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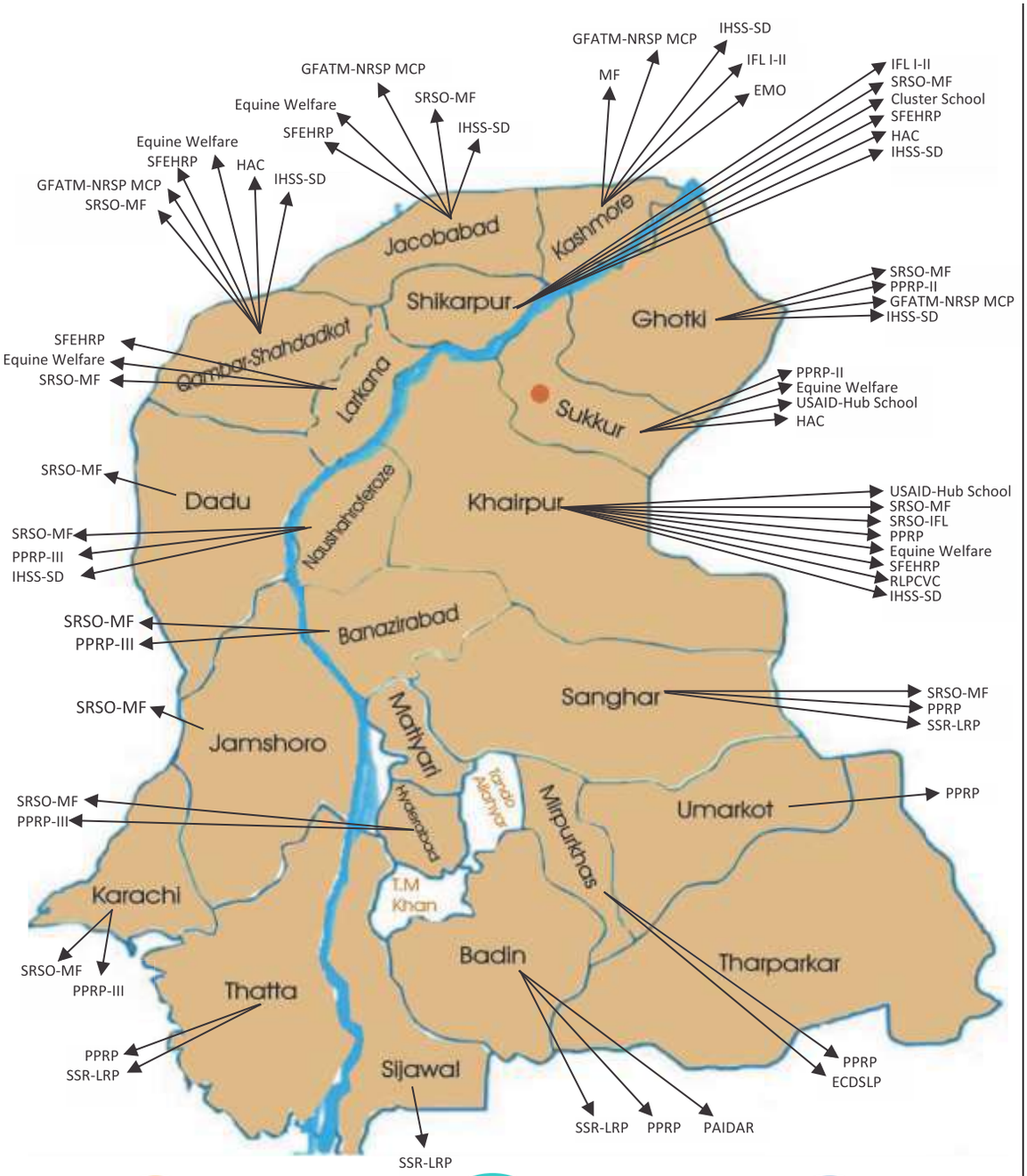
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SINDH RURAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATION (SRSO) OPERATIONAL AREAS



ON GOING PROJECTS

PPRP (Phase I – II & III)
Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme
Funded by: GoS

Cluster Schools
Funded by: SEF-GoS

USAID-Hub School (EMO-Schools)
Funded by: USAID-GoS

SFEHRP
Sindh Flood Emergency Housing Reconstruction Project
Funded by: World Bank -Govt. of Sindh

ECDSLP
Empowering Local Stakeholders and Communities for Diversified and Sustainable Livelihoods, and protection against Climate Risks for Vulnerable Communities. 2680
Funded by: MI

SRSO-Micro Finance
Funded by: SRSO

Interest Free Loan - IFL-II
Under EHSAAS Programme
Funded by: PPAF

SSR-LRP
Sindh Social Registry, Livelihood and Resilience Programme (SSR-LRP)
Funded by: EU-BMZ

RLPCVC
Restoring Livelihoods and Protection against climate risks for vulnerable communities
Funded by: Ministry of cooperation & Redevelopment, Germany 2645

GFATM-NRSP MCP
Consolidating Malaria Control Interventions to Reduce Incidence in High Endemic Districts of Pakistan (NFR-III)
Funded by: GFATM & NRSP

PAIDAR
Poverty Elevation and inclusive development across rural Sindh
Funded by: UNIDO

HAC
Humanitarian Aid delivery & consequences
Funded by: PPAF

Equine Welfare Project
Funded by: Brooke Pakistan

IHSS-SD
Integrated Health Systems Strengthening and Service Delivery Activity.
Funded by: JSI-RSPN

VISION

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

MISSION

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

OBJECTIVES

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

News Stories

Organized 17th Sartyoon Sang Crafts Exhibition in partnership with Govt. of Sindh



MPA and President Pakistan Peoples' Party (Ladies Wing) Ms. Faryal Talpur Inaugurated the exhibition

Ocean Mall, Karachi / December 5, 6 & 7, 2025

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) successfully organized 3-Day 17th Sartyoon Sang Crafts Exhibition in partnership with the Sindh Government and other partners at Ocean Mall, Karachi, Sindh. The primary objective of the exhibition was to support the rural women artisans of Sindh in rebuilding their lives and strengthening their livelihoods through providing opportunity to sell their crafts in urban market.

More than 6,000 rural women artisans of Business Development Groups (BDGs) from 14 SRSO-outreached districts showcased their traditional crafts/products over 7,000 products, including textiles, baskets, jewelry, and traditional clothing, showcasing Sindh's rich cultural heritage for marketing and promotion.

Member Provincial Assembly (MPA) & President of Pakistan 'Peoples Party (Ladies Wing) Ms. Faryal Talpur inaugurated the three-day 17th Sartyoon Sang Crafts Exhibition at Ocean Mall, Clifton, Karachi. The exhibition, organized by SRSO in collaboration with the Sindh Government, in order to showcases the work of thousands of rural women artisans from across Sindh.

Ms. Faryal Talpur visited all stalls, met artisans and praised crafts skills of rural women artisans and Sindh Government's efforts with SRSO to empower rural women and promote Sindh's handicrafts as enterprise. She emphasized the need to provide more market access to local artisans and promote cultural heritage.







On the occasion, Provincial Minister for Planning and Development Jam Khan Shoro, Parliamentary Secretary Planning and Development, Sadia Javed, Deputy Mayor Karachi Salman Abdullah Murad, Chairperson SRSO Naheed Shah Duraani, Dr. Shereen Mustafa SRSO-Board member and others were also present.

CEO-SRSO, Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, stated that the exhibition aims to facilitate rural women artisans for better income opportunities. SRSO has established Business Development Groups (BDGs) in operational districts, trained over 15,000 women members in various skills.

A large number of crafts lovers, SRSO friends, entrepreneurs and especially residents of Karachi visited exhibition and purchased crafts to support artisans. Meanwhile, key representatives from government departments, civil society organizations, artists and media also visited exhibition and appreciated artisans work and efforts of SRSO to empower rural women artisans through promoting crafts enterprise development, innovation and marketing linkages.

Media from print, electronic, and digital channels extensively visited and covered exhibition through news stories, inauguration ceremony, artisans, visitors, and SRSO management interviews.









Visit of Ms. Sadia Javed, Member Provincial Assembly, Parliamentary Secretary for Planning & Development, & Spokesperson of the Sindh Government



Mirpurkhas | November 15, 2025

Member Provincial Assembly, Parliamentary Secretary for Planning & Development, and Spokesperson of the Sindh Government, Sadia Javed, has said that empowering and strengthening women was the lifelong dream of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto, and Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari is carrying that mission with full dedication and commitment.

She expressed these views while addressing a ceremony in Village Sohbat Laghari, Union Council Makhan Samoon, Taluka Shujaabad, where she met organized rural women and local entrepreneurs, and distributed cheques of loans for support women in establishment of small businesses.

