

# The Living legend and Eminent Women Rights Activist, Writer, Poetess, & Columnist Ms. Kishwar Naheed Visits SRSO

# Shikarpur, Larkana and Khairpur Mir's

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# Visit Local Support Organizations s' Khushhal Network, Taluka Lakhi Ghulam Shah, and Dialogue with Organized Rural Women of Community Institutions (CIs) and Programme Beneficiaries

District	Shikarpur	
Date	May11, 2022	
Visited venues,	Visited of village Lakhi Aqil UC Wazeera Abdad Taluka Lakhi.	
Community	Dialogue with Women leaders and members of the Local	
Institutions,	Support Organization (LSO), Khushhal Network, Taluka Lakhi	
interventions, and	Ghulam Shah.	
Conducted activities	Discussion with women beneficiaries of IFL, NPGP, and PINS-	
	ER-III projects.	
Facilitated by SRSO	d by SRSO   • Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO)	
Team	Ms. Shazia Zubair (General Manager-MF)	
	Mr. Rustam Soomro (RGM-SRSO-Shikarpur Region)	

#### Details of the visit



Living legend and eminent women rights activist, writer, poetess, and columnist Ms. Kishwar Naheed visited Sindh Rural Support Organization district Shikarpur on May 11, 2022, to meet with the organized rural women and artisans of Rural Sindh under the social mobilization and women empowerment approach. For this purpose, a dialogue was organized at Lakhi Aqil UC Wazeera Abad Taluka Lakhi district Shikarpur where she interacted with these women and beneficiaries

from the ongoing Intrrdt Free Loan (INF), Govt. of Pakistan and IFAD-funded National Poverty Graduation Program (NPGP), an EU funded Programme for Improved Nutrition In Sindh (PINS-ER-III) projects. She met with the members of the Local Support Organization (LSO), Khushhal Network, and Taluka Lakhi Ghulam Shah. The main purpose of the visit was to conduct dialogue, meet, and interact with the organized Rural Women to see changes in the lives and livelihood of women in rural Sindh. CEO SRSO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Khlhoro, GM-MF Ms. Shazia Shaikh, RGM Region Shikarpur Mr. Rustam Soomro, District Manager, and SRSO staff also attended the dialogue.

Women leaders and office bearers of the Local Support Organizations' Khushhal Network welcomed Ms. Kishwar Naheed. One of the beneficiaries named Ms. Zameeran gave a presentation on the LSO Network that included their organizational information, area profile, completed and ruining programs, achievements, and impacts, Ms. Zameeran shared information



about the number of families living out of poverty in the area after a long struggle for poverty reduction and women empowerment of community institutions in collaboration with SRSO.

Rural women shared their struggles and hardships to earn a living by presenting success stories at the household, area, and district levels to engage with community institutions and be part of different training initiatives. The women showed off their handicraft and sewing skills, and the members individually told their real-life success stories of how (PKR 1,000 CIF Fund, Some interest-free loans, and grants) they have been upgraded from the poverty. In addition to how many journeys women have made to become independent, three women named Mehnaz, Shahnaz, and Sanam expressed happiness over their success in matriculating with excellent marks, six women said they had been assigned jobs at PPHI Hospital after successful training at SRSO. One LSO president shared that she had been offered to join local political parties. LSO members explained how they know about family planning and they are now aware of the importance of family planning even though they are advising other women in the community too. The women were very confident and happy to tell their journey, the rural women gave more on the character and one of them is the name of their precious and spiritual father Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan narrated that "it was the dream of our spiritual father to make us independent and the example of other women he used to call us the heroine of Sindh so we are happy and thankful to Allah Almighty and Shoaib Sultan Khan for this it was his dream and we are happy that his dream is coming true".



