

Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme District Khairpur



Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO)

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Preface

The Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme (UCBPRP) is a pioneering and challenging initiative of the Government of Sindh, for reducing poverty by tapping into the potential of the people. The UCBPRP, being implemented by the Sindh Rural Support Organisation (SRSO), was initiated on February 1, 2009 in two districts of Sindh; Kashmore-Kandhkot and Shikarpur for a period of 30 months (FYs 2008-09, 2009-10 & 2010-11).

Subsequent to the success and effectiveness of the programme, as accredited both by the Government and Board of Directors, the management took an initiative to replicate the same programme at district Khairpur from its core-funding. Therefore, upon approval from the Board of Directors, the management commenced the programme in 19 Union Councils of Khairpur's two taluka; Khairpur and Sobhodero for the period of 36 months (FY 2009-10, 2010-11 & 2011-12). The programme is intended to cover almost 70 percent of the entire population, which constitutes 51 percent of those categorized in the lower three bands according to the Poverty Scorecard Survey.

Many women in the area desire to work but do not always have the education and required skills. Therefore they are confined to their homes with limited opportunity to find employment and earn income. The programme is specifically designed to target the rural women (including their siblings) and thus attaining its objective of improving the quality of life, of communities living in rural areas that lack basic facilities, while the specific objective is to build up the capacity through social mobilization to empower the communities both socially and economically and equip them with skills in various vocational and technical trades so that they are able to improve their livelihoods and increase their incomes. The programme will also cater their social protection through Micro-health Insurance.

SRSO's approach is to organize only women from the households at Parra/Mohalla into Community Organization (CO) which are later converged into Village Organization or Village Development Organization at village level to become a self-sustaining institution (or "grassroots institution").

Programme Summary

The Union Council Based Rural Poverty Reduction Programme (UCBPRP) in 19 UCs of district Khairpur commenced on 1st July 2009 and would be completed in 36 months. The prime objective of this programme is to improve the living standard of communities in the said area, while the specific objective is to build up the capacity of the underserved population, based upon the social mobilization approach, supplemented by a number of interventions. In addition to social mobilization, the programme will address the social indicators relating to health, education, environment and physical infrastructure. Health insurance cover for the poor (0-18) would be provided as a social safety-net, as well as it will also prepare the communities to make use of microfinance for their livelihoods and creation of assets, which are the main reasons behind poverty in rural areas.

The team is progressing in identification of the beneficiary households through the Poverty Scorecard (PSC) survey covering each household within jurisdiction boundary of the targeted area. Results of 19 Rural Union Councils have been generated through the Poverty Scorecard-MIS classifying the households in 4 poverty bands i.e. 0-11, 12-18, 19-23 and 24-100, whereas, entry of Urban Union Councils is in progress. The MIS reports have been given away to the social mobilization teams, in order to organize the households based on the poverty scorecard result.

