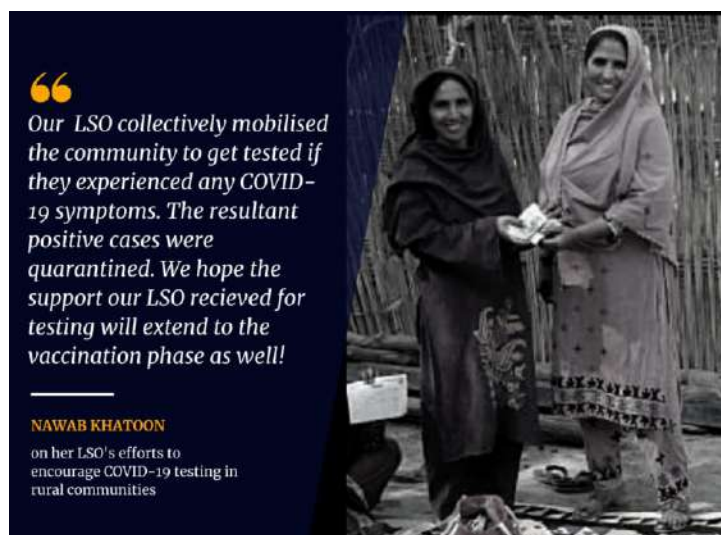
SRSO LSOs Participated in online LSOs National Convention-2021 for sharing the experiences regarding combating the COVID-19 pandemic organized by RSPN

April 8, 2021

RSPN organized the online National Convention 2021 in which SRSO LSOs' participated and shared their experiences of working during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Nawab Khatoon, LSO Jeeyapo, district Shikarpur, and Ms. Marvee, Community Book Keeper, LSO Sindhoo Darya, district Larkana; Sindh participated and highlighted their roles and responsibilities during the Covid-19 situation where LSO have collectively

mobilized the community for Covid-19 test, social distancing and precautionary measures.

Different stakeholders from the Government, Donors, UN Agencies, and LSOs from Rural Support Programmes have participated in the event. In last, Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan Chairman RSPN addressed the convention.



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Our LSO collectively mobilised the community to get tested if they experienced any COVID-19 symptoms. The resultant positive cases were quarantined. We hope the support our LSO recieved for testing will extend to the vaccination phase as well!

NAWAB KHATOON

on her LSO's efforts to encourage COVID-19 testing in rural communities



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These years working with PINS have helped us understand how important it is for us to keep working on nutrition, to give our children a future that they can thrive in and most of all, deserve. We want to use this programme (PINS) as an opportunity to learn and grow to be able to work to give our children and ensuing generations a healthier future.

MS MARVEE

on her LSO's contributions

Secretary Planning - P&DD and Deputy Commissioner Sukkur delivered the sessions in an orientation Workshop organized by SRSO under PPRP-GoS

SRSO complex Sukkur/ April 19-28, 2021

SRSO- Institute of Management and Skills Development IMSD organized 10 days Orientation Training Workshop for Programme Implementation Staff to induct the newly hired staff for building their capacity. Therefore, 26 participants attended the workshop. SRSO senior management, all sector/program heads, and guest speakers interacted with participants and, field exposure visits were also part of the workshop. Apart from that, the participants were engaged through brainstorming, group discussion, presentation, discussion forums, and dialogues with SRSO management.

Ms. Shereen Mustafa Narejo, Secretary (Planning and Development Department, Govt. of Sindh) delivered a session on poverty reduction, SDGs, and the Government of Sindh's strategies and how to come up with these challenges. On the last day, Deputy Commissioner Sukkur Mr. Rana Adeel Tassawur also participated in the workshop and distributed the certificates among the staff member. CEO-SRSO, Team leader PPRP-SRSO and Sr. Manager SRSO-IMSD were also present during the certificate distribution session.