Ms. Kishwar Naheed addressed the community women and said "I am very happy to see the ability and courage of the rural women I do not want to leave here I want to take all of you and



other rural women to the next level where you rule your territories but not the Lord Ladies rule". She further shared her life struggle as well to network with women she told the "women should never look back and respond to nonsense but come to their senses and level"



Visit of different interventions and meetings and dialogue with organized and artisan women under EU funded SUCCESS Programme

District	Larkana
Date	May12, 2022
Visited venues, Community Institutions, interventions, and Conducted activities	<ul> <li>Visit and meet with BDG "Samaj Sewak"         Handloom Weaving at Balhreji UC Moen jo Daro taluka Dokri.</li> <li>Visit of brick pavement scheme at VO Haji Lal Bux Shaikh.</li> <li>Dialogue with women leaders of LSO Moen Jo Daro UC Moen jo Daro</li> <li>Visit only the women's market at Balhreji UC Moen Jo Daro and dialogue with artisan women.</li> </ul>
Facilitated by SRSO Team	<ul> <li>Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO)</li> <li>Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro (RGM-SRSO Larkana Region)</li> </ul>



#### Detail of the visit



Renowned activist, poetess, and writer Ms. Kishwar Naheed along with Mr. Dittal Kalhoro CEO-SRSO, and Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro RGM SRSO visited SRSO supported different interventions, and met and had dialogue with organized rural women of Community Institutions

(CIs) and artisan and entrepreneur women of Business Development Groups (BDGs) in district Larkana. She visited BDG "Samaj Sewak" Handloom Weaving at Balhreji UC Moen jo Daro taluka Dokri. The BDG members shared about the work they have been doing and also showed their handwoven fabric, Ms. Kishwar Naheed appreciated the efforts and crafts of BDG members and said that hand-woven fabric has incomparable beauty to fabrics. An expert in hand weaving can create a beautifully patterned fabric that no machine can replicate. Later on, the scheme of brick pavement at VO Haji Lal Bux Shaikh was visited where VO Leaders shared the process of prioritization and implementation of the CPI scheme under EU funded SUCCESS Programme. After that she had a dialogue with LSO Moen Jo Daro UC Moen jo Daro held at Women Business Center established at Haji Lal Bux Shaikh where 20 VO leaders (General body of LSO) and there she also met with benefited beneficiaries how they have reduced their poverty and, how SUCCESS Programme has brought change among poor women lives. They shared that SUCCESS Programme has given them motivation, vitality, dignity, leadership.



On that occasion, Ms. Bashiran presented Union Council Development Plan (UCDP), shared the intervention details of their union council, and also shared the progress of self-help initiatives taken by the LSO Moen Jo Daro. After that, she visited only the women's market at Balhreji UC



Moen Jo Daro. A market where women can freely shop and get their essentials without interacting with any men.

On that occasion, she encouraged women's entrepreneurial capacities and business potential. Further, she added that these initiatives will ultimately give a boost to the confidence of women in the community and this leads to women empowerment. The journey was concluded with the key message by Ms. Kishwar to the community, "Take a step forward to earn & solve problems on your own, and learn the virtue of self-dependency instead of relying on others."



Visit of different interventions and meetings and dialogue with organized rural women and entrepreneur women of business groups under Govt. of Sindh funded PPRP

District	Khairpur Mir's	
Date	May 13, 2022	
Visited venues, Community Institutions, interventions, and Conducted activities	<ul> <li>VO/Business Development Group (Handy craft) Aga Ali Jatoi UC Babarlo Talka Khairpur visit.</li> <li>Rilly (quilt) managed a shop by community women at Therhi by Pass visit.</li> <li>Constructed Low-Cost House (LCH) at Village Muhammad Aqil UC Rasool Abad visit.</li> <li>SRSO district office visit and conduct dialogue with community women from different VOs/LSO and BDGs.</li> </ul>	
Facilitated by SRSO Team	Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO)	
	<ul> <li>Mr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo (RGM-SRSO)</li> </ul>	

#### Detail of the visit

On dated 13th May 2022, Ms. Kishwar Naheed-leading women rights activist, renowned poetess, writer, and columnist paid a visit to different villages /Village Organizations and interacted with organized rural women leaders and artisan of SRSO Khairpur district under the PPRP Program funded by the Government of Sindh. Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO), Mr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo (RGM-SRSO), and Mr. Khadim Hussain Shar (DM-SRSO) were together and facilitated her during an interaction at the community level. This Visit is aimed at jotting down and viewing the "fast-developing and transforming", highlighting the "vibrancy of Poverty



Reduction Program through Social Mobilisation tiers by remaking the Sindh's Rural areas through women by driving economic growth for rural communities through Sustainable small-scale business at the community level.



