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ON GOING PROJECTS

SAS
SEF Assisted Schools
Funded by: SEF-GoS

EMO-Hub School
Funded by: USAID-GoS

SFEHRP/WASH Component
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.
Funded by: MI

SRSO-Micro Finance
Funded by: SRSO

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

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

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

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

Equine Welfare Project
Funded by: Brooke Pakistan

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

SRHR
Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
Funded by: RSPN

SHS
Solar Home System
Funded by: Energy Department, GoS

RICE PROJECT
Sustainable and Regenerative management of
Rice production in Pakistan
Funded by: UN-FAO



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



News Stories

Inauguration ceremonies were held of the Solar Home System (SHS) Project



Kamber-Shahdadkot, Larkano, Shikarpur & Khairpur Mir's / April 15, 2026

The inauguration ceremonies of the Solar Home System (SHS) Project (On-Grid and Off-Grid), with a distribution plan of 275,000 solar units in across all districts of Sindh, by Energy Department- Government of Sindh was successfully held on April 15, 2026 in four districts; Khairpur Mirs, Shikarpur, Larkana and Kamber-Shahdadkot with implementation led by the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO).

The Solar Home Systems project aims to provide reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy solutions to 275,000 households through both on-grid and off-grid solar technologies, particularly targeting beneficiaries all across 30 districts of Sindh with clear and transparent process of selection.

The event witnessed active participation from the elected representatives (MNAs, MPAs & District Councils), district administration, energy department officials, line departments, civil society, media, SRSO team members, women members of community organizations (VOs/LSOs), and registered beneficiaries of the SHS project.

In district Kamber-Shahdadkot, the ceremony chief guest was Mr. Nisar Ahmed Khuhro (MPA & President PPP Sindh). Among the distinguished guests were: Haji Qamar Ul-Din Gopang (Chairman District Council Kamber-Shahdadkot and District President PPP), Mr. Lala Ghulam Muhammad Israan (District General Secretary PPP), and Mr. Imdad Ali Abro (Deputy Commissioner Kamber- Shahdadkot).



In district Larkano, the ceremony was led by MPA Sardar Suhail Anwar Sial, accompanied by MNAs Khursheed Ahmed Junejo and Nazeer Ahmed Bughio, MPA Nida Khuhro, Mayor Advocate Anwar Ali Luhar, Special Assistant to the Chief Minister Khair Muhammad Shaikh, Chairman District Council Ajaz Ahmed Leghari, Deputy Commissioner Tarique Manzoor Chandio, DG SCA Energy Department Junaid Ahmed, and SSP Larkana Ahmed Faisal Choudhry.



In district Shikarpur, guests of honor were: Shahriyar Khan Mahar, Member of the National Assembly, Mir Babul Khan Bhayo, Advisor Forestry; Imtiaz Ahmed Shaikh, Member Provincial Assembly; Muhammad Arif Khan Mahar, Member Provincial Assembly; Sardar Zulfiqar Ali Khan Kamariyo, Chairman District Council, Fayaz Mehmood Shaikh, Chairman Municipality; Muhammad Aslam Soomro, Special Secretary, Energy Department, Government of Sindh; and Shakeel Ahmed Abro, Deputy Commissioner Shikarpur.



In district Khairpur Mir's, the ceremony led by Haji Nawab Ali Wasan, (President of PPP district Khairpur), along side MPA Barrister Hallar Ali Wasan and MPA Barrister Shaukat Ali Sheraz, Mr. Junaid Iqbal, (Additional Secretary of the Energy Department Sindh), and Mr. Altaf Ahmed Chachar, Deputy Commissioner Khairpur Mir's and from SRSO Regional General Manager facilitated the ceremony.



PPP Sindh Provincial President, MPA and senior politician Nisar Ahmed Khuhro, while addressing as the chief guest ceremony at Kamber- Shahdadkot, said that he congratulates the district administration and SRSO for organizing this event. He stated that PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari is fulfilling the promises made to the public. He highlighted that houses have been provided to poor people who were displaced during the 2022 rains, so that

their lives can become easier and they can return to their homes.

Meanwhile from SRSO, including General Manager- Shazia Zubair, Sikandar Sanam Team Leader-SPHF, Regional General Manager Asad Ali Jatoti, Larkano Region, and Regional General Manager Aumir Abbas Mangi, Khairpur Mirs region facilitated the ceremonies with district teams in their respective districts.

Success Stories

P-U-L-S-E

Power Unlocking Local Sustainability & Empowerment (Empowering Accessibility & Independence)

- P - Pathway Illumination:** Providing continuous, bright LED lighting so Ali Bux can safely navigate his home in a wheelchair after dark without collision or fall hazards.
- U - Uninhibited Independence:** Eliminating the need to constantly rely on family members to carry oil lamps or adjust dim lighting.
- L - Lithium-Backed Reliability:** Storing clean daytime energy to guarantee overnight safety, light, and cooling.
- S - Sovereign Mobile Access:** Enabling direct wheelchair-height USB charging, keeping communication devices always within arm's reach.
- E - Essential Climate Relief:** Delivering continuous BLDC fan airflow to protect health and reduce physical fatigue during oppressive heatwaves.

Beneficiary: Ali Bux (Person with Disability / Wheelchair User)
CNIC Number: 44203-0600540-1
Location: Village Bhai Khan, Union Council MC - Sanghar, Taluka Sinjhor, District Sanghar, Shaheed Benazirabad Division
Household Profile: Off-Grid Rural Household, Differently-Abled Head of Household



"When you navigate life in a wheelchair, darkness isn't just an inconvenience—it's a dangerous obstacle course. In the dark, a single unlit step or loose object can cause a severe fall. Before this solar unit arrived, sunset trapped me in one spot. Today, with clear LED light installed at home and continuous fan cooling, I can move around safely, manage my own space, and feel truly independent again."

— Ali Bux

For a wheelchair user in a village with no electricity, sunset doesn't just end the day—it locks down physical independence. In Village Bhai Khan, dusk used to turn Ali Bux's living space into a high-risk zone. Flickering oil wicks cast deceptive shadows across uneven ground, making every push of his wheels a slow, tense maneuver against unseen obstacles, tipping risks, or painful collisions.

The struggle compounded during Sinjhor's oppressive summer heatwaves. Trapped in stagnant indoor air without ventilation, the physical strain of extreme temperatures took a heavy toll on his health and rest.

The S-O-L-A-C-E

Solar Options Liberating And Comforting Every Home

The intervention delivered a complete standalone solar package: a high-efficiency 180-Watt Peak Solar PV panel, an intelligent lithium charge control unit, three energy-saving 5W LED bulbs, an 18-inch BLDC pedestal fan, and a wall-mounted USB mobile charging port.

The impact on Khatijan's household was immediate. Bright, crisp LED lighting completely cleared toxic smoke from her home, allowing her to manage evening needs safely and comfortably past dusk. The low-wattage BLDC fan introduced long-awaited thermal relief through harsh summer nights, while the built-in USB charger kept her connected directly from home, saving both time and money.

"Energy poverty takes a heavy physical and emotional toll on rural women who manage households in the dark. For Khatijan, a 180W solar unit is far more than an appliance—it is a foundation for human dignity. It removes indoor air hazards, lightens financial burdens, and proves that clean energy is a powerful catalyst for transforming women's lives in rural Sindh."

Khatijan's story illustrates the core purpose of the SHS initiative: bringing clean, climate-resilient energy straight to off-grid communities. By replacing hazardous fuel dependence with self-sustaining solar infrastructure, this initiative continues to restore health, safety, and household independence across District Sanghar.