07 days Training of Trainers (ToT) for Community Resource Persons (CRPs) on Enterprise Development, Assets Management, Financial, and Functional Literacy under NPGP - GoP

SRSO Complex Sukkur/ March27 to April2, 2021

SRSO-IMSD organized the first 7-days training of trainer's workshop successfully for Community Resource Persons (CRPs), under the PAAF-IFAD supported National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP)-Government of Pakistan from March 27 to April 2, 2021. Total 21 CRPs (14 males and 7 females)

from Kashmore-Kandhkot and 14 male 8 female from Shikarpur districts attended the workshop. Different participatory training tools and techniques were used to build the capacity of the participants on enterprise development and training facilitation.



Celebration of the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Karachi/June 15, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO), under the Project "Promoting Rights of Older People" supported by HelpAge International, celebrated the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day as 'Access to Justice'. Pertinent to the Sindh Senior Citizen Welfare Act-2014 is giving importance to fully address the needs of older persons who may seek recourse and to provide our communities with an opportunity to get a better knowledge of the abuse and neglect of older people at PC Hotel Karachi. Ms. Shamim Mumtaz, (Chairperson of Senior Citizens Council-Govt. of Sindh) was the chief guest. Representatives of Civil

Society, Old People Associations, Buzurg Dost Network, Social Welfare Department, Senior Citizens Council, and media personnel's participated in the event. The participants shared their views regarding the importance of the day and issues of older people. It was an awareness-raising program and the speakers discussed challenges & issues being faced by elder people and ensure the implementation of the Senior Citizen Act 2014. Chairperson SCC-GoS appreciated the efforts of SRSO for the promoting rights of older people.





GRASP delegation visited Business Development Groups (BDGs)

District Khairpur, Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme, District Khairpur/April 19, 2021

The delegation from GRASP visited Nursery & Fresh Vegetables BDGs at Village Mohammad Nawaz Rind, VO Sawera, Union Council Bugro, Tehsil, and District Khairpur. The Delegation comprised of Mr. Umar Arif, Mr. Arshad Junejo & Mr. Mohsin Soomro. During the visit, they held meetings with BDG members. The BDG members de-briefed the overall process of the execution of small businesses. Furthermore, BDG members shared their marketing plan that has been executed by BDGs for

the sustainability of Business, value addition of production, and how they extended their business from small-scale vegetable farms to nurseries. At the end GRASP's representatives appreciated the role of SRSO in organizing rural women as an entrepreneur by handling their own business with their acquired basic skills with the technical backstopping of SRSO.



Deputy Director Social Welfare Department - Government of Sindh Shikarpur participated in productive assets distribution and other activities under NPGP - Govt. of Pakistan

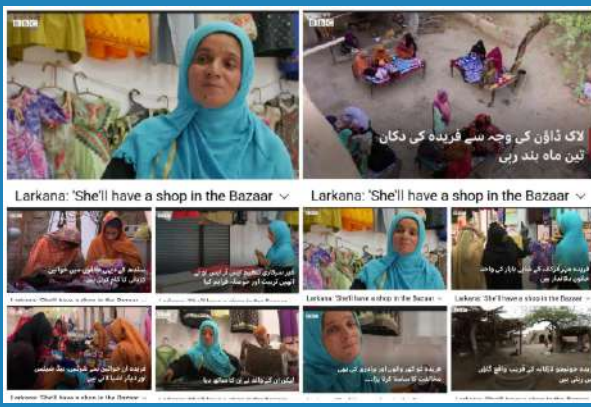
Shikarpur/April 6, 2021

Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Memon Deputy Director Social Welfare Department –Government of Sindh Shikarpur participated in heifers distribution at Shikarpur and observed the distribution process. In connection to this, he also participated in other ongoing activities of NPGP i.e. Participatory Wealth Ranking (PWR) at village Noor Mohammad Kahlor UC Gharhi Deko, and Vocational Training Center for Male at Shikarpur. He conducted a dialogue with participants and beneficiaries. He

encouraged participants to get benefits from the services and interventions of the SRSO under the GoP-supported NPGP. He shared that how your proper management and care can bring this a source of income generation in terms of selling milk and for family nutrition purposes. He appreciated the efforts of the SRSO and Community Institutions. He said, "This is an impressive initiative of SRSO with Govt. of Pakistan for poor households to graduate from the poverty line.



