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UCBPRP (CIF)

Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme
Funded by: GoS

Equine Welfare Project

Funded by: BROOKE

PPRP

Peoples Poverty Reduction Programme
Funded by: GoS

SRSO-Microfinance

Funded by: SP

Inertest Free Loan - IFL-II

Under EHSAAS Programme
Funded by: PPAF

USAID-Hub School (EMO-Schools)

Funded by: USAID-GoS

SUCCESS

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

PINS ER-III

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

DAF PAK

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

JICA - FHBWS

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

NPGP

National Poverty Graduation Programme
Funded by: IFAD-GoP

DRR-Project-II

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Funded by: ECHO

BEP

Body Energy Product
Funded by: RSPN-GET Foundation

Cluster School

Funded by: GoS

IHSS

Integrated Health Strengthening System
Funded by: JSI

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.

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.

- 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 MARCH 2022

S. No.	Key Performance Indicators		Achievement as of Dec: 2021	Achievement as of March: 2022	% 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		16,396	16,396	1%
5	No. of Household Organized		1,366,966	1,391,002	2%
6	VO Formation		13,741	13,778	0.3%
7	LSO Formation		581	582	0.2%
8	CO- Formation	Female	76,360	77,599	2%
9	CO-Membership	Female	1,366,966	1,391,002	2%
10	Income Generating Grant (IGG) Amount Disbursed (In Million)		551.92	631.43	14%
	No. of IGG Beneficiaries		41,375	46,482	12%
11	Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount disbursed (In Million)-Seed Money		2,772	3028.26	9%
	No. of CIF Beneficiaries		214,470	224,663	5%
12	Total amount of Microcredit disbursed (In Million)		19,922	20,960	5%
	No. of Beneficiaries of Micro Credit Programme		848,733	876,297	3%
13	No of Community members trained in vocational skill Training		92,704	97,128	5%
14	No of Community members trained in Managerial skill training		383,542	393,136	3%
15	Community Members trained as TBAs		4,777	4,777	0%
16	Micro Health Insurance (Clients)		998,459	1,025,602	3%
17	No. of Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)		27,195	27,213	0.1%
	Total amount of CPIs (In Millions)		1,677	1,684	0.4%
	Total Beneficiary Households		302,808	303,969	0.4%
18	No of Low Cost Houses		24,374	26,052	7%
19	No of Poultry layers distributed		25,500	25,500	2%
20	No of trees Planted		902,602	939,476	4%



S. No.	Districts		Geographical Coverage				
			Total No. of area in the District	# of SRSO intervened area as of December 2021	# of SRSO intervened area as of March 2022	% increase during Qtr:	% of total area coverage as of March 2022
1	Ghotki	Union Council	66	66	66	-	100%
		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	1,327	1,133	1,133	-	85%
		Household	186,893	182,461	188,170	3%	100%
5	Larkana	Union Council	47	47	47	-	100%
		Village	567	574	574	-	100%
		Household	88,997	74,135	74,135	-	83%
6	Naushahro Feroz	Union Council	51	5	5	-	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	101,747	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	37	37	-	100%
		Village	1,664	881	881	-	53%
		Household	135,906	14,429	34,911	142%	26%
10	Shaheed Benazir Abad	Union Council	51	34	34	-	71%
		Village	4,104	362	362	-	9%
		Household	210,984	-	-	-	-
11	Sanghar	Union Council	73	73	73	-	100%
		Village	1,022	1,055	1,055	-	100%
		Household	144,766	146,123	147,456	1%	100%
12	Mirpurkhas	Union Council	55	55	55	-	100%
		Village	783	785	785	-	100%
		Household	108,625	108,676	108,676	-	100%
13	Thatta	Union Council	41	41	41	-	100%
		Village	809	801	801	-	100%
		Household	93,533	93,574	93,627	0.1%	100%
14	Badin	Union Council	68	68	68	-	100%
		Village	1073	933	933	-	87%
		Household	148,784	147,451	148,612	1%	99%
15	Umerkot	Union Council	40	40	40	-	100%
		Village	690	754	754	-	100%
		Household	89,606	91,032	91,032	-	100%
GRAND TOTAL		Union Council	796	722	722	-	96%
		Village	24,693	16,396	16,396	-	67%
		Household	2,176,181	1,366,966	1,391,002	2%	64%



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 December 2021	# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of March 2022	% 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)	10,156	10,204	0.5%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,133	1,148	1%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	85	86	1%
5	Larkana	Community Organizations (COs)	3,454	3,454	-
		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	2,098	114%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	400	400	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	6	6	-
10	Sanghar	Community Organizations (COs)	7,862	7,899	0.5%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,055	1,055	0.1%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	73	73	-
11	Mirpurkhas	Community Organizations (COs)	6,340	6,340	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	785	793	1%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	55	55	-
12	Thatta	Community Organizations (COs)	5,667	5,670	0.1%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	801	801	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	41	41	-
13	Badin	Community Organizations (COs)	8,494	8,524	0.4%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	933	946	1%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	62	62	-
14	Umerkot	Community Organizations (COs)	5,339	5,341	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	754	754	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	40	40	-
GRAND TOTAL		Community Organizations (COs)	76,360	77,599	2%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	13,741	13,778	0.3%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	581	582	0.2%