She emphasized that the mothers and sisters of Sindh are honest, dedicated, and visionary, and that this women-led and women-owned program is unique in Pakistan.

Earlier, Mayor Mirpurkhas, Abdul Rauf Ghauri said that Sindh Government's PPRP initiative is a revolutionary step toward reducing poverty by supporting vulnerable groups and making them socially and economically stronger.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Executive Officer SRSO, Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, informed participants that the Sindh Government launched this program across the province through SRSO. Under the Community Investment Fund, the Government provided SRSO with Rs. 7 billion, while Rs-1 billion was allocated as loans specifically for women to establish small enterprises. As a result, 400,000 women across Sindh have received financial assistance to establish their businesses. He added that the loan recovery rate stands at 99%, reflecting the honesty, discipline, and commitment of the beneficiaries.

Later, the MPA also visited Brit Women Garments and Sky Garments for Men and appreciated the efforts of SRSO in support to Govt. of Sindh's objective to reduce poverty.

Guests planted the tree to support community plantation drive and achieve goal of #GreenSindh. CEO-SRSO presented SRSO memorial shields to guests on coloration for women's empowerment and reduce poverty.

During the dialogue session, women leaders from community institutions and entrepreneurs supported under the People's Poverty Reduction Program (PPRP) funded by the Sindh Government, as well as those supported under the Malteser International and BMZ-funded project, shared their success stories. They also showcased their crafts and enterprises that have significantly improved their social and economic conditions.

District Manager SRSO, Syed Shehanshah, stated that the purpose of community-level programs is to organize, empower, and sensitize rural women while building their linkages with various institutions.

On this occasion, Regional General Manager Hyderabad Khadim Hussain Shar, Deputy Director Social Welfare Anwar Hussain Khaskheli, Asif Ali Qazi , Manager SRSO-Communications, Project Coordinator (MI Project) Maqsood Hussain Kolachi, Sohail Siddiqui, Sr. Manager PPRP, and other representatives were also present.



"The Leadership Role of Community Women in Rural Development"



A dialogue was held at the SRSO Complex, Sukkur, among Sindh's leading intellectuals and women leaders from eight districts of Sindh.

SRSO Complex Sukkur/ December 10, 2025

Under the theme "The Leadership Role of Community Women in Rural Development," a dialogue was held at the SRSO Complex, Sukkur, among Sindh's leading intellectuals and women leaders from eight districts of Sindh. The dialogue brought together women leaders of community institutions fostered by the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) to achieve rural development and poverty reduction through women's empowerment. During the session, the women leaders shared inspiring stories of social change and development achieved in their personal lives, households, and at the community level.

The dialogue was organized on the occasion of a visit to SRSO by renowned writers, intellectuals, and civil society leaders of Sindh, including Mr. Iqbal Tareen, Dr. Aijaz Turk, Mr. Naseer Memon, and Dr. Ayoub Shaikh. More than 60 active women activists from the Sukkur, Khairpur, Ghotki, Shikarpur, Jacobabad, Kashmore, Larkana, and Qambar Shahdadkot participated in the discussion. The session was facilitated by the Chief Executive Officer of SRSO, Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro.

The women leaders spoke about the obstacles they faced on their journey of development and change, how they confronted these challenges, and the significant achievements and impacts they attained as a result. They explained how they transformed themselves and the environment within their homes, and the difficulties encountered while forming organizations. The women shared the remarkable successes achieved by women-led community institutions—through collaboration with SRSO, government departments, elected representatives, and self-help in the areas of women's rights, poverty reduction, education, health, sanitation, housing construction, emergency relief and rehabilitation during floods, skills development, and livelihood promotion. They stated that their roles as women leaders are now recognized not only within their homes and communities but also at the union council and district levels.

Sindh's intellectuals collectively appreciated the inspiring journeys of these women, acknowledging their effective efforts despite the challenges faced at every level in underdeveloped and tribal-influenced districts of Sindh. While addressing the women, they said: "You are the hope for a bright future of a new Sindh. We salute your courage, passion, unity, and wisdom."





Naseer Memon said: "Listening to you has strengthened our morale. Your dreams and efforts will change Sindh. Therefore, never stop dreaming cherish your dreams and continue striving to achieve them." Iqbal Tareen remarked: "We have always been made to feel pessimistic by hearing unpleasant narratives about Sindh, but meeting you, witnessing your achievements firsthand, and listening to your inspiring stories has been a pleasant surprise. You are the living and shining Sindh we have dreamed of." Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ayoub Shaikh said: "You are the heroines of the new Sindh. You think, you dream, you raise your voices against injustices, and you also strive to bring about improvement." Dr. Aijaz Turk stated: "Listening to you has created hope that Sindh will continue to progress, because the women of Sindh are progressing. You are not darkness; you are rays of light, and I see Sindh's bright future in you."

On the occasion, Dr. Inayat Khand and Dr. AlllahJiyio also expressed their views, appreciated the spirit and struggle of SRSO and the women leaders of community institutions for social change and development, and offered their voluntary services to improve health conditions in villages.



Interaction with women leaders of community institutions, artisans and entrepreneurs

Thatto, Larkano and Sukkur / December 8, 9 & 11, 2025

A distinguished delegation of prominent scholars, writers, and civil society activists, led by CEO SRSO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro visits Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO). The distinguished delegation comprised of Mr. Iqbal Tareen, Mr. Aijaz Turk, Dr. Ayoub Shaikh, and Mr. Naseer Memon,& they visited SRSO interventions and met organized women especially under People's Poverty Reduction Program-PPRP funded by Sindh Government in various districts like: Thatto, Larkano and Sukkur.

The primary purpose of the visit was to witness the ongoing PPRP interventions to strengthen community institutions, livelihood initiatives, and women-led economic activities at the grassroots level.

In Thatto district, they visited Union Council Jungri, and attended dialogue of women leaders of community institutions and entrepreneurs. They shared their success stories and showcased their crafts and entreasures. During the visit, community stalls were set up by women artisans and entrepreneurs, showcase their products and crafts developed under the program.

2nd day, delegation visited Village Malook Khuhro, UC Lund, district Larkana to engage with organized rural women. LSO leader Ms. Shabana warmly welcomed the guests with traditional Ajrak, showcasing Sindh's rich cultural hospitality. The delegation visited the SRSO–SPHF & Sindh Government-supported reconstructed houses under SFEHRP, and also explored Business Development Group (BDG) stalls set up by rural women. They appreciated the women's craftsmanship, entrepreneurship, and progress.

During Sukkur visit, they interacted with women entrepreneurs, and visited Soap and Sanitary Pads Production Unit support by SRSO under PPRP-Govt. of Sindh at Village Loung Bhatti, Taluka Rohri.

During the visit, the delegation interacted with women workers engaged in soap and sanitary pad production. They discussed the work environment, production processes, and the transformative impact of SRSO's support on their livelihoods. The dialogue also touched upon challenges faced by the workers, with particular emphasis on marketing and accountancy solutions to strengthen sustainability.



Sukkur IBA University organized 8-week long Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP)





52 participants from Sukkur and Ghotki districts successfully completed the training at Sukkur IBA Executive Development Center - EDC

Sukkur IBA University /November 13, 2025

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO), in collaboration with Sukkur IBA University, has organized 8 week-Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP) for youth from underprivileged areas of Sukkur and Ghotki districts under People's Poverty Reduction Program-PPRP funded by Sindh Government. The program was organized by the Sukkur IBA Executive Development Center - EDC from 13 September to 13 November. 2025. On November 13, 2025, the course completion ceremony was held at EDC-IBA Sukkur.

Representatives from SRSO, including CEO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, along with the Regional General Manager Khairpur, CFO, HR Manager, Finance Manager, DMs, and field staff, participated in the event. From IBA, Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Mir Muhammad Shah and Director EDC Altaf Hussain Samo, along with faculty members, attended the event.

Key Highlights of the Event

- The program began with a welcome note by Mr. Altaf Hussain Samo (Director EDC), who highlighted the successful journey of the 8-week Entrepreneur's Development program.
- SRSO-RGM Aumir Abass Mangi briefed attendees on the importance and objectives of the training.
- CEO-SRSO shared his views on the training, emphasizing the importance of fostering an entrepreneurial mindset among participants. He appreciated the efforts of SRSO and IBA.
- A total of 52 certificates were distributed among participants who successfully completed the training.
- Additionally, 8 cheques total amount 2.3 million were distributed to entrepreneurs who submitted their innovative business plans.
- SRSO and IBA congratulate the trained entrepreneurs on their future endeavors.
- CEO-SRSO and Pro-VC Sukkur IBA exchanged memorial shields to collaborate for learning, development, & empowerment.