Community Dialogue of Organized Rural Women Leaders with UNICEF-CFCI Mission



June 11, 2026 | SRSO Complex Sukkur

A Community Dialogue of Rural Women Leaders of North Sindh districts with the UNICEF-CFCI Mission was organized by Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) at the SRSO Complex Sukkur on June 11, 2026.

The mission comprised representatives from various United Nations agencies working in Sindh mainly UNICEF and World Health Organization (WHO). Mr. Premchand UNPPT Chair and CFO Sindh UNICEF lead the mission.

The dialogue brought together rural women leaders and entrepreneurs from several districts of northern Sindh, including Khairpur, Sukkur, Ghotki, Shikarpur, Jacobabad, Kashmore, Larkana, and Kamber-Shahdadkot.

Key following women leaders, entrepreneurs and artisans shared their stories.

- Rukhsana Sarki, community leader (District Jacobabad)
- Sanam Khoso, community leader (District Shikarpur)
- Heerzadi, community leader (District Shikarpur)
- Gul Khattoon, artisan (District Khairpur Mir's)
- Afroz, community leader (District Kamber-Shahdadkot)
- Hafeezan Mahar, community leader (District Ghotki)
- Irshad Bano, entrepreneur (District Larkano)
- Irshad Khattoon, community Leader (District Kashmore)

During the interactive session, community women leaders, artisans and entrepreneurs shared their experiences, achievements, and success stories, highlighting how community institutions and livelihood initiatives have empowered rural women, contributed to sustainable community development, and helped reduce poverty in their respective areas.

Women leaders shared key issues of their areas especially violence against women, honor killing, child labor, girls education, health and sanitation and its impacts on the whole community especially women. They presented efforts of community institutions (COs, VO's & LSOs) to advocate against these issues for sustainable solutions.

Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, CEO-SRSO, facilitated the dialogue. He welcomed the mission and women leaders and emphasized the importance of engaging directly with organized rural women who are playing a pivotal role in driving social and economic development across Sindh. The mission members, led by Mr. Premchand, highly appreciated the dedication, resilience, and contributions of rural women leaders in advancing inclusive development and strengthening community-led efforts towards building a more equitable and just society.





Brooke Pakistan Equine Welfare Project

The Brooke-SRSO Equine Welfare Project is a long-standing partnership between Brooke Pakistan and the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO), dedicated to improving the welfare of working equines—horses, donkeys, and mules—while strengthening the livelihoods of the communities that depend on them. The project recognizes that healthy working animals are essential for the economic well-being of thousands of rural families across Sindh. Initially launched in 2010, the project in district Jacobabad and has expanded over the years and is currently implemented in Sukkur, Shikarpur, Khairpur, Jacobabad, Larkana, and Qambar Shahdadkot districts. It focuses on creating sustainable improvements in equine health through community participation, capacity building, and collaboration with public and private veterinary service providers.

- Brooke equine welfare project proudly celebrated World Veterinary Day April 25, 2026 at Civil Veterinary Hospital Larkana, bringing together key stakeholders from the livestock and development sectors. The event was attended by the Deputy Director Extension, Deputy Director Poultry, Deputy Director Breeding, and senior veterinary officers from various parts of Larkana. Representatives from SRSO and SAFCO Foundation also participated in the celebration. The event served as a platform to recognize the dedication and importance of veterinary professionals in building a healthier and more resilient future.
- The Brooke equine welfare project in Khairpur Mir's successfully organized a two-day Basic Equine Welfare Training for Community Change Agents (CCAs) in district Khairpur Mir's from female workplace equine-owning communities. This initiative represents a significant step toward empowering female equine owners to improve the health and welfare of their own animals while fostering long-term, sustainable improvements in equine welfare across their communities.
- Integration of equine owning communities in SRSO other projects-SRSO integrated females from equine owning communities in their Enterprise Development Fund (EDF) program. Through this inclusive initiative, 17 women from equine-owning families, received interest-free loans of PKR 40,000 each to establish or expand alternative income-generating activities, such as goat rearing. By diversifying household income, these

families are better able to meet essential needs, including the costs of quality feed, veterinary care, and other welfare requirements for their working horses and donkeys.

- Capacity building of SRSO staff by Brooke-A one-day training session on handling animals for health care was successfully organized for SRSO field staff and Livestock Department staff. The training aimed to promote compassionate handling practices, improve animal welfare, and strengthen the capacity of field staff to deliver better animal health services.
- The art competition was conducted with children's club members of formed Community Organization (COs) on May 21, 2026 in the WP community of Village Wadho Lashari, District Jacobabad and Village Wadho Lashari (Children Clubs of CO Mashallah District Larkana. The aim of this activity is to motivate and train the children group to look after their animals themselves to improve animal health and welfare using best practices and humane handling and compassionate behavior and also to avoid bad practices.





From Roadside Farrier to Successful Entrepreneur: The Journey of Saeed Ahmed Sheikh

Compiled by: Dr. Mohsin Ali Solangi
(Community Veterinary Officer, Equine Welfare Project SRSO Larkano)



Village Ali Abad, District Larkano

Saeed Ahmed Sheikh, a 34-year-old skilled farrier from Village Ali Abad in District Larkano, has transformed his life through dedication, passion, and timely support from the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO).

Previously, Saeed worked along the roadside near OPF Colony on Naudero Road, Larkano, providing hoof trimming and shoeing services to working animals. His working conditions were extremely challenging and risky—not only for himself but also for animal owners and the animals. With limited tools, harsh weather conditions, and an unstable income, supporting his family of seven was a constant struggle.

In 2018, Saeed received professional training under the Brooke Pakistan-supported Equine Welfare Project, implemented by SRSO. During the training, he demonstrated exceptional skills and achieved an impressive 92% score under the Farriery Mentoring Framework (FMF), under the guidance of the Community Veterinary Officer in Larkana. Despite this achievement, the lack of proper workspace and resources remained a barrier to his progress.

Recognizing his potential and business plan, SRSO provided Saeed with an interest-free Enterprise Development (ED) loan of PKR 240,000. Utilizing this support effectively, he established his own shop named "Equines Farriery and Harness Materials." With this, he was able to purchase quality tools, equipment, and harness materials, enabling him to run a safe and professional business.

"I am happy that I can now provide safe and quality services for working animals. Today, I am running a successful business in my area. My income has significantly increased compared to before, allowing me to provide better housing, education, and healthcare for my family," Saeed shares.

His shop has now become a trusted service center for animal owners in the community, attracting more customers than ever before.

Beyond his personal success, Saeed is playing a vital role in improving animal welfare in his community. By using modern tools and proper facilities, he provides high-quality hoof care services that reduce lameness and improve the working capacity of animals. As a Master Trainer developed by SRSO, he is also mentoring and training other local farriers, expanding the positive impact of the Brooke Pakistan project on working equines (donkeys, mules, and horses) and their dependent families.

His journey from roadside laborer to successful entrepreneur stands as a powerful example of sustainable development, social service, and improved animal health—an impact SRSO continues to create across six districts of Sindh in collaboration with Brooke Pakistan.





Accessing quality to education for all in remote rural areas through SRSO-managed EMO Schools



The Education Management Organization (EMO-RFP-7) Schools Project is a flagship initiative of the Government of Sindh, implemented under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Model to improve the quality, accessibility, and management of public education. In District Kashmore @ Kandhkot, the project is implemented by the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) with the objective of transforming public schools into high-performing institutions that provide equitable, inclusive, and quality education for all children. SRSO manages 11 Government Schools across the three Talukas of District Kashmore @ Kandhkot, comprising 6 Construction Schools and 5 Group Schools. Together, these schools serve more than 5200 students, including a significant proportion of girls.