District wise Disbursement of Income Generating Grants (IGG) (Women Beneficiaries)

S. No.	Districts	as of December 2021		as of March 2022		% increase during Qtr
		# of Benef:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	# of Benef:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	
1	Shikarpur	3,717	39.50	3,717	39.5	-
2	Kashmore - Kandhkot	2,543	26.13	2,543	26.13	-
3	Jacobabad	1,348	17.31	1,348	17.31	-
4	Khairpur	4,771	69.0	4,771	68.9	-
5	Sukkur	172	2.50	420	6.00	140%
6	Ghotki	146	2.20	627	9.42	328%
5	Larkana	6,590	83.19	8,135	105.5	27%
6	Qamber Shahdadkot	8,302	117.17	10,817	158.9	36%
7	Badin	3,062	42.67	3,062	42.67	-
8	Thatta	2,719	40.74	2,719	40.74	-
9	Umerkot	2,514	36.75	2,514	36.75	-
10	Mirpurkhas	2,721	39.32	2,714	39.32	-
11	Sanghar	3,095	40.15	3,095	40.15	-
Total IGG Disbursed		41,375	551.92	46,482	631.43	14%

District wise Disbursement of Community Investment Fund (CIF) (Women Beneficiaries 100%)

Districts	As of December 2021				As of March 2022			
	Beneficiaries	Seed Money	Beneficiaries	Revolved	Beneficiaries	Seed Money	Beneficiaries	Revolved
Shikarpur	40,239	396.51	-	-	40,239	396.51	-	-
Kandhkot - Kashmore	35,863	374.07	-	-	35,863	374.07	-	-
Jacobabad	18,371	226.43	-	-	18,371	226.43	-	-
Khairpur	17,590	246.27	11,168	149.40	17,590	246.27	13,427	185.41
Sukkur	2,230	61.29	-	-	4,390	122.85	-	-
Ghotki	1,763	42.85	-	-	5,763	146.09	-	-
Noshero Feroze	370	1.85	-	-	370	1.85	-	-
Larkana	16,296	251.42	13,323	249.81	18,018	288.92	13,323	249.81
Shahdadkot	25,489	402.40	23,481	420.95	26,037	413.52	23,481	420.95
Badin	12,232	157.55	5,148	70.29	12,232	157.55	6,501	90.78
Thatta	8,230	122.69	6,255	101.45	8,230	122.69	7,523	124.23
Umerkot	10,365	142.12	6,679	95.26	10,365	142.12	8,397	125.96
Mirpurkhas	11,729	168.26	7,514	107.33	11,729	168.26	9,314	135.11
Sanghar	15,466	221.13	12,455	173.58	15,466	221.13	13,951	193.31
Grand Total	214,470	2,772	86,023	1,368	224,663	3028.26	95,917	1525.56
Total Beneficiaries (300,493) Total Amount in Million (4,140)					Total Beneficiaries (320,580) Total Amount in Million (4,553.83)			

Micro Finance (MF)

S. No.	Amount disbursed as of March 2022	
1	Total Amount of Micro Credit Disbursement (in (Milion)	20,960
	Men	1,896
	Women	19,064
2	No. of Loans	876,297
	Male	81,891
	Female	794,406
3	Sectoral Disbursement	20,960
	Agriculture	7,784
	Livestock	6,455
	Enterprise	6,721



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)

S. No.	Types of CPI Schemes	Achievement as of March 2022		
		No. of Schemes	Cost of Schemes (In Millions)	BHHs
	Total of CPI Schemes	27,213	1,684	303,969
1	Sanitation	15,958	199.89	87,738
2	Street Pavement & Sanitation	74	220.41	13,443
3	Drinking Water Supply Schemes (DWSS)	9,541	351.35	52,641
4	Low Cost Village Improvement Schemes (LCVI)	72	127.09	7,248
5	Communication	1,006	469.77	94,455
6	Irrigation	474	196.68	14,314
7	IAUP	1	2.09	75
8	Water Filter Plants by GoS	40	23.58	28,570
9	Street Lighting on solar system	16	11.54	939
10	Schools Renovation/Construction	31	80.93	4,546

Human Resource Development (HRD)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of Dec: 2021	Achievement as of March 2022	% increase during Qtr:
1	No. of Community Members provided scholarship for Vocational Skill Training	92,704	97,128	5%
2	No. of Community Members trained in Community Management Skill Training	383,542	393,136	3%
3	No. of SRSO Staff Trained in different programme/project training	6,691	6,691	0%

Low Cost Housing (LCH)

S. No.	Housing Schemes	No of Houses	Cost of Houses (In Millions)	BHHs
	Total of Housing Schemes	26,052	16,795	26,052
11	Low Cost Housing Scheme (2007-2022)	25,562	16,608	25,562
12	Benazir Housing Cell	490	113.63	490

Micro Health Insurance (MHI)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of Dec: 2021	Achievement as of March 2022	% increase during Qtr:
1	No. of Community Members provided Micro Health Insurance Cover	998,459	1,025,602	3
2	No. of Community Members Treated through MHI	23,943	24,452	2
	Men	4,395	4,505	3
	Women	19,548	19,941	2
3	Amount of claims availed by Community (In Million)	230.44	318.80	38



Peoples Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP) - I
District Khairpur, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Umerkot, Badin & Thatta