EDP was conceived, planned & executed successfully under the ongoing People's Poverty Reduction Program (PPRP) funded by the Sindh Government, implemented by SRSO in Sukkur and Ghotki districts. This initiative aims to empower young entrepreneurs with the enhanced entrepreneurship skills and knowledge needed to establish and grow innovative businesses, thereby contributing to economic development, reducing poverty, and unemployment in targeted areas.

Published Success Stories of 8-Week Long Entrepreneurship Training Program Graduates by Sukkur IBA University









SRSO-Board Engagements



October 28, 2025 | Karachi

The 22nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) was held on October 28, 2025 at the SRSO Coordination Office, Karachi, Sindh. Ms. Naheed Shah Durrani, Chairperson SRSO Board presided over the meeting. All respected members and board of directors attended the meeting, where various agenda points were discussed. The annual accounts of SRSO for the financial year 2024-2025 were reviewed and approved, and new directors were elected.

Following the AGM, the 82nd Board Meeting was also held at the Coordination Office, Karachi to review progress and strategic planning of the organization presented by CEO-SRSO.

Jacobabad | October 19, 2025

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) Board members, led by Chairperson Ms. Naheed Shah Durrani, visited Village Qaim Din Tanwari, Taluka Thul, District Jacobabad to engage with organized rural women, observe and review ongoing community development projects, and identify areas for further improvement.

The delegation included Mr. Naseer Memon, Mr. Shafique Ahmed Khoso, Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khero, Mr. Aazar Ayaz, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Abro and Ms. Raheema Panhwar. Meanwhile SRSO CEO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro and district team facilitated the visit.

During the visit, Board members observed the reconstruction of resilient houses for Sindh Floods 2022 victims under the Sindh People's Housing for Flood Affected (SPHF), funded by the Government of Sindh implemented by SRSO. They visited constructed houses and met beneficiary families to get their views and impacts of the houses.





October 18, 2025 | SRSO Complex Sukkur

The 81st meeting of the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) Board was held on October 18, 2025, at the SRSO Complex, Sukkur, under the chairpersonship of Ms. Naheed Shah Durrani, Chairperson SRSO Board.

The meeting was attended by esteemed Board Members. The Board reviewed in detail the progress of the 1st Quarter of FY 2026 and discussed and recommended the Annual Audited Accounts for FY 2024-2025.

The SRSO-Chief Executive Officer and Sector Heads shared comprehensive progress updates on the organization's key initiatives and ongoing programs.

Sukkur | December 18, 2025

Chairperson SRSO Board, Ms. Naheed Shah Duraani, and Chief Executive Officer Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro held a meeting with the SRSO Education Team at SRSO Complex, Sukkur, to review the progress of SRSO-managed schools.

During the meeting, the Senior Manager, SRSO–Social Service Sector (SSS) presented an overview of SRSO-managed Community Cluster and EMO Schools, highlighting new initiatives aimed at strengthening teachers' capacity, student enrollment, quality of education, and infrastructure development.

The Chairperson particularly appreciated the initiative to organize Science Festivals in all 27 secondary-level schools across four districts. On the occasion, the Chairperson and CEO presented an appreciation shield to the SRSO Education Team and extended their best wishes for the final round of the Science Festival scheduled for December 20, 2025, at the SRSO Complex.



Key Impacts of SRSO Interventions as of December, 2025

15
Operation Districts

86
Presence in Talukas

722
Presence in Union Councils

29,899
Presence in Villages

1,438,111
Households organized

79,886
Community Organizations (COs) formed

14,009
Village Organizations (VOs) formed

663
Local Support Organizations (LSOs) formed

67,188
Poor households received Income Generating Grants PKR 947.35 Million

319,019
Households benefitted with Community Investment Fund PKR 5,833.10 Million

1,150,138
Micro credit beneficiaries & disbursed 34,863 Million

28,882
Community Physical Infrastructure Schemes completed

1,163,300
Households insured under Micro Health Insurance cover

115,463
Community members trained in technical and vocational training

306,233
Houses constructed & handed over to poor households

1015,907
Trees planted and managed by community

25,500
Poultry layers distributed among poor households

113,444
Kitchen Gardening Established

6,005
Organized rural women in 692 Business Development Groups

14,163
Children are enrolled in SRSO-managed community schools

413, 315
Members of community institutions (CIs) trained in managerial skills training

SRSO CUMULATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 2025

S. No.	Key Performance Indicators	Achievement as of September 2025	Achievement as of December 2025	% increase during Qtr:
1	No. of Operational Districts	15	15	-
2	No. of Union Councils with SRSO presence	722	722	-
3	No. of Taluka with SRSO presence	86	86	-
4	No. of Villages with SRSO presence	29,899	29,899	-
5	No. of Household Organized	1,436,849	1,438,111	0.9%
6	VO Formation	14,002	14,009	0.05%
7	LSO Formation	657	663	0.9%
8	CO- Formation Female	79,843	79,886	0.05%
9	CO-Membership Female	1,436,849	1,438,111	0.9%
10	Income Generating Grant (IGG) Amount Disbursed (In Million)	947.35	947.35	-
11	No. of IGG Beneficiaries	67,188	67,188	-
12	No. of Un conditional cash grant Beneficiaries	2,037	2,037	-
13	Amount Disbursed in Million	71	71	-
14	No. of Un conditional cash grant Beneficiaries person with Disable (PWD)	600	600	-
15	Amount Disbursed in Millions	9	9	-
16	Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount disbursed (In Million)-Seed Money	5,833.10	5,845.69	0.2%
17	No. of CIF Beneficiaries	318,675	319,019	0.1%
18	Entrepreneur loans distributed (EDF)	18,129	18,129	-
19	Total amount of Microcredit disbursed (In Million)	33,358	34,863	5%
20	No. of Beneficiaries of Micro Credit Programmed	1,127,949	1,150,138	2%
21	No. of Community members trained in vocational skill Training	115,381	115,463	0.1%
22	No. of Community members trained in Managerial skill training	412,969	413,315	0.1%
23	Community members trained in TBAs	4,807	4,807	-
24	Micro Health Insurance (Clients)	1,163,300	1,163,300	-
25	No. of Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)	28,882	28,882	-
26	Total amount of CPIs (In Millions)	3,367	3,367	-
27	Total Beneficiary Households	445,518	445,518	-
28	Total Houses Constructed	255,069	306,233	20%
	No. of Low-Cost Houses Constructed	*34,657*	*34,657*	-
	No. of Houses constructed under SFEHRP funded by SPHF	*220,412*	*271,576*	23%
29	No. of Poultry layers distributed	25,500	25,500	-
30	No. of trees Planted	1,009,798	1,015,907	1%
31	No. of BDGs (PPRP I - II & CED)	692	692	-
32	No. of artisan trained in different skills	3,648	3,798	8%
33	No. of Schools	40	40	-
34	No. of students enrolled under SRSO Education component	14,163	14,163	-
35	Kitchen Gardening	111,144	113,444	2%

Key Highlights

The Science Festival 2025 organized in SRSO- managed schools

The Science Festival 2025 of SRSO- managed schools was organized successfully by SRSO in partnership with School Education & Literacy Department – Govt. of Sindh at SRSO Complex Sukkur. Chairman of the IAC SRSO Board, Shafique Ahmed Khoso, was the chief guest. Director IBA Kashmore Campus Prof. Naveed Qureshi, Dr. Mohsin, Independent Expert USAID School Ed Project, ADC 2 Sukkur, Bushra Mansoor, and SRSO -CFO participated in the event to observe science models and appreciate future scientists.

27 SRSO-managed Community Cluster and EMO Secondary Schools from Khairpur, Sukkur, Shikarpur, and Kashmore @ Kandhkot districts participated in the exhibition and showcased/presented their developed science projects.

A panel of experts comprised Prof. Naveed Qureshi, Dr. Mohsin, and Senior Manager SRSO-Social Service Sector Naimatullah Shaikh, who inspected the presented models in detail and critically, and announced the following: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions.

- 1st position achieved EMO School Sami, district Khairpur Mir's.
- 2nd position achieved EMO School Hassan Ali Shah and Community Cluster School Yaar Mohd Nindwani, district Kashmore @ Kandhkot.
- 3rd position achieved Community Cluster School Wahid Bux Bijarani, district Kashmore@ Kandhkot.

The guests/panelists visited stalls, interacted with students, and acknowledged their creativity and hard work. The Mega Science Festival proved to be a highly successful and inspiring event. It not only enhanced students' scientific knowledge but also fostered teamwork, confidence, and healthy competition. Festival achieved its objectives and encouraged students to continue exploring the world of science with passion.

In the end, Chief Guest Shafiq Ahmed Khoso award to the positions to winner students, teachers and appreciation shields to SRSO-Education Team and panelists as well. They appreciated team for organizing well-organized and impactful science festival.

