

UNION COUNCIL BASED POVERTY REDUCTION PROGRAMME DISTRICT KHAIRPUR MIR'S



Prepared by: **Feroz Ahmed Bhutto**,
Assitt: Prog: Officer MER
UCBPRP Distt: Khairpur.



Table of Contents

Preface.....	2
Programme Area.....	3
Programme Summary.....	4
Progress Update.....	5
Poverty Scorecard Survey.....	8
Social Mobilization.....	9
Capacity Building.....	10
Vocational/Technical Skills Training.....	11
Community Investment Fund (CIF).....	12
Successful Story.....	13
Delegates/Visitors.....	14
Plan for the month of April 2010.....	15



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 Organization (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).

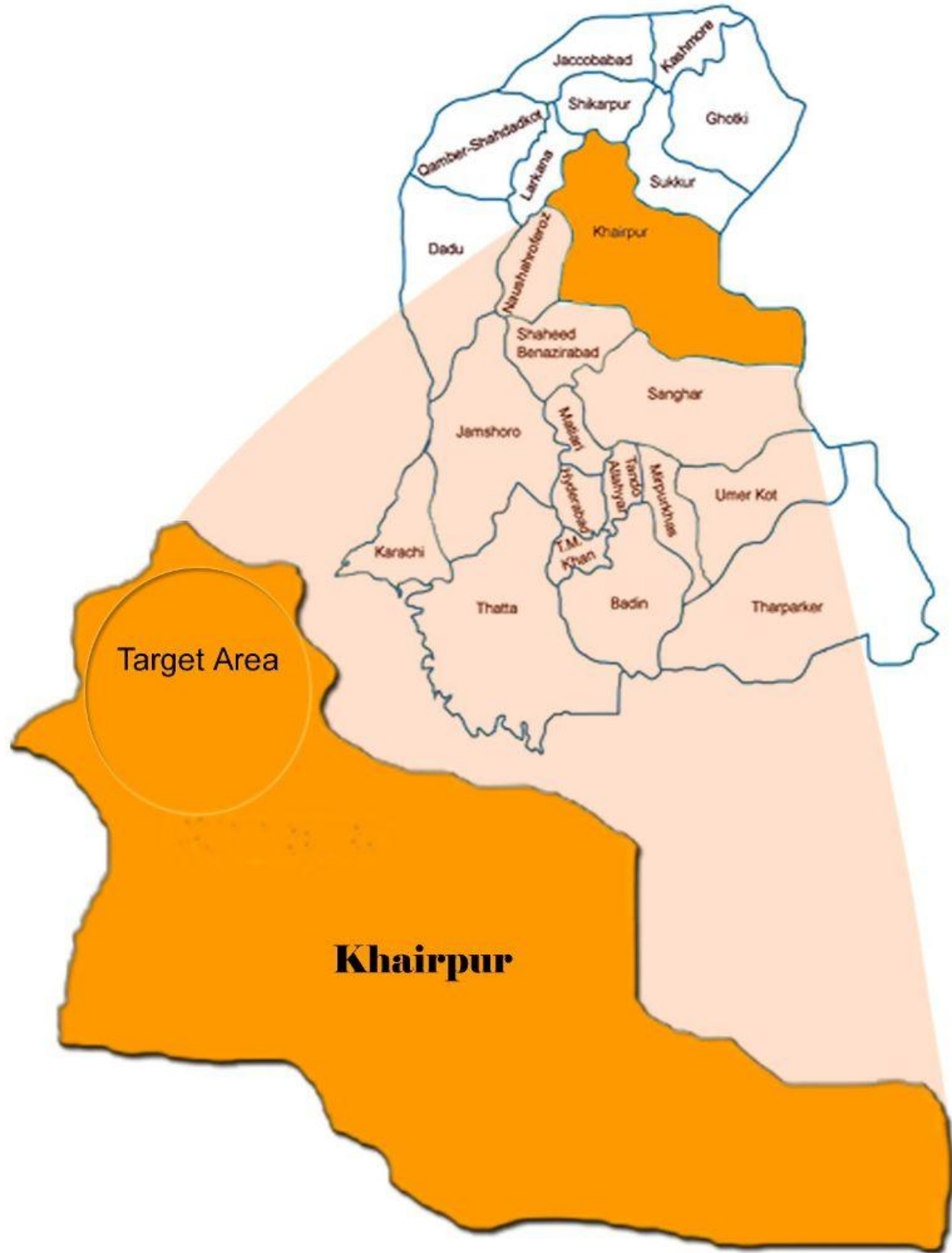
Subsequent to the success and effectiveness of the programme, as accredited both by the Government and Board of Directors, the management took an initiative to replicate the same programme at district Khairpur from its core-funding. Therefore, upon approval from the Board of Directors, the management 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 at village level to become a self-sustaining institution (or "grassroots institution").