(April 2017-June 2023)

Project Activities	Unit	Programme Targets	Cumulative Achievement as of March 2022	%
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	776,620	100%
Formation of Community Organizations (CO)	CO	44,560	43,978	99%
Formation of Village Organization (VO)	VO	5,570	5,498	99%
Formation of Local Support Organizations (LSO)	LSO	365	357	98%
Capacity Building of CO bearers	Person	89,120	81,999	92%
Capacity Building of VO bearers	Person	33,420	28,928	87%
Capacity Building of LSO bearers	Person	2,196	1,795	82%
No of Beneficiaries trained in Vocational and Technical Skills	Person	36,092	31,465	87%
No of Households given CIF	Household	137,492	75,612	55%
No of Households given IGG	Household	34,372	18,837	55%
Formation of Business Development Groups (BDGs)	No	500	236	47%
No of Low Cost Housing Scheme	Number	9,623	8,803	91%

Peoples Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP)-II

District Sukkur & Ghotki

(June 2019-June 2023)

Project Activities	Unit	Programme Targets	Cumulative Achievement as of March 2021	%
Poverty Scorecard Census	UC	103	103	100%
Households Census	Household	360,620	268,400	74%
Population Census	Person	2,019,699	1,721,216	85%
Number of HHs organized	Household	252,434	92,962	37%
Formation of Community Organizations (CO)	CO	14,024	5,374	38%
Formation of Village Organization (VO)	VO	1,753	496	28%
Formation of Local Support Organizations (LSO)	LSO	103	2	2%
Capacity Building of CO bearers	Person	28,048	7,639	27%
Capacity Building of VO bearers	Person	10,518	881	8%
Capacity Building of LSO bearers	Person	618	-	-
No of Beneficiaries trained in Vocational and Technical Skills	Person	15,000	1,250	8%
Village Improvement Plan	No	103	-	-
Kitchen Garden	Person	10,000	-	-
No of Households given CIF	Household	100,000	10,149	10%
No of Households given IGG	Household	12,000	1,047	9%
Formation of Business Development Groups (BDGs)	No	71	-	-
No of Low Cost Housing Scheme	Number	10,000	795	8%



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 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	175,887	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	16,258	88.5%
LMST of VO's office bearers	Person	2,816	2,849	100%
LMST of LSO's office bearers	Person	891	544	61%
Activists workshops for office bearers of LSO / VO / CO	Event	252	132	52%
CRP Training on CIF and CAT (VO based CRPs)	Person	990	959	97%
Training of Bookkeeper/Accountant	Person	764	661	87%
No of Beneficiaries Trained in Vocational and Technical Skills	Person	14,600	11,982	82%
No. of Households Given IGG	Household	18,994	18,952	99.8%
No. of Households Given CIF	Household	41,785	41,785	100%
No of beneficiaries insured in Micro Health Insurance Programme	Person	47,894	46,836	98%
No of CPI Schemes Initiated	Number	949	920	97%
No CPI Schemes Completed	Number	920	803	87%



Mr. Ivan Borisavljevic (First Counsellor-European Union Delegation Pakistan) visits SRSO

Kamber-Shahdadt/January 19, 2022

Mr. Ivan Borisavljevic (First Counsellor-European Union Delegation Pakistan) visited Sindh Rural Support Organization. He participated in the LSO conference, visited different interventions under EU-supported SUCCESS and PINS Programmes, and met Community Institutions, beneficiaries and district administration in district Kamber-Shahdadt. Dr. Shereen Mustafa (Technical Adviser SRSO), Mr. Muhammad



Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO), Mr. Fazil Sadi (Programme Manager SUCCESS-RSPN), Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro (Team Leader-SUCCESS-SRSO) and Mr. Hamid Ali Magsi (Program Manager PINS-SRSO) also joined him in this visit.

LSO conference was held on Langh Lake Kambar and different stakeholders from government, civil society and community institutions participated in the event. LSO leaders presented the profile and progress of LSO Dhori and LSO Jazbo and beneficiaries shared their stories about how they faced hurdles and made their lives better than before. Ms. Shereen Mustafa

appreciated CIs and said “You should not be to stop to grow your struggle. It must be continued with honesty and the same courage which you showed today.” Mr. Fazil Sadi said that “LSOs should be able to continue running their organizations on their behalf, it will be the true meaning to achieve the program’s aim.” CEO -SRSO shared his views and said that “everything is possible when you once decide to do something for change and development of the community and society at large”. In the last, Mr., Ivan encouraged the overall work of SUCCESS and said “what we have funded it utilized truly and he expressed that he is happy to see the work and efforts of SRSO -SUCCESS and it is the success of SUCCESS.”

LSO Sobh organized a General Body meeting at Khairo Khan Jatoti, UC Chaudero, Taluka Nasirabad. Delegation members also attended the meeting and listened to experiences, views, and learning of the Women-Led Community institutions. LSO Leaders presented the achievement of LSO under both EU-funded SUCCESS, PINS ER-3 Programmes. He visited Farmer Field School and KG HH and met beneficiaries and discussed different interventions likewise IGG, CIF, TVST, Goat, and other initiatives and their impacts on their lives.

