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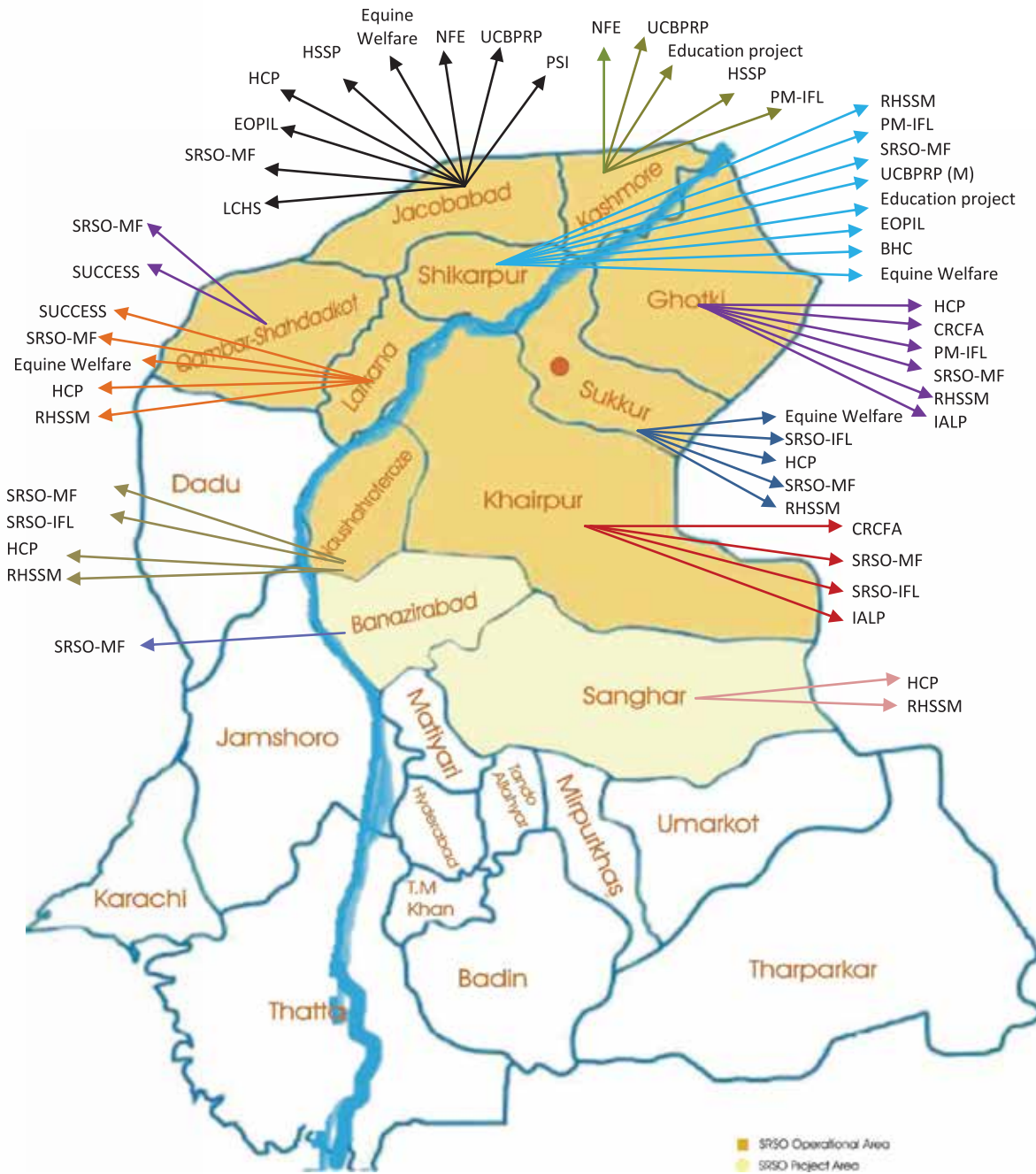
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Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) Operational Area