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) has planned and organized successfully science festival in all SRSO-managed EMO and Community Cluster Schools supported by School Education & Literacy Department, Government of Sindh and Sindh Education Foundation, Government of Sindh in Shikarpur, Kashmore, Sukkur and Khairpur Mir's districts.





The launching ceremony of Climate Change & Sindh book

Karachi/November 23, 2025

Addressing the launching ceremony of a book on environment, various speakers said that the subject of environment should be included in the curriculum. Humans are now less at risk from wars, more from the environment. Changes in temperature cycles are damaging agriculture. Reporting on the environment is being prevented in the name of national interest. Speakers expressed these views while addressing the launching ceremony of Zubair Soomro'scompiled book "Environmental Change and Sindh". The program was organized by the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) at the National Museum Karachi auditorium.



Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, CEO-SRSO said that SRSO is giving priority to research on the environment. While working in the rural areas of Sindh, we gets the opportunity to see the environmental change up close. Due to this environmental change, SRSO played a full role in the rains and floods of 2022.
The book's editor, Zubair Soomro, said that now humans are more at risk from the environment than from wars. Renowned intellectual Naazer Mahmood said that there is a need to conduct a study on the environment at the district level in Sindh.
Journalist Aafia Salam, who works on the environment, said that journalists reporting on the environment are also facing severe difficulties now. Earlier, the lives of those reporting on wars and other issues were in danger, now reporting on the environment has also become a threat.
Environmental expert Mustafa Nagaraj said in his speech that due to the sudden changes in weather in Sindh, it is necessary to diversify from traditional crops to new varieties.
Water affairs expert Ehsan Leghari said that problems arising due to poor governance are also put in the environment. Environmental Journalist Shabina Faraz said that now reporting on the environment is being prevented in the name of national interest.
Ceremony was attended by environmentalists, civil society activist, writers and media persons. The program was moderated by a renowned media person/ news show host Leila Nisar.



A training programme fort 85 teachers of 6 SRSO-managed EMO Schools

Kashmore @Kandhkot/ December 28-30, 2025
Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) in partnership with School Education Department- Govt. of Sindh successfully trained 85 teachers of EMO Schools in district Kashmore @Kandhkot Sindh. These teachers were trained of 6 SRSO-managed EMO Schools through two 3-Day Continuous Professional Development (CPD) training workshops.
First workshop was organized on Package 3 at GHS Hasan Ali Shah and attended by 45 teachers of 3 schools and 2nd workshop on package 4 at Geo Malik and attended 40 teachers.
Found active participation in workshops, peer-teaching simulations, and digital literacy modules.
The crucial components covered Pedagogical Excellence (STEAM Focus), Instructional Design & Assessment, and Digital Literacy.
Inauguration visit from the Director School ES&HS, Larkano Region, and Senior Manager, SRSO-Social Service Sector and other officials provided motivation, guidance, appreciation and oversight.
The master trainers from the We Care Consultants enhanced participants' skills through activity-based learning, successfully completing 5 sessions as per the training manual duly endorsed by STEDA. The training concluded with the distribution of certificates to participants.



LSO celebrated Sindhi Culture Day

Ghotki /December13, 2025
Sindhi Culture Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and cultural pride in Village Dhamaji, Taluka Ghotki. The event was organized by Village Organization Zara with support from Local Support Organization Dua (UC Changlani), while the Social Mobilization Team, Ghotki facilitated the arrangements.
Community elders and representatives of VO Zara and LSO Dua delivered speeches, sung national songs, presented cultural tablows highlighting the significance of Sindhi Culture Day, emphasizing cultural values, unity, tolerance, and the teachings of renowned Sindhi poet Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai.



MoU signing ceremony held between SRSO, and SZABIST University Larkano

Larkano/Decembr19, 2025

A Memorandum of Understanding signing ceremony was held between Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO), Larkana Region, and SZABIST University Larkana. The MoU was formally signed by Mr. Ghulam Mehdi Khan Qadri, Assistant Manager Operations, SRSO, and Mr. Nasurallah Bhutto, Assistant Manager Administration, SZABIST University Larkana. The ceremony was witnessed by Dr. Zahida Abro, Head of Campus, SZABIST University Larkana, and Mr. Nadir Ali Shah, Regional MER, SRSO.

The MoU aims to strengthen collaboration between the academic and non-profit sectors by building meaningful linkages between the university and development practitioners. Under this partnership, students will gain opportunities for exposure visits to women-led Community Organizations and access to unpaid internship placements offered by SRSO. The agreement also encourages joint research initiatives, knowledge sharing, and learning through field-based engagement.



Agreement signed between SRSO and National Bank of Pakistan

SRSO Complex Sukkur/November 7, 2025

A signing ceremony of the Employee Banking Agreement between Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) and National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) was held at the SRSO Complex, Sukkur

The agreement was signed by Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, CEO-SRSO, along with the Chief Finance Officer and Senior Manager Finance & Treasury. From NBP Mr. Mumtaz Ali Bhutto, EVP/General Manager Sindh, Mr. Gobind Ram Lund, SVP/ Regional Head and Mr. Imran Hussain Panhwar, VP/ RE liabilities and Wealth Management attended the ceremony.

Under this agreement, NBP will extend exclusive employee banking facilities to SRSO staff, including personal loans at competitive markup rates and a wide range of consumer financing products from housing finance to funding domestic needs.

Speaking at the occasion, CEO-SRSO expressed his hope that the partnership will prove beneficial for SRSO employees by facilitating easier access to NBP's financial services & products.



25 Enterprenures started news enterprises under PAIDAR Programme

Baind / October 27, 2025

25 entrepreneurs from Badin district have successfully started their enterprises after receiving Microenterprise Development Grants worth Rs. 27.8 million under the EU funded UNIDO-PAIDAR Programme, implemented by the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO).

These inspiring entrepreneurs have launched various innovative and profitable micro-startups aimed at reviving local businesses, generating employment, and promoting sustainable livelihoods in the district. The SRSO team is actively facilitating and mentoring the entrepreneurs during the initial stages to help them establish and grow their ventures in line with their business development plans.



CEO-SRSO received appreciation shield from Federal Minister of Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety

Islamabad/November 27, 2025

CEO-SRSO Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro received appreciation shield from Syed Imran Ahmed Shah Minister of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety-Govt. of Pakistan during a seminar on "Poverty Graduation- Pathway to Sustainable Livelihoods" at Islamabad. On this occasion, Secretary MoPASS and Country Director IFAD were also present on stage.

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO), as an implementing partner of the National Poverty Graduation Programme funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Government of Pakistan, has successfully implemented the program aimed to support ultra-poor households in graduating from poverty on a sustainable basis during 2019-2025 in Shikarpur and Kashmore districts of Sindh.



16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence

From November 25, to December 10, 2025 was observed 16 Days of Activism for the Elimination of Violence Against Women throughout world under global theme "UNiTE To End Digital Violence against All women and Girls"

SRSO reaffirms its commitment to protecting women & girls from the all forms of gender based violence especially in rural areas by empowering socially and economically through various initiatives as organization's cross-cut theme undertaken with our development partners, Sindh Government, and Government of Pakistan. This year, under Sindh People's Housing for Flood Affectees (SPHF) funded by Sindh Government,16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence was observed in 5 covering districts and conducted community awareness sessions, poster development, solidarity walks, staff orientation, and street theaters with flood-affected communities.



Three-Day Training on Environment-Friendly Reusable Cloth Pads making

Sukkur/October 15-17, 2025

A three-day onsite training on environment-friendly reusable cloth pad making concluded successfully at the Community Centre Loung Bhatti, Sukkur by SRSO The training aimed to equip women from Loung Bhatti Community Centre (Sukkur) and Vistera Women Business Center (Khairpur) with practical skills in designing, cutting, and stitching reusable cloth pads using industrial machines. Training was organized under People's Poverty Reduction Program funded by Sindh Government.

Participants gained knowledge on proper use, washing, and maintenance of cloth pads, along with insights into costing and pricing strategies for local sales. Through role plays, group work, and dialogue-based activities, participants actively engaged in hands-on learning sessions.

In the closing ceremony, each participant received a certificate of participation, a dignity kit for personal use, and a raw material kit to continue practicing and selling reusable pads.



The Brook Pakistan-supported Equine Welfare Project Activities

Khairpur Mir's/December 13, 2025

A children's art competition was conducted under Brooke-SRSO Equine Welfare Project at HuraKhalifa Village, UC Sobhodero, District Khairpur Mir's to promote awareness about the wellbeing of working equines. Children enthusiastically participated by creating drawings that highlighted proper care, feeding, handling, and kindness toward donkeys and horses.