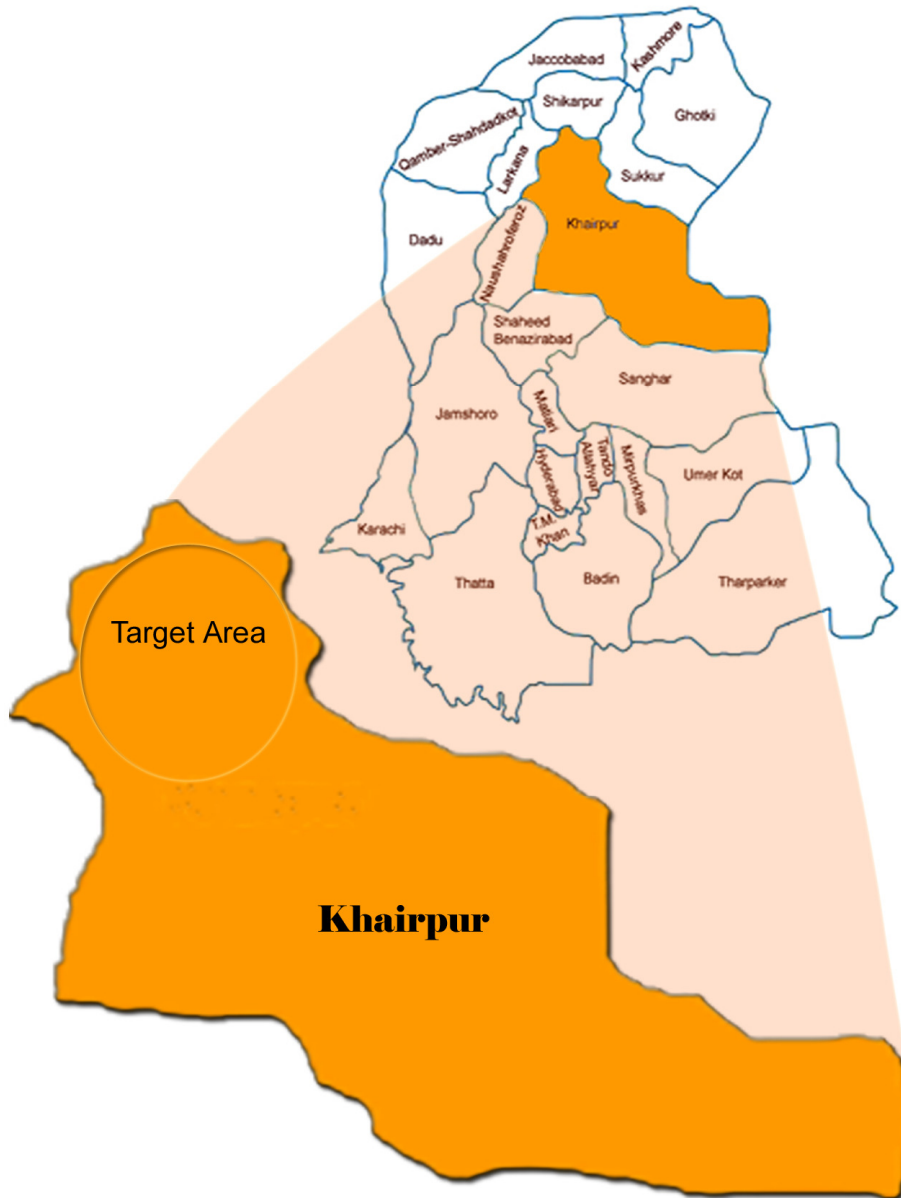
The programme had intervened in 11 Union Councils out of 19 UCs, of two taluka of the district Khairpur, through social mobilization process. In the reporting month, the team had organized 2,905 households into 128 Community Organizations (COs) which constitutes 49 Village Organizations (VOs) and 36 Village Development Organizations (VDOs), wherein 99 villages were covered. All 2,905 households' members are women.

Supporting, capacity building and strengthening of COs, VOs and VDOs in each village in the designated UCs so as to enable them to assess their needs and become capable of independently managing, planning, mobilizing resources and implementing the household and village level activities/needs on self reliance basis. Therefore, during the month of January 2010, 13 events were organized to enhance the capacity of 286 members of COs/VOs/VDOs.

In the course of Training Need Assessment (TNA), organized households are identified so as to equip them with Vocational/Technical Skills that leads to either self or external employment of both Men and Women. During the reporting month of January 2010, 202 persons (male/female) had been trained in different trades.

In order to effectively and efficiently reach out to women and the poorest segments of the rural community, the Community Investment Fund (CIF) is an intervention through which the beneficiaries were provided access to flexible and interest free revolving loan/fund aimed at creating opportunities for development, growth, and poverty reduction. A disbursement of Rs. 3,406,000 was reported for the period benefitting 359 female members falling in 0-18 category.