The delegation also held a meeting with District Commissioner Kambar-Shahdadt at the DC office. District Manager SRSO gave a detailed overview of SRSO work. District Commissioner appreciated the overall efforts that have been taken by SRSO to improve poor communities in rural Sindh.

HIGHLIGHTS





“World Forest Day” celebration in partnership with Forest Department-Govt. of Sindh under the EU funded PINS-ER-III

Larkana, Kamber-Shahdadkot & Shikarpur/March 21, 2022

World Forest Day was celebrated in partnership with the Forest Department (Govt. of Sindh) under the EU-funded Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh (PINS-ER-III). The day was celebrated in Shikarpur, Larkana, and Kamber Shahdadkot districts to create awareness about the importance of forests and fruit-bearing trees and to highlight the role of Forests in ensuring sustainable production and consumption.

Representatives of the ACF, Forest, Agriculture Extension, Fisheries, Livestock, and Social Welfare Departments, educationists, school children, community leaders of CIs, civil society activists, electronic and print media and SRSO participated in these events. Participants commended the effort of SRSO and urged the communities to plant a tree and also nurture them to contribute their share for “Clean Green Pakistan and enhanced forest cover and promote a green

environment.

Fruit-bearing plants were also distributed during the events among participants to plant, care and grow a tree in their homes. The main objective of this drive is the promotion of the plantation of fruit-bearing trees at the household level to fulfill the nutrition needs of a family and support a national-level plantation campaign for achieving the goals of sustainable development and climate change. The plantation drive of fruit-bearing trees was started from 1st to 20th March 2022 as part of the Program for Improved Nutrition in Sindh (ER-III nutrition-sensitive component). In this regard, from Sindh Forest Department, SRSO received 50,000 fruit plants, and distributed them among LSOs and rural Communities and planted enthusiastically in the plantation drive.



International Day of Education was commemorated under the theme of “Changing Course, Transforming the Education” at EMO-Hub School Sami

Khairpur Mir's/January 24, 2022

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) celebrated International Day of Education under the theme of “Changing Course, Transforming the Education” in collaboration with the Education and Literacy Department-Govt. of Sindh at Govt. High School Sami in District Khairpur. Educationists Mr. Muhammad Ashraf, Mr. Ghulam Jaffar, Syed Sabat Ali Shah, Abdul Razak Memon and Mr. Akram Shaikh (PM-SRSO) were among the distinguished guests.

On the occasion, Speech, Quiz Competition, and Essay writing competition were arranged for the student to show their creativity and learning.

A panel discussion was also conducted on the Right to Education under Article 25-A. participants shared that 258 million children and teenagers don't go to school and their basic

right to education is being violated. If we are to transform the future, we must rethink about education.

Guests appreciated the efforts of SRSO for the provision of quality education in rural Sindh. Trees were planted in the school to follow the cause of the SRSO to promote a clean and green environment for future generations.



Managerial Activist Conference (MAC) organized on the occasion of International Women's Day under PPRP-GoS

Ghotki/March 08, 2022

On the occasion of International Women's Day, 8th March 2022, a Managerial Activist Conference (MAC) was organized at Village Abdul Rahim in UC Ruk of district Ghotki, under the Sindh Government-funded Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP). Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO) was the chief guest of the event. Representatives of govt. line departments, local notables, and Community leaders/ activists participated in the event and acknowledged the achievements of rural women, and encouraged them to call out gender bias and inequality.

Office bearers Ms. Nasreen and Ms. Naheed from Village Organization (VO)-Kamiyab, shared their valuable experiences, achievements, self-help initiatives, and program interventions under PPRP that brought a change in their lives. She also shared their future planning to resolve the issues and outcomes with the support of the Sindh Government and SRSO.

CEO – SRSO said that “without gender equality, rural women's economic and social empowerment can never be achieved.” Mr.

Kalhoro appreciated the contribution of women in sustainable societies. As a society, we must ensure that they participate fully, and enjoy equal rights and opportunities in all domains. SRSO has been striving hard to uplift the living standard of rural communities with the support of the Sindh Government under the PPRP.



SRSO Organized Seminar on Impact of locust on our livelihood under ACF-SIDA supported Project

Mirpurkhas/February 17, 2022

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) in collaboration with Action Against Hunger (ACF) organized a seminar on the Impact of locusts on livelihood. This event was organized in the continuity of a district-level seminars under the SIDA-funded, Building Resilient Communities by Connecting Disaster and Emergency Responses to Sustainable Development Project. The main purpose of the seminar was to provide the platform where social, political, and administrative pillars were mutually discussing the DRR-related awareness and especially discuss key issues and causes of locusts and its preventing strategies. DM-SRSO welcomed participants and shared briefly the objective of the Seminar and thanked all for their participation in the seminar.

Mr. Asif Ali Khaskheli (Assistant Commissioner Sindhri) and Mr. Rano Mal (ACF Provisional Head) were the chief guests of the event. Whereas Mr. Junaid Mirza (Deputy Director Social Welfare) Mr. Satram Das (Additional Agriculture Department),

Mr. Hakim Jalbani (Deputy Director Livestock), Mr. Naeem Mirbehar (Health Department) Mr. Israr Shahani & Ms. Ambreen Chandio representatives of (FAO) and Mr. Suhail Siddiqui (CESSVI), and representative of LSOs, Media, especially the DRR project UCs also participated in the event and shared their views.