SRSO-News Stories In Media



BBC covers the success story of SRSO supported entrepreneur Ms. Farida Mahar-Larkana

BBC Urdu/May17, 2021

Farida Mahar is the only female shopkeeper in the Shahi Bazaar of Larkana, Sindh. However, it was not easy for her to reach here. See how the SRSO under EU-funded SUCCESS Programme helped to make Farida independent and empowered. BBC URDU story tales that "Farida Mahar, the first female shopkeeper of the Silk Street of Larkana: Initially, Farida volunteer at Sindh Rural Support Organization. She informed that the villagers and the pickers raised objections to their job, but she continued to work in SRSO and soon she became a master trainer. Interestingly, she did not get regular education and support provided by SRSO and become an entrepreneur.



What an impressive progress! Women are getting professional training! Thousands of women have become artisan, agricultural and fish capital farming! Kaya can change the access to women's employment!

Dunya News/May20.2021

This is story line of the famous TV news show Kamran Khan Kay Sath on Dunya TV which was telecast on May20, 2021 (10.00PM). This Top Story prepared by a senior research story journalist Mr. Akhtiyar Khokhar of Dunya News. Story covers the on-going women-owned enterprises of Business Development Groups (BDGs) in Thatta, Khairpur, and Larkana districts. Sindh Rural Support Organization has supported these businesses under the EU funded SUCCESS Programme and Sindh Government supported Peoples' Poverty Reeducation Programme (PPRP) in order to reduce poverty, unemployment and improve women's' economic empowerment through engaging fostered Community Institutions (CIs). CEO-SRSO also tales about the SRSO's community institutions and Business Development Groups of rural women for women empowerment and economic development.



SRSO News Story about the achieved success of 106 public handwashing stations establishment under ECHO-HIP-COVID-19 Project in Larkana and Shikarpur Districts

Larkana & Shikarpur/April28, 2021

SRSO-Monitoring, Evaluation, and Research Unit (MER-U) have developed news stories and covered by all major print and web-based media about achieved an important success of the establishment of 106 public handwashing stations at public places, hospitals, and schools for combating with going on Covid-19 pandemic under the ECHO-HIP-CoVid-19 Project in Larkana and Shikarpur districts. This story states about specific success, project, and SRSO commitment to combat with Pandemic in collaboration with community institutions, district administration, partners, and other stakeholders. SRSO-CEO and Project Foal Person shared their views and information about the success, project, and SRSO commitment.



News Story about MoU Signing Ceremony between SRSO and Sukkur IBA University

SRSO Head Office Sukkur/June 21, 2021

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) and Sukkur IBA University (SIBAU) ceremony was conducted at SRSO complex Sukkur. All major print and web-based media covered this news.



Sindh Rural Support Organization distributed 94 “H2O wheels” for carrying water to avoid head or physical injury of rural women by carrying Matka/Mud pots in 08 villages of UC Sekhro and Kaplo in district Umerkot on April 5, 2021. These H2O wheels have been donated by the “Tayaba Welfare Organization,” which aims to improve the lives of millions of unprivileged Pakistanis by providing effective solutions to overcome the water crisis especially physical injuries of rural women.



SRSO Karachi Team, under the HelpAge International, supported Promoting Rights of Older People Project, held a sensitization meeting with Syeda Shehla Raza Provincial Minister for Women Development-Govt. of Sindh. The main purpose of the meeting was to provide orientation on the Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act-2014 and Promoting Rights of Older People Project, especially through advocacy Interventions. She appreciated the SRSO efforts for older people's rights and ensured that she would continue to support SRSO. She assured me that she will take up the issue in the upcoming cabinet meeting for the implementation Of the Act.

The Mid-Term Review of the EU-funded Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh (PINS-ER-III & ER2) has been initiated with SRSO in three Programme districts Larkana, Kamber-Shahdadkot, and Shikarpur. This purpose MTR Team Leader Mr. Angus Graham visited on May3,19 and 27, 20201 Programme interventions and conducted meetings with SRSO staff, community institutions, and district administration, personals of line departments, observed carried out interventions, and met Programme beneficiaries.