Programme Area



Progress Update

i. Taluka wise achievement as of 31st January 2010

Activity	Project Target	As of 31 Dec 2009	Taluka wise Progress as of 31 January 2010			Cumulative since inception	
			Khairpur	Sobhadero	Total		
Social Mobilization							
Union Councils Coverage	19	8	6	5	11	11	
Villages Coverage	-	223	39	60	99	322	
COs Formation	2,394	288	81	47	128	416	
VOs Formation	-	105	5	44	49	154	
Households Organized	35,910	6,144	1,560	1,345	2,905	9,049	
	0--11	-	2,143	468	256	724	2,867
	12--18	-	1,155	335	499	834	1,989
	19--23	-	796	258	487	745	1,541
	24--100	-	2,050	499	103	602	2,652
VDOs Formation	798	59	16	20	36	95	
Households given Community Investment Fund - CIF (0-18)	15,903	134	330	29	359	493	
Amount	-	1,300,000	3,148,000	258,000	3,406,000	4,706,000	
Micro-Health Insurance - MHI (@ Rs. 550)	15,903	-	-	-	-	-	
Vocational / Skills Training							
Vocational / Skills Training (Pax)	5,387	287	123	79	202	489	
Beautician Training	-	36	13	-	13	49	
Machine Embroidery	-	52	17	20	37	89	
Driving	-	45	-	-	-	45	
Hand Embroidery	-	34	21	19	40	74	
Computer Hardware	-	10	-	-	-	10	
Computer Software	-	7	-	-	-	7	
Electric Motor Winding	-	10	2	-	2	12	
Motor Cycle Mechanic	-	9	8	-	8	17	
Sindhi/Urdu Typist	-	11	17	-	17	28	
Generator Repairing	-	3	0	-	-	3	
Tailoring Training	-	58	38	40	78	136	
Building Electrician	-	11	7	-	7	18	
Sewing Machine Repairing	-	1	-	-	-	1	
Capacity Building Training							
CO Management & Record Keeping Training (Events)	-	19	2	3	5	24	
CO Management & Record Keeping Training (2 pax per CO)	4,788	358	43	62	105	463	
VO / VDO Management & Planning Training (Events)	-	8	2	1	3	11	
VO/VDO Management & Planning Training (4 pax per VO/VDO)	3,192	182	45	36	81	263	
VO / VDO Record Keeping Training (Events)	-	4	1	1	2	6	
VO / VDO Record Keeping Training (1 member per VO / VDO)	798	38	10	9	19	57	
CIF Management (Events)	-	8	2	1	3	11	
CIF Management (4 members per VO/VDO)	3,192	182	45	36	81	263	
Credit Book Keeping Training (Events)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Credit Book Keeping Training (1 Member per CO)	2,394	-	-	-	-	-	
CRPs / Activists Training (Events)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CRPs / Activists Training (Pax)	798	-	-	-	-	-	
Community / Activists Conference (Events)	-	1	-	-	-	1	
Community / Activists Conference (1 Member per CO)	2,394	63	-	-	-	63	
Exposure Visit (Events)	-	1	-	-	-	1	
Exposure Visit (Pax)	798	39	-	-	-	39	

ii. UC wise achievement as of 31st January 2010 (Taluka Khairpur)

Activity	Achievement as of January 2010 (Taluka Khairpur)						Total (Jan 2010)
	Shadi Shaheed	Wada Machyoon	Khanpur	Nizamani	Therhi	Mehar Ali	
Social Mobilization							
Union Councils Coverage							6
Villages Coverage	-	-	13	22	-	4	39
COs Formation	-	-	28	43	-	10	81
VOs Formation	-	-	5	-	-	-	5
Households Organized	-	-	641	753	-	166	1560
0--11	-	-	282	150	-	36	468
12--18	-	-	80	209	-	46	335
19--23	-	-	88	139	-	31	258
24--100	-	-	191	255	-	53	499
VDOs Formation	-	6	6	4	-	-	16
Households given Community Investment Fund - CIF (0-18)	129	110	91	-	-	-	330
Amount	1260000	1072000	816000	-	-	-	3148000
Micro-Health Insurance - MHI (@ Rs. 550)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vocational Skills Training							
Vocational / Skills Training (Pax)	13	76	32	2	-	-	123
Beautician Training	-	11	-	2	-	-	13
Machine Embroidery	2	8	7	-	-	-	17
Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hand Embroidery	3	14	4	-	-	-	21
Computer Hardware	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer Software	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electric Motor Winding	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Motor Cycle Mechanic	-	4	4	-	-	-	8
Sindhi/Urdu Typist	3	10	4	-	-	-	17
Generator Repairing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tailoring Training	5	20	13	-	-	-	38
Building Electrician	-	7	-	-	-	-	7
Sewing Machine Repairing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capacity Building Training							
CO Management & Record Keeping Training (Events)	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
CO Management & Record Keeping Training (2 pax per CO)	-	-	43	-	-	-	43
VO / VDO Management & Planning Training (Events)	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
VO / VDO Management & Planning Training (4 pax per VO/VDO)	-	-	45	-	-	-	45
VO / VDO Record Keeping Training (Events)	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
VO / VDO Record Keeping Training (1 member per VO/VDO)	-	-	10	-	-	-	10
CIF Management (Events)	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
CIF Management (4 members per VO / VDO)	-	-	45	-	-	-	45
Credit Book Keeping Training (Events)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Credit Book Keeping Training (1 Member per CO)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CRPs / Activists Training (Events)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CRPs / Activists Training (Pax)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community/Activists Conference(Events)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community / Activists Conference (1 Member per CO)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exposure Visit (Events)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exposure Visit (Pax)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

iii. UC wise achievement as of 31st January 2010 (Taluka Sobhodero)