Project communities shared their experiences and learnings to combat DRR especially locusts and their preventing measures. Different stakeholders from govt. line departments especially agriculture and livestock briefed about their roles during emergencies. Civil society organizations emphasized the role of each stakeholder to protect communities during the hazards, disasters and emergencies. Chief guests concluded the views of the communities, govt. and civil society and said that joint efforts and collaboration of key stakeholders are very important and minimizing risks and hazards of the disasters.





A high-profile delegation of USAID under the leadership of U.S Consul General Visits SRSO managed USAID-EMO-Hub School

Sukkur/March30, 2022

A high-profile delegation of USAID under the leadership of U.S Consul General Mark Stroh visits SRSO managed EMO-Hub School. He arrived at Government Girls School Numaish Colony Sukkur as per the planned schedule. He started to visit from ECE class which is the fundamental unit of education. Afterward, the dispensary, science lab, computer lab, and multipurpose hall were visited and ongoing school-based academic activities where students were performed everywhere. He lauded and encouraged students and put notes on their drawing sheets. On

this occasion, Manager-USAID EMO Schools and School Coordinator welcomed the delegation and facilitated the whole visit. They have been honored through Sindhi's cultural gift.

At present, SRSO is managing two USAID-EMO-Hub Schools i) Govt. Girls High School Numaish Colony Sukkur and ii) Govt. Boys High Schools Sami Khairpur Mir's' to improve quality education under the Sindh Basic Education Program (USAID-EMO Hub Schools Project) with the Education and Literacy Department-Govt. of Sindh.



Dr. Mehreen Razzaq Bhutto (MNA) along with CEO-SRSO conducts dialogue with Community Institutions and visits SUCCESS Programme interventions

Larkana/February11, 2022

Dr. Mehreen Razzaq Bhutto (Member National Assembly-MNA) along with Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO), Mr. Asif Khuhro (CFO-SRSO), and SRSO officials conducted a dialogue with women Community Leaders of LSO Fateh of UC Izat ji Wandh in district Larkana.

Members of 20 Village Organizations shared their Success Stories and Self-help initiatives they have taken under the European Union-funded, Sindh Union Council, and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS) Programme, like; enrollment of children in schools, vaccination of measles and COVID-19, plantation of fruit trees, registration of CINC also highlighted issues and challenges they are facing. They shared that SUCCESS Programme has motivated them and encouraged them to live life with vitality and dignity and raised the quality of leadership among rural women.

She met with the amazing Business Development Group (BDG) "SUCCESS Khazana". Ms. Mehreen also visited the Adult Literacy and Numeracy Center (ALNC) of village Phulpoto, established under the SUCCESS Programme, to reduce

Illiteracy and aims to impart basic literacy and numeracy skills to the women leaders in rural areas. Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro briefed about SUCCESS Programme through the display of "The Wall of SUCCESS". Dr. Mehreen appreciated the work of SRSO at the grassroots level for the empowerment of rural women and community development to reduce poverty.



Closing Ceremony of Promoting Rights of Older People Project

Karachi/February 24, 2022

The closing ceremony of the Pro-people Project Promoting Rights of Older People was organized @ Karachi, where more than 80 stakeholders including Mr. Muhammad Sajid Jokhio Minister of Social Welfare, Govt. of Sindh, Dr. Shereen Mustafa Narejo Technical Advisor SRSO, Syed Moez -u-Deen Country Director HelpAge International, Ms. Marvi Rashidi MPA and Ms. Shamim Mumtaz MPA and Chairperson Sindh Senior Citizen Council, Buzrogh Dost Network (BDN) and Older Peoples' Associations (OPAs) members, civil society representatives, officials from social welfare and health departments, members of senior citizens council, and elected representatives attended the ceremony. Appreciation awards were given to the SRSO team, BDN, and OPAs for their efforts and contribution in promoting older peoples' rights in Sindh under this project.



An awareness-raising rally was organized for a village-level plantation drive with the “Go Green and Plant A Tree”

Thatta/February 24, 2022



Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) under the “Community Based Multi-Sectoral Integrated Project” initiated a plantation drive “Go Green and Plant A Tree” in district Thatta in collaboration with Action Against Hunger (ACF) and The Humanitarian Aid Department of European Commission (ECHO). For this purpose, an awareness-raising rally was organized from the DC office to public Park Makli, and officials of the district administration, representatives of the Education, Health, Forest, Agriculture, and Social Welfare departments, Community Activists, and SRSO team members participated in the rally.

Mr. Ghazanfar Ali Qadri (Deputy Commissioner Thatta) participated in the rally and planted a tree to support the cause of planting 50, 000 plants in 50 disaster-prone villages of 10 Union Councils of district Thatta.

SRSO staff and artisan women participated and appreciated in 5th National Women's Day

Karachi/February 12, 2022

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) participated in the 5th National Women's Day celebrations and Sartyoon Sang Crafts Enterprise set up four stalls on the occasion. The event was hosted by The Sindh Commission on the Status of Women (SCSW) in collaboration with the Women Development Department (GoS) and Karachi Metropolitan Corporation at Frere Hall, Karachi.