The activity not only encouraged creativity but also helped build early understanding of equine welfare practices within the community. It served as a meaningful step in spreading compassion and responsible ownership among the younger generation.



Larkano/November 26, 2025

A Vet Discussion Day (Animal Healthcare Learning Day) was organized at Pak-BalochBricks Company and SRSO District Office, Larkana under the Brooke Pakistan – Equine Welfare Project implemented by SRSO. The event aimed to enhance hands-on skills through participatory and interactive demonstrative sessions, focusing on practical learning, experience sharing from field practices, and standardization of farriery methods (FMF).

The session was facilitated by Dr. Mohsin Ali Solangi (SRSO – V.O, Brooke Project) and Dr. Aman Khan (M&T Manager, Brooke Pakistan, Sukkur).

During the workshop, the following key theoretical and practical themes were covered:

- Lameness and its assessment protocol
- Lower foot anatomy of equine animals
- Common foot diseases
- Assessing the impact of foot conformation on lameness
- Designing interventions based on diagnosis
- Case studies for monitoring and follow-up



Khairpur Mir's/October 28, 2025

A two-day training session was organized for Community Change Agents (CCAs) in District Khairpur Mir's, Sindh, under the Equine Welfare Project supported by The Brooke Pakistan.The training was facilitated by Dr. Talat, while Dr. Aman Khan, Monitoring and Training Manager, Brooke Pakistan, also attended to observe the proceedings.

The primary objective of the training was to build the capacity of animal owners on improved animal husbandry practices, first aid for working animals, and community-based welfare initiatives.

A total of five animal owners from various brick kilns affiliated with SRSO-supported Equine Welfare Communities in District Khairpur Mir's participated in the training.



Khairpur Mir's/October 4, 2025

Brooke Pakistan-SRSO Equine Welfare Project celebrated World Animal Day alongside the Livestock Department and civil society partners within equine-owning communities in Larkano, Jacobabad, and Khairpur Mir's districts. Events brought communities together to recognize the vital role of working equines in the lives of poor and marginalized families.

During the celebrations, participants highlighted how working equines support every aspect of daily survival. Women in rural areas rely heavily on these animals to fetch water for both people and livestock, transport fodder from fields, and manage household responsibilities.



SRSO Achievements as of December 2025
Sectoral Outreach Data

Community Physical Infrastructures (CPIs)

S. No.	Types of CPI Schemes	Achievement as of December 2025		
		No. of Schemes	Cost of Schemes (In Millions)	BHHs
	Total of CPI Schemes	**28,882**	**3,367**	**445,518**
1	Sanitation	15,958	199.89	87,738
2	Street Pavement & Sanitation	74	220.41	13,443
3	Irrigation Chanel Under MI	10	4.57	41,292
4	PLA Schemes under MI	36	8.07	1,877
5	Rehabilitation of Animal Shelters	183	28.50	183
6	Rehabilitation of small Market Transition point Road (KM)	8	9.46	1,440
7	Rehabilitation of Protection Bund (KM)	2	1.24	2,935
8	Drinking Water Supply Schemes (DWSS)	9,541	351.35	52,641
9	Earth Filling Schemes (SFERP)	1,416	1,625	93,132
10	Low Cost Village Improvement Schemes (LCVI)	72	127.09	7,248
11	Communication	1,018	474.77	95,044
12	Irrigation	474	196.68	14,314
13	IAUP	1	2.09	75
14	Water Filter Plants by GoS	40	23.58	28,570
15	Street Lighting on solar system	18	13.3	1,040
16	School Renovation/Construction	31	80.93	4,546

***CPI figures include all core, relief and recovery projects**

Institute of Management and Skill Development (IMSD)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of September 2025	Achievement as of December 2025	% increase during Qtr:
1	No. of Community Members provided scholarship for Vocational Skill Training	115,381	115,463	0.1%
2	No. of Community Members trained in Community Management Skill Training	412,969	413,315	0.1%
3	No. of SRSO Staff Trained in different programme/project training	7,527	7,527	-

Low-Cost Housing (LCH)

S. No.	Housing Schemes	No of Houses	Cost of Houses (In Millions)	BHHs
1	No. of Low-Cost Houses constructed (2007-2017)	17,928	1,140.29	17,928
2	No. of Low-Cost Houses constructed under PPRP I & II	16,041	1,674.40	16,041
3	No. of Low-Cost Houses constructed under Benazir Housing Cell	490	113.63	490
4	No. of Low-Cost Houses constructed under Sindhi Association of North America (SANA)	52	15.6	52
5	No. of Low-Cost Houses constructed under ENGRO-Low-cost Houses	146	47.7	146
6	No. of Houses constructed under SFEHRP funded by SPHF	271,576		271,576

Micro Health Insurance (MHI)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of September 2025	Achievement as of December 2025
1	No. of Community Members provided Micro Health Insurance Cover	1,163,300	1,163,300
2	No. of Community Members Treated through MHI	19,540	19,851
3	Amount of claims availed by Community (In Million)	276	307

Micro Finance (MF)

S. No.		Amount disbursed as of December 2025
1	Total Amount of Micro Credit Disbursement (in (Million)	34,863
	Men	3,074
	Women	31,789
2	No. of Loans	1,150,138
	Male	96,387
	Female	1,053,751
3	Sectoral Disbursement	**33,358**
	Agriculture	8,298
	Livestock	12,844
	Enterprise	13,722

Crafts Enterprise Development (CED)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicators	Achievement as of December 2025
1	No. of Districts with CED presence	21
2	No. of BDGs formed	321
3	No. of BDGs members/artisan women	6,509
4	No. of artisans trained in different skills	3,798
5	No. of new products designed	1,110
6	No. of literate artisan women/BDGs members	617
7	No. of Sartyoon Sang Exhibition organized	17
8	No. of exhibition (Participation in others)	196
9	Skill Assessment Test (SAT) of Artisans at BDGs level	261

Education

S. No	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of December 2025
1	No. of Districts with Education Programme Presence	04
2	No of established EMO-Hub High Schools (ECE to X)	08
	No. of enrolled students in EMO-Hub Schools	5,639
	No. of Girls enrolled	1,811
	No. of Boys enrolled	3,828
3	No. of established Community Cluster Schools (ECE to X)	19
	No. of enrolled students in Community Cluster Schools	6,952
	No. of Girls enrolled	1,964
	No. of Boys enrolled	4,988
4	No. of Community Managed Schools (ECE to V)	13
	No. of enrolled students in Community Schools	1,572
	No. of Girls enrolled	868
	No. of Boys enrolled	704
	No. of Girls enrolled in SRSO managed School	4,643
	No. of Boys enrolled in SRSO managed School	9,520
	No. of SRSO Managed Schools	40
	Total Enrolled Students	14,163

Natural Resource Management (NRM)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicators	Achievement as of December 2025
1	No. of poultry layer distributed	25,500
2	No. of tree planted	1,015,907
3	No. of kitchen gardening established	113,444
4	No. of kitchen gardening kits distributed	4,880
5	No. of trained farmers in agriculture & Livestock	25,975

Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP I = II & III)

District Name: Khairpur, Sukkur,Thatta, Badin ,Ghotki, Mirpurkhas, Umerkot & Sanghar

S. No.	Project Activities	Unit	Programme Targets	Cumulative Achievement as of December 2025	%
1	Poverty Scorecard Census	UC	103	103	100%
2	Households Census	Household	1,537,253	1,372,172	89%
3	Population Census	Person	7,298,711	7,000,228	96%
4	Number of HHs organized	Household	960,909	977,988	100%
5	Formation of Community Organizations (CO)	CO	55,040	55,170	100%
6	Formation of Village Organization (VO)	VO	6,882	6,981	100%
7	Formation of Local Support Organizations (LSO)	LSO	468	463	99%
8	Capacity Building of CO bearers	Person	110,080	103,953	94%
9	Capacity Building of VO bearers	Person	41,289	37,535	91%
10	Capacity Building of LSO bearers	Person	2,814	2,189	78%
11	No. of Beneficiaries trained in Vocational and Technical Skills	Person	45,092	43,836	97%
12	Village Improvement Plan	No	103	4	4%
13	Kitchen Garden	Person	10,000	6,613	66%
14	No. of Households given CIF	Household	236,591	183,486	78%
15	No. of Households given IGG	Household	44,372	38,892	88%
16	No. of Low Cost Housing Scheme	Number	19,623	12,748	65%
17	No. of Enterprise Development (BDGs)	Number	500	369	74%
18	No. of EDF Beneficiaries	Number	12,000	10,701	89%

EDF Updates (PPRP I - II)

S. No.	Districts	# of Loans	Amount in Millions. Achievement as of December 2025
1	Umerkot	1,275	205.55
2	Thatta	1,566	241.01
3	Sukkur	1,688	243.58
4	Sanghar	2,999	393.85
5	Mirpur Khas	2,037	313.16
6	Khairpur	3,853	485.87
7	Badin	2,021	274.23
8.	Ghotki	2,690	332.39
Grand Total		18,129	2,489.64

Key Visitors

Thatto | November 22, 2025

A media delegation from Karachi led by Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, CEO of the SRSO - Sindh Rural Support Organization, visited Village Lakho Banbhro, Union Council Chatto Chand, District Thatta, under the People's Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP) funded by the Sindh Government. The purpose of the visit was to explore and highlight the impact of SRSO's interventions, particularly the progress of community institutions and women-led enterprises in the area.

