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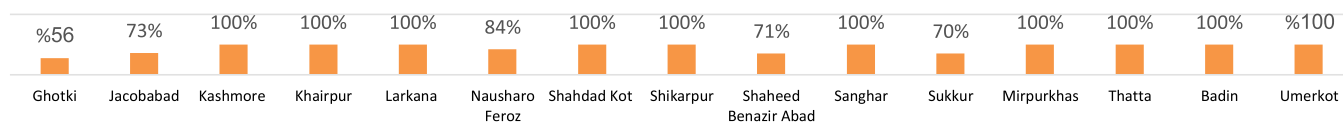


SRSO CUMULATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS AS OF MARCH 2021

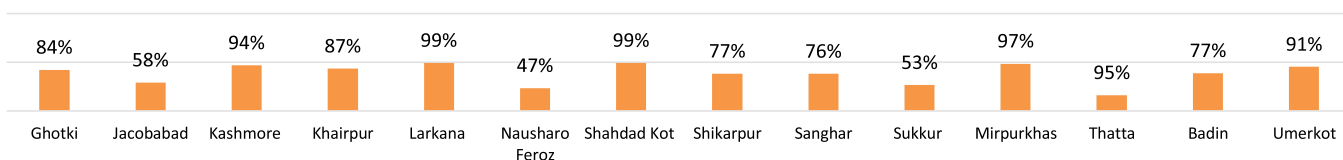
S. No.	Key Performance Indicators	Achievement as of December 2020	Achievement as of March 2021	% increase during Qtr:	
1	No. of Operational Districts	15	15	0%	
2	No. of Union Councils with SRSO presence	724	724	0%	
3	No. of Taluka with SRSO presence	86	86	0%	
4	No. of Villages with SRSO presence	15,664	15,664	0%	
5	No. of Household Organized	1,269,274	1,306,108	3%	
6	VO Formation	13,010	13,282	2%	
7	LSO Formation	522	552	6%	
8	CO- Formation	Female	70,539	71,889	2%
		Male	2,383	2,383	0%
		Mix	40	40	0%
		Total	72,962	74,312	2%
		Female	1,230,612	1,267,446	3%
9	CO-Membership	Male	38,662	38,662	0%
		Total	1,269,274	1,306,108	3%
		Female	236.14	236.14	0%
10	Community Saving (In million)	Male	6.80	6.80	0%
		Total	242.94	242.94	0 %
11	Income Generating Grant (IGG) Amount Disbursed (In Million)	453	474	5%	
	No. of IGG Beneficiaries	36,186	37,313	3%	
12	Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount disbursed (In Million)	3,213	3,511	9%	
	No. of CIF Beneficiaries	237,252	264,169	11%	
13	Total amount of Microcredit disbursed (In Million)	17,362.6	18,095	4%	
	No. of Beneficiaries of Micro Credit Programme	776,580	798,030	3%	
14	No of Community members trained in vocational skill Training	83,193	87,006	5%	
15	No of Community members trained	364,042	371,509	2%	
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)	26,886	27,041	0.06%	
	Total amount of CPIs (In Millions)	1,552.7	1,616.2	4%	
	Total Beneficiary Households	278,405	290,232	4%	
19	No of Low Cost Houses	23,016	23,223	1%	
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%	



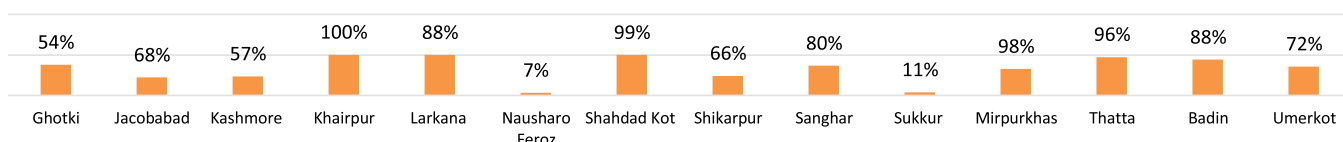
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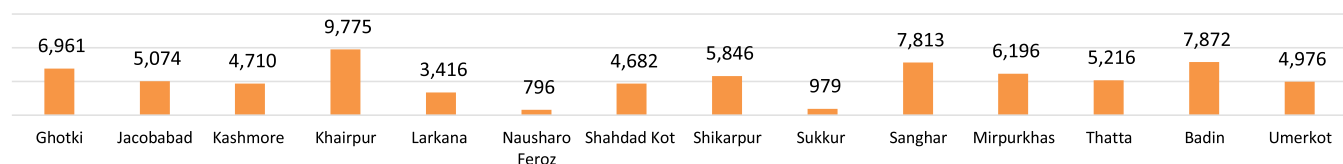
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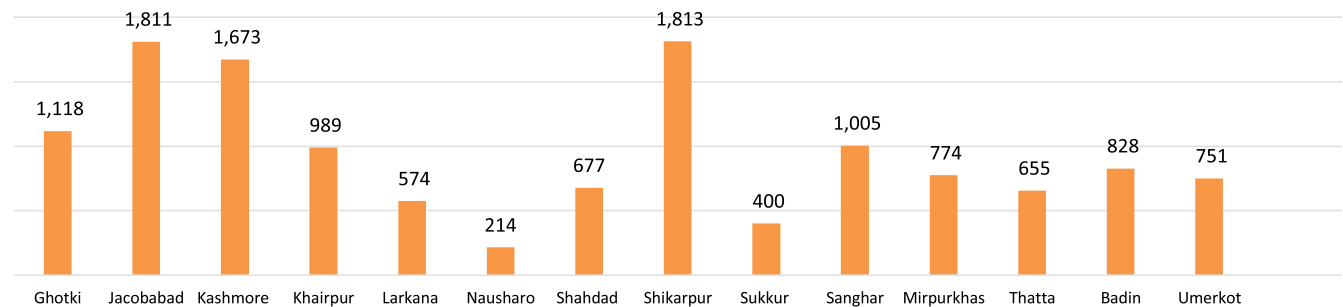
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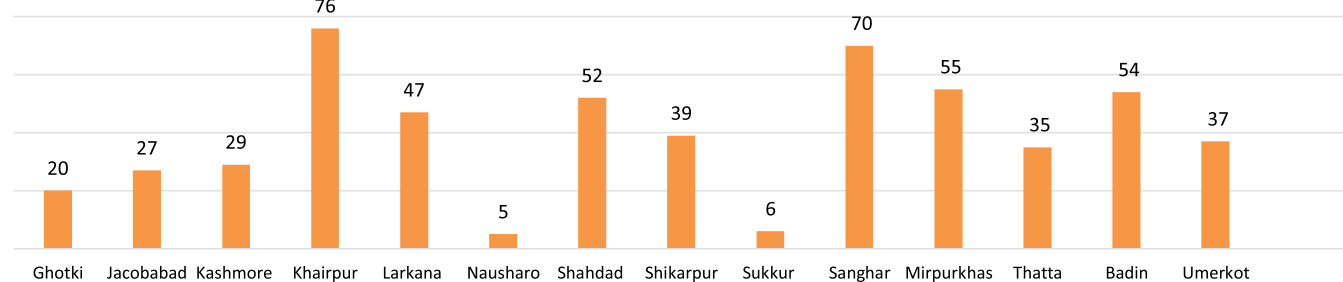
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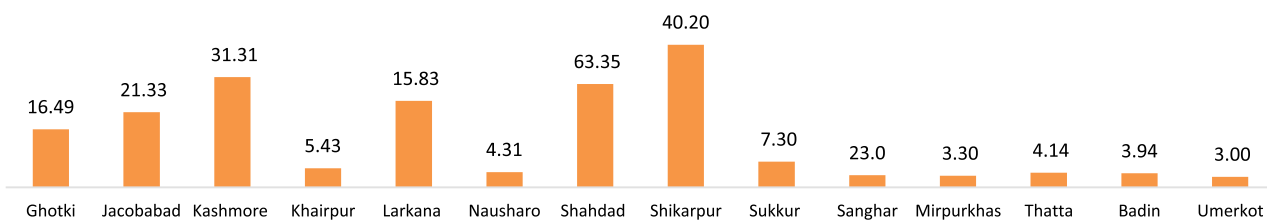


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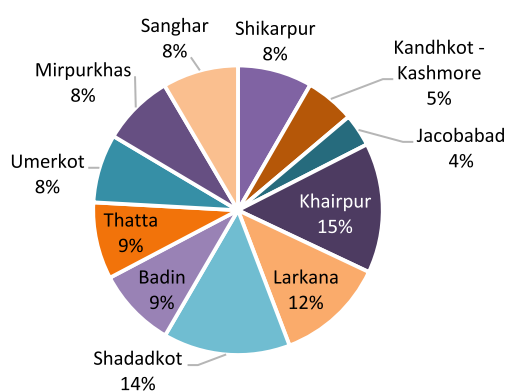




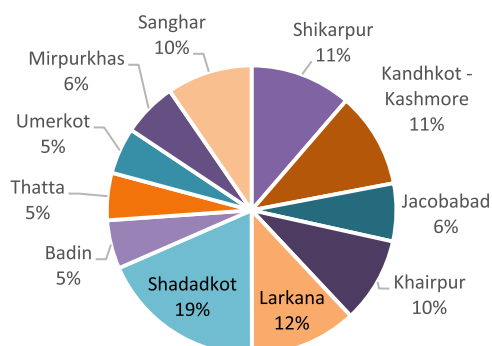
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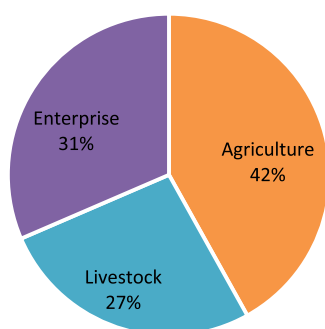
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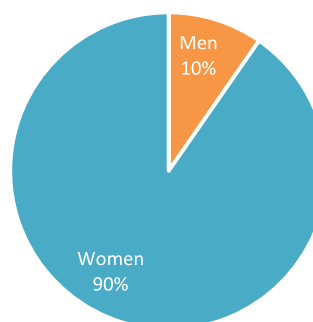
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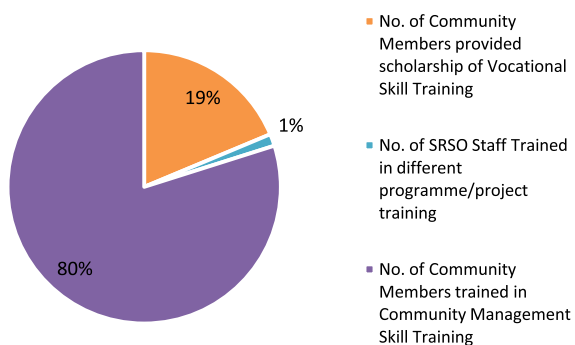
SECTOR WISE MICROCREDIT DISBURSMENT AS OF MARCH 2021



GENDER WISE MICROCREDIT DISBURSMENT AS OF MARCH 2021



SUMMARY OF STAFF & COMMUNITY MEMBERS TRAINED AS OF MARCH 2021



SUMMARY OF CPI AS OF MARCH 2021





S. No.	Districts		Geographical Coverage				
			Total No. of area in the District	# of SRSO intervened area as of Dec: 2020	# of SRSO intervened area as of Mar: 2021	% increase during Qtr:	% of total area coverage as of Mar: 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	907	-	87%
		Household	173,466	170,540	174,599	2%	100%
5	Larkana	Union Council	47	47	47	-	100%
		Village	567	566	566	-	99%
		Household	84,713	74,120	74,134	-	88%
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	102,763	101,737	101,743	-	99%
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	956	-	76%
		Household	180,606	133,053	144,380	9%	80%
12	Mirpurkhas	Union Council	55	55	55	-	100%
		Village	791	769	769	-	97%
		Household	103,534	96,863	101,863	5%	98%
13	Thatta	Union Council	41	41	41	-	100%
		Village	655	622	622	-	95%
		Household	87,453	73,504	83,790	14%	96%
14	Badin	Union Council	68	68	68	-	100%
		Village	1,021	791	791	-	77%
		Household	146,943	125,640	129,768	3%	88%
15	Umerkot	Union Council	42	42	42	-	100%
		Village	764	692	692	-	91%
		Household	110,034	76,752	78,766	3%	72%
GRAND TOTAL		Union Council	798	724	724	-	91%
		Village	24,646	15,664	15,664	-	64%
		Household	2,164,557	1,269,274	1,306,108	-	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 Dec: 2020	# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of March 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)	9,598	9,775	2%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	907	989	9%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	64	76	19%
5	Larkana	Community Organizations (COs)	3,540	3,416	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	566	574	1%
		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)	4,683	4,682	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	678	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)	7,472	7,813	5%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	956	1,005	5%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	62	70	13%
11	Mirpurkhas	Community Organizations (COs)	6,061	6,196	2%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	769	774	1%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	55	55	-
12	Thatta	Community Organizations (COs)	4,808	5,216	8%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	622	655	5%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	34	35	3%
13	Badin	Community Organizations (COs)	7,692	7,872	2%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	791	828	5%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	46	54	17%
14	Umerkot	Community Organizations (COs)	4,832	4,976	3%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	692	751	9%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	36	37	3%
GRAND TOTAL		Community Organizations (COs)	72,962	74,312	2%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	13,010	13,282	2%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	522	552	6%



Community Saving

S. No.	District	Community Saving as of Dec: 2020 (In Millions)	Community Saving as of March 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 December 2020		as of March 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	4,373	63.00	4,767	68.9	9%
5	Larkana	5,920	57.8	5,920	57.8	-
6	Qamber Shahdadkot	4,779	58.4	5,050	67.3	15%
7	Badin	2,943	40.9	3,030	42.2	3%
8	Thatta	2,691	40.3	2,719	40.7	1%
9	Umerkot	2,407	35.1	2,491	36.4	4%
10	Mirpurkhas	2,423	34.8	2,633	37.9	9%
11	Sanghar	3,042	39.4	3,095	40.02	2%
Total IGG Disbursed		36,186	452.64	37,313	474.34	5%

Community Investment Fund (CIF)

S. No.	Districts	as of December 2020		as of March 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	21,775	305.12	23,704	334.29	10%
5	Sukkur UCBPRP	513	7.05	513	7.05	-
6	Noshero Feroze	370	1.85	370	1.85	-
7	Larkana	21,403	338.56	25,586	418.90	24%
8	Qamber Shahdadkot	36,601	578.04	40,14	647.13	12%
9	Badin	13,681	174.41	14,742	190.43	9%
10	Thatta	1,050	151.26	12,153	185.02	22%
11	Umerkot	12,180	164.66	13,470	181.77	10%
12	Mirpurkhas	13,545	191.46	15,069	212.55	11%
13	Sanghar	21,661	304.03	23,895	335.05	10%
Total CIF Disbursed (In Million)		237,252	3,213	264,169	3,511.04	09%

Micro Finance (MF)

S. No.	Amount disbursed as of March 2021	
1	Total Amount of Micro Credit Disbursement (Milion)	18,095,330,573
	Men	1,713,350,600
	Women	16,381,979,973
2	No. of Loans	798,030
	Male	77,707
	Female	720,323
3	Sectoral Disbursement	18,095,330,573
	Agriculture	7,583,735,551
	Livestock	4,815,477,022
	Enterprise	5,696,118,000



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)

S. No.	Types of CPI Schemes	Achievement as of March 2021		
		No. of Schemes	Cost of Schemes (In Millions)	BHHs
	Total of CPI Schemes	27,041	1,616	290,232
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	841	405.01	80,969
6	Irrigation	470	194.93	14,178
7	IAUP	1	2.09	75
8	Water Filter Plants by GoS	40	23.58	28,570
9	Street Lighting on solar system	14	10.47	909
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	23,223	16,450.86	23,223
11	Low Cost Housing Scheme (2007-2021)	22,733	16,337.23	22,733
12	Benazir Housing Cell	490	113.63	490

Human Resource Development (HRD)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of December 2020	Achievement as of March 2021	% increase during Qtr:
1	No. of Community Members provided scholarship for Vocational Skill Training	78,752	87,006	5%
2	No. of Community Members trained in Community Management Skill Training	353,005	371,509	2%
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 December 2020	Achievement as of March 2021	% increase during Qtr:
1	No. of Community Members provided Micro Health Insurance Cover	898,080	898,080	2%
2	No. of Community Members Treated through MHI	23,809	23,809	1%
	Men	4,381	4,381	1%
	Women	19,428	19,428	2%
3	Amount of claims availed by Community (In Million)	226.82	226.82	3%



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 March 2021	%
Poverty Scorecard Census	UC	367	365	99%
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	713,166	92%
Formation of Community Organizations (CO)	CO	44,560	41,848	94%
Formation of Village Organization (VO)	VO	5,570	5,002	90%
Formation of Local Support Organizations (LSO)	LSO	365	327	89%
Capacity Building of CO members	Person	89,119	71,851	81%
Capacity Building of VO members	Person	33,420	25,083	75%
Capacity Building of LSO members	Person	2,209	1,461	66%
No of Beneficiaries trained in Vocational and Technical Skills	Person	36,092	27,484	76%
No of Households given CIF	Household	137,492	84,054	61%
No of Households given IGG	Household	34,372	31,135	91%
Formation of Business Development Groups (BDGs)	No	367	141	38%
No of Low Cost Housing Scheme	Number	9,623	6,659	69%



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 March 2020	%
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	175,877	94%
Formation of Community Organizations (CO)	CO	8,375	8,098	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	2,846	100%
LMST of LSOs office bearers	Person	891	472	53%
Activists workshops for office bearers of LSO / VO / CO	Event	252	122	48%
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	6,660	46%
No. of Households Given IGG	Household	18,994	9,734	51%
No. of Households Given CIF	Household	41,785	39,442	94%
No of beneficiaries insured in Micro Health Insurance programme	Person	47,984	46,458	97%
No of CPI Schemes Initiated	Number	949	611	64%
No CPI Schemes Completed	Number	520	437	46%



Managing Director Sindh Education Foundation (SEF) inaugurated newly constructed Community Cluster School building Chutti Drib – District Shikarpur

Shikarpur/ January 20, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) organized an inaugural ceremony of Community Cluster School at Chutti Drib in Shikarpur. Managing Director Sindh Education Foundation (SEF) Mr. Abdul Kabir Qazi inaugurated the newly constructed Community Cluster School Building. This is the reflection of the collaboration of Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) and Sindh Education Foundation (SEF) and their commitment to not only bringing out of school children in schools but also ensuring the provision of quality education. Mr. Abdul Kabir Kazi and other SEF officials appreciated the efforts of SRSO for the quality of education by establishing a well-furnished school building equipped with interactive learning resources.

Currently, SRSO is managing 19 community cluster schools in the rural areas of Shikarpur and Kashmore-Kandhkot districts. These Community Cluster Schools having state of the art facilities like; furnished classrooms with flexible furniture, an Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) section with readily available learning material, a computer lab to promote ICTs competence among the students., audiovisual rooms to conduct interactive learning sessions with the students to address the multiple learning needs and styles, wide play areas for students and water and electricity (Solar) facility.

HIGHLIGHTS



Action Against Hunger (ACF) Pakistan delegation visited EU funded PINS interventions

Larkana, Shikarpur and Kamber-Shahdadkot/January 26, 27 & 28, 2021

Mr. Zulifqar Ali Mithani Deputy Country Director (DCD), Action Against Hunger (ACF) Pakistan along with other delegation members Dr. Rano Mal Provisional Head ACF, Mr. Shahid Rajput Sr. Manager ACF ECHO-HIP COVID Project, and Mr. Javed Memon Sr. Div. Manager-ACF visited PINS-ER-II, ER III, and ECHO-COVID-19 intervention areas in three targeted districts. First day, delegation held a meeting with LSO Sindhu Darya in district Larkana and discussed the issues, challenges and impact of the programme. On the second day, the delegation visited LSO "Sindh Sujag" UC Rustam Taluka Lakhi district

Shikarpur where he participated in the meeting and conducted a dialogue with community institutions regarding the impacts of the projects on their lives and livelihood. On 3rd day, delegation visited district Kamber-Shahdadkot and assessed different interventions such as Kitchen Gardening, Farmer Field Schools, Hand Pumps, AWSS, and CHWs activities under PINS ER-II & III. The delegation appreciated the efforts of Community Institutions (CIs) to fight with malnutrition, community empowerment and in poverty reduction.





Commissioner Larkana Division visited SRSO intervention areas at Larkana

Larkana/February 24, 2021

Mr. Shafique Ahmed Mahesar Commissioner-Larkana Division along with other govt. and other stakeholders including Mr. Aijaz Ali Shaikh DHO Larkana, Abdul Rahim DM PPHI Larkana, Mr. Haq Nawaz Divisional Officer ACF, and Mr. Khaleel Tetlay COO RSPN visited SRSO intervening areas and conducted a meeting with Community Institutions (CIs) where participants discussed the issues and challenges faced by CIs leaders during the project implementation. Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro (RGM-SRSO) facilitated the delegation. Delegation also participated in activist workshop at village Miandad Brohi district Larkana

where Commissioner Larkana inaugurated the Community Infrastructure scheme of Brick pavement where more than 50 leaders of different Community Institutions were participated. Community leaders shared their achievements, self-initiatives, and success stories based on interventions carried out under SUCCESS, PINS ER-II, III and ECHO-HIP-COVID-19 Programmes. The Commissioner appreciated the work of CIs and Business Development Groups (BDGs) of Handloom weaving (Khadi) and Clay Art (Sona Hath).



Managerial Activist Conference (MAC) organized under the GoS supported Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme

Badin/ January 24, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) district Badin organized Managerial Activist Conference (MAC) under the Government of Sindh supported Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP) at UC Dei taluka Talhar district Badin. Mr. Mir Allah Bux Khan Talpur Member Provincial Assembly (MPA) Sindh and Mr. Qabool Muhammad Khatyan Chairman Left Bank Canals Area Water Board were the chief guests of the event. Ex-UC Chairmen, media, and community representatives from the community institutions of UC Dei and Khadahero Taluka Talhar participated in the conference. District Manager-SRSO welcomed the guests and briefed them about the SRSO and PPRP-GoS interventions in the district. Ms. Mehrunisa LSO Dei and Ms. Kalsoom LSO Khadahero shared presentations about the key issues faced during the programme implementation. Mir Allah Bux Khan MPA addressed to participants and said, "Govt. of Sindh is taking initiatives for poverty reduction and this Programme one of them." Moreover, all the guests appreciated the active participation of the community institutions

especially rural women. More than 250 women participated in the conference and 51 Income Generating Grants (IGG) and 12 Low-Cost Housing (LCHS) cheques were distributed among the illegible households.



An Exposure visit of Business Development Groups of Kamber-Shahdadkot and Larkana to CED Department at SRSO Complex Sukkur.

Sukkur/ January 26, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) arranged an exposure visit of Business Development Groups (BDGs) of Kamber-Shahdadkot and Larkana at CED department head office Sukkur. The main purpose of the visit was to sharing the ideas and learnings about enterprise development and enhancement and promotion of business in rural areas.

Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro Team Lead SUCCESS Programme and Ms. Samina Barkat (Training Coordinator-SUCCESS) warmly welcomed to all participants. BDG members visited Sartyoon Sang Outlet in order to know about the value chain model and new market trends.



EU- SUCCESS Technical Team visited Business Development Groups formed under GoS supported Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP)

Thatta & Sanghar/ January 29, and March 13, 2021

EU-SUCCESS Technical Team visited Business Development Groups (BDGs) formed under GoS supported Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP). Team consisted of renowned economist Dr. Kaiser Bengali, Ms. Hina Shahid and Mr. Parvez Ahmed Chandio Director-Monitoring PMU-PPRP-GoS. Team Lead PPRP-SRSO Mr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo and District Managers facilitated the delegation in their visit. The team was oriented on interventions carried out under the Government of Sindh supported PPRP in district Thatta and Sanghar.

The delegation visited the established enterprises of the

Business Development Groups (BDGs), interacted with BDG members, and discussed different aspects of the business. BDGs members explained all steps they have taken during establishment and operation of business. The delegation appreciated the efforts of the SRSO in promoting small and medium enterprises in rural areas of Sindh. Dr. Kaiser Bengali appreciated the efforts of rural women for setup of business and running successfully and delegation discussed about the real change and empowerment of rural women through these types of projects.





SRSO celebrated International Women's Day under the theme “Choose To Challenge” at Head Office SRSO Complex Sukkur

SRSO Complex Sukkur/March 8, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) celebrated International Women's Day 2021 at SRSO Complex Sukkur. Ms. Raheema Panhwar, a member of SRSO- BoD and others SRSO staff members from different districts participated in the event. Ms. Samina Barkat Ali, Gender Focal Person hosted the event. Women colleagues from different SRSO districts participated and shared their views and efforts taken by women during

COVID-19. Meanwhile, the female colleagues were awarded appreciation shields to acknowledge their untiring efforts during the job. "SRSO wishes a very Happy Women's International Day to all the women around the globe. "All team members acknowledged the efforts of rural women, SRSO staff and community leaders.



Local Support Organization Naen Soch Union Council Gather-district Kamber-Shahdadkot celebrated International Women's Day.

District Kamber-Shahdadkot/March 08, 2021

Local Support Organization (LSO) Naen Soch, Union Council Gather, Taluka Kamber-Shahdadkot, fostered by Sindh Rural Support Organization under the EU-funded SUCCESS Programme celebrated International Women's Day at village Muhammad Hussain.

Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro (RGM-SRSO), Ms. Shama Parveen (Director Women development Department), Mr. Tahir Korejo-(Women Development Officer), Mr. Waqar Ahmad Soomro (Assistant Child Protection Officer), women community leaders, Govt. officials and representatives of media participated in the event and celebrated the achievements of the rural women. Community leaders from various Community Institutions (CIs) were invited to express their views about their experiences, accomplishments and the obstacles that they have faced during their journey to success and narrated their stories related to early marriages, health, education, and other social factors. The event

celebrated and acknowledged the achievements of rural women.



Three Joint Development Committees (JDCs) held meetings at Taluka level in district Kamber-Shahdadt.

Kamber-Shahdadt/February 16, 23, and 26, 2021

Three Joint Development Committees (JDCs) meetings held at taluka Qubo Saeed Khan, Kamber, and Miro Khan at Assistant Commissioner Offices. Assistant Commissioners of concerned taluka chaired the meeting. Meanwhile, Mr. Khaleel Tetlay (Chief Operating Officer-RSPN) and other stakeholders from Govt. line departments, CSOs, Community Institutions, SRSO Officials participated in the meetings. Mr. Tetlay shared the roles and responsibilities of JDCs in Community Development

and emphasized on strengthening, networking and strong working relationship between the community and stakeholders. SRSO shared updates of the ongoing programmes and CIs leaders shared their issues during the meetings. JDCs have been formed as a joint platform at the taluka (Tehsil) level in Larkana and Kamber-Shahdadt districts under the EU-funded SUCCESS Programme.



Three days Annual Retreat 2021 was organized under EU funded SUCCESS Programme

SRSO Complex Sukkur/ February 11, 13, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) organized three days annual retreat 2021 under the EU-funded Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS) Programme. The key objectives of the event were to learn and share the field experiences, review the progress and planning for next year. Ms. Shereen Mustafa Secretary Planning (Planning and Development Department Government of Sindh) also joined the event and delivered an inspirational session on "How we should change our thinking approach." On this occasion, the appreciation Shields were distributed

among the staff of District Kamber-Shahdadt for accomplishing 100% recovery of Community Investment Fund - CIF (interest-free loans).

On the last day of the event, an orientation was conducted on Enterprise Development and Rural Enterprise Development Strategy by Ms. Shereen Mustafa. CEO-SRSO joined the session and paid gratitude to Ms. Shereen for delivering a comprehensive session on Govt. of Sindh's CDLD policy especially on social capital, poverty reduction, and RGC aspects.





SRSO Community Activists received Mohtarma Fatima Jinnah and Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Appreciation Awards from Sindh Commission on the Status of Women (SCSW) on National Women Day

Karachi/ February 12, 2021

The Sindh Commission on the Status of Women (SCSW) organized an event on National Women's Day at Frere Hall Karachi for celebrations the achievements of women across the country. Ms. Shaher Bano (General Secretary of LSO Roshni-District Khairpur), Ms. Parveen (Treasurer of LSO Pireh -District Larkana), Ms. Iffat Batool (Chairperson LSO Ibtada- District Kamber Shahdadkot), Ms. Zahoran (General Secretary LSO Muskan -District Thatta) and Ms. Uroosa Khatti (Manager Liaison and Coordination SUCCESS Programme) participated in the event. SCSW distributed appreciation awards among the women from every working sector of Sindh based on their accomplishments and their efforts. Four community activists

from Community Institutions received appreciation awards in recognition of their contribution to the economic and social development of rural communities and women's rights.



Kashmir Solidarity Day was observed to express solidarity with Kashmiris

February 5, 2021



On 5th February 2021, SRSO observed the Kashmir Solidarity Day to express solidarity with Kashmiris being oppressed by Indian forces in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. Rallies and different programmes were organized across Sindh to highlight the issues of people especially in Khairpur,

Ghotki, Mirpurkhas, Thatta, Umerkot, Shikarpur, Sukkur, Kashmore, Jacobabad, and Larkana districts.

Active Rural Communities, SRSO Officials, Social Workers, Govt. line Departments and District Administration have participated in the events. The participants condemned the ongoing brutalities, human rights violations, extrajudicial killing of Kashmiris and said that the world community should take notice of Indian aggression and help Kashmiris in their struggle. They

demanded that the United Nations fulfill its responsibilities by implementing the resolutions to the world body. SRSO managed Community cluster schools of Shikarpur and EMO Hub School Sukkur have also organized different events to pay the tribute to Kashmiri brothers and sisters. CEO-SRSO Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro was the chief guest in the events.



Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) Team visited productive assets distribution points under NPGP-GoP

Shikarpur/January 21, 2021

SRSO is implementing The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) funded National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP)-Govt. of Pakistan, in a partnership with the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) in Shikarpur and Kashmor-Kandhkot districts. The overall goal of the Programme is to assist the ultra-poor and very poor in graduating out of poverty on a sustainable basis, simultaneously improving their overall food security, nutritional status, and resilience to climate change. Mr. Imran Ali Shah and Mr. Sajid Ali from Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) visited distribution

points at district Shikarpur and monitored the whole process of the distribution of the productive assets. Mr. Muzaffar Panhwar Manager SRSO-NPGP facilitated the team in the visit.





Executive Development Center (EDC) Sukkur IBA University conducted three Days Training of SRSO staff on Enterprise Development

SRSO Complex Sukkur/ January 14-16, 2021

SRSO- Institute of Management and Skill Development (IMSD) in collaboration with Executive Development Center-EDC Sukkur IBA University organized a three days training programme on Enterprise Development for SRSO officials at SRSO Complex Sukkur.

Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO) highlighted the importance of enterprise development in the rural setup of Sindh. Dr. Naveed Qureshi, Prof. Dr. Altaf Hussain Samo, and Mr. Aslam Shaikh were the lead facilitators. Later on, Dr. Altaf Samo (Director EDC, Sukkur IBA University) takeover the session on basic concepts of Enterprise Development in a rural context. Mr. Aamir Ghouri (Owner of ICON by Ghouri's) also briefed about Entrepreneurial mindset in a rural context.



Meetings with Members of Provincial Assembly on Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act 2014

Karachi/ February 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) Karachi office held meetings with Members of the Provincial Assembly (MPAs) on Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act 2014 under the HelpAge International supported Promoting Rights of Older People Project. Total 11 meetings were conducted with MPAs. The

objective of the meetings was to sensitize members of the provincial assembly pertaining to the implementation of Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act 2014. They briefed to MPAs that SRSO in partnership with HelpAge International is implementing a project "Promotion of the Rights of Older People" in Sindh.



GoS delegation visited Poverty Scorecard Survey under the Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP)

Sukkur & Ghotki/ February 1 to 4, 2021

Mr. Parvez Ahmed Chandio (Director Monitoring-PMU-PPRP-GoS) and Mr. Abid Mahar Programme Assistant (PMU-PPRP-GoS) paid a monitoring visit to verify the PSC survey process in district Sukkur and Ghotki. During the visit, they verified the information collected by enumerators.

Sr. Manager-MER-U Mr. Naveed Ishaque Memon and PSC Coordinator facilitated the visitors in their visit.





Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) has been initiated the distribution of fruit trees and conducted community workshops among the riverine communities in district Sukkur and SBA under Sustainable Forest Management (SFM), UNDP-GEF Project.

Sukkur & SBA/March 25 and 26, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) has initiated the distribution of fruit plants and community awareness workshops among the riverine communities of district Sukkur and Shaheed Benazir Abad under the project, "Sustainable Forest Management in Pakistan. Sustainable Forest Management in Pakistan is funded by Global Environment Facility (GEF) /UNDP and implemented by Ministry of Climate Change through provincial Forest Department, which aims at promoting sustainable forest management in Pakistan and mitigation of climate change.

On March 5, 2021, an agreement was signed between Sindh Rural Support Organisation and Sustainable Forest

Management Project regarding the fruit trees plantation in the riverine belt of Districts Sukkur and Shaheed Benazir Abad funded by UNDP GEF implemented by Ministry of Environment and Climate change Government of Pakistan through Sindh Forest Department. SRSO will identify households residing in the riverine belt (Kacha Area) and Sustainable Forest Management Project (SFM) & Forest Department provide the fruit plants like Lemon, Jambul, jujube, Grewia asiatica (falsa) and Guava for Community (free of cost). Forest Department will ensure the availability of fruit plants as per requirement, in Sukkur, Qazi Ahmed & Sakrand in district SBA.



Chief Operating Officer (COO) Rural Support Programme Network (RSPN) visits SRSO interventions

Kamber-Shahdadkot & Larkana/ February 23, 24 and 26, 2021

Chief Operating Officer (COO) RSPN, Mr. Khaleel Ahmed Tetlay visited VO Mumtazabad UC Warah District Kamber-Shahdadkot. During the visit, the COO interacted with Community members and appreciated the efforts of CIs in poverty reduction. He also visited the Demo Plot of household Kitchen gardening established by FFS and witnessed various interventions carried out under the EU-funded SUCCESS Programme, Program for Improved Nutrition in Sindh (PINS), and Delivering Accelerated Family Planning in Pakistan (DAFPAK) funded by PSI Pakistan. He attended the meeting of the Joint Development Committee (JDC) Taluka Kamber at AC Office. He appreciated the efforts of SRSO regarding to keep close coordination and networking with govt. and other stakeholders for supporting formed community institutions. On February 24, 2021, he visited district Larkana where he joined Commissioner Larkana visit of Larkana outreach. He

participated in the Activists Workshop village Miandad Brohi UC Rasheed Wagan Taluka Larkana and conducted a dialogue with community institution leaders on social mobilization and networking with govt. and other stakeholders.



300 Adolescent Champions have been trained through 3-days training workshops by SRSO with RSPN under UNICEF supported SAPCI-COVID-19 Project

Ghotki & Khairpur Mirs/January-February, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) has conducted successfully 17-three days training workshops of adolescent's champions and trained 300 champions (150 Ghotki and 150 Khairpur) respectively in Ghotki and Khairpur districts during January and February months. These workshops were held under the UNICEF supported Sustaining Adolescents Participation in Community Institutions to Address Child Marriages and Create Awareness among Adolescents on COVID-19 in Ghotki and Khairpur Project. SRSO is implementing this project with the partnership of Rural Support Programme Network (RSPN) in Ghotki and Khairpur districts.

150 adolescents (100 girls and 50 boys) were identified and

selected from the 5 targeted union councils 3 Talukas Ubauro, Dharki, and Khengarh of district Ghotki. Thus 150 adolescents (100 girls and 50 boys) were identified and selected from the targeted 5 union councils of 3 Talukas Khairpur, Kingri and Kot Diji, district Khairpur. They have been oriented and trained on Toolkit through 3-day training workshops to take preventing measures about child protection, child marriages, and COVID-19 through different activity-based sessions by trained master trainers. These adolescents have been identified and training organized with the support of respective Local Support Organization.



EU Consultant and media person visit SRSO interventions for women empowerment

Kamber, Larkana & Shikarpur / February 2-3, 2021

Mr. Hamza Bhatti, EU Consultant, and Ms. Sadaf Chaudhry, International Journalist along with CEO-SRSO Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro and Team Lead SUCCESS Programme visited Kamber-Shahdadkot, Larkana, and Shikarpur districts on 2nd

and 3rd February, 2021. The key objective of the visit was to observe the initiatives of women-led community institutions for poverty reduction, women empowerment and community development and its impacts on the lives of rural women.





Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro CEO SRSO, Dr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo Team Leader PPRP-SRSO, and DM Thatta conducted a meeting with Mr. Riaz Ahmed Abbasi DG Sindh Coastal Development Authority, GoS, and other officials on March 26, 2021, at DG office PIDC Karachi. CEO-SRSO presented a comprehensive presentation on SRSO and ongoing projects in Thatta. After the meeting it was decided that SRSO and SCDA will jointly work with community on Palm Oil cultivation in future.



Dr. Jabeen Fatima Abbas Child Protection Officer UNICEF Sindh participated in ongoing activities, and conducted meeting with Community Institutions/s representatives, adolescent champions and SRSO staff on 9, 10 February 2021. Ms. Aysha Tariq Project Manager RSPN was also accompanied with delegation.



Dr. Nafisa Shah- MNA along with SRSO team visited the village where houses were affected due to fire at Village Ali Khan Katohar UC Shadi Shaheed on March 08, 2021. She expressed her sorrows with affected families. Dr. Nafisa Shah distributed emergency support items among the affected families along with DM-SRSO



Ms. Raheema Panhwar member of SRSO BoD visited district Larkana, on 09, March 2021, where she participated in LSO-Leadership and Management Skills Training (LMST) and capacity-building workshops at Taluka Rattodero District Larkana. Both workshops were organized under the EU-funded SUCCESS Programme in order to build organizational, Leadership, and management capacities of the LSOs. She conducted a dialogue with CLs leaders of Local Support Organizations.



Ms. Sonia Kaleem (ADC I Larkana) visited the SRSO Larkana district office and outreach areas on February 4, 2021. DM-SRSO Larkana welcomed and briefed her about SRSO work especially three-tier social mobilization and efforts of community Institutions (CIs), ongoing projects including SUCCESS, PINS-ER-II, III, ECHO HIP, and Equine Welfare and the role of JDCs and DCCN.



A joint delegation of Sukkur IBA University Executive Development Center (EDC) and SRSO-IMSD visited Business Development Groups (BDGs) in 04 villages of district Khairpur. The delegation surveyed various micro

businesses who are involved in the capacity of Dates Stock, Livestock, Vehicles Spare Parts, and Tunnel Farming. Based on collected information, EDC will design and conduct training programs for SRSO representatives on Enterprise Development and Sustainability of these micro-businesses.



Additional Commissioner Mr. Ameer Afazal Ghumro (Larkana Division), Assistant Commissioner (Taluka Sijawal) Mr. Ahmar Ali on March 26, 2021, visited SRSO District Kamber-Shahdadkot. He Observed the Completed Community Infrastructure Scheme of extension Water Course at Village Abdul Wahid Abro.