June, 2026

Three Day Continuous Professional Development Training for SRSO-managed Education Management Organization (EMO) schools teachers were organized successfully in partnership with School Education & Literacy Department-Govt. of Sindh. The CPD training workshops were held during June 2026 month at GGHS Numaish Colony Sukkur, GHS Sami Khairpur Mir's, GGH Jeo Malik and District Kashmore

Over 120 teachers of 8 EMO Schools managed by SRSO in Sukkur, Khairpur and Kashmore districts attended the training. The three-day training aimed to strengthen teachers' pedagogical skills and equip them with innovative approaches to make teaching more effective, interactive, and student-centered.

The training comprised three core subjects: AI and Digital Learning, Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL), and Early Childhood Development (ECD). These sessions were delivered by Master Trainers from Teachers Training Institute and other reputable organizations, ensuring quality content and practical classroom strategies.

The workshops were commenced and concluded by Director Schools, District Education Officers, Taluka Education Officer E, S&HS, Sr. Manager Social Service Sector (SSS) and Project Director SRSO. It concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony and appreciated the teachers' commitment and emphasized the application of learned practices at the school level.



May 18, 22, 2026

It was an honor to host the Annual Result Declaration Day celebration with the Member of Provincial Assembly, MPA Haji Abdul Rauf Khoso as the Chief Guest and EMO GHS Rasaldar and TEO E, S&HS Kandhkot, participated as the Chief Guest.

He graced the occasion and presented appreciation shields to position-holder students, encouraging both students and teachers to strive for educational excellence.

The event was attended by the community influencers, teachers, students, and other stakeholders, all of whom contributed to the positive atmosphere. A guided tour of the school building was conducted by the undersigned with support from the EMO team.

During the address of the gathering, the undersigned emphasized the importance of education and reaffirmed full support for student well-being and academic progress.



May 20, 2026

The student session focused on building healthy habits through personal hygiene and nutrition, covering hand washing, oral and body cleanliness, neat uniforms, balanced meals, fresh fruits and vegetables, clean water, and avoiding junk food, which led to improved performance, concentration, and confidence.

For teaching staff, the session addressed mental support and emotional well-being, emphasizing reassurance, active listening, a safe environment, and techniques like mindfulness and stress reduction to foster a growth mind set, confidence, and problem-solving skills in students.

The non-teaching staff session centered on workplace safety and hygiene, highlighting safety protocols, PPE use, hazard identification, cleanliness, proper waste disposal, and teamwork to maintain a safe and positive work environment.



May 16, 2026

A Parent-Teacher Meeting was held at SRSO-managed EMO GGHS Jeeo Malik, and GBPS Haji Khair Muhammad Malik district Kashmore to share student academic progress, attendance records, and classroom behavior with parents. Teachers gave individual feedback and discussed each student's strengths, areas for improvement, and study habits. Parents were encouraged to support homework routines and ensure regular school attendance at home. The meeting strengthened communication between teachers and families, and parents pledged active cooperation to help improve student outcomes.



April 9 & 14, 2026

It is an immense pleasure to update on the successful Mega Art Festival Cluster Round 2 event hosted by at EMO School SardaroKhosro, &GHS Jeeo Malik package 4 Kashmore II under RFP-7, managed by SRSO. Students participated with impressive art models on the various 8 themes.

The event was inaugurated by Assistant Commissioner & ADC II Dr. Ali Raza Sb (Chief Guest), accompanied by Senior Manager SRSO, Assistant Director Social Welfare Akhtiar Ahmed Thaheem, District Manager -SRSO, Project Director-SRSO-EMO Schools, and Dr. Vivek, District Nutrition Officer. The students' confidence and presentation skills were truly commendable, showcasing their vision and research abilities. One model per school has been selected for Round 3, to be held at SRSO HO Sukkur. Well done to all participants and organizers!





Key Impacts of SRSO Interventions as of June, 2026



30
SRSO Outreach
Districts



129
Presence in Talukas



1,233
Presence in Union
Councils



55,615
Presence in Villages



1,438,131
Households organized



79,830
Community
Organizations
(COs) formed



14,009
Village Organizations
(VOs) formed



664
Local Support
Organizations
(LSOs) formed



66,936
Poor households
received Income
Generating Grants
PKR 943.71 Million



329,651
Households benefitted
with Community
Investment Fund
PKR 5,807.28 Million



1,198,641
Micro credit
beneficiaries & disbursed
36,658 Million



28,882
Community Physical
Infrastructure Schemes
completed



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



117,379
Community members
trained in technical
and vocational training



391,846
Houses constructed &
handed over to poor
households



1058,467
Trees planted and
managed by
community



25,500
Poultry layers
distributed among
poor households



114,299
Kitchen Gardening
Established



8,431
Organized rural women
in 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



12,684
Enterprise
Development Fund
(EDF) 1,448.42 Million



3,798
Artisan trained
in different skills



18
Street Lighting on solar
system 13.3 Millions



Key Highlights

SRSO-Board Engagements

June 28, 2026 | Karachi

The 84th meeting of the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) Board of Directors (BoD) was held on June 28, 2026, at the SRSO Coordination Office, Karachi. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Naheed Shah Durrani, Chairperson of the SRSO Board.

The meeting was attended by the esteemed members of the Board, who reviewed in detail the organization's overall progress and the Finance and Accounts report for FY 2025-26.

During the meeting, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro presented a comprehensive overview of SRSO's achievements, highlighting the

organization's key initiatives, ongoing development programs, and overall progress during the reporting period.



SRSO Complex Sukkur | June 18, 2026

SRSO honored to welcome Mr. Mohammad Nazar Memon, SRSO Board of Directors Member & Chairperson Risk Committee, at the SRSO Head Office Complex, Sukkur on 18th June 2026.

On this occasion, he held an interactive session which participated by CEO SRSO and the Senior Management Team. He shared his experiences and learning and background and founding principles of the SRSO to empower rural poor, and reduce poverty.

Mr. Memon was briefed on new projects and successes, the unwavering commitment to support poor and vulnerable families across Sindh, and the steps we're taking to ensure

transparency and accountability at every level of the organization. He appreciated the dedication of SRSO staff and emphasized the importance of strong governance and community-focused service delivery.



Karachi | June 13, 2026

The 34th Human Resource (HR) Committee of the SRSO Board met at the SRSO Coordination Office in Karachi to review organizational HR progress and strategic priorities. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Muhammad Abbas Baloch, Chairman of the HR Committee. Committee members Dr. Waheed Ali Umrani and Prof. Dr. Tehmina Nangraj attended the meeting.

During the meeting, CEO-SRSO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro and the HR Manager Sajjad Ali Rajper presented updates on the implementation of HR policies, and key human resource development initiatives.

The committee reviewed the progress achieved and discussed various human resource matters. Chairman HR

Committee, emphasized the importance of aligning HR policies and practices with SRSO's strategic objectives and organizational core values.



Region Office Hyderabad | April 21, 2026

Renowned intellectual, development expert and SRSO Board member, Ms. Shireen Mustafa Narejo, conducted a motivational session on enterprise development with the SRSO team at the Regional Office Hyderabad (Jamshoro). The session was attended by the Regional General Manager (RGM) Hyderabad, District Managers, and the EDF and Social Mobilization teams from five districts; Thatta, Sanghar, Badin, Mirpurkhas, and Umerkot.

During the session, she discussed the current development scenario of Sindh, role of enterprise development and SRSO-EDF approach to reduce poverty, unemployment and

empower communities. She elaborated on the importance of enterprise, highlighting the distinction between enterprise and traditional business models.