Programme Area



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 all Councils is completed and total HHs are 52,271. 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 18 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 3,122 households into 205 Community Organizations (COs) and 28 Village Organizations (VOs), wherein 131 villages were covered. All 3,122 households' members are women.

Supporting, capacity building and strengthening of COs and VOs 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 reporting month, 13 events were organized to enhance the capacity of 263 members of COs/VOs.

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 current month, 173 persons (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. 2,082,000 was reported for the period benefiting 212 female members falling in 0-18 category.



Progress Update

i. Taluka wise achievement as of March 2010

Activity	Project Target	As of 31 Dec-2009	Progress (Jan-2010)	Progress (Feb-2010)	March-2010			Cumulative since Inception
					Taluka Khairpur	Taluka Sobhdero	Total	
Social Mobilization								
Union Councils Coverage	19	8	11	13	2	3	5	18
Villages Coverage	-	223	99	111	46	85	131	564
COs Formation	2,394	393	177	173	80	125	205	948
VOs Formation	-	59	36	32	12	16	28	155
Households Organized	35,910	6,144	2,905	2,691	1,410	1,712	3122	14,862
0--11	-	2,143	724	496	388	348	736	4,099
12--18	-	1,155	834	878	415	744	1159	4,026
19--23	-	796	745	755	243	525	768	3,064
24--100	-	2,050	602	562	364	95	459	3,673
Households given Community Investment Fund - CIF (0-18)	15,903	134	359	306	158	54	212	1,011
Amount	-	1,300,000	3,406,000	3,103,000	1,568,000	514,000	2,082,000	9,891,000
Micro-Health Insurance - MHI (@ Rs. 550)	15,903	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vocational Skills Training								
Vocational / Skills Training (Pax)	5,387	287	202	218	79	94	173	880
Beautician Training	-	36	13	7	-	14	14	70
Machine Embroidery	-	52	37	39	17	20	37	165
Driving	-	45	-	-	-	2	2	47
Hand Embroidery	-	34	40	39	24	18	42	155
Computer Hardware	-	10	-	3	-	-	-	13
Computer Software	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	7
Electric Motor Winding	-	10	2	1	-	-	-	13
Motor Cycle Mechanic	-	9	8	14	-	-	-	31
Sindhi/Urdu Typist	-	11	17	9	-	-	-	37
Generator Repairing	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Tailoring Training	-	58	78	102	38	40	78	316
Building Electrician	-	11	7	4	-	-	-	22
Sewing Machine Repairing	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Capacity Building Training								
CO Management & Record Keeping Training (Events)	-	19	5	4	4	4	8	36
CO Management & Record Keeping Training (2 pax per CO)	4,788	358	105	84	86	82	168	715
VO Management & Planning Training (Events)	-	8	3	5	1	1	2	18
VO Management & Planning Training (4 pax per VO)	3,192	182	81	115	25	20	45	423
VO Record Keeping Training (Events)	-	4	2	1	-	1	1	8
VO Record Keeping Training (1 member per VO)	798	38	19	7	-	5	5	69
CIF Management (Events)	-	8	3	5	1	1	2	18
CIF Management (4 members per VO)	3,192	182	81	115	25	20	45	423
CRPs / Activists Training (Events)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CRPs / Activists Training(Pax)	798	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community / Activists Conference (Events)	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	3
Community / Activists Conference (1Member per CO)	2,394	63	-	138	-	-	-	201
Exposure Visit (Events)	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	4
Exposure Visit (Pax)	798	39	-	71	-	-	-	110



ii. UC wise achievement for the month of March 2010 (Taluka Khairpur)