The delegation included prominent media professionals: Shabina Faraz, & Fakir Salim (Time News), Ghazala Fasil (Freelancer), Arshi Abbas (K21 News), Shazia Arshad (Aaj News), Zeeshan Ahmed (ZS News TV), Mina Rafique (Freelancer), Maria Ismail (Daily Awami Awaz), Bakhtawar, Saadia Ubaid Khan (Freelance YouTuber), Mazhar Raza, Naveed Abbas (Aaj Digital), Syed Faisal Kazim, Sadiya Samson, and Arshman (Bol TV), Ureeba Waqar and M. Sajid (Geo News) and Qazi Asif (VNS).



Sukkur & Ghotki | November 27 and 28, 2025

Dr. Shazia Mahar, Deputy Director of Planning & Development Department (P&DD), Government of Sindh, visited various interventions undertaken under the People's Poverty Reduction Program (PPRP), funded by the Sindh Government and implemented by SRSO in Sukkur and Ghotki districts.

During the visit, Dr. Shazia (MEC-P&DD-GoS) met with organized rural women and beneficiaries at VO Ekta (Village Azeem Menik), VO Zara (Village Dhamaji), and VO Gulan Laghari. She interacted with community members and reviewed key PPRP-II interventions, including the successful VIP scheme at VO Ekta, Kitchen Gardening initiatives, Low-Cost Housing units, and meetings with CIF and EDF beneficiaries. She also engaged with youth trained under the GoS-funded Community Skills Training program, a skills development initiative of the Government of Sindh.



During the visit, women and men entrepreneurs supported by SRSO set up stalls to showcase a diverse range of products and services. Members of community institutions COs, VOs, and LSO shared presentations and success stories. Ms. Sanghar from Village Rawat Magsi narrated her inspiring journey of empowerment. Ms. Shahbana Khaskheli highlighted the achievements of LSO Chatto Chand, while Ms. Suriya shared her personal progress with the delegation.



Sanghar | December 13, 2025

Renowned intellectuals and civil society activists Mr. Aijaz Turk and Mr. Naseer Memon visited SRSO-supported PPRP interventions funded by Sindh Government in UC Mansoora, District Sanghar. They met organized rural women and observed women-led livelihood initiatives, community institutions, and grassroots development efforts.

During the visit to Village Mubarak, the Village Organization shared its profile, ongoing PPRP activities (IGG, CIF, EDF, BDG), and success stories highlighting social and economic transformation. The delegation also visited women entrepreneurs' stalls, interacted with beneficiaries, and appreciated their businesses and achievements.



Jacobabad, Shikarpur and Khairpur Mir's | November 14, 15 and 16, 2025

Mrs. Sonabar Naazir Mahmood, a writer accompanied her daughter Zoya visited SRSO to conduct research work in Jacobabad, Shikarpur and Khairpur Mir's districts. Zoya is conducting a study on the challenges faced by women during the flood, focusing on the experiences of pregnant women and girls dealing with menstruation.

They visited flood-affected areas, where they met with local women who shared their heart-wrenching stories of struggle and hardship. The women recounted the difficulties they faced due to the lack of basic facilities, including clean clothes, sanitary pads, and access to healthcare.

The women highlighted the challenges faced by pregnant women, who gave birth at home with the help of local midwives, and struggled to breastfeed due to food scarcity. Some women lost their babies, while others faced various health issues.



October 20, 2025 | Sukkur

Mr. Abid Saleem Qureshi, Commissioner Sukkur Division, visited the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) Complex in Sukkur to learn about the organization, its initiatives and impacts. Chief Executive Officer (CEO)-SRSO Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro warmly welcomed and facilitated them in visiting and meeting. During his visit, the Commissioner toured SRSO's departments included the Sartyoon Sang Outlet, where the Commissioner observed a range of handmade crafts created by rural women artisans and learned about SRSO's marketing approach to promote enterprise development and improve livelihoods.

A comprehensive meeting followed, where the CEO presented a detailed overview of SRSO's two-decade journey, vision, mission, strategy, outreach, ongoing projects, interventions, and impact at the community level. The Commissioner expressed appreciation for SRSO's remarkable journey and highlighted the significant impact of its work with 1.5 million organized women, introducing innovative concepts such as, crafts enterprise, nano-business and financial literacy.



Mirpurkhas | October 18, 2025

Mr. Junaid Buland, Special Assistant to the Chief Minister Sindh, along with Mr. Faisal Ahmed Uqali, Commissioner Mirpurkhas, and other officials, conducted a detailed visit and coordination meeting at the Central Jail Garment Unit Mirpurkhas. The delegation was warmly welcomed by Mr. AshfaqueKalwar, SSP Prisons along District Manager SRSO, Mr. Harji Mal, Technical Expert (Garments).

During the meeting, the visitors reviewed the progress and impact of the SRSO-supported Garment Unit established inside the Central Jail, which aims to provide vocational skills and livelihood opportunities to inmates through garment production, tailoring training & marketing.





Islamabad | November 11, 2025

SRSO - Sartyoon Sang Crafts Enterprise stalls in Lok Mela at Lok Virsa, Islamabad, are promoting and marketing as well as Sindhi culture and crafts for all. Various crafts made by rural women artisans of Sindh were displayed for sale. Dr. Nafeesa Shah Jillani, Member National Assembly (MNA) of PPP visited Sartyoon Sang stall and appreciated displayed crafts of rural women artisans and SRSO effort. Sartyoon Sang Stall was part of Sindh Pavilion held by Sindh Government during Lok Virsa Festival on November 7 to 10, 2025.

Achievements as of December 2025
District-wise Outreach Data

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 September 2025	# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of December 2025	% increase during Qtr:
1	Ghotki	Community Organizations (COs)	6,961	6,961	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,118	1,118	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	62	64	0.03%
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)	10,258	10,258	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,163	1,163	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	87	87	-
5	Larkana	Community Organizations (COs)	3,454	3,454	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	574	574	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	47	47	-
6	Naushahro Feroz	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)	4,187	4,230	1%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	560	567	1%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	31	35	13%
10	Sanghar	Community Organizations (COs)	7,972	7,972	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,055	1,055	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	73	73	-
11	Mirpurkhas	Community Organizations (COs)	6,350	6,350	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	793	793	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	56	56	-
12	Thatta	Community Organizations (COs)	5,673	5,673	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	801	801	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	41	41	-
13	Badin	Community Organizations (COs)	8,539	8,539	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	995	995	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	68	68	-
14	Umerkot	Community Organizations (COs)	5,341	5,341	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	755	755	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	40	40	-
GRAND TOTAL		**Community Organizations (COs)**	**79,843**	**79,886**	**0.05%**
		Village Organizations (VOs)	**14,002**	**14,009**	**0.05%**
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	**657**	**663**	**0.9%**