22 female artisans from Larkana, Kamber-Shahdadkot, Kashmore@Kandhkot, Shikarpur, Umarmkot, Sanghar, Sukkur, and Khairpur districts participated and received awards of appreciation based on their accomplishments and vision for women empowerment. Dr. Shereen Mustafa Narejo (Technical Adviser-SRSO) also participated and addressed as a distinguished speaker at the event, in which, she highlighted SRSO interventions and working with rural women for their social and economic empowerment.





Joint Monitoring Field visit of Government Departments' Officials of the EU-funded PINS-ER-3

Kamber-Shahdadkot/February 11, 2022

Joint Monitoring Field visit of Government Departments' Officials along with Action Against Hunger (ACF) and RSPN representatives visited EU-funded Programme For Improved Nutrition in Sindh (ER-III) interventions at Village Mumtazabad of UC Warah in district Kamber Shahdadkot and interacted with the women Community Leaders of LSO Suhni. Program beneficiaries shared their success stories and self-initiative they have taken under the EU Funded Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh (ER-III). Representatives of the Fisheries, Livestock, Agriculture, and Forest department also joined the delegation and witnessed harvesting at Community Fish farm,

Kitchen Gardening sites, and the swing of 5 Color Vegetables, met with agriculture and livestock entrepreneurs, and livestock camp by CLEW, and visited Farmer Field School. A de-briefing meeting was held and Mr. Asif Ali Khuhro (Chief Financial Officer –SRSO) also participated. SRSO is implementing European Union-funded Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh's nutrition-specific in a partnership with the RSPN in Larkana, Kamber-Shahdadkot, and Shikarpur districts. It aims to improve the nutrition of children under five and pregnant and lactating women.



SRSO-ACF organized a Seminar on Climate Change: Issues & Solutions.

Mr. Riaz Hussain Shah Sheerazi Member of Provincial Assembly Sindh was the Chief Guest

Thatta/January 25, 2022

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) in collaboration with Action Against Hunger (ACF) organized a seminar on Climate Change- Issues and Solutions at the auditorium of Polytechnic College Makkli in district Thatta. The main purpose of the seminar was to discuss key issues and causes of climate change and its adverse effects on lives and livelihoods and steps that should be taken to reduce its impact.

Mr. Riaz Hussain Shah Sheerazi (Member Provincial Assembly –Sindh) was the Chief Guest. Mr. Riaz Hussain Laghari (ADC 1 Thatta), Mr. Sarfraz Gugo (Deputy Director Agriculture Department), Mr. Kuda Bux Behrani (Deputy Director Social Welfare Department), Mr. Akhtar Samo (Researcher on coastal community), Education Department were among the distinguished guests and Mr. Mustafa Baloch (Training Consultant), Mr. Sajjad Kandher (Senior PM- ACF) and Ms. Effat (PM- ACF) also participated in the event and shared their views.



SRSO supports the Clean and Green Sukkur campaign

Sukkur/February 24, 2022

In the continuity of the ongoing Clean and Green Sukkur Campaign of the Municipal Corporation and District Administration Sukkur organized a mega walk and event at Lab-i-E Mehran Sukkur. Sindh Rural Support Organization is also believing strongly in making a clean and green environment for future generations therefore, SRSO supports the Clean and Green Sukkur Campaign and participated actively in the walk and event. On this occasion, SRSO participated in the awareness walk and established a stall at the event venue and

displayed/showcased SRSO publications, raised flowers and plants and Sartyoon Sang crafts of rural women.

Mr. Irfan Islam Shaikh (CM Adviser), Deputy Commissioner Sukkur, and Sukkur Administrator led the walk and event, which was attended by a large number of people from each walk of life. i.e. govt. departments, business, education institutions, corporation staff, media, and civil society organizations. Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO) also joined the walk.



H2O Water Wheels distribution, donated by Tayaba Organization in White Desert of Sindh

Sanghar/March 31, 2022

H2O Wheels distribution ceremonies were organized by SRSO Sanghar Office in Taluka Jam Nawaz Ali, Taluka Sinjhora, and Taluka Khipro under the Sindh Government-funded Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program (PPRP). 450 H2O wheels were distributed in rural communities of district Sanghar. These H2O wheels were donated by TAYABA WELFARE ORGANIZATION to improve the lives of unprivileged rural communities by providing effective solutions to overcome water scarcity.

H2O "Help 2 Others" which is a specially designed water-carrying device. The water wheel is simple in design and revolutionary in impact and has a built-in water storage capacity of 40 liters. The provision of H2O wheels resulted in the reduction of physical stress, saved time, and the hassle-free collection and transportation of almost 5 times more water than the capacity of a traditional clay pot.





SRSO fostered Community Institutions celebrated International Women's Day

Jacobabad/Larkana and Khairpur/March 08, 2022

LSO Eman UC Thull Nao, CO Mashallah (Women Group) Village Wadho Lashari UC Mashori Shariff District Larkana and Village Faizal Mahar UC Fateh Pur and Village Gadeji UC Gadeji district Khairpur Celebrated International Women's Day under the Brooke Pakistan-supported Equine Welfare Project on 8th March 2022. On this occasion, a solidarity walk was also arranged. "Sustainable tomorrow" globally and called for climate action for women, by women. On this occasion dialogue. Cake cutting and solidarity walks were conducted by organized rural women.