Activity	Achievement for the month of March 2010									Total March 2010
Social Mobilization	Taluka Khairpur									
Union Councils Coverage	Shadi Shaheed	Wada Machyoon	Khanpur	Nizamani	Therhi	Mehar Ali	Baberloe	Loung Bhati	Tando Masti	9
Villages Coverage	-	1	-	-	-	5	4	11	25	46
COs Formation	-	1	-	7	-	6	6	24	36	80
VOs Formation	1	-	-	1	1	4	5	-	-	12
Households Organized	-	17	-	112	-	113	96	436	636	1,410
0--11	-	1	-	21	-	29	20	166	151	388
12--18	-	2	-	37	-	28	26	159	163	415
19--23	-	2	-	26	-	21	12	63	119	243
24--100	-	12	-	28	-	35	38	48	203	364
Households given Community Investment Fund - CIF (0-18)	45	25	5	45	-	38	-	-	-	158
Amount	443,000	275,000	50,000	420,000	-	380,000	-	-	-	1,568,000
Micro-Health Insurance - MHI (@ Rs. 550)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vocational Skills Training	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vocational / Skills Training (Pax)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beautician Training	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Machine Embroidery	-	6	-	4	-	4	3	-	-	17
Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hand Embroidery	-	4	-	18	-	2	-	-	-	24
Computer Hardware	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer Software	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electric Motor Winding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Cycle Mechanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sindhi/Urdu Typist	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generator Repairing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tailoring Training	-	1	3	23	-	7	4	-	-	38
Building Electrician	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sewing Machine Repairing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capacity Building Training	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CO Management & Record Keeping Training (Events)	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	4
CO Management & Record Keeping Training (2 pax per CO)	-	-	22	23	24	-	17	-	-	86
VO Management & Planning Training (Events)	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
VO Management & Planning Training (4 pax per VO)	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	25
VO Record Keeping Training (Events)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VO Record Keeping Training (1 member per VO)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CIF Management (Events)	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
CIF Management (4 members per VO)	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	25
CRPs / Activists Training (Events)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CRPs / Activists Training (Pax)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community / Activists Conference (Events)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community / Activists Conference (1 M/per CO)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exposure Visit (Events)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exposure Visit (Pax)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

iii. UC wise achievement for the month of March 2010 (Taluka Sobhodero)

Activity	Achievement for the month of March 2010									Total March 2010
	Taluka Sobhodero									
Social Mobilization	Madd	Sobhodero	Pir Hayat Shah	Gadiji	Ranipur	Saygiyoon	Rasoolabad	Hingorja	Sami	
Union Councils Coverage										9
Villages Coverage	-	-	-	6	1	8	22	14	34	85
COs Formation	-	-	-	7	1	17	28	18	54	125
VO Formation	-	-	-	5	1	4		1	5	16
Households Organized	-	-	-	82	19	140	400	293	778	1,712
0--11	-	-	-	9	2	11	75	81	170	348
12--18	-	-	-	33	8	58	169	118	358	744
19--23	-	-	-	33	9	53	134	89	207	525
24--100	-	-	-	7	-	18	22	5	43	95
Households given Community Investment Fund - CIF (0-18)	49	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
Amount	469,000	45,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	514,000
Micro-Health Insurance - MHI (@ Rs. 550)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vocational Skills Training	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vocational / Skills Training (Pax)	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Beautician Training	-	-	4	4	6	-	-	-	-	14
Machine Embroidery	-	5	11	-	4	-	-	-	-	20
Driving	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Hand Embroidery	-	5	11	-	2	-	-	-	-	18
Computer Hardware	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer Software	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electric Motor Winding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Cycle Mechanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sindhi/Urdu Typist	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generator Repairing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tailoring Training	4	10	18	-	8	-	-	-	-	40
Building Electrician	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sewing Machine Repairing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capacity Building Training	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CO Management & Record Keeping Training (Events)	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	4
CO Management & Record Keeping Training (2 pax per CO)	-	20	-	42	20	-	-	-	-	82
VO Management & Planning Training (Events)	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
VO Management & Planning Training (4 pax per VO)	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
VO Record Keeping Training (Events)	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
VO Record Keeping Training (1 member per VO)	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
CIF Management (Events)	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
CIF Management (4 members per VO)	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
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)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

Reports of targeted Union Councils have been generated through Poverty Scorecard-MIS, and the households have been categorized as follows:

S#	Taluka	UC Name	Score Range					Percentage			
			0-11	12-18	19-23	24-100	Total hhs	0-11	12-18	19-23	24-100
1	Sobhodero	Ranipur	233	559	506	2,035	3,333	7.0	16.8	15.2	61.1
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	224	514	481	1,448	2,667	8.4	19.3	18.0	54.3
5		Hingorja	230	436	351	1,355	2,372	9.7	18.4	14.8	57.1
6		Sami	274	574	437	1,103	2,388	11.5	24.0	18.3	46.2
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			2,716	4,960	4,096	13,249	25,021	10.9	19.8	16.4	53.0
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			7,739	9,543	7,935	27,054	52,271	14.8	18.3	15.2	51.8

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 March 2010.