S. No.	Districts		Geographical Coverage				
			Total No. of area in the District	# of SRSO intervened area as of September 2025	# of SRSO intervened area as of December 2025	% increase during Qtr:	% of total area coverage as of December 2025
1	Ghotki	Union Council	66	66	66	-	100%
		Village	2,282	1,255	1,255	-	55%
		Household	162,270	120,767	120,767	-	74%
2	Jacobabad	Union Council	40	29	29	-	73%
		Village	2,478	2,230	2,230	-	90%
		Household	99,944	84,893	84,893	-	85%
3	Kashmore @ Kandhkot	Union Council	37	37	37	-	100%
		Village	2,250	2,025	2,025	-	90%
		Household	142,919	80,345	80,345	-	56%
4	Khairpur	Union Council	88	88	88	-	100%
		Village	3,602	3,314	3,314	-	92%
		Household	266,734	189,253	189,253	-	71%
5	Larkana	Union Council	47	47	47	-	100%
		Village	1,407	1,280	1,280	-	91%
		Household	121,019	74,135	74,135	-	61%
6	Naushahro Feroz	Union Council	51	5	5	-	10%
		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	2,167	1,971	1,971	-	91%
		Household	146,804	101,747	101,747	-	69%
8	Shikarpur	Union Council	50	50	50	-	100%
		Village	2,285	2,056	2,056	-	90%
		Household	133,249	102,306	102,306	-	77%
9	Sukkur	Union Council	37	37	37	-	100%
		Village	1,709	881	881	-	52%
		Household	108,837	72,839	74,096	2%	67%
10	Shaheed Benazir Abad	Union Council	51	34	34	-	67%
		Village	3,537	362	362	-	10%
		Household	210,984	-	-	-	-
11	Sanghar	Union Council	73	73	73	-	100%
		Village	3,192	2,904	2,904	-	91%
		Household	206,774	154,871	154,872	-	75%
12	Mirpurkhas	Union Council	55	55	55	-	100%
		Village	3,070	2,763	2,763	-	90%
		Household	155,159	108,871	108,871	-	70%
13	Thatta	Union Council	41	41	41	-	100%
		Village	2,404	2,163	2,163	-	90%
		Household	133,586	93,675	93,675	-	70%
14	Badin	Union Council	68	68	68	-	100%
		Village	3,936	3,542	3,542	-	90%
		Household	212,535	148,795	148,798	-	70%
15	Umerkot	Union Council	40	40	40	-	100%
		Village	2,362	2,125	2,125	-	90%
		Household	127,965	90,027	90,028	-	71%
GRAND TOTAL		**Union Council**	**796**	**722**	**722**	**-**	**91%**
		Village	**38,873**	**29,899**	**29,899**	**-**	**77%**
		Household	**2,440,852**	**1,436,849**	**1,438,111**	**0.09%**	**59%**

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

S. No.	Districts	as of September 2025		as of December 2025		
		# of BNFs:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	# of BNFs:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	% increase during Qtr
1	Shikarpur	3,717	39.5	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	8,449	124.13	8,449	124.13	-
5	Sukkur	1,432	18.7	1,432	18.7	-
6	Ghotki	2,944	44.17	2,944	44.17	-
7	Larkana	8,581	111.8	8,581	111.8	-
8	Qamber - Shahdadkot	11,682	171.9	11,682	171.9	-
9	Badin	6,931	100.64	6,931	100.64	-
10	Thatta	4,275	64.08	4,275	64.08	-
11	Umerkot	4,008	59.58	4,008	59.58	-
12	Mirpurkhas	4,881	73.29	4,881	73.29	-
13	Sanghar	6,397	96.18	6,397	96.18	-
	Total IGG Disbursed	**67,188**	**947.35**	**67,188**	**947.35**	-

Unconditional Grant-Malteser International

S. No.	Districts	# of Beneficiaries	Achievement as of December 2025 Amount Disbursed (Millions)
1	Un Conditional Grant to Vulunerbale Community-MI-GFFO	1,337	48.13
	District Khairpur	737	26.53
2	Un Conditional Grant to PWD (Person with Disable-MI-GFFO	600	9
	District Mirpurkhas	360	5.40
	District Khairpur	240	3.60
3	Un Conditional Grant to Vulunerbale Community-MI-ADH	700	22.40
	District Khairpur	400	12.80
	District Mirpurkhas	150	4.80
	District Sanghar	150	4.80

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

S. No.	Districts	As of September 2025				As of December 2025			
		Beneficiaries	Seed Money	Beneficiaries	Revolved	Beneficiaries	Seed Money	Beneficiaries	Revolved
1	Shikarpur	40,239	396.51	-	-	40,239	396.51	-	-
2	Kandhkot - Kashmore	35,863	374.07	-	-	35,863	374.07	-	-
3	Jacobabad	18,371	226.43	-	-	18,371	226.43	-	-
4	Khairpur	32,149	683.38	62,628	1,242.42	32,149	683.38	65,354	1,323.67
5	Sukkur	16,901	534.75	33,146	1,084.98	17,245	547.34	35,956	1,184.94
6	Ghotki	29,202	752.36	48,571	1,308.49	29,202	752.36	49,820	1,345.97
7	Naushahro Feroz	370	1.85			370	1.85		
8	Larkana	16,296	251.42	35,633	667.16	16,296	251.42	35,678	669.19
9	Shahdadkot	25,489	402.40	58,748	1,145.61	25,489	402.40	58,786	1,147.36
10	Badin	26,272	582.64	53,085	1,081.18	26,272	582.64	56,672	1,195.10
11	Thatta	16,918	383.70	37,350	828.14	16,918	383.70	38,256	858.552
12	Umerkot	16,058	318.25	40,366	860.64	16,058	318.25	41,530	897.58
13	Mirpurkhas	18,741	406.13	47,174	1,018.13	18,741	406.13	48,544	1,066.27
14	Sanghar	25,806	519.22	66,917	1269.11	25,806	519.22	69,479	1341.06
	Grand Total	**318,675**	**5,833.10**	**483,618**	**10,505.88**	**319,019**	**5,845.69**	**500,445**	**11,031.36**

Success Stories

Sindh's struggle for survival

By Dr. Naazir Mahmood

The Sindh Rural Support Organisation (SRSO) has quietly become one of Pakistan's most effective engines of resilience. In a country where bureaucracy often confuses motion with progress, the SRSO has distinguished itself through the rare combination of compassion and competence. It began modestly, with the idea that communities – especially women and the poor – should not merely receive help but shape it.

Over two decades, it has turned that principle into practice across Sindh's flood-prone districts. When the province was submerged in 2022, the SRSO turned its field offices in Shikarpur, Jacobabad, Larkana, Khairpur and Sukkur into lifelines. They distributed food and medicine, but also wages and dignity. 'Cash-for-work' schemes rebuilt roads and morale. Women artisans revived embroidery clusters that became symbols of both income and identity. Even housing reconstruction acquired a climate-conscious twist: elevated eco-homes designed to resist the next deluge rather than commemorate the last one.

The publication of 'MausamyatiTabdili Ain Sindh' (Climate Change and Sindh) marks the SRSO's entry into the intellectual arena.

The 152-page volume is less a vanity project than a statement of intent: that the climate debate must be written and read in Sindhi if it is to matter. In that, it continues the SRSO's evolution from a relief agency to a knowledge institution – one that translates floodwater into public policy. The volume's compiler, Zubair Soomro, embodies the bridge between activism and analysis. A development worker turned editor, he understands that people are more likely to act on ideas they understand. Hence his insistence on linguistic ownership: climate literacy, he argues, cannot survive translation into bureaucratese.

The essays he curates draw their imagery from the Indus delta, the Kotri barrage, the Thatta mangroves and the brittle rhythms of fishing and farming life. The result is a body of writing that feels lived rather than borrowed. Soomro's editorial hand ensures diversity without dilution. The 17 contributions range from scientific exposition to moral argument. They avoid the twin traps of despair and technocracy that often plague environmental writing. Instead, they weave empirical evidence with cultural intuition – what might be called Sindh's environmental vernacular. This, more than anything, is Soomro's quiet triumph: turning climate change from a donor-driven slogan into a people's conversation.

No such conversation would be complete without Naseer Memon, the province's most persuasive chronicler of rivers and rights. His career – spanning civil society, journalism and research – has made him both witness and conscience. Memon's writings have long argued that the Indus Delta's decline is not an act of nature but of neglect. His notion of the 'right of rivers to exist' predates global debates about ecological personhood and makes a philosophical claim with practical urgency: if the Indus dies, so does Sindh.

In 'MausamyatiTabdili Ain Sindh', Memon contributes three essays that distil decades of thought. He reimagines the river as a living being, dissects the politics of Pakistan's flood mismanagement and explores how the erasure of land erodes



identity itself. Few writers connect hydrology to history with such clarity. Together, Soomro and Memon have forged an intellectual alliance that transforms climate anxiety into cultural critique. Where one edits from within the development sector, the other writes from the margins of power. Between them, they map a new moral geography for Sindh – one where environmentalism is as much about justice as it is about weather.

'MausamyatiTabdili Ain Sindh' opens with forewords by Durrani and Kalhoro, both of whom anchor the collection in lived experience rather than abstract concern. They remind readers that climate change, in Sindh, is not a forecast but is yesterday's floodwater still standing in today's fields. The first essay, 'SarhadanKaan Azad Mausam' ('Climate Without Borders'), by Ali Tauqueer Shaikh, stretches the reader's horizon beyond the provincial. Shaikh, a veteran climate strategist, examines compound extreme weather events – the deadly cocktail of heatwaves, droughts and floods that increasingly defines South Asia. His central message is that adaptation must be as borderless as the atmosphere.