World Environment Day 2026 Celebration by SRSO in collaboration with PPAF

Shikarpur & Kashmore | June 5, 2026

On June 5, on the occasion of World Environment Day 2026, awareness and plantation events under theme Resilient & Rising Pakistan were organized by Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) in collaboration with Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF), Government of Pakistan in districts Shikarpur & Kashmore @Kandhkot.

Events were organized in Village GEO Mahar, Taluka Lakhi, District Shikarpur and Village Begh Soomro, UC Akhero district Kashmore. It aimed to raise awareness among community members regarding environmental protection, climate change, global warming, and the importance of tree plantation for a sustainable future.

The event was attended by a large number of Govt. officials, elected representatives, community members, including women, children, local leaders, and SRSO staff. SRSO-District Managers welcomed guest and participants on the attending event on important day to contribute to a resilient and green Pakistan. District Managers welcomed the guests and participants for contributing to a resilient and green Pakistan.

ADC-I Kashmore, Mr. Masroor Ahmed Bijarani, and Deputy District Health Officer, Dr. VivekKetpal and Assistant

Commissioner Lakhi, Mr. Rajesh Kumar were among the chief guests, and appreciated the efforts of SRSO and PPAF in promoting environmental awareness at the grassroots level.

During address, chief guests highlighted the growing challenges of climate change and environmental degradation. They emphasized the collective responsibility of citizens to protect natural resources, increase tree plantation, and adopt environmentally friendly practices to ensure a healthier and greener future for coming generations.

As part of the celebration, the Chief Guests planted saplings and encouraged community members to actively participate in plantation activities. Tree saplings were also distributed among children and women to promote household and community-level plantation initiatives.

Children from the community performed thought-provoking tableaux focused on environmental conservation and the adverse impacts of global warming. Through their performances, they conveyed a powerful message that indiscriminate cutting of trees is a grave harm to the Earth and humanity.



Capacity Building Workshop on Sindh Transparency and Right to Information Act 2016

SRSO Complex Sukkur | April 29, 2026

One Day Capacity Building Workshop on Sindh Transparency and Right to Information Act 2016: Promoting Good Governance & Civic Participation was organized by Transparency International Pakistan in collaboration with SRSO at SRSO Complex Sukkur.

34 participants from various govt. departments, education institutions, students, civil society organizations, women-led community institutions and SRSO attended the workshop.

Strengthening Transparency and Accountability through the Right to Information Act 2017 and Proactive Disclosure of Information, How to File an RTI Request, Practical Application of RTI, Institutional Role of Ombudsman in Ensuring Access to Information and Redressing Public Grievances under the Sindh RTI Act 2017 and Empowering Communities through Right to Information (RTI): The Role of Civil Society Organizations in Promoting Social Accountability were the key topics of the which were covered

by the lead resource persons.

Ms. Nasreen Memon (Project Coordinator TI- Pakistan), Mr. Ali Ahmed Qureshi (Regional Director Ombudsman Sukkur) & Mr. Zubair Soomro (Manager SRSO-HRD) lead the workshop and facilitated various sessions.





3-Day Training on Women-Led LSO Members on SRHR & FP

Larkano | May 19, 2026

A 3-Days Training on Women-Led LSO Members on SRHR & FP for Local Support Organization UC Fateh UC Izzat Ji Wandh, Taluka Rato Dero, district Larkano training was successfully conducted at LSO Office under EU Funded SRHR project in partnership with RSPN in Larkano and Kamber-Shahdadkot districts.

The training aimed to strengthen the capacity of LSO members, with a particular focus on enhancing their understanding of organizational roles, responsibilities, and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) components.

Sixteen (16) members of the LSO participated in the training. Meanwhile, District Manager Larkano, Project Focal Person and other team members also visited to interact with participants.

The participants remained actively engaged throughout the session. Community members demonstrated strong interest, openly participated in discussions, and shared their concerns and suggestions regarding improving reproductive rights and family planning in the rural areas.

The Women-Led LSO training was conducted successfully and achieved its intended objectives of enhancing the knowledge understanding, and participation of LSO members.



3-Day Training Workshop on Rug Making for women

Mirpurkhas | April 26-28, 2026

Three Day Training Workshop on Rug Making for women of Business Development Groups (BDGs) of Village Bhisham Brohi, district Mirpurkhas was held during April 26-28, 2026 by SRSO. The training was conducted by Ms. Tarab (Consultant Designer) for the development of new products. The artisan's women of BDG is already skilled in various crafts, including Kundi work and Moti keychain making others. During this workshop, a new technique tufting tool work was introduced to further enhance their skills and diversify product development.

The BDG members were highly active and demonstrated strong interest in learning new techniques and developing innovative products. At the closing, Manager-SRSO Craft Enterprise Development (CED) sector and District Manager-

Mirpurkhas also attended to support trainer and participants in learning process.



2-Day Drivers' Training by SRSO-IMSD

SRSO Complex Sukkur | April 2-3, 2026

A 2-day Drivers' Training was successfully conducted by the Institute of SRSO – Management and Skill Development (IMSD) at the SRSO Complex Sukkur. The training aimed to strengthen drivers' code of conduct and enhance their driving skills to ensure safe and responsible travel.

On the first day, the team from the National Highways and Motorway Police delivered an informative session on Driver Code of Conduct. Additionally, Mr. Zubair Soomro, Manager SRSO-IMSD, facilitated sessions on Gender and Development (GAD) and Sexual Harassment, emphasizing professionalism and workplace ethics.

On the second day, a comprehensive session on driving skills and safety precautions was conducted by master trainer Mr. Ali Suhag, focusing on practical techniques for safe driving.

A total of 50 drivers from the head office, regional offices, and district offices participated in the training, making it a valuable initiative toward promoting safety, responsibility, and professional development.





An awareness seminar on “Women Harassment at Workplace”

Kashmore @ Kandhkot | April 6, 2026

An awareness seminar on “Women Harassment at Workplace” was organized at the District Office of Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) Kandhkot to promote understanding of workplace harassment issues and the mechanisms available for protection and complaint. The Chief Guest of the seminar was Mr. Hyder Ali Abro, District Head of the Provincial Mohtasib Sindh Office and Retired Justice Session Judge. Another distinguished guest was District Health Officer (DHO) Mr. Syed Aijaz Ali Shah. Representatives from different government departments

including the Social Welfare, Education, and Women Development also attended the session. In addition, LSO Chairpersons, SRSO staff actively participated in the seminar.

In his keynote address, Mr. Hyder Ali Abro delivered a detailed session on workplace harassment. He explained the types of harassment, its negative impacts, and ways to prevent and address such issues. He also guided participants about how victims can report harassment, where complaints can be filed, and the legal mechanisms available for protection and justice.



The World Malaria Day April 25, 2026 was observed

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) in collaboration with Director General Health Services, Vector Borne Diseases (VBDs) Sindh, and NRSP under GFATM-supported Consolidating Malaria Control Interventions to Reduce Incidence in High Endemic Districts of Pakistan Project, celebrated The World Malaria Day under the theme “Driven to End Malaria: Now We Can. Now We Must”

On this occasion, awareness rallies, seminars and community sessions were organized in project covering 5 districts; Ghotki, Jacobabad, Kashmore @Kandhkot, Kamber-Shahdadkot and Larkano in order to highlight the importance of malaria prevention, early diagnosis, and timely treatment.

The aimed to aware & mobilize communities, promote ongoing efforts, and strengthen coordination among stakeholders for malaria elimination.

All major stakeholders from health department officials, VBD team members, health professionals, SRSO team members, Community Institution leaders, community members, media and others actively joined the activities and demonstrated their commitment to malaria control efforts.