Activity	Project Target	As of 31 Dec 2009	Progress (Jan-2010)	Progress (Feb-2010)	March 2010			Cumulative since Inception
					Taluka Khairpur	Taluka Sobhodoro	Total	
Social Mobilization								
Union Councils Coverage	19	8	11	13	2	3	5	18
Villages Coverage	-	223	99	111	46	85	131	564
COs Formation	2,394	393	177	173	80	125	205	948
VO Formation	-	59	36	32	12	16	28	155
Households Organized	35,910	6,144	2,905	2,691	1,410	1,712	3122	14,862
0--11	-	2,143	724	496	388	348	736	4,099
12--18	-	1,155	834	878	415	744	1159	4,026
19--23	-	796	745	755	243	525	768	3,064
24--100	-	2,050	602	562	364	95	459	3,673



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 for the month of March 2010:

Activity	Project Target	As of 31 Dec 2009	Progress (Jan-2010)	Progress (Feb-2010)	March 2010			Cumulative since inception
					Taluka Khairpur	Taluka Sobhodero	Total	
Social Mobilization								
Capacity Building Training								
CO Management & Record Keeping Training								
Events	-	19	5	4	4	4	8	36
2 pax per CO	4,788	358	105	84	86	82	168	715
VO Management Training								
Events	-	8	3	5	1	1	2	18
4 pax per VO	3,192	182	81	115	25	20	45	423
VO Record Keeping Training								
Events	-	4	2	1	-	1	1	8
1 member per VO	798	38	19	7	-	5	5	69
CIF Management Training								
Events	-	8	3	5	1	1	1	18
4 members per VO	3,192	182	81	115	25	20	45	423
CRPs / Activists Training								
Events	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
Pax	798	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
Community / Activists Conference								
Events	-	1	-	2	-	-	0	3
1 Member per CO	2,394	63	-	138	-	-	0	201
Exposure Visit								
Events	-	1	-	3	-	-	0	4
Pax	798	39	-	71	-	-	0	110



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, 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 handsome amount and thus helping their family to drive out of the poverty cycle.

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

Activity	Project Target	As of 31 Dec 2009	Progress (Jan-2010)	Progress (Feb-2010)	March 2010			Cumulative since inception
					Taluka Khairpur	Taluka Sobhodero	Total	
Social Mobilization								
Vocational Skills Training								
Vocational / Skills Training (Pax)	5,387	287	202	218	79	94	173	880
Beautician Training	-	36	13	7	-	14	14	70
Machine Embroidery	-	52	37	39	17	20	37	165
Driving	-	45	-	-	-	2	2	47
Hand Embroidery	-	34	40	39	24	18	42	155
Computer Hardware	-	10	-	3	-	-	0	13
Computer Software	-	7	-	-	-	-	0	7
Electric Motor Winding	-	10	2	1	-	-	0	13
Motor Cycle Mechanic	-	9	8	14	-	-	0	31
Sindhi/Urdu Typist	-	11	17	9	-	-	0	37
Generator Repairing	-	3	-	-	-	-	0	3
Tailoring Training	-	58	78	102	38	40	78	316
Building Electrician	-	11	7	4	-	-	0	22
Sewing Machine Repairing	-	1	-	-	-	-	0	1



Community Investment Fund (CIF)

The SRSO through this programme, decided to focus and organize only 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 are 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. 2,082,000 to 212 poor female beneficiaries. Hence, cumulatively the Community Investment Fund has assisted 10, 11 organized poor women with an amount of Rs 9,891,000 organized members.

Activity	Project Target	As of 31 Dec-2009	Progress (Jan-2010)	Progress (Feb-2010)	March 2010			Cumulative since Inception
					Taluka Khairpur	Taluka Sobhdero	Total	
Social Mobilization								
Households given Community Investment Fund - CIF (0-18)	15,903	134	359	306	158	54	212	1,011
Amount	-	1,300,000	3,406,000	3,103,000	1,568,000	514,000	2,082,000	9,891,000



"Nothing is impossible"

Mrs. Allah Warae an uneducated lady lives in a far-off village "Gaber Mailto" of Taluka "Khairpur". She is married, having 5 children and sharing single room with a total of 8 family members. Her husband is Laborer whose daily wage is Rs. 100. The meager income of Rs. 3,000 that her husband brought home was unable to sustain the family. Describing about her home condition, with a deep breath she says, "My family consisting of eight members and my one son is disable, can not take proper treatment for him due to the poverty, whole family shadowed under a single katcha room", the situation is hard.