The essay links Sindh's fate to regional cooperation – a hard sell in a neighbourhood addicted to rivalry, but a necessary one. Next comes M Ehsan Leghari, whose essay on the Indus's lower Kotri stretch introduces a chilling idea: ecocide. A biologist and conservationist with decades of experience in Sindh's irrigation ecology, Leghari documents the loss of fish species, the intrusion of seawater and the collapse of delta ecosystems. He reminds readers that biodiversity is not aesthetic but existential. His writing bridges science and ethics, turning ecological decline into an indictment of state apathy. The Indus, he implies, is being murdered in instalments.

The book then widens its scope. Imdad Hussain Siddiqui, the Sindh ombudsman, contributes a thoughtful piece titled 'Climate Change and the Leadership Role of the Sindh Ombudsman'. A career jurist and administrator, Siddiqui argues that climate adaptation is as much a question of governance as of geography. His essay shows how oversight institutions – often dismissed as ceremonial – can enforce climate accountability by ensuring that local officials protect the rights of affected citizens. He frames environmental justice as a constitutional duty, not a bureaucratic favour. In a province where redress is rare, his voice lends moral authority and administrative realism.

Equally compelling is 'Sindh and the Climate Crisis' by Nasir Ali Panhwar, an environmental policy expert and executive director of the Centre for Environment and Development. Panhwar's career has long intertwined research and advocacy; his focus on water management and urban resilience makes him one of Sindh's most informed commentators. In this essay, he traces the historical evolution of Sindh's vulnerability – from colonial canal construction to modern urban sprawl – and argues that climate policy must move from reaction to foresight. His prose is spare but sharp: If we continue to treat the river as a pipe and the desert as waste, we will have neither.

Together, Siddiqui and Panhwar remind readers that climate change is not only a scientific concern but a political one. Where Leghari writes as a naturalist, Siddiqui speaks as a reformer, and Panhwar as a planner. Their essays, distinct in tone but united in urgency, reveal a spectrum of Sindh's intellectual response – from the courtroom to the delta, from the policy bench to the field trench. A cluster of other articles turns to adaptation, agriculture, and the gendered experience of crisis. Several authors – teachers, journalists and development workers – offer firsthand observations from flood-affected villages, proposing micro-solutions such as floating gardens, seed banks and women-led disaster committees.

Yet it is again Memon's trilogy that gives the book its spine. In one essay, he declares that rivers possess an existence beyond their economic use; in another, he skewers the flood empathy cycle, where sympathy peaks after catastrophe and ebbs with the waters. His third essay reflects on cultural displacement – the drowning of memory when geography disappears. What sets the collection apart is its accessibility. The Sindhi prose is clean, the layout elegant, and the tone serious without self-importance. Citations from the IPCC and COP meetings coexist with local proverbs. The mix is refreshing – a reminder that sophistication need not be foreign.

As a whole, 'MausamyatiTabdili Ain Sindh' is both a document and a diagnosis. It records the human cost of climate change in a province already living its future and it exposes the institutional lethargy that allows disaster to repeat itself. More importantly, it establishes Sindhi as a language of environmental scholarship. That alone is an achievement. The SRSO and its collaborators have done something rare in Pakistan: they have created a book that belongs equally on an academic's desk and in a villager's home. It argues, persuasively, that adaptation begins not with infrastructure but with understanding – and that understanding grows best in the language of the people.

In that sense, 'MausamyatiTabdili Ain Sindh' is not merely a book about climate change. It is a reminder that the struggle for survival, like the Indus itself, flows from the same source: memory, dignity and the refusal to surrender to the tide.

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Scars that do not fade

A tale of surviving gender based violence

By Qazi GM

When I first saw AamiShoro in Thatta, she was sitting in a wheelchair under a makeshift shelter, working on an appliqué artwork. The colours of her embroidery stood out against the dullness of her surroundings and shone in the afternoon sun. At first, she looked like any other lady sewing to make money. But Aami's story is written on her body in scars that go across her neck, back and arms. They are reminders of brutality so bad that she can no longer walk.

Aami was married to a man considerably older than her when she was only 15. By the time she was 27, she had six children. When her life fell apart, her youngest child was nine months old and nursing.

One afternoon, while she was cooking, her husband told her to leave right away to help him with work. She told him to wait till the supper was ready. That simple answer led to horrific suffering.

She recalls, "He suddenly hit me in the neck and back with an axe. I passed out as blood spilt out of me. He raced away, yelling "blood, blood." My child was left alone in the cradle and cried.

Her brother rushed to her side, but it took about an hour to get her to the nearest hospital. The damage to her spinal chord was irreparable by the time she got medical attention.



The delay wasn't accidental. "They said it was a case of domestic violence and therefore not urgent," Aami remembers.

For two years, Aami lay flat on a wooden wagon. She couldn't move and had no dignity and no wheelchair. "I felt like I was dead, but I was still alive," she adds. In the end, she got a rickety wheelchair. Subsequently, with the support of the Sindh Rural Support Organisation, she got a sturdier one.

The scars are all over her person. Aami says, "After all those years, I still feel the pain all over my body. The agony atn a man's hand, especially if he is your husband, is more than just a cut. It heals but never leaves the heart."

Forgiveness under duress

Eventually, Aami's spouse was detained by the police. During the trial, Aami, who was taken to the court in a wheelchair, did the unthinkable. She forgave him.

"I asked the court to let him go," says. "I don't know why, but I had the heart of a wife and a mother of six."

The judges and the lawyers said she was "kind." Some women's rights activists say that forgiving in such circumstances is not always a free choice. "Women have to make up with their abusers because of social pressure," says Marvi Awan, a gender activist. "They are told to put the children first, not their own safety."

Forgiveness under duress is not justice; it is survival.

Aami's decision had consequences. After he got out, her husband tried to assault her again, this time hitting her sister and fracturing her arm. He ended up in jail.

A life rebuilt in fragments

Aami never lived with her husband again. She is raising her six children by herself. The SRSO runs a programme to help women become more independent. In 2017, she got aRs 15,000 grant to start a business. She used the money to start an appliqué work business.

Her appliqué is beautiful, strong, detailed and patient. Each piece is a bit of survival sewn into cloth. She says, "Work became my dignity. I feed my children with this craft. Even if I can't stand, I can stitch."

Aami built a katcha house with her own money. She still lives there. It's a fragile structure, but it's hers. She says she no longer lives in fear anymore, but the trauma is still there. She admits, "Sometimes, when I look at my children, I feel the same pain."

A hidden epidemic

Asmi's story is one of many in rural Sindh, where gender-based violence (GBV) persists, often hidden behind traditional silence. Instances similar to her ordeal frequently go unreported. The practice is attributed to lack of awareness, societal stigma and the perceived futility of pursuing justice.

The Pakistan Demographic and Health Survey 2017-18 found that 28 percent of women aged 15-49 reported suffering a physical assault. Activists say that the actual figures are likely greater, particularly in rural regions.

Recent statistics reveal a dire situation: in 2024, Pakistan documented 32,617 incidences of gender-based violence. These included almost 5,300 rapes, 2,200 incidents of domestic abuse and 547 'honour' killings. Conviction rates are abysmal: 0.5 percent for rape and honour killings, and 1.3 percent for domestic violence.

Last year, more than 1,700 incidences of gender-based violence were reported in Sindh; there were no convictions. The data indicates not only under-reporting but also a systemic failure at all levels of the legal system.

Women's rights organisationsemphasise that economic dependence ensnares women in abusive relationships. Research indicates that rural women's participation in the formal labour force is less than 30 percent. A significant portion of is unpaid for.

The Sindh Commission on the Status of Women recognizes the discrepancy between the law and its application. According to Additional Deputy Commissioner, Thatta, Ghulam DastgirShiekh, implementation of the Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Act, 2013, has been inadequate, particularly in rural regions. "Survivors are compelled to return to abusive environments in the absence of legal aid, medical assistance and shelters."

Research gaps

Recent feminist scholarship underscores the failures of Pakistan's GBV response. A 2023 study in the Asian Journal of Women Studies found that rural survivors often face "secondary victimisation" — humiliation, delays and disbelief in medical and legal systems.

Another 2024 UN Women report highlighted that less than 10 percent of reported GBV cases in Pakistan result in prosecution.

These findings demand a re-examination of official statistics. While 32,617 GBV cases were "recorded" in 2024, activists argue that the figure barely scratches the surface. A majority of rural cases remain invisible, erased by silence, stigma and indifference.

Survival as resistance

Aami sees living as a fight back. Every stitch she does in the cloth is a way for her to say no to the quiet forced on her. "I only think about surviving with dignity," she murmurs, her hands calm on the fabric.

She still has her scars but Aami says she lives in her appliqué, in the mud house she has built and in the six children she is raises by herself.

Pakistan must heed cases like hers to address the scourge of violence against women. Laws on paper don't mean anything if they aren't enforced. People like Aami who have survived should not have to choose between forgiving someone under pressure or staying quiet to stay alive. Without this, the wounds of violence will not go away.

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