International Women's Day is all about valuing oneself and realizing one's potential. The Day was celebrated by highlighting the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. Participants appreciated the role of women in the social and economic development of the community. Celebrated IWD

on March 08, 2022. Total of 110 women of equine animal holder's communities participated in all 04 events in 03 districts.



LSO Suhni Dharti celebrated International Women's Day under "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow"

Kamber-Shahdadt Kot/March 08, 2022

Local Support Organization Suhni Dharti organized an activist workshop at village Bharmi Union Council Karirain district Kamber Shahdadt Kot celebrated "WOMEN'S DAY" under the theme "Gender Equality today for a Sustainable Tomorrow". Community leaders and activists, representatives from Social Welfare Department, Women Development Department, Child Protection, and SRSO staff participated and acknowledged the Success and struggle of rural communities. Participants shared their views regarding gender equality and women's rights. Without gender equality, rural women's economic and social empowerment can never be achieved. Women's Day was celebrated under the EU-funded SUCCESS Program.



SRSO celebrated International Women's day with beneficiaries of the NPGP/Ehsaas

Amdan

Shikarpur/March 08, 2022

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) under GoP supported National Poverty Graduation Programme celebrated International Women's Day on March 08, 2022, at VO Qubo Jami UC Sehwan District Shikarpur.

The speakers highlighted that despite the progress we are still a long way from understanding women's real potential worldwide. Women have to struggle hard to achieve their goals and shine in all spheres of life. GM Microfinance Ms. Shazia Shaikh distributed saplings of Fruit Plants among the community members



A Joint Mission of Women Development Department-GoS, JICA, and SRSO visits selected BDGs for LIGHT F Project Phase 2

Sukkur, Ghotki and Larkana/January 28 and 29, 2022

A joint mission of three partners of the LIGHT F Project i.e. Women Development Department, JICA, and SRSO conducted a visit of selected BDGs for the second phase in the Sukkur, Ghotki, and Larkana districts. Mission was comprised of Ms. Anjum Iqbal Jumani (Secretary–Women Development Department-GoS), Ms. Chiyo Mamiya (Chief Advisor-JICA), and Mr. Riaz Jalalani (Manager-CED) visited selected SRSO fostered BDGs. The main purpose of the visits was to hold joint introductory meetings with selected BDGs to brief them about their roles, observe their crafts and discuss issues and future strategies. During meetings, BDGs introduced their group, and work as well as displaying their artwork. Under the 2nd Phase, Light-F Project 10 more BDGs have been selected from Larkana 07, Ghotki 02, and Sukkur01 districts for interventions to

improve the livelihood of female home-based workers.

In district Larkana, they met with amazing BDG members of BDG Kundhi at VO Channa, UC Mad Bahu, BDG Dingro at VO Paleo Gopang, and BDG Fashq at VO Balach Sunani District Larkana. The BDG members shared about the work they have been doing. Guests purchased some stunning products from BDGs. Ms. Anjum Iqbal encouraged the efforts of Business development groups and said that rural women have to improve their livelihoods and their families in terms of life skill management, BDGs need to develop linkages with the market in the future for income generation and formal employment. After that Ms. Anjum Iqbal visited the women-only market established at Balhrej UC Moenjo Daro.



UNICEF Delegation visits Sindh Rural Support Organization

SRSO Complex Sukkur/January 06, 2022

UNICEF delegation led by Ms. Vanessa Lee (Education Manager), UNICEF Sindh along with Mr. Parvez Pirzado (Education Officer), Ms. Nida Dossa (Education Officer), Mr. Aftab Nizamani (School Clustering Consultant), and Ms. Mishal Jawaid (Communication Consultant) held an introductory meeting with SRSO management at SRSO Complex Sukkur.

SRSO–Social Service Sector (SSS) Team briefed about ongoing education-related projects for increasing access to the right to education of rural children in partnership with Sindh Education Foundation (SEF)-Govt. of Sindh and USAID-EMO schools in Shikarpur, Kashmore@Kandhkot, Sukkur, and Khairpur districts. Delegation appreciated the efforts of SRSO in the education sector and working for formal, non-formal, and adult literacy fields with active community participation through engaging Community Institutions (CO, VO, and LSO) and Education and

Literacy Department-Govt. of Sindh." The meeting was attended by all key sector heads of SRSO.





11th Sartyoon Sang Mega Crafts Exhibition @Ocean Mall Clifton Karachi

Karachi/ March 25-, 26, and 27, 2022

The three-day 11th Sartyoon Sang Mega Crafts Exhibition on March 25-, 26, and 27, 2022 at Ocean Mall Clifton Karachi was organized by the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) in collaboration with Sindh Government and other partners to display and promote the work of rural artisans women of Sindh with an aims to provide the market place and linkages for their livelihoodsupport.

In the exhibition, 9,188 products and crafts made by 1,572 member artisans of the SRSO formed, trained, and supported 95 Business Development Groups (BDGs) from 12 outreach districts of Sindh were showcased and marketed by rural artisan women.

Barrister Murtaza Wahab Administrator Karachi inaugurated the exhibition. He visited the all established stalls by rural women

artisans and got information about their products and views. CEO and Technical Advisor SRSO facilitated him during visiting stalls and meeting with artisans. On this occasion, he talked with the media as well and shared their views about the exhibition. He appreciated the work of rural women and the efforts of SRSO for promoting their work through this initiative. He said “rural artisan women are doing great artwork according to modern needs and innovation therefore it must be appreciated and promoted by purchasing as well. Sindh Government is working with SRSO to support these women to increase their income and reduce poverty through supporting different initiatives in different districts of Sindh.”