Activity	Achievement as of January 2010 (Taluka Sobhodero)					Total (Jan 2010)
	Madd	Sobhodero	Pir Hayat Shah	Gadiji	Rani Pur	
Social Mobilization						
Union Councils Coverage						5
Villages Coverage	0	1	43	7	9	60
COs Formation	0	1	25	7	14	47
VOs Formation	0	2	35	3	4	44
Households Organized	0	24	889	169	263	1345
0--11	0	2	175	33	46	256
12--18	0	9	325	57	108	499
19--23	0	11	316	64	96	487
24--100	0	2	73	15	13	103
VDOs Formation	6	6	8	0	0	20
Households given Community Investment Fund - CIF (0-18)	29	0	0	0	0	29
Amount	258000	0	0	0	0	258000
Micro-Health Insurance - MHI (@ Rs. 550)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vocational / Skills Training						
Vocational / Skills Training (Pax)	79	0	0	0	0	79
Beautician Training	0	0	0	0	0	0
Machine Embroidery	20	0	0	0	0	20
Driving	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hand Embroidery	19	0	0	0	0	19
Computer Hardware	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computer Software	0	0	0	0	0	0
Electric Motor Winding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Cycle Mechanic	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sindhi/Urdu Typist	0	0	0	0	0	0
Generator Repairing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tailoring Training	40	0	0	0	0	40
Building Electrician	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sewing Machine Repairing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capacity Building Training						
CO Management & Record Keeping Training (Events)	1	1	1	0	0	3
CO Management & Record Keeping Training (2 pax per CO)	16	18	28	0	0	62
VO / VDO Management & Planning Training (Events)	1	0	0	0	0	1
VO/VDO Management & Planning Training (4 pax per VO/VDO)	36	0	0	0	0	36
VO / VDO Record Keeping Training (Events)	1	0	0	0	0	1
VO / VDO Record Keeping Training (1 member per VO/VDO)	9	0	0	0	0	9
CIF Management (Events)	1	0	0	0	0	1
CIF Management (4 members per VO / VDO)	36	0	0	0	0	36
Credit Book Keeping Training (Events)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Credit Book Keeping Training (1 Member per CO)	0	0	0	0	0	0
CRPs / Activists Training (Events)	0	0	0	0	0	0
CRPs / Activists Training (Pax)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community / Activists Conference (Events)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community / Activists Conference (1 Member per CO)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exposure Visit (Events)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exposure Visit (Pax)	0	0	0	0	0	0

Poverty Scorecard Survey

The Poverty Scorecard survey is being conducted to collect and analyze the required information in selected Union Councils in Districts Khairpur. However, in order to target particular groups for specific intervention, it is important to decide a cut-off and label the potential households with score falling in their respective categories. Based on World Bank guidelines and SRSO's experience of testing the scorecard in other districts, SRSO decided following cut-offs to identify people in different categories.

Poverty Bands:

As shown in table, the Poverty Scorecard has been split into 4 poverty bands:

PSC Poverty Bands	Score Range
Extremely Poor/Destitute	0-11
Chronically Poor	12-18
Transitory Poor	19-23
Non-Poor	24-100

During the reporting period, reports of following data of targeted Union Councils have been generated through Poverty Scorecard-MIS:

S#	Taluka	UC Name	Score Ranges					Total hhs	Percentages			
			0-11	12-18	19-23	24-100	0-11		12-18	19-23	24-100	
1	Sobhodero	Ranipur	63	164	147	543	917	6.9	17.9	16.0	59.2	
2		Gadejji	157	508	552	1,852	3,069	5.1	16.6	18.0	60.3	
3		Pir Hayyat Shah	260	563	503	1,599	2,925	8.9	19.2	17.2	54.7	
4		Sobhodero	181	384	353	802	1,720	10.5	22.3	20.5	46.6	
5		Hingorja	202	332	252	591	1,377	14.7	24.1	18.3	42.9	
6		Sami	310	618	488	1,151	2,567	12.1	24.1	19.0	44.8	
7		Rasoolabad	262	546	413	1,119	2,340	11.2	23.3	17.6	47.8	
8		Madd	726	404	241	1,374	2,745	26.4	14.7	8.8	50.1	
9		Sagyoon	350	856	612	1,364	3,182	11.0	26.9	19.2	42.9	
		Sub-Total Sobhodero	2,511	4,375	3,561	10,395	20,842	12.0	21.0	17.1	49.9	
10	Khairpur	Mehar Ali	267	509	463	1,431	2,670	10.0	19.1	17.3	53.6	
11		Nizamani	413	576	491	1,243	2,723	15.2	21.2	18.0	45.6	
12		Garhi Mori	197	435	399	1,607	2,638	7.5	16.5	15.1	60.9	
13		Therhi	257	405	397	1,579	2,638	9.7	15.4	15.0	59.9	
14		Baberlo	294	507	454	1,386	2,641	11.1	19.2	17.2	52.5	
15		Long Bhatti	472	588	445	1,295	2,800	16.9	21.0	15.9	46.3	
16		Tando Masti	426	522	438	956	2,342	18.2	22.3	18.7	40.8	
17		Shadi Shaheed	1,098	429	336	1,724	3,587	30.6	12.0	9.4	48.1	
18		Wada Machyoon	733	266	166	1,364	2,529	29.0	10.5	6.6	53.9	
19		Khanpur	866	346	250	1,220	2,682	32.3	12.9	9.3	45.5	
		Sub-Total Khairpur	5,023	4,583	3,839	13,805	27,250	18.4	16.8	14.1	50.7	
		Grand Total	7,534	8,958	7,400	24,200	48,092	15.7	18.6	15.4	50.3	

Social Mobilization

The Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme (UCBPRP) has been using the social mobilization approach to organize rural communities in order to provide the poorest with essential products, while at the same time building their capacities to plan and work as a whole. Following table depicts taluka wise achievement of social mobilization for the month of January 2010:

Activity	Project Target	As of 31 Dec 2009	Khairpur	Sobhodoro	Total (Jan 2010)	Cumulative since inception
Social Mobilization						
Union Councils Coverage	19	8	6	5	11	11
Villages Coverage	-	223	39	60	99	322
COs Formation	2,394	288	81	47	128	416
VOs Formation	-	105	5	44	49	154
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12--18	-	1,155	335	499	834	1,989
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VDOs Formation	798	59	16	20	36	95

Capacity Building

Investment in human capacities for harnessing the competence of local people is the primary objective of the programme and believes in the potential and strength of community, therefore, it does focus on the capacity building of the targeted communities. Keeping in view, the programme has drawn socially and culturally accepted training modules through which other intervention packages offered by the programme would help the communities in creating sustainable solution to their problems and equip them with management skills and better understanding of the programme so that they could build-up and efficiently run their institution at their own and obtain utmost advantage out of it. Moreover, for the sake of experience sharing, conferences and exposure visits would also be arranged for the members.

The under mentioned table shows progress as of 31st January 2010:

Activity	Project Target	As of 31 Dec 2009	Khairpur	Sobhodoro	Total (Jan 2010)	Cumulative since inception
Capacity Building Training						
CO Management & Record Keeping Training						
Events	-	19	2	3	5	24
Pax (2 members per CO)	4,788	358	43	62	105	463
VO / VDO Management & Planning Training						
Events	-	8	2	1	3	11
Pax (4 members per VO/VDO)	3,192	182	45	36	81	263
VO / VDO Record Keeping Training						
Events	-	4	1	1	2	6
Pax (1 member per VO / VDO)	798	38	10	9	19	57
CIF Management						
Events	-	8	2	1	3	11
Pax (4 members per VO/VDO)	3,192	182	45	36	81	263
Credit Book Keeping Training						
Events	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pax (1 Member per CO)	2,394	-	-	-	-	-
CRPs / Activists Training						
Events	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pax	798	-	-	-	-	-
Community / Activists Conference						
Events	-	1	-	-	-	1
Pax (1 Member per CO)	2,394	63	-	-	-	63
Exposure Visit						
Events	-	1	-	-	-	1
Pax	798	39	-	-	-	39

Vocational / Technical Skills Training

The programme includes free of cost technical/vocational training in the form of employable skills to its organized households including their siblings (both male and female) so that their social and economic condition could be improved which ultimately helps in alleviating the poverty. The trades have been designed, keeping in view, the current market situation, acceptability and opportunity, so that the youths could be absorbed after the graduation.