The changes in the rural household's life through Income Generating activity have played a significant role in deepening the decline of rural poverty and issues of violence, health, financial access, decision making, and early child marriage. Indeed, now women are executing their small-scale business, children's education, and behavioral change for health and hygiene at the household and village level. In pertinent to the impact of the **Program** "Organized rural

communities provide important economic, social and societal benefits to these village rural women. But often PPRP has focused on community-driven development commands more attention, with their populations, greater employment opportunities, and economic clout.



Over the past 10 years, changes in the household increase in livelihood and income-generating have caused more than one impact reflection in rural communities specifically. During this period, the SRSO different program has changed the women thinking, living style, and knowledge increased and boosted their lives for getting basic rights: Health, decision Making power, and execution of small business has been mirroring the broader economic revitalization

trends that are a more enduring business at large. Business models for these women have increased revenue, sustainability and income generation, and affluence, so small businesses that have had success adapting to E-commerce and capacity development by SRSO to operate a small business at a national scale and concentrate on the Rural areas. The development is an ambitious new-build sustainable intervention of the Program that has thought about how to involve local populations and boost the lives of rural households. PPRP Program has remarkable achievement in challenging Marginalization through the power of knowledge and the Emergence of Women's Organizations under the social mobilization approach and the Resistance Movement in Sindh's Rural areas.



She visited different village organizations and conducted a detailed dialogue to reflect the real change in the women due to SRSO Implementation of different activities and has successfully helped the community in reductions in rural poverty which have not always led to reductions in rural inequalities or inequalities between rural and urban areas. The three tiers of social Mobilisation and Income Generating Activities: CIF/IGG and Mainly the interest-free loan for executing the small-scale businesses indicate that efforts to reduce rural poverty in the past



did not always occur efforts to reduce inequality but PPRP has made it and people have been graduated from poverty through Program interventions. Following are the location-wise visits of leading Feminist Ms. Kishwar Naheed.

- O1. She visited the VO/Business Development Group (Handy craft) Aga Ali Jatoi UC Babarlo Talka Khairpur where she discussed with artisans regarding the overall transaction of their business and market that she also discussed the different issues regarding the education of girls, early child marriage and cultural taboos and appreciated the work of women artisans.
- 02. She visited the rilly (quilt) shop managed by community women at Therhi by Pass and discussed the quality, and color contrast according to market demand and purchased rilly from the women's shop. She interacted with artisan women and got information about their artwork and marketing opportunities.
- 03. She visited the SRSO district office where community women from different VOs/LSO and BDGs were invited and displayed the hand made products like rilly, this, lungi, dates baskets, and block printing, she visited the stalls of all mentioned products and discussed with women regarding their products quality, color combination, sale and use of profit after that she interacted with CI representatives and adolescents' champions regarding the child rights.
- 04. She visited the constructed Low-Cost House LCH) under the Govt. of Sindh funded PRRP at Village Muhammad Aqil UC Rasool Abad she appreciated the Government of Sindh and SRSO. She visited the whole house and received alined facility. LCH-owner woman said it's a big safety and facility of my children.

Participants in Meeting with women Leaders of Community Institutions are as under;

Participants of the Meeting				
S.#	Name	VO	LSO	SMT
1	Shagufta	GAGRI	Hajna Shah	Khairpur
2	Kamalan	Sono Dhareejo	Shadi Shaheed	Khairpur
3	Akhter	Sono Dhareejo	Shadi Shaheed	Khairpur