Participants discussed causes and preventing measures to end malaria, and carried banners and placards displaying messages about malaria prevention, use of mosquito nets, environmental cleanliness, and early testing. Slogans were raised to spread awareness among the public.

Such initiatives play a vital role in strengthening public awareness, collaboration among stakeholders and supporting ongoing efforts to control and eliminate vector-borne diseases in the district.





A meeting was held between SRSO and the Center for Media Development

SRSO Complex Sukkur | April 6, 2026

A meeting was held between SRSO and the Center for Media Development (CMD) at SRSO Complex Sukkur. The meeting was presided over by CEO-SRSO, Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro.

The key agenda of the meeting was to discuss and finalize a plan for identifying and documenting success stories through short documentaries of Government of Sindh-supported projects implemented by SRSO across the districts of Sukkur, Khairpur Mir's, Ghotki, Shikarpur, Jacobabad, Kashmore, Larkano, and Kamber-Shahdadkot. During the meeting, the CMD team presented a comprehensive presentation to capture inspiring field stories from various initiatives, with a special focus on PPRP, SPHF, and other development programs. The CEO-SRSO emphasized the importance of identifying impactful interventions and ensuring thorough field visits

before finalizing stories for documentation. He also assured full support and facilitation to the CMD team for producing high-quality and impactful documentaries in line with the agreed plan.



MoU Signing Ceremony Between SRSO and NADRA

SRSO Complex Sukkur | May 7, 2026

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed today May 7, 2026 at SRSO Complex Sukkur between Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) and the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) to enhance women's access to identity documentation.

Aliyaa Abdul Razzaq Director General NADRA Sukkur appreciated the collaboration and committed that NADRA will send Mobile Registration Vans to far-flung villages, while SRSO will help reach uncovered communities that still lack access to NADRA services.

Speaking at the ceremony, DG NADRA Sukkur expressed strong commitment to the partnership, stating: "Through this MoU with SRSO, we aim to reach far-flung areas and ensure access for women who currently lack proper access to NADRA services. NADRA will deploy mobile registration

vans to their villages, and SRSO will support us in identifying and mobilizing communities in uncovered areas."



MoU Signing Ceremony between SRSO & Engro Foundation

Ghotki | 19 May 2026

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was successfully signed between Sindh Rural Support Organization and Engro Foundation for implementation of the Youth Skill Development Training Project in Engro villages. The initiative aims to promote women empowerment, livelihood improvement, and youth skill development.

The MoU was signed by Mr. Aumir Abbas Mangi, Regional General Manager SRSO, and Dr. Sadoro Naz Kerio, CSR Manager Engro Foundation. The project will provide vocational and tailoring skills training for women at established center, District Ghotki.

During the meeting, the proposed Livelihood Project between SRSO and Engro Foundation was also discussed for future collaboration.

Participants included Mr. Ashiq Ali Kalwar, Sr. District Manager SRSO, Ms. Parveen Mahar, EDF Assistant

Manager, Mr. Zahid Ali Shaikh, Sr. Program Officer MER, and Mr. Zaheer Ahmed Deho, Deputy Manager Public Affairs, Engro Foundation.





An orientation session for the Microfinance staff

SRSO Complex Sukkur | June 5, 2026

An orientation session for the SRSO-Microfinance staff at SRSO Complex Sukkur. The objective of the session was to introduce Islamic financing to Microfinance through the sale and leaseback mode of financing.

The session was conducted by the Shariah Advisor of SRSO, Mufti Uzair Bilwani. Approximately 75 participants from

various districts and head office attended the session and learned about Islamic financing through discussions and hands-on activities.

Ms. Shazia Zubair General Manager-SRSO Microfinance also attended the session and welcomed participants and resource person for conducting an important session.



Heatstroke Response and Awareness Camps

Jamshoro | May 21-23, 2026

Heatstroke Response and Awareness Camp continued in collaboration with the district administration of District Jamshoro by Sindh Rural Support Organization, the camp was organized for three days at Sehwan, starting from May 21, 2026, near the Sehwan Bus Stop, Jamshoro. The SRSO team remained active throughout the second day, facilitating travelers and residents by providing clean

drinking water, ORS, and raising awareness about preventive measures during the ongoing heatwave. The Assistant Commissioner, Mr. Babar Baloch, visited and inaugurated the activity, appreciating the efforts of the SRSO District Jamshoro/Sewhan team.

He also joined the team in distributing water to the public and encouraged the staff for their valuable service to the community during the extreme weather conditions.



Thar Education Alliance (TEA) Exposure Visit to SRSO to observe Garments Units

Mirpurkhas | May 12, 2026

Thar Education Alliance (TEA) held exposure visit of Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) to observe Garments Units supported under People's Poverty Reduction Program (PPRP) funded by Sindh Government in Mirpurkhas.

The delegation was warmly welcomed by Shahid Bulle District Manager Mirpurkhas briefed the participants regarding various SRSO interventions being implemented in the district, including BMZ, PPRP, and SHS projects. Detailed discussions were held on project objectives, implementation strategies, community mobilization approaches, and the impact of these initiatives. After the office briefing session, the delegation paid field visits to the Sky Garment Unit and BRIT Women Garment Unit. During the visits, the participants observed the

operational setup, production processes, and management systems of both garment units.

The women working at the units shared their experiences about how these livelihood opportunities have contributed to improving their household income and living standards. The delegation interacted with the women beneficiaries and appreciated their skills, confidence, and active participation in income-generating activities.





SRSO Achievements as of June 2026

Sectoral Outreach Data

Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)

S. No.	Types of CPI Schemes	Achievement as of June 2026		
		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 March 2026	Achievement as of June 2026	% increase during Qtr:
1	No. of Community Members provided scholarship for Vocational Skill Training	115,463	117,379	2%
2	No. of Community Members trained in Community Management Skill Training	413,315	413,315	-
3	No. of SRSO Staff Trained in different programme/project training	7,527	7,716	3%

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	12,527	1,649.30	12,527
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	360,703		360,703

Micro Health Insurance (MHI)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of March 2026	Achievement as of June 2026
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 June 2026
1	Total Amount of Micro Credit Disbursement (in (Million)	38,295
	Men	3,408
	Women	34,887
2	No. of Loans	1,198,641
	Male	98,442
	Female	1,100,199
3	Sectoral Disbursement	38,295
	Agriculture	8,302
	Livestock	14,365
	Enterprise	15,628

Crafts Enterprise Development (CED)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicators	Achievement as of June 2026
1	No. of Districts with CED presence	21
2	No. of BDGs formed	334
3	No. of BDGs members/artisan women	6,576
4	No. of artisans trained in different skills	5,181
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)	204
9	Skill Assessment Test (SAT) of Artisans at BDGs level	266

Education

S. No	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of June 2026
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)

Achievement as of June 2026

S. No.	Key Performance Indicators	
1	No. of poultry layer distributed	25,500
2	No. of tree planted	1,058,467
3	No. of kitchen gardening established	114,299
4	No. of kitchen gardening kits distributed	4,880
5	No. of trained farmers in agriculture & Livestock	26,625



Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP I - II)

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

S. No.	Project Activities	Unit	Programme Targets	Cumulative Achievement as of June 2026	%
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	979,092	100%
5	Formation of Community Organizations (CO)	CO	55,040	55,143	100%
6	Formation of Village Organization (VO)	VO	6,882	6,984	100%
7	Formation of Local Support Organizations (LSO)	LSO	468	465	99%
8	Capacity Building of CO bearers	Person	110,080	103,867	94%
9	Capacity Building of VO bearers	Person	41,292	55,694	100%
10	Capacity Building of LSO bearers	Person	2,812	2,083	74%
11	No. of Beneficiaries trained in Vocational and Technical Skills	Person	45,092	43,773	97%
12	Village Improvement Plan	No	103	4	4%
13	Kitchen Garden	Person	10,000	6,693	67%
14	No. of Households given CIF	Household	237,492	183,282	77%
15	No. of Households given IGG	Household	44,372	38,992	88%
16	No. of Low Cost Housing Scheme	Number	19,623	12,527	64%
17	No. of Enterprise Development (BDGs)	Number	500	404	81%
18	No. of EDF Beneficiaries	Number	12,000	11,855	99%

EDF Updates (PPRP I - II) & SUCCESS

S. No.	Districts	# of Loans	Amount in Millions. Achievement as of June 2026
1	Umerkot	925	115.75
2	Thatta	973	121.12
3	Sukkur	1,047	143.79
4	Sanghar	1,598	187.39
5	Mirpur Khas	1,124	142.62
6	Khairpur	1,940	241.87
7.	Larkana	898	55.52
8.	Kamber	976	62.52
9.	Badin	1,616	192.96
10.	Ghotki	1,587	184.88
Grand Total		12,684	1,448.42



Key Visitors

June 11, 2026 | Sukkur

The UNICEF & WHO representatives led by Mr. Prem Chand UNPPT Chair and CFO Sindh UNICEF lead the mission visited the SRSO Complex Sukkur. During the visit, they attended a Community Dialogue with Rural Women Leaders, and toured the Sartyoon Sang Crafts Enterprise, where they interacted with community women leaders and entrepreneurs and learned about crafts of rural women artisans.

Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, CEO-SRSO, welcomed the representatives and facilitated them in visiting Sartyoon Sang Crafts Outlet. He briefed them SRSO's approach to crafts enterprise for women empowerment.

At the conclusion of the visit, the mission members and SRSO management exchanged cultural gifts and

organizational mementos as tokens of appreciation and to commemorate the visit.



Hyderabad | June 8 & 9, 2026

The World Bank Mission facilitated by SRSO in visiting interventions at Badin, Tando Muhammad Khan & Hyderabad Districts. It aimed to assess on-ground implementation status, interact with beneficiaries, and review progress of key activities under the SIDA-supported SRMP project implemented by SRSO.

World Bank Mission comprised on Mr. Faiz Aijaz Social Development Specialist, Mr. Hafeez Bozdar Social Development Consultant, and Mr. Imran ul Haque Senior Social Development Specialist and Mr. Muhammad Basit .

Meanwhile from SIDA Mr. Asghar Mahesar General Manager and SRSO team members Manager CED Hyderabad region, District Manager Badin, and Assistant Manager Regional Office Hyderabad and others facilitated the mission.

During visit, they held community meetings, reviewed constructed/upgraded houses across all villages, interacted

with vocational training participants and learned about how the acquired skills contributed to enhancing their income, met with beneficiaries of solar plates and allied facilities. They visited Garment Center Visit Matli and reviewed skill development activities and market linkage mechanism .



Mirpurkhas | May17, 2026

A delegation from Sindh Agriculture University, led by Professor Dr. Muhammad Ismail Kumbhar, visited Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) to observe Malteser International and BMZ-supported interventions in Jhuddo, District Mirpurkhas, to assess community impact, and provide technical guidance for ongoing development activities.

The delegation visited village Tedi Mori and reviewed multiple interventions, including transit point schemes, Sindh Green Nursery, agroforestry sites, improved water courses, and various Get Ahead livelihood enterprises such as motor mechanic workshops, tailor shops, flour mills, water purification units, and clay art businesses.

Dr. Ismail appreciated the community-driven approach and highlighted the importance of improving infrastructure visibility, strengthening women and youth engagement, promoting value addition in agriculture, and enhancing

market linkages for small businesses and farmers. He also recommended establishing farmer commodity groups, village-level processing units, eco-friendly recreational spaces, and practical skills training for local youth. At the concluding debrief session held at the Unit Office in Jhuddo, Dr. Ismail commended the dedication and hard work of the field team and encouraged the documentation and replication of successful low-cost, sustainable community models across other areas of Sindh.





A high-level delegation visited EU-BMZ funded-Adaptive Social Protection (ASP) Project



May 11, 2026 | Thatta

A high-level delegation from the German Embassy, European Union, GIZ, SPHF, SHRRP, CRS, SDPI, SSPA, BISP and SRSO visited Village Chaglo Jokhio, UC Gujo, District Thatta under the EU-BMZ- Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development funded- Adaptive Social Protection (ASP) Project implemented by GIZ and facilitated by Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO).

Distinguished guests included Ms. Mirjam Büdenbender-Buchholz, Counsellor German Embassy, Ms. Maria Jose Poddey, Country Director GIZ, Ms. Johanna Knoess, Head of ASP GIZ, Mr. Shahrukh Khan, Component Lead GIZ, Dr. Muhammad Inam, Dr. Fareeha Armughan, Mr. Sikandar Ali Rahu, Ms. Ghulam Sakina, Mr. Naveed Sheikh COO SPHF, representatives from CRS, SDPI, SSPA and other partner organizations.

Upon arrival at the village, Mr. Khadim Hussain Shar, Regional General Manager SRSO, warmly welcomed all delegation members. The delegation then proceeded to the Village Organization (VO) meeting point at Sultan Home Hall, where women-led VO members welcomed the guests with a traditional Sindhi cultural song.

The meeting proceedings started with welcome remarks and introduction of guests by RGM -SRSO. Mr. Shahrukh Khan from GIZ explained the purpose and objectives of the visit. Mr. Adeel Javaid briefed participants on the Climate Resilient Settlement Development Plan (CRSDP) and master plan of the model village with future objectives and interventions, followed by interaction with community members.

Mrs. Lal Bibi from VO Jilani and Village Chaglo Manager welcomed all guests on behalf of the VO and community members.

After the meeting, the delegation visited various intervention sites including Cash for Work (CFW) activities where Mr. Naimatullah Sawand, Project Coordinator, explained the labor and skilled labor selection process, TORs, criteria and grievance mechanisms in detail. SRSO



engineers briefed participants on CFW schemes including brick pavement, hand pump installation, culvert construction, irrigation channel rehabilitation and pathway demonstrations.

The delegation also visited the BISP Mobile Registration Van and GIZ Social Registry Desk where informal workers' registration activities were ongoing.

Mr. Ahmed Khan Soomro, Project Manager, briefed the delegation regarding plantation and shadow tree activities. The delegation also visited organic kitchen gardening plots supported with OPV vegetable seeds for the Kharif season. Later, CRS Engineer Mr. Waseem briefed participants on the sewerage treatment plant while SRSO Engineer Mr. Junaid and Dr. Hina from GIZ briefed the delegation regarding culvert construction and community infrastructure works. The delegation further visited CRS hygiene awareness sessions and SDPI Digital & Financial Literacy Training (DFLT). After DFLT activities, the guests visited SPHF-supported houses constructed for flood-affected families and appreciated the climate resilient housing model and community-based reconstruction approach.

Participants also visited SRSO-supported women artisans' handicraft stalls where Ms. Mirjam Büdenbender-Buchholz purchased traditional hand embroidery items and Ms. Maria Jose Poddey purchased Sindhi Ralli handicrafts prepared by local women artisans.

Tree plantation activities were carried out by Ms. Mirjam Büdenbender-Buchholz, Ms. Maria Jose Poddey and other distinguished guests to promote environmental sustainability and climate resilience.

At the conclusion of the visit, SRSO-RGM and District Manager Tariq Ahmed Korai, presented traditional Sindhi souvenirs including Ajrak, and traditional dupattas to all distinguished guests.

The visit concluded with positive interaction, appreciation from all stakeholders and a warm farewell from the community with smiling faces.



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

S. No.	Districts	as of March 2026		as of June 2026		% increase during Qtr
		# of BNFs:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	# of BNFs:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	
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	1,326	17.14	1,326	17.14	-
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	6,792	98.62	6,792	98.62	-
10	Thatta	4,272	64.03	4,272	64.03	-
11	Umerkot	4,007	59.57	4,007	59.57	-
12	Mirpurkhas	4,881	73.29	4,881	73.29	-
13	Sanghar	6,394	96.13	6,394	96.13	-
Total IGG Disbursed		66,936	943.71	66,936	943.71	-

Unconditional Grant-Malteser International

Achievement as of
June 2026

S. No.	Districts	# of Beneficiaries	Amount Disbursed (Millions)
1	Un Conditional Grant to Vulunerbale Community-MI-GFFO	737	26.53
	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%)

As of March 2026

As of June 2026

S. No.	Districts	As of March 2026				As of June 2026			
		Beneficiaries	Seed Money	Revolve Beneficiaries (include 1 st Cycle)	Revolved amount	Beneficiaries	Seed Money	Revolve Beneficiaries	Revolved amount
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	33,006	703.61	67,925	1,397.67	33,006	703.61	72,210	1,545.82
5	Sukkur	16,511	521.45	37,382	1,234.04	16,511	521.45	39,184	1,298.56
6	Ghotki	27,937	719.58	53,256	1,450.81	27,937	719.58	55,370	1,514.82
7	Naushahro Feroz	370	1.85			370	1.85		
8	Larkana	24,319	251.42	35,678	669.19	24,319	251.42	36,960	738.07
9	Shahdadkot	29,183	402.40	58,772	1,146.85	29,183	402.40	59,361	1,169.83
10	Badin	26,178	579.79	58,748	1,259.61	26,178	579.79	62,910	1,404.32
11	Thatta	16,944	384.59	39,362	896.95	16,944	384.59	40,717	943.48
12	Umerkot	16,059	318.25	42,790	939.31	16,059	318.25	43,261	954.59
13	Mirpurkhas	18,718	405.94	50,108	1,119.80	18,718	405.94	50,589	1,136.62
14	Sanghar	25,953	521.38	72,441	1,429.95	25,953	521.38	74,294	1,487.62
Grand Total		329,651	5,807.28	516,832	11,546.04	329,651	5,807.28	534,856	12,193.74



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A Tale of Resilience

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Success Stories



Fazila Laghari was born in Badin. It took years for her to recognise what others around her seemed to intuit early: she did not conform to the gendered expectations that governed her household and village.

By the time she was five, the difference had begun to weigh on her family. What could not be explained slowly became a source of discomfort. Only her mother remained constant. "A child does not change because of gender," Fazila says. "Love does not ask such questions."

Education, often imagined as a route to escape from judgment, became another site of exclusion. Fazila was first enrolled in a madrasa, where teachers struggled to categorise her within familiar norms. Formal schooling followed, but the classroom was no kinder. She recalls ridicule, isolation and a persistent, unspoken message: she did not belong there. Eventually, she stopped attending. Across Pakistan, transgender children are systematically pushed out of educational spaces through bullying, institutional neglect and pressure from their own families. The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan has repeatedly warned that early educational disruption sets off a chain reaction—economic insecurity, social exclusion and lifelong vulnerability. "Once education is cut short," says HRCP secretary-general Harris Khalique, "the damage is rarely contained."

Adolescence brought clarity, but not relief. Realising she was transgender did not feel liberating; it felt dangerous. Her father responded with beatings. Humiliation became

routine. Eventually, she left home for a while.

At fifteen, her precariousness deepened when a cousin harassed her late one night. She defended herself but blame was directed toward her. She was branded immoral—an accusation frequently deployed to silence transgender people and absolve others. The episode further isolated her within her family.

By eighteen, the accumulation of rejection had become overwhelming. Fazila attempted suicide. Her mother intervened, pulling her back from what Fazila describes as the edge. "She didn't ask me for an explanation," Fazila says. "She stayed with me. That was enough."

Mental health professionals say such crises are far from rare. A 2022 South Asian study published in BMC Public Health documented significantly higher rates of depression and suicide attempts among transgender youth, closely linked to family rejection. "Family support is the most decisive protective factor," says psychiatrist Dr Ayesha Mian. "Even one affirming relationship can dramatically alter outcomes."

Survival required work. Work was scarce. Fazila took whatever labour she could find—mostly daily-wage agricultural jobs, poorly paid and insecure. She became known for supporting others, particularly women in the Laghari community. Fluent in Seraiki and embedded in the Baloch social fabric, she learned to navigate intersecting margins of gender, class and poverty.



In a society that often demands erasure before acceptance, FazilaLaghari chose persistence instead.

In 2017, a narrow opening appeared. The Sindh Rural Support Organisation launched a women's empowerment programme aided by the Government of Sindh. Fazila was denied formal participation because she was transgender. Undeterred, she attended through her mother's registration. The meetings were unwelcoming. Mockery was routine. However, she continued to show up.

"Development initiatives are often designed around rigid gender binaries," observes Development Professional Naimatullah Sawand. "Even when inclusion is claimed, transgender people are excluded by default. Persistence, in such spaces, becomes political."

Over time, her consistency began to shift perceptions. Fazila attended NGO trainings and district-level forums. Eventually, she was invited to sit on a district committee—an unprecedented step. Fear nearly silenced her, but she chose not to withdraw.

"I don't want transgender people treated as a separate category," she says. "There should be one measure—citizenship." She briefly explored politics but found sustained participation impossible without financial backing or patronage. Instead, she turned to community organisation, quietly bringing women together and building influence beyond public view.

In 2025, a turning point arrived. Under the EU-funded PAIDAR Programme implemented by UNIDO, SRSO introduced a small enterprise grant. Fazila applied for and received Rs 0.9 million. With the funds, she established a business in Matli city and later opened a modest tea dhaba. Despite stigma and economic risk, the venture proved viable.

Economic independence reshaped her personal life. Her father apologized and made up. Her brothers returned. One of them says today, "We are proud of our sister. I regret how

long it took us to understand her." Fazila accepted them without bitterness and allowed them to work alongside her. "When you start earning," she says, "people revise their judgments."

Asked to name the best moment of her life, she does not point to reconciliation. "It was when I became financially independent," she says. "That is when people began to smile at me."

Her demands remain pragmatic rather than symbolic: skills training, employment opportunities and community spaces. Pakistan's Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act of 2018 was widely welcomed, but a 2024 policy review by the Policy Research Institute of Market Economy noted that legal recognition has not translated into broad economic inclusion. "Without livelihoods," the review concludes, "dignity remains theoretical."

Fazila understands this gap intimately. Her future plans focus on supporting women and others living at the margins. "I have known hardship," she says. "I don't want it repeated." In a society that often demands erasure before acceptance, FazilaLaghari chose persistence instead.



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From Homeowners to Change Makers: How the World's Largest Housing Project Empowered Village Bhawal Jatt's Women

Larkano, Sindh

In the summer of 2022, the village of Bhawal Jatt in Union Council Waddi Wahani, taluka Dokri Larkana district was reduced to debris. The monsoon floods spared nothing, washing away decades of life and leaving families huddled under plastic sheets. For generations, this was a community built on katcha (mud) structures and rigid patriarchal norms, where women worked the fields but held no legal rights to the ground beneath their feet. Today, Bhawal Jatt stands entirely reborn as a vibrant model of climate resilience and gender revolution under the world's largest housing reconstruction project for flood affectees.

Through the Sindh Government's initiative, Sindh People's Housing for Flood Affectees (SPHF) project implemented by Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO), the physical transformation has been staggering. Out of 165 total houses, 149 flood-resilient houses have already been

constructed. More revolutionary, however, is who holds the keys. Over 80 percent of these houses have been legally registered under the names of women.





"These successes have been achieved through the active participation of the entire community, supported by continuous facilitation to beneficiary households in throughout construction process by the Village Reconstruction Committee (VRC) established under SPHF and fostered by SRSO," said HakeemaKhattoon, President of the Village Reconstruction Committee (VRC), Village BhawalJatt, proudly.

This historic shift from displacement to structural ownership reached a monumental milestone when World Bank President Mr. Ajay Banga along with Chief Minister of Sindh personally visited the village in first week of February 2026. In a sweeping move towards complete legal empowerment, he handed over formal land ownership documents to 45 women of the village. For the first time in BhawalJatt's history, rural women are not just residents, but they are titled landowners and the financial anchors of their households .

"For my entire life, I only knew how it felt to live in fear of the next rain. When our mud house collapsed, we lost everything. Today, I sit inside a brick house that legally belongs to me. When the World Bank President handed us our land papers, it felt like the world finally recognized our existence." AsmaKhattoon .

The ripple effect of this empowerment has completely altered the social and economic fabric of the village. To

claim their construction installments, these women stepped inside a commercial bank for the very first time in their lives, unlocking a newfound literacy in financial management. Furthermore, the project became a massive engine for livelihood generation; breaking traditional barriers, many women trained and worked actively as construction laborers. They mixed cement, laid bricks and earned independent wages while physically building their own houses and those of their village fellows.

"We never imagined a day when women would be handling bank accounts or working as skilled masons in our village. This project didn't just give us a roof; it gave us financial literacy and a way to earn. Now, we manage our own savings and are proudly investing our income into our children's education." GulshadKhattoon.

BhawalJatt's evolution proves that post-disaster rehabilitation can do far more than fix broken infrastructure. By placing assets, bank accounts and building tools directly into the hands of vulnerable women, the Government of Sindh and SPHF have laid down a resilient foundation where the women of BhawalJatt are no longer survivors of a tragedy, they are the self-reliant architects of their community's future.

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Women Leading Change through Sun-Dry Innovation Entrepreneurship



Jhuddo, Mirpurkhas

In Jhuddo, District Mirpurkhas, a group of rural women turned a traditional household practice into a successful business. What once began as a simple way of preserving vegetables has grown into a women-led enterprise that creates jobs, increases family incomes, and adds value to locally grown produce. Their journey shows how the right support, practical skills, and determination can help women build sustainable livelihoods and bring positive change to their communities.

Red Royal Foods was initially started in 2024 by a group of women who wanted to earn an income by processing locally grown vegetables. Although they had the motivation and the idea, limited financial resources, weak market linkages, and a lack of business management skills prevented the enterprise from growing. Within a short time, business activities slowed and eventually came to a halt.

Recognizing the group's potential, the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) connected with the women through their Community Organization and visited the enterprise to better understand their challenges. Through the GET Ahead – Gender Entrepreneurship Together initiative, under the Malteser International and BMZ-funded project, Empowering Local Stakeholders and Communities for Diversified and Sustainable Livelihoods, and Protection against Climate Risks, the women formed a Business Development Group (BDG). They received entrepreneurship training, technical guidance, financial support, and assistance with branding, packaging, and marketing. The business was formally introduced to the market as Red Royal Foods, giving it a stronger identity and renewed confidence to grow.

Leading the enterprise is Ms. Nansukh, President of the Business Development Group, whose determination encouraged other women to believe that they could become entrepreneurs and contribute to their families' incomes. Reflecting on her journey, Nansukh says:

"We started this business with hope, but we did not have enough resources to expand it the way we wanted. After the floods, things became even more difficult, and we almost gave up. Then the SRSO team visited us through our Community Organization. They believed in our idea, guided



us, and helped us improve our business. Today, Red Royal Foods is growing, our products are reaching more markets, and we are hopeful about expanding even further. This business has given us confidence and a better future." Every harvest season, farmers in Jhuddo produce large quantities of tomatoes, onions, and chillies. Because these vegetables are highly perishable and storage facilities are limited, a significant portion is often lost or sold at very low prices. The women saw this challenge as an opportunity. By drying locally grown vegetables, they could reduce food waste, extend shelf life, and create products with greater market value.

Building on a traditional household practice, they adopted improved hygienic sun-drying techniques. Tomatoes, onions, and chillies are carefully cleaned, sliced, naturally dried, and packaged while preserving their flavour, colour, and nutritional value. This eco-friendly process requires little energy, reduces post-harvest losses, and supports climate-smart agriculture by making better use of locally available resources.

"Our enterprise has continued to grow through improved quality standards and business practices. In the today, Red Royal Foods is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) and has earned ISO 22000:2018 Food Safety Management System certification, demonstrating its commitment to producing safe, high-quality food products that meet internationally recognized standards." BDG leader Nansukh said proudly.

The enterprise now provides employment to 15 rural women, enabling them to earn a regular income and strengthen their financial independence. It has also created jobs for two men, who support procurement and financial management. Beyond employment, the business has opened new market opportunities for local farmers by purchasing tomatoes, onions, and chillies for value-added processing and supplying hygienically processed products to local and larger markets.

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Parveen Khoso: From Community Leader to A Successful Entrepreneur



Village PyaroMagsi, District Larkano

Parveen Khoso, a resident of Village PyaroMagsi in Union Council Kothi, District Larkano, is a hardworking and courageous woman who has transformed her life through resilience and determination. Despite facing social pressures and difficult circumstances, she never gave up. As a mother of two, she worked tirelessly—making quilts, working in the fields, and supporting polio campaigns to provide for her children.

In 2016, when the SUCCESS Programme was launched by the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) in partnership with the Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) with financial support from the European Union, Parveen found an opportunity to actively engage in community development. She emerged as a leader in women's community institutions, including CO "Falak," VO "PyaroMagsi," and LSO "Pahreh."

After receiving various trainings, she began working for the betterment of women in her village and union council. As a Community Resource Person (CRP), she raised awareness about health, hygiene, girls' education, maternal and child health, basic rights, and the importance of CNIC and marriage registration. She also led campaigns against early child marriages, contributing to a noticeable decline in such cases in her area.

During the devastating floods of 2022, Parveen actively supported relief efforts in collaboration with SRSO and government institutions, helping distribute food, sanitary kits, and essential supplies. Although her own home was affected, she received support from the Sindh Government to rebuild a permanent house. She now also serves as the President of the Village Reconstruction Committee (VRC),

assisting others in rebuilding their homes.

Parveen strongly believes that women's economic empowerment is key to improving their social and financial status and achieving sustainable poverty reduction. Determined to lead by example, she applied for an interest-free enterprise development loan from SRSO.

Parveen says "With interest free loan of PKR 200,000, I successfully established a cold drinks shop in my village. With the support of my son, I manage the business independently, including maintaining accounts. Today, I earn between PKR 1,500 to 2,000 daily, which is ensuring a dignified livelihood for my family."

Parveen acknowledges that working women face gender-based challenges at every level, and emphasizes the need for continued support from organizations like SRSO and government institutions.

She proudly says:

"I am grateful to SRSO for giving me hope and a new path to progress. Today, I stand on my own feet and live a dignified life."



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