World Forest Day 2022 was celebrated in collaboration with District Administration and Social Forestry Department under the ECHO -9

Thatta/March22, 2022

World Forest Day was celebrated in partnership with the Forest Department (Govt. of Sindh) and district administration of Thatta, under the Action Against Hunger (ACF) and The Humanitarian Aid Department of the European Commission (ECHO) funded “Community Based Multi-Sectoral Integrated Program”. The day was celebrated in UC Sonda near Khenjhar Jheel to create awareness about the importance of forests and fruit-bearing trees and their impacts on the environment.

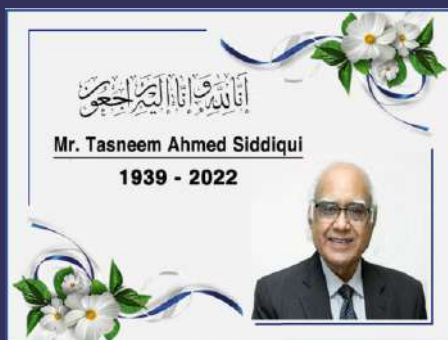
Mr. Ghazanfar Qadiri Deputy Commissioner Thatta was the chief guest while officials of the district administration, ACF officials, representatives of Forest, Agriculture, and Social Welfare departments, Community Activists, and SRSO officials actively participated. Participants commended the effort of SRSO and urged the communities to plant a tree and also

nurture them to contribute their share to support the drive Go Green & Plant A Tree for achieving the goals of sustainable development and saving the earth from adverse effects of climate changes and calamities.



Pictorial Highlights 11th Sartyoon Sang Mega Crafts Exhibition





The SRSO Board members and staff wholeheartedly express their sorrow for the death of Mr. Tasneem Ahmed Siddiqui on 29 January, 2022. We all acknowledge his services, contributions, and support during his long-term affiliation with SRSO as a founding member since its inception in May 2003. A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts and

minds, he will not be forgotten. The valuable contributions extended by him during his tenure with commitment and dedication to our cause over the past 18 years, were a great source of strength and inspiration to SRSO. He was a man of great intellect, vision, and courage who dedicated himself to building bridges to a better future. For excellence in public service, he won Ramon Magsaysay Award and Sitara-e-Imtiaz in 1999. Today we mourn the passing of a great son of Pakistan who has left behind a powerful legacy of humility, simplicity, and dedication in our struggle for democratic culture, unity, justice, peace, and prosperity in Pakistan.

Pray for strength for his family. Most profound condolences to the family, friends, and entire development sector. MAY THE ALMIGHTY ALLAH REST HIS SOUL IN ETERNAL PEACE Ameen!



Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO) addressed the 30th Senior Management Course (SMC) on January 24, 2022, at the National Institute of Management (NIM) previously known as NIPA Karachi. He briefed in his presentation about SRSO, its mandate, organizational structure, and strategy to reduce poverty and community empowerment. In strategy, he shared detail of the beneficiary identification and selection through the Poverty Score Card survey, three tier social mobilization (CO, VO, and LSO), interventions, and impact assessment tools and techniques. The social mobilization process was shared and discussed in detail with management course participants.



"Taraqi Jo Safar- Journey Towards Development" A Dissemination Conference, organized by the SRSO & RSPN in collaboration with the district administration of Larkana. As the theme suggests, this event aims to highlight the achievements of the community and the paradigm shift in their lives over the past 6 years. Mr. Tariq Manzoor Chandio, Deputy Commissioner Larkana, Assistant Commissioner (AC) Larkana, AC Bakrani, AC Dokri, and other line-department government officials, media personnel, along with the SRSO-SUCCESS team actively participated. The community leaders of Larkana welcomed the guests warmly and shared intervention-based achievements and self-initiatives.



In January and February 2022, DRR tool kits have been distributed successfully to 30 Local Support Organizations (LSOs) in 30 Union Councils of the disaster-prone areas of the district Thatta, Badin and Mirpurkhas under the SIDA-ACF funded Building Resilient Communities by Connecting Disaster and Emergency Responses to Sustainable Development Project. The Main purpose is facilitate communities to deal with disasters through its effective use. DRR Tool Kits comprised of wheelbarrows, Ropes, Search Lights, Whistles, Spades, Mega Phones, and Leather Bags. These DRR tool kits will help them reduce their suffering and help them to get out of emergencies.



SRSO in collaboration with IdeaGist, under the Government of Sindh-funded "Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program" has initiated one-month Training of Young Aspirant Entrepreneurs to startup small businesses in 6 districts, Sanghar, Umerkot, Mirpurkhas, Badin & Thatta of Sindh province. This training will support the startups to set up an enterprise, legal and financial knowledge, provision of business development services, and investment readiness training. The IdeaGist Incubation program under EDP is based on the idea of "Digital Knowledge-based small-scale businesses" which aims to digitally connect all stakeholders of the knowledge and innovation ecosystem of business to get more profit in terms of digital marketing and business network linkages.