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Message of the Week

"To say that on a daily basis you can make a difference, well, you can. One act of kindness a day can do it"

News/Highlights/Events/Activities

Sartyoon Sang Stall at Sukkur IBA

SRSO Craft and Enterprise Department's brand Sartyoon Sang participated in **DICE, VICE 16** to set up a Cultural Village theme for a special event in SIBA (Sukkur Institute of Business Administration). SRSO-CED brand Sartyoon Sang was the Cultural Ambassador. Sartyoon Sang decorated the venue with Sindhi Cultural touch points which were reflecting the pure old and antique tradition of Sindhi Culture and promoted the culture with different traditional pieces of Sindhi culture. This event was organized by Sukkur IBA with the collaboration of Dice Foundation USA, corporate sector and financial institutions in organizing DICE VIC' 16. This was an attractive event for the students of Sukkur IBA, where students will share their innovative and brilliant business ideas and will present their entrepreneurial business proposals. This event was ended with "cultural night" where Sketches (Saif Samejo with his team) performed.



(UCBPRP) Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme

District MER field visit under UCBPRP

The Monitoring of ongoing activities are always on at field level so MER Officer (District) Mr. Babar Ali accompanied with Miss Uroosa Noonari (S.O) paid field visit for CIF verification and Case studies identification at UC Logi & Tajo Khoso to attend the VO routine meetings. All CIF beneficiaries have successfully utilized CIF 4th cycle in Livestock, ED (small kiryana shops) and changed their financial conditions and contributed their vital role income generation at household level.



District MER & CIF Professional paid visit in SMU Garhi Khero

CIF professional Mr. Ahmed Samejo, District MER Mr. Babar Ali, SMU Incharge Mr. Imtiaz Samejo and Social Organizer Miss Sultana attended a meeting at VO Allah Bux Bhatti and VO Lulhoo Brohi Union Council Allahabad.



Community Investment Fund (CIF) Cheque Disbursement:

Social Mobilisation Team of Jacobabad Unit held a Community Investment Fund (CIF) cheque Distribution ceremony at VO Mevo Khan. CIF Cheques were disbursed By SRSO DM Jacobabad Mr. Manzoor Jalbani in VO Mevo Khan Manjhu. In last DM planted a tree in village to launch the tree plantation under the Clean and Green Jacobabad Campaign in order to make Green Jacobabad.



Jacobabad Staff Monthly Meeting

SRSO Jacobabad staff meeting was held at District Office Jacobabad. The agenda of the meeting was the future planning and to drive successfully the noble cause campaign “Clean & Green Jacobabad Campaign”. The Meeting was chaired by DM-Jacobabad. All team members share their progress and planning of concern field and in last all shown their dedication and commitment to play vital role in SRSO Tree Plants campaign as an individual and as well as whole team.



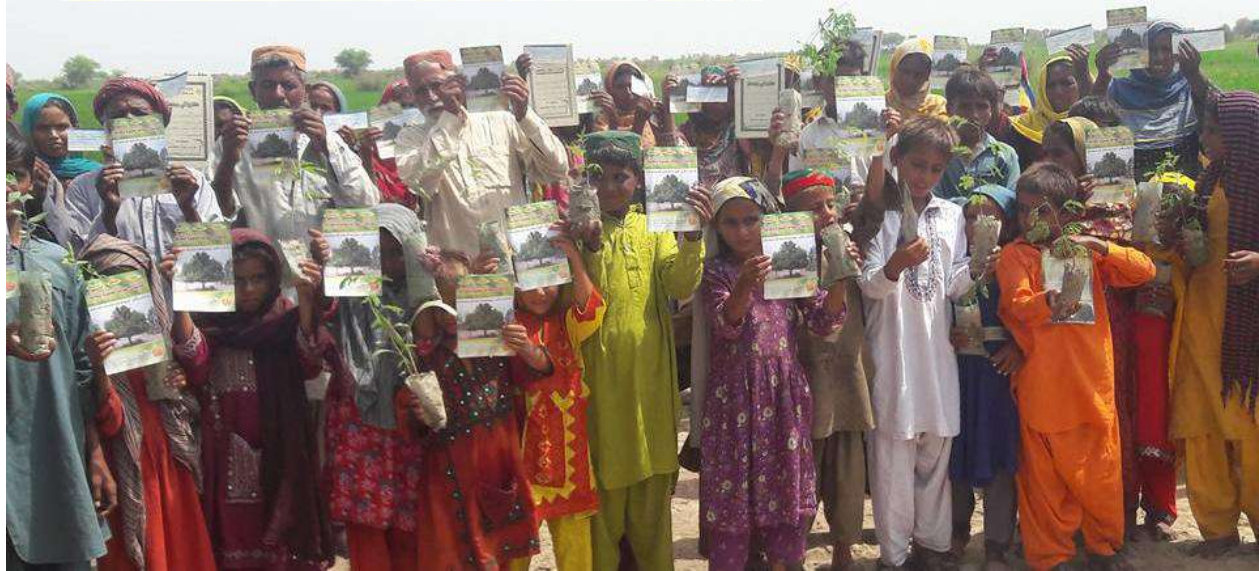
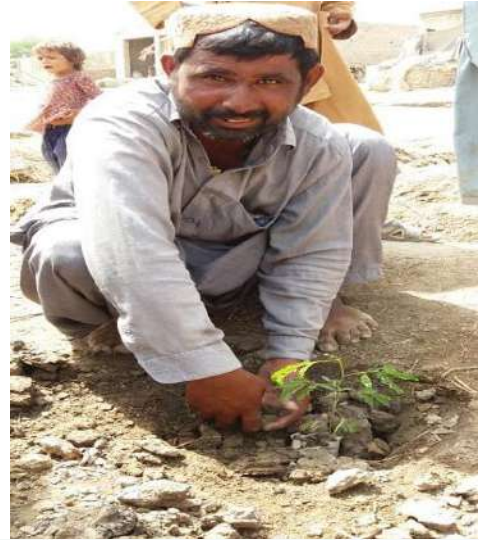
SMU Jacobabad Field Activity