ON GOING PROJECTS

- UCBPRP**
(Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme)
Funded by: P&D-GoS
- NFE**
(Non Formal Education)
Supported by: USAID
- Equine Welfare Project**
Funded by: BROOKE
- HSSP**
(Health System Strengthening Project)
Funded by: USAID-RSPN
- HCP**
(Health Communication Project)
Funded by: USAID-RSPN
- EOPIL**
Empowering Older People to Improve Lives
Funded by: HelpAge - BLF
- SRSO-Microfinance**
Funded by: SRSO
- Construction of Low Cost Housing Units (LCHS)**
Funded by: BHC-GOS
- Education Project**
Funded by: CDP-GoS
- PM-IFL**
(Prime Minister Interest Free Loan)
Funded by: PPAF
- CRCFA**
(Child Rights in Cotton Farming Areas of Sindh)
Funded by: UNICEF-RSPN
- SUCCESS**
(Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support Program)
Funded by: European Union (EU)
- SRSO-IFL**
(Interest Free Loan)
Funded by: GOS
- RHSSM**
Provision of Reproductive Health Services through Social Marketing
- IALP**
(Improving Adolescent live in Pakistan)

VISION

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

MISSION

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

OBJECTIVES

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

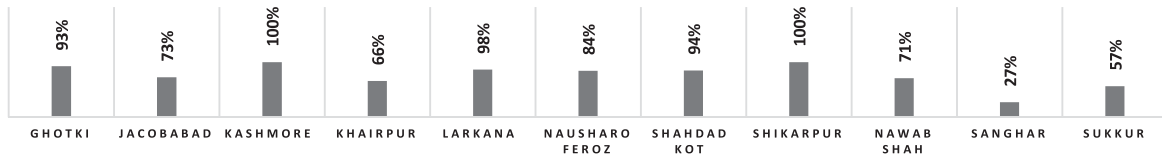


SRSO Cumulative Achievement as of June 2017

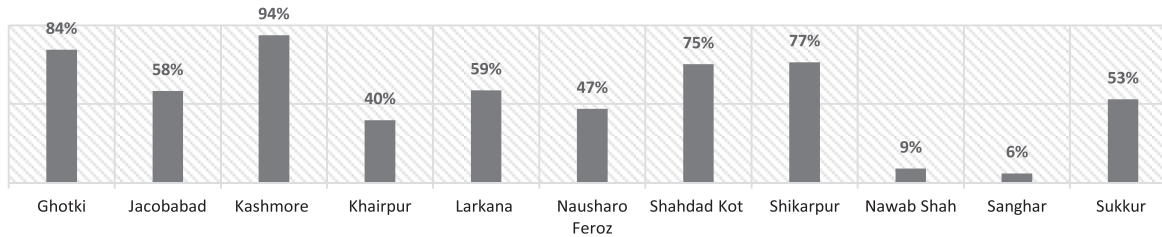
S.#	Key Performance Indicators	Achievement as of March-2017	Achievement as of June-2017	% increase during Qtr	
1	No. of Operational Districts	11	11	-	
2	No. of Union Councils with SRSO presence	395	418	6%	
3	No. of Taluka with SRSO presence	52	52	-	
4	No. of villages with SRSO presence	12,964	13,436	4%	
5	No. of Household Organized	696,713	709,691	2%	
6	VO Formation	7,792	8,000	3%	
7	LSO Formation	131	136	4%	
8	CO- Formation	Female	40,222	40,944	2%
		Male	2,383	2,383	-
		Mix	40	40	-
		Total	42,645	43,367	2%
9	CO-Membership	Female	658,051	671,029	2%
		Male	38,662	38,662	-
		Total	696,713	709,691	2%
10	Community Saving (In million)	Female	121.426	124.229	2%
		Male	6.80	6.80	-
		Total	128.230	131.725	3%
11	Income Generating Grant (IGG) Amount Disbursed (In Million)	82.93	82.93	-	
12	No. of IGG Beneficiaries	7,608	7,608	-	
13	Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount disbursed (In Million)	1,065.28	1,073.93	1%	
14	No. of CIF Beneficiaries	101,749	102,531	1%	
15	Total amount of Microcredit disbursed (In Million)	8,737.136	10,227.57	17%	
16	No. of Beneficiaries of Micro Credit Programme	478,990	543,289	13%	
17	No of Community members trained in vocational skill Training	53,589	53,589	-	
18	No of Community members trained	261,438	263,581	1%	
19	Community Members trained as TBAs	4,777	4,777	-	
20	Micro Health Insurance (Clients)	552,246	579,818	5%	
21	Community Members Insured in Micro Health Insurance (Head Count)	619,197	619,281	1%	
22	No. of Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)	26,438	26,440	0.008%	
23	Total amount of CPIs (In Millions)	1,360.77	1,361.26	0.04%	
24	Total Beneficiary Households	222,095	224,807	1%	
25	No of Low Cost Houses	18,418	18,418	-	