4	Tehmeena	Saweera	Bugro	Khairpur
5	Ghulamzadi	Saweera	Bugro	Khairpur
6	Haliman	Saweera	Bugro	Khairpur
7	Hajul Khatoon	Rab Nawaz Junejo	Khanpur	Khairpur
8			Fateh Ullah Ghumro	
0	Noor Bano	Jeind khan Junejo	Mohial	Kingri
9	Shahida	Roshni	Rahooja	Kingri
10	Khalida	Roshni	Rahooja	Kingri
11	Allah Dini	Benazir	Azad	Kingri
12	Bebul	Benazir	Azad	Kingri
13	Shahar Bano	Dua	Roshni	Kingri
14	Jannat	Niwaro	Pir Hayat Shah	Sobhodero
15	Najman	Anb Shareef	Pir Hayat Shah	Sobhodero
16	Yasmeen		Gadeji	Sobhodero
17	Sakeena Jamro	Menkho Khan Jamro	Daraza Sharif	Gambat
18	Akhtiyar Lakho	Menkho Khan Jamro	Daraza Sharif	Gambat
19	Samina Rind	Wad d Pagia	Naseeb	Gambat
20	Asia Rind	Wad d Pagia	Naseeb	Gambat
21	Shabeeran	Sujan	KHAWAB	Kotdiji
22	Laila	Sujan	KHAWAB	Kotdiji
23	Rehana	Wad d Pagia	KHAWAB	Kotdiji
24	Lal Khatoon	Sujan	Fatehpur	Kotdiji
		Participants of BDG	Agha Ali Jatoi	
25	Ghulam Zohran	Agha Ali Jatoi	Agha Ali Jatoi	Khairpur
26	Marvi	Agha Ali Jatoi	Agha Ali Jatoi	Khairpur
27	Maira	Agha Ali Jatoi	Agha Ali Jatoi	Khairpur
28	Fazelan	Agha Ali Jatoi	Agha Ali Jatoi	Khairpur
29	Ambren	Agha Ali Jatoi	Agha Ali Jatoi	Khairpur
30	Khanzadi	Agha Ali Jatoi	Agha Ali Jatoi	Khairpur
31	Parvesha	Agha Ali Jatoi	Agha Ali Jatoi	Khairpur
32	Baidan	Agha Ali Jatoi	Agha Ali Jatoi	Khairpur
33	Fahmedan	Agha Ali Jatoi	Agha Ali Jatoi	Khairpur
34	Ayesha	Agha Ali Jatoi	Agha Ali Jatoi	Khairpur
35	Alia	Agha Ali Jatoi	Agha Ali Jatoi	Khairpur
36	Zabulnazaw	Agha Ali Jatoi	Agha Ali Jatoi	Khairpur
37	Zaameeran	Agha Ali Jatoi	Agha Ali Jatoi	Khairpur
38	Hafezan	Agha Ali Jatoi	Agha Ali Jatoi	Khairpur
39	lal gul	Agha Ali Jatoi	Agha Ali Jatoi	Khairpur
40	Rafiyat	Agha Ali Jatoi	Agha Ali Jatoi	Khairpur
41	Lailan	Agha Ali Jatoi	Agha Ali Jatoi	Khairpur
42	Shameem	Agha Ali Jatoi	Agha Ali Jatoi	Khairpur



	Participants of the Adolescent Project			
43	Somina	Hamid Bhutto	Hadil Shah	Kingri
44	Imrana	Hamid Bhutto	Hadil Shah	Kingri
45	Quratlain	Hamid Bhutto	Hadil Shah	Kingri
46	Azra	Hamid Bhutto	Hadil Shah	Kingri
47	Aneeta Wasan	Hashim was am	Tando Masti	Khairpur
48	Maqzoma Zahra	Lanjwani	Ghulam Haider	Khairpur
49	Rubab Mahdi	Lanjwani	Ghulam Haider	Khairpur
50	Asma	Savera	Alam din gopang	Khairpur
Participants of bDG Shop				
51	Iqbal Khaton	Pir bux Solangi	Shal Dhani	Khairpur
52	Gulzar Khaton	Pir Bux Solangi	Shal Dhani	Khairpur





# Pictorial Highlights: District Shikarpur



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## Pictorial Highlights: District Larkana





## Pictorial Highlights: District Khairpur Mir's



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