CIF Cheques were disbursed In VO Abdul Haque Khoso & Menglo Gabol Union Council Kareem Bux among 22 beneficiaries and 200 Tree Plants were also distributed by these VO members among villagers.



Clean & Green Jacobabad Campaign:

Clean and Green Jacobabad Campaign was initiated as per year according to feasible season for plants growth and plants nurturing. Saplings were carried out from Government forest department and other departments Nurseries via NRM (Natural Resource Management) Head Office SRSO.





Low Cost Housing Scheme Project Funded by Benazir Housing Cell GoS

Yesterday on 22-August 2016 Mr. Yousuf Jafferi District Engineer BHC project visited different villages of Jacobabad where under construction work of BHC houses is in progress.

Equine Welfare Group meeting at Jacobabad-Brooke Project

Community Equine Welfare team (CEWT) Brooke-SRSO Jacobabad conducted a Women Equine Welfare Group Meeting at Yar Muhammad Bhatti village Jacobabad on Basic Management Practices focus on Wound Management and Stable management.



OPA Meetings

Different activities were performed by OPAs in district Jacobabad and Shikarpur. Poultry farming, kitchen gardening and held OPA meetings.





OPA Learning Sessions

Different learning sessions were held with OPA latif Golo and Allah Bux Brohi district Jacobabad with aims to find out most significant stories about the project activities being carried out with OP and PWD. Deputy Director social welfare department Jacobabad, union council Ahmedpur vice chairman, MER and PC project and older men/women and disabled woman were the participants of the session

HelpAge Delegation Visit of Different Activities' of OPA Members'

BUZRG DOST meetings, MF and poultry management, kitchen gardening for the on going season and plantation campaign in district Jacobabad



National Convention of LSOs



Every year the Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN), which represents the 11 member RSPs, holds the National Convention of LSOs. This year we are going to organise the 9th National Convention of LSOs on (August 23, 2016) in Karachi. The convention will act as a forum for strategic coordination, experience sharing, networking, and showcasing new initiatives by the LSOs. LSOs will also present their achievements in different thematic sessions.

As an investment in fostering people's own institutions, especially of women, RSPs have undertaken interventions with Community Organizations' (COs), Village organizations' (VOs) and Union Council level Local Support organization's (LSOs) in productive, social and cross-cutting sectors, e.g. women's empowerment through community investment fund (CIF), micro credit, micro enterprise, community infrastructure, agriculture, food security and nutrition, emergencies and disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, capacity assessment and strengthening of government departments, and local governance and accountability.



Three days ToT on LMST

Under EU supported SUCCESS programme, Sindh Rural Support Organisation(SRSO) is organising a three days Training of Trainers (ToT) on Leadership & Management Skill Training (LMST) from 25-27 August, 2016 in Larkana. ToT was facilitated by Ms. Hafeeza Bozdar, Ms. Khalida Mirani , Mr. Zubair Ahmed Soomro from SRSO-Institute of Management and Skill Development(IMSD) and Ms. Samina Barkat(Training coordinator from SUCCESS programme) . LMST is attended by HRD professionals from Larkana & Qamber Shahdadkot districts and after this, they would be fully capable to organise the LMST in their respective assigned UCs with members of Village Organisations.



CED meeting Business Development Groups of Shikarpur District

Sindh Rural Support Organization district Shikarpur held a coordination meeting of Enterprise Development Section with 13 different BDGs from 12 village organization at LSO office Mehran taulka Lakhi district Shikarpur. The prime agenda of meeting was to reactivation of BDG groups for new activities for upcoming different events and their planning for future. Mr. Riaz Jalalani (Manager CED) with team and district SRSO team also part of this meeting.





LSO initiatives at District Shikarpur

PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE:
Local Support Organization Sindh Sujagh taulka Lakhii district Shikarpur initiated the activity of anti-malaria spray with coordination and support of district health department in different Village Organization (VO) of Union Council.