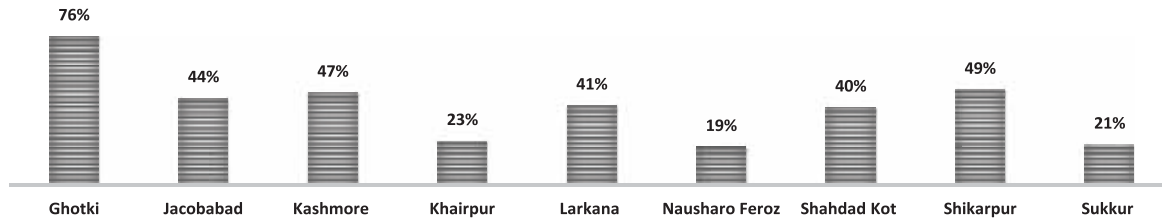
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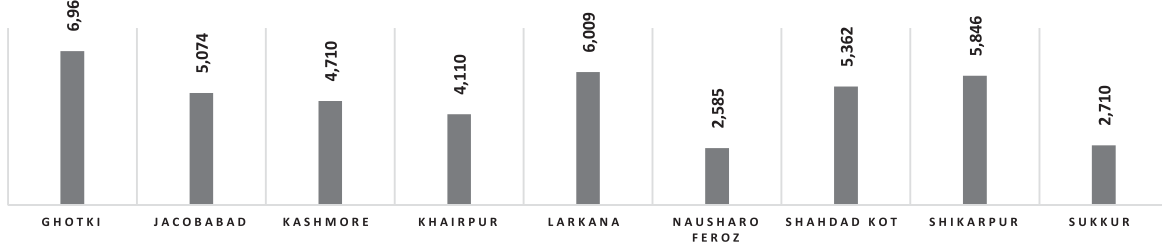
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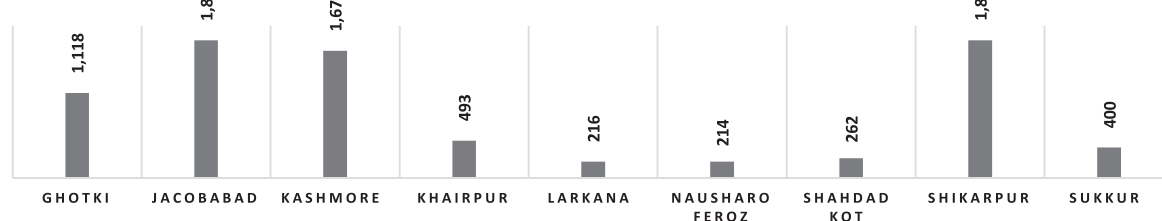
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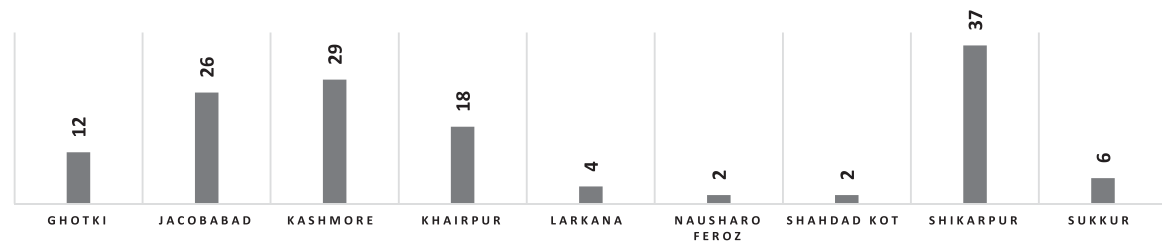
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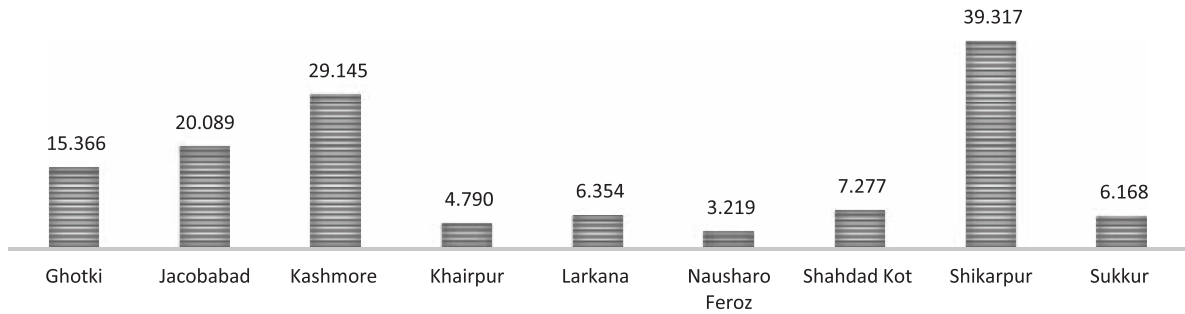


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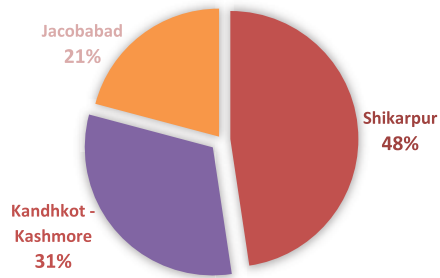




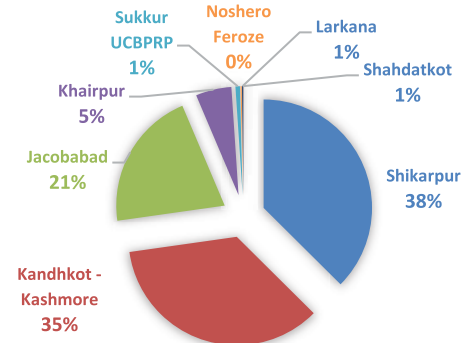
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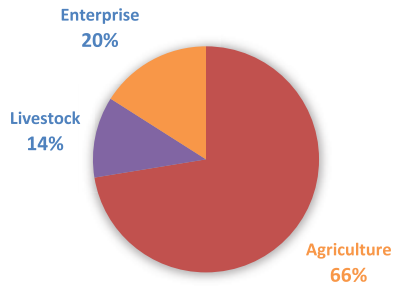
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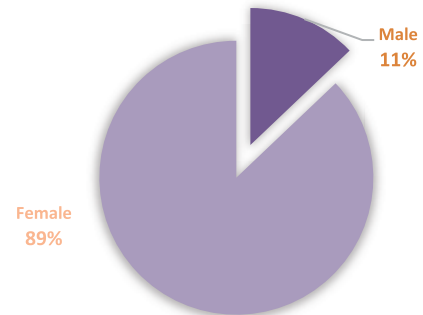
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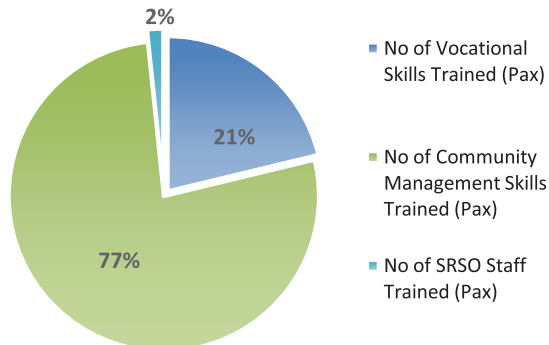
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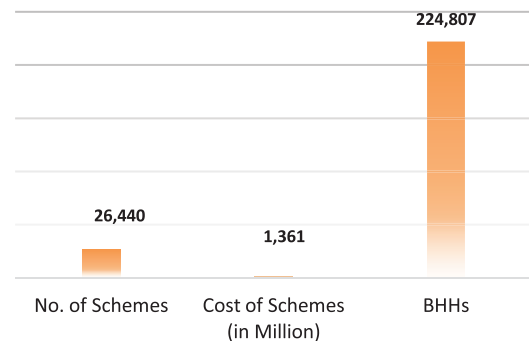
GENDER WISE MICROCREDIT DISBURSEMENT AS OF JUNE 2017



SUMMARY OF STAFF AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TRAINED AS OF JUNE 2017



SUMMARY OF CPI AS OF JUNE 2017





Sr.#	District		Geographical Coverage				
			Total No. of area in the District	# of SRSO intervened area as of March 2017	# of SRSO intervened area as of June 2017	% increase during Qtr	% of total area coverage as of June 2017
1	Ghotki	Union Council	40	37	37	-	93%
		Village	2,464	2,080	2,080	-	84%
		Household	159,314	120,767	120,767	-	76%
2	Jacobabad	Union Council	40	29	29	-	73%
		Village	3,110	1,811	1,811	-	58%
		Household	191,633	84,893	84,893	-	44%
3	Kashmore	Union Council	37	37	37	-	100%
		Village	1,786	1,673	1,673	-	94%
		Household	170,421	80,345	80,345	-	47%
4	Khairpur	Union Council	76	50	50	-	66%
		Village	3,254	1,296	1,296	-	40%
		Household	305,137	68,694	68,694	-	23%
5	Larkana	Union Council	47	38	46	21%	98%
		Village	1,590	842	933	11%	59%
		Household	217,208	82,808	88,164	6%	41%
6	Naushahro Feroz	Union Council	51	43	43	-	84%
		Village	2,192	1,028	1,028	-	47%
		Household	219,772	42,852	42,852	-	19%
7	Shahdad Kot	Union Council	40	34	49	44%	94%
		Village	1,561	793	1,174	48%	75%
		Household	211,612	76,107	83,729	10%	40%
8	Shikarpur	Union Council	50	50	50	-	100%
		Village	2,414	1,848	1,848	-	77%
		Household	210,530	102,306	102,306	-	49%
9	Sukkur	Union Council	46	26	26	-	57%
		Village	1,664	881	881	-	53%
		Household	183,500	37,941	37,941	-	21%
10	Nawab Shah	Union Council	51	36	36	-	71%
		Village	4,104	362	362	-	9%
		Household	213,304	-	-	-	-
11	Sanghar	Union Council	55	15	15	-	-
		Village	5,700	350	350	-	-
		Household	221,845	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL		Union Council	530	395	418	6%	75%
		Village	29,839	12,964	13,436	4%	45%
		Household	2,304,276	696,713	709,691	2%	38%



Sr.#	District	Formation of Community Institution Community Organizations (COs) Village Organization (VOs) Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	Organized Coverage		
			# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of March 2017	# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of June 2017	% increase during Qtr
1	Ghotki	Community Organizations (COs)	6,961	6,961	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,118	1,118	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	12	12	-
2	Jacobabad	Community Organizations (COs)	5,074	5,074	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,811	1,811	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	26	26	-
3	Kashmore	Community Organizations (COs)	4,710	4,710	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,673	1,673	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	29	29	-
4	Khairpur	Community Organizations (COs)	4,110	4,110	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	493	493	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	18	18	-
5	Larkana	Community Organizations (COs)	5,719	6,009	5%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	144	216	50%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	1	4	300%
6	Naushahro Feroz	Community Organizations (COs)	2,585	2,585	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	158	158	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	2	2	-
7	Shahdad Kot	Community Organizations (COs)	4,930	5,362	9%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	126	262	108%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	0	2	-
8	Shikarpur	Community Organizations (COs)	5,846	5,846	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,813	1,813	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	37	37	-
9	Sukkur	Community Organizations (COs)	2,710	2,710	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	400	400	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	6	6	-
GRAND TOTAL		Community Organizations (COs)	42,645	43,367	2%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	7,749	8,000	3%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	131	136	4%



Community Saving

Sr.#	District	Community Saving as of March 2017 (In Millions)	Community Saving as of June 2017 (In Millions)	% increase during Qtr
1	Ghotki	15.37	15.37	-
2	Jacobabad	19.31	20.089	4%
3	Kashmore	30.14	30.14	-
4	Khairpur	4.79	4.79	-
5	Larkana	5.05	6.35	26%
6	Naushahro Feroz	3.26	3.26	-
7	Shahdad Kot	5.85	7.27	24%
8	Shikarpur	39.31	39.31	-
9	Sukkur	6.168	6.168	-
TOTAL		128.235	131.725	3%

Income Generating Grants (IGG) (Women Beneficiaries 100%)

S.no	Districts	as of March 2017		as of June 2017		% increase during Qtr
		# of Benf:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	# of Benf:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	
1	Shikarpur	3,717	39.50	3,717	39.50	-
2	Kandhkot - Kashmore	2,543	26.13	2,543	26.13	-
3	Jacobabad	1,348	17.31	1,348	17.31	-
4	Total IGG Disbursed	7,608	82.94	7,608	82.94	-

Community Investment Fund (CIF)

S. No	Districts	as of March 2017		as of June 2017		% increase during Qtr
		# of Benf:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	# of Benf:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	
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	220.87	18,371	226.43	-
4	Khairpur	6,044	56.44	6,044	56.44	-
5	Sukkur UCPRP	513	7.05	513	7.05	-
6	Noshero Feroze	370	1.85	370	1.85	-
7	Larkana	244	2.09	442	4.52	117%
8	Shahdadkot	105	0.86	340	4.13	379%
9	Total CIF Disbursed (In Million)	101,749	1,065.28	102,531	1,073.94	1%

Micro Finance (MF)

S.no	Amount disbursed as of June 2017
1	Total Amount of Micro Credit Disbursement (In Millions)
	Men
	Women
2	No. of Loans
	Male
	Female
3	Sectoral Disbursement
	Agriculture
	Livestock
	Enterprise



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)

S.#	Types of CPI Schemes	Achievement as of June 2017		
		No. of Schemes	Cost of Schemes (In Millions)	BHHs
Total of CPI Schemes		26,440	1,361.26	224,807
1	Sanitation	15,952	196.89	86,995
2	Street Pavement & Sanitation	44	209.07	9,022
3	Drinking Water Supply Schemes (DWSS)	9,518	344.24	49,827
4	Low Cost Village Improvement Schemes (LCVI)	72	127.09	7,248
5	Communication	340	186.81	25,383
6	Irrigation	440	186.53	13,098
7	IAUP	1	2.09	75
8	Water Filter Plants by GoS	40	23.58	28,570
9	Street Lighting on solar system	5	5.00	301
10	Schools Renovation/Construction	28	79.96	4,288

Low Cost Housing (LCH)

S.#	Housing Schemes	No of Houses	Cost of Houses (In Millions)	BHHs
Total of Housing Schemes		18,418	1321.49	18418
11	Low Cost Housing Scheme (2007-2015)	17,930	1207.85	17,930
12	Benazir Housing Cell (2015-2016)	488	113.63	488

Note: During Rehabilitation Phase 2010, SRISO constructed 600 Houses in Jamshoro with financial Support of USAID.

Human Resource Development (HRD)

Sr.#	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of Mar-2017	Achievement as of June-2017	% increase during Qtr
1	No. of Community Members provided scholarship for Vocational Skill Training	53,589	53,589	-
2	No. of Community Members trained in Community Management Skill Training	207,849	209,992	1%
3	No. of SRISO Staff Trained in different programme/project training	5,169	5,186	0.3%

Micro Health Insurance (MHI)

Sr.#	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of March-2017	Achievement as of June-2017	% increase during Qtr	
1	No. of Community Members provided Micro Health Insurance Cover	552,246	579,818	5%	
2	No. of Community Members Treated through MHI				
		Men	2,760	2,764	0.1%
		Women	5,036	5,116	2%
3	Amount of claims availed by Community (In Million)	105.91	107.882	2%	

**Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS)****District Larkana & Kambar-Shahdadkot**

Project Activities	Unit	Programme Targets	Cumulative Achievement as of June 2017	%
Poverty Scorecard Census	UC	99	99	100%
Households Census	Household	280,823	267,823	95%
Population Census	Person	1,939,008	1,849,246	95%
Number of HHs organized	Household	200,867	105,328	52%
Formation of Community Organizations (CO)	CO	10,043	5,574	56%
Formation of Village Organization (VO)	VO	1,255	478	38%
Formation of Local Support Organizations (LSO)	LSO	99	6	6%
CMST of COs office bearers	Person	25,108	9,683	39%
LMST of VOs office bearers	Person	3,138	743	24%
Activists workshops for office bearers of LSO / VO / CO	Event	252	36	14%
Training of field staff on Community Awareness Training (CAT)	Person	79	79	100%
CRP Training on CIF and CAT (VO based CRPs)	Person	1,569	233	15%
Training of Book Keeper/Accountant	Person	1,354	62	5%

**Prime Minister Interest Free Loan Project (1st, 2nd & 3rd Cycle)**

Project Activities	Total Project Target	Total Progress as on June 2017	% of ach: against total target
No: of branches established	12	12	100%
# of application received	18,000	13,008	72%
# of Applications Approved	18,000	12,201	68%
# of Application Disbursed	18,000	12,201	68%
Amount Disbursed	378,000,000	242,636,998	64%
Total Recovery due as of June 2017	157,860,994	154,797,100	98%

GoS OFFICIALS VISIT OF SRSO AND WORKSHOP ON RURAL WOMEN AS A CHANGE AGENT FOR SOCIETY



Ms. Irum Khalid (Special Assistant-CM Sindh) for women development visited the SRSO and participated in a women-based workshop on 18-04-2017. The rural women showcased their vital success stories, highlighted their unparalleled efforts, which transformed their lives, achieved unprecedented results and alleviated the poverty under the GoS funded UCBPR programme. Ms. Irum while speaking at the occasion said, the purpose of her visit was to see the problems & issues at ground level especially with women, so that she can report it to the CM for a sustainable settlement. She further elaborated that the Government of Sindh is committed to bringing significant change in the living standard of deprived masses, who lack with basic needs. She added that she is much happy to see the marvelous achievements as well as the enormous confidence of rural women which changed her perception about the northern areas of Sindh. In final remarks, she apparently applauded the women who became change agents in the northern Sindh. She also visited the SRSO Complex and Sartyoon Sang outlet, where she was briefed about the various traditional products, designed and produced by rural women with their skills and expertise. CEO SRSO also spoke on the occasion and said that SRSO provided CIF to the poor women who had their investment plans. Now the entire CIF is being managed collectively by those women independently. After visiting the SRSO Complex and outlet, Ms. Irum praised and said, SRSO doing inspiring work and rural women are firmly confident and dedicated to poverty reduction. Among other participants were the Govt officials, more than 200 rural women, media persons and SRSO personnel.

HAI DELEGATION MEETING WITH COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS



A delegation from Help Age International (HAI) comprising of Mr. Sayed Moizuddin and Mr. Shahzado Khaskheli made a formal visit in district Shikarpur on 17-18, May 2017. The Purpose of visit was to conduct a focus group discussion (FGD) with the leaders of OPA Federation. Followed by this field activity a progress review meeting was also conducted at the SRSO Complex Sukkur. During the meeting, the progress was shared and core issues, as well as field challenges, were discussed in a detailed manner. The mitigation measures and follow plans were also shared by field teams. In last, the planning was also shared for the remaining tenure of the project.



PPAF OFFICIALS PAID VISIT TO PM-IFL AREAS

Mr. Bilal Ahmed from PPAF visited the Prime Ministers Interest-Free Loan (IFL) project on 23-May-2017. The PPAF delegation discussed the IFL project benefits, its utilization, and sustainability with respective IFL beneficiaries. Followed by this, the CI office bearers presented detailed progress in terms of IFL loans disbursed and no of poor households covered. The delegation appreciated the efforts of CIs and their office bearers for having a clear approach towards poverty reduction.

CHAIRMAN SRSO AND EX-SENATOR VISITS SUCCESS & UCBP RP PROGRAMMES



The launching ceremony of health cards under the European Union funded SUCCESS programme was organized in District Qamber-Shahdaskot at the Deputy Commissioner's Office on 27-April-2017. The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Mr. Shahmir Ahmed Bhutto honored the event as the chief guest. Chairman-SRSO Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan along with Nisar Ahmed Memon (Ex-Senator), the local elected representatives, Govt. line department officials and Community Institutions Leaders participated in the event and interacted with the leaders of community institutions. SRSO managed Rural women presented their achievements and success stories in front of audiences. Followed by the progress sharing, 20 poorest women received Health Cards from the hands of DC Qamber-Shahdaskot. In addition to this, 20 Village Organizations also received the CIF cheques. While speaking at the occasion, the DC said, "I always find myself extremely happy and tears in my eye when attending such events and I see the marvelous achievements made by these rural women". Regarding the health cards, Mr. DC said that these health cards are very helpful for the poor households who cannot afford the health expenses. Chairman SRSO and Mr. Nisar Ahmed Memon also spoke on the occasion and paid many tributes to the women for their incredible work and their remarkable achievements. On the way back to Sukkur, the guests also participated in an event organized by the LSO Awaz UC Mungrani, District Shikarpur. The main agenda of the event was to promote and highlight the immense work and achievements made under the GoS funded UCBP RP Programme. The different CI (CO, VO, and LSO) leaders gave presentations of their performance made at the Community Institution platform through the linkages they developed with Govt and non-Govt institutions for the community driven development. In last, Mr. Nisar Ahmed Memon appreciated the women members who play a pivotal role in the development of their areas. Mr. Memon said, it is essential to properly disseminate the substantial results and impact brought by these rural women of Sindh, as the other women of our country can get some passion and inspiration.

Visit of BROOKE Officials London United Kingdom (UK)



A delegation of Brooke Officials: Ms. Shereene Willaims Vet Advisor United Kingdom (UK) accompanied by Maj. Munir PM The Brooke Pakistan, Nisar Ahmad NRM Manager, Dr. Sher Nawaz SPM and Dr. M Javid Khan visited different projected interventional areas on 12-13 May 2017. The Purpose of the visit was to show the SRSO Brooke achievements at the community level and to interact with a maximum number of trained Local Service Provider (LSP) and veterinary Service Provider (VSP). The Delegation paid a visit to CEWT (Community Equine Welfare Team) at Jano Village to participate in Working Equine Welfare Group (WEWG) Awareness Meeting. A detailed Focus Group Discussion (FGD) was carried out with women group and one lady demonstrated as for how to groom the equid and they observed the Community water and feeding practices at the community level. The next location visited Ghareebabad Equine community to see community shed and water trough and to interact with trained saddler, CCG and also meet with different govt Vet Officials and other stakeholders at their workplaces with Saddler Roshan and Farrier Naseem at Shikarpur City.

DISTRICT QAMBER-SHAHDADKOT CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL MOTHER'S DAY

International Mother's day was celebrated by Unit Shahdaskot at village Kachi Pull District Qamber-Shahdaskot on 19 May 2017. More than 100 organized rural women from various community institutions (COs/VOs/LSOs), Govt line departments and other organizations working in the district participated in the event. The participants paid immense tributes to the mothers for their unconditional love, eminent role, and restless efforts. In last, an acknowledgment of their role as mother, who shapes the future of nations.





WORLD HEALTH DAY

The World Health Day was celebrated in operational districts of SRSO under the Health Communication Component project on 07-04-2017. The theme of the day was "Depression a disease often undiagnosed because people dismiss it as attention-seeking behavior or a sign of weakness". Among the participants were the distinguished guests and other stakeholders including bright stars of HCC project, CHWs, LHWs, LHVs, and community local leaders. The speakers shed light on the theme and other relevant health issues. The event was significantly appreciated by the participants. The participants also encouraged the happening of such incredible events in rural areas to aware the masses on the contemporary health issues.



KHUSHIYAN JO MELO



The Bright Star FP campaign (Khushiyan Jo Melo) was launched under the Health Communication Component (HCC) project funded by the USAID. The event was organized in project's districts with additional support of John Hopkins, Population Welfare Department, and District Health Department. Among the participants were the stakeholders, SRSO field teams Govt officials, DPWO, DCNP, LHWs, CHWs and LHSs of the respective areas. The event was comprised different activities i.e. bright star telefilm, theaters and regional music, which attracted the core

attention of all participants. The event was highly praised by the participants in terms of creating awareness and recreational purposes.

LSO SELF-INITIATIVE FOR CENSUS

LSO Saima Union Council Bhambhihar, Taluka Garhi Yaseen District Shikarpur, took an excellent initiative through the organizing a Mobile Van registration for CNIC formation with the assistance of NADRA in villages where the majority of masses don't have their CNICs on 12-April-2017. The Community Institutions Leaders, their CRPs, and other volunteers were at camp to guide and support the masses. Through mobile Van, around 230 members successfully registered and applied for their CINC. The purpose of arranging mobile Van was to ensure the registration of maximum CNICs as the every household can take part in the census with responsibility.



LSO AWARD DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

In recognition of LSO Kamoon Shaheed efforts regarding record keeping, an event was organized at Village Kamoon Shaheed District Ghotki on 18-April-2017. The Assistant Commissioner Ubauro Mr. Mansoor Baloch honored the event as Chief Guest. Four LSOs received awards and shields from PPAF on outstanding work on reporting, documentation and record keeping at the institutional level. While speaking at the occasion, the Chief Guest highly admired the enormous role of community lead LSOs. The Assistant Commissioner also appreciated the SRSO's role and its social mobilization approach.

4th SARTYOON SANG CRAFTS EXHIBITION



SRSO-CED section organized the 4th Sartyoon Sang Crafts Exhibition in Dolmen Mall