The SRSO has established its systems for the purpose and therefore, Training Need Identification (TNI) and Training Need Assessment (TNA) are being conducted. It had also set-up two(02) vocational training facilities/centers each at taluka Khairpur and Sobhodero, exclusively for female and trained a number of participants in the trades of Tailoring, Hand Embroidery, Machine Embroidery and Kundi Work and Beautician. Other trades such as Motor Driving, Motor Mechanic, Computer Software, Computer Hardware, Building Electrician, Generator Repairing, Urdu/Sindhi Typist etc. are being out-sourced to NRSP-IRM at Sukkur as well as other locations. The participants, who had completed the course, are earning a handsome amount and thus helping their family to drive out of the poverty cycle.

The data placed in the table below, shows update progress:

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Computer Hardware	-	10	-	-	-	10
Computer Software	-	7	-	-	-	7
Electric Motor Winding	-	10	2	-	2	12
Motor Cycle Mechanic	-	9	8	-	8	17
Sindhi/Urdu Typist	-	11	17	-	17	28
Generator Repairing	-	3	0	-	-	3
Tailoring Training	-	58	38	40	78	136
Building Electrician	-	11	7	-	7	18
Sewing Machine Repairing	-	1	-	-	-	1

Community Investment Fund (CIF)

The SRSO through this programme decided to focus and organize only on women. Therefore as an added precaution, SRSO has ensured that the primary beneficiaries of the UCBPRP are truly the most deserving in each of the targeted poor households, i.e. the women.

In order to effectively and efficiently reach out to women and the poorest segments of the rural community, the Community Investment Fund (CIF) is an intervention through which the beneficiaries were provided access to flexible and interest free revolving loan/fund aimed at creating opportunities for self employment, small enterprise development, growth, and ultimately poverty reduction.

The approach is designed to strengthen the local institutions at community/village level and build their own sustainable financial institutions that effectively reach the underserved poor. It is also expected that the initiative will create opportunities for the poorest clients, without collateral, to access small loans at lower cost and with fewer delinquencies.

In addition to the economic benefits, the initiative will form an ideal context for learning and mutual support among members. As they are being trained to resolve and take action against social problems in their community. The impact of this Initiative is on a broader scale and would be unlocking the possibilities for many other economic empowerment programs.

In the reporting month, team has disbursed Rs. 3,406,000 to 359 poor female beneficiaries. Hence, cumulatively the Community Investment Fund has assisted 493 organized poor women with an amount of Rs. 4,706,000 organized members.

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Households given Community Investment Fund - CIF (0-18)	15,903	134	330	29	359	493
Amount Disbursed (Rs.)	-	1,300,000	3,148,000	258,000	3,406,000	4,706,000

Plan for the month of Feb 2010

Activity	Project Target	Target - Feb 2010
Social Mobilization		
Taluka	2	-
Union Councils Coverage	19	-
Villages Coverage	-	-
Households Coverage	35,910	2,479
COs Formation	2,394	175
VDOs Formation	798	54
Micro-Investment Plan (MIP)	35,910	
Households given Community Investment Fund - CIF (0-18)	15,903	526
Micro-Health Insurance - MHI (@ Rs. 550)	15,903	250
Training		
Vocational / Skills Training (Pax)	5,387	167
CO Management & Record Keeping Training (2 pax per CO)	4,788	145
VO / VDO Management & Planning Training (4 pax per VO / VDO)	3,192	101
VO / VDO Record Keeping Training (1 member per VO / VDO)	798	25
CIF Management & Record / Book Keeping Training (4 members per VO / VDO)	3,192	101
Credit Book Keeping Training (1 Member per CO)	2,394	-
CRPs / Activists Training (Pax)	798	27
Community / Activists Conference (1 Member per CO)	2,394	78
Exposure Visit (1 Member per VO/VDO)	798	25

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