The SRSO's UC Based Poverty Reduction Program (UCBPRP) initiated its mobilization activities in Gaber Matilo village, Allah Warae with other 19 members joined hands to organize and formed CO Asia, in December 2009, where she serves as member and attend meetings of that CO regularly. She has enhanced her skills by attending one month useful training classes at Vocational Center-Khairpur in the trade of Machine Embroidery. After having trained, she borrowed Rs. 10,000 as "Community Investment Fund (CIF)" for the purpose of purchasing Embroidery Machine of Rs. 10,000 on monthly installments and purchased the Machine. Allah Warae is already equip with a skill of tailoring and now she says that her work shines and earning more money after getting training of machine embroidery, stitching colorful dresses with embroidery work and pillow covers, she has completed 5 pillow for 150 per Pillow Cover, she also stitched few dresses with machine embroidery on front side. She says that her work demand increased and she would hopefully be getting the orders of stitching with embroidery work to support her family by sharing the burden of expenditures of the household. She says, "Peoples were making rumors and backbites about SRSO, when we were getting the one month training and my husband also pushing me out from his home but now I am happy that I have been able to support my husband and relatives too admire me for efforts"..

She says "My dream is to give education and emancipate my children from the chains of poverty, searching for better future, "No future was planned earlier for her children education due to less income of her husband, but now she thinks about her children future. Other people of the village are also showing willingness to become the members of CO/VO", says Allah Warae. She was also of the view that this is the right initiative of SRSO for poverty reduction program from rural areas and is thankful for lighting a candle in her life for making her dreams true.

Despite living in hard times, she never looks back. She looks forward to a better future wherein she is content with bounties of God.



Delegates/Visitors

On Saturday, 20th March 2010, Financial Adviser to Chief Minister (CM), Qaisar Bangali along with his team visited Vocational Centre Khairpur Mir's, CEO Dr. Sono Khangrani, Mohammad Ghias and Team Leader Riaz Ahmed Agro get visited the VTEC and CEO briefed the delegation about the Vocational Center and its Staff and pax trained from Inception. They also met with the current batch at VTEC, there No. is 79 and the Qaisar Bangali was briefed about the selection procedure of Trainees and use of Poverty Scorecard (PSC) in UC Based Poverty Reduction Programme. He was also briefed about the pick, drop and refreshment facilities given to the trainees.



They saw the Sewed clothes and took keen interest in work done by previous and current batch. He was also briefed about the visit of Director General Sindh Technical education and vocational Training authority (STEVTA) and the agreement made with him of Government Vocational Centre Khairpur as Government and private partnership.

In last he appreciated the efforts of SRSO in poverty reduction through imparting the bottom poor with useful skills.



Plan for the month of April 2010

Activity	Project Target	Annual Plan 2009-2010	Target -April 2010
Social Mobilization			
Taluka	2	2	-
Union Councils Coverage	19	19	-
Villages Coverage	1,248	416	104
Households Organization	35,910	11,970	2,479
COs Formation	2,394	798	251
VOs Formation	798	266	120
Micro-Investment Plan (MIP)	35,910	-	-
Households given Community Investment Fund – CIF (0-18)	15,903	5,301	1,227
Micro-Health Insurance - MHI (@ Rs. 550)	15,903	5,301	1,000
Training			
Vocational / Skills Training (Pax)	5,387	1,796	167
CO Management & Record Keeping Training(2 pax per CO)	4,788	1,596	223
VO Management & Planning Training (4 pax per VO)	3,192	1,064	163
VO Record Keeping Training(1 member per VO)	798	266	69
CIF Management & Record / Book Keeping Training (4 members per VO)	3,192	1,064	163
Credit Book Keeping Training (1 Member per CO)	2,394	-	-
CRPs / Activists Training (Pax)	798	266	27
Community / Activists Conference (1 Member per CO)	2,394	796	174
Exposure Visit (1 Member per VO)	798	266	29



Sindh Rural Support Organization
Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme
Programme Implementation Office
Shahbaz Colony, Near Mukhtiar Gajani Hospital
Khairpur.
Ph: 0243-554349
Fax: 0243-554349