LSO BOD Meeting



An LSO Mehak Union Council Noshehro Abro Taluka Garhi Yaseen board members meeting was held and the agenda of meeting was CIF revolving and incremental loan issue. All members agreed on giving service charge on incremental loan for LSO.

Extra curriculum activities

Extra curriculum activities were held at Community Cluster School Garhi Sahib Khan district Shikarpur



DM-Shikarpur Meeting with Community Managed Cluster School Teachers

DM-Shikarpur conducted a detail meeting with teachers of community cluster school Kabalo taulka Garhi Yaseen district Shikarpur along with district MER person Mr. Zeeshan Ali Bhutto .



Field team of district Shikarpur organized 04 camps under the project of Provision of Reproductive Health Services through Social Marketing organized with support of Population Services International (PSI) and Rural Support Programme Network (RSPN)



LSO Signboard

Local Support organization Awaz (UC Mughrani) members fixed LSO sign board at main Shikarpur to Sukkur road at district Shikarpur.





DHO (District Health Officer) Shikarpur Paid Visit of SRSO District Office

Mr.. Khurshid Ahmed Kazi (District Health Officer) Shikarpur visited SRSO district office along Dr. Mansoor, Dr. Aftab. A detail discussion was made on Health Communication Component Project (HCCP) especially referral mechanism for MNCH services at BHUs, RHCs, THQs and DHQs

SRSO BLF-Help Age project- Follow up workshop



Community Managed Primary School KASHmore@Kandh Kot

Independence Day was celebrated in 102 Community managed school GBPS yar Mohammad Nindwani district kashmore & kandhkot, District Manager Dr Shahid Lakho participate & students presented a fabulous performance then won prizes along with a great appreciation





CIF Impact Assessment Study meeting with ORIC-Sukkur IBA

A meeting was held between SRSO management and IBA Sukkur officials to discuss on ToRs and methodology of CIF impact assessment study.

DM-Kashmore@KandhKot attended the VO Routine Meeting

DM conducted a meeting with VO Peer Bux Rind of UC Lashari. The discussion was made on CO/VO importance, Office bearers' responsibilities, Saving, Routine meeting and CIF. In last CIF cheques were disbursed among 13 members. The big problems of this village are Sweet Drinking Water and Primary School. VO is planning to first solve water problem through Lead Hand Pump installation.



RM-Region-III meeting with Deputy Commissioner Kashmore-Kandh Kot)



A meeting was held with Dr. Hafeez Ahmed Sial Sahib (DC Kashmore-Kandh Kot) by SRSO Regional Manager Dr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo & DPO HSSP Faisal Khan along with DM-Mr..Shahid Lakho. RM briefed all over SRSO intervention and activities in District Kashmore-Kandh Kot.

NFE Teachers Refresher Training at SRSO Complex Sukkur



NFE Teachers Refresher was organized by SRSO-Social Services Sector in collaboration with USAID SRP and JICA.



RSPN Delegation Visit of District Khairpur VO & LSO

Ali Mohammad Azizi (RSPN), SRSO RM Niaz, DM Khadim Shar, Ms. Fareeda Pathan (RSPN) attended LSO & VO meetings at LSO Khanpur & Tando Masti, visited safe play area, computer lab and meeting with school teachers, VO members & adolescent groups



Sartyoon Sang Stall Setup

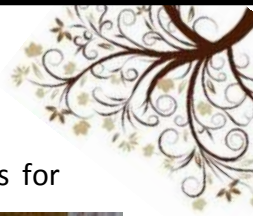
SRSO CED-Sartyoon Sang Brand arranged a stall on the occasion of 8th Date exhibition at Open air theater Khairpur. Where Ex CM Syed Qaim Ali Shah , MNA Syeda Nafesa Shah, DC Khairpur, Ssp Khp and other politicians, notable persons along with guests visited the stall and appreciated the efforts for promoting culture.



Learning Sessions for OPA

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Coordination Meeting

SRSO organized a meeting of social protection organizations and Microfinance institutes for greater inclusion of older people and PWD in their policies and programmes at Gymkhana Shikarpur. Additional Deputy Commissioner I Shikarpur presided the meeting while chairman of district ushr & zakat committee district Shikarpur was the chief guest of the meeting. District Manager SRSO Shikarpur, PM HAI, Assistant Director BISP, Manager Khushhali Bank, leaders of the OPAs were main speakers of the meeting. Highly cooperation and support extended by the stakeholders particularly Additional Deputy Commissioner I Shikarpur and chairman of district ushr & zakat committee Shikarpur.



Coordination Meeting-HCP Project Larkano

A Coordination Meeting was arranged with District Population Welfare Officer Larkano regarding introduction of New Staff of "PSI PHRSSM" Naseem Erum Social Orgnizer SRSO Larkano and Also visited Facility Level training orgnized by Mercy Corps USAID MCH project (Health communication component)





HCP-Larkano: Bright Star Launching Ceremony at UC Level

Bright start campaign “Hum Roshan Tu Kal Roshan” the HCC partners (SRSO/RSPN) held on behalf of USAID MCH Project Mini Launches at the Union Council /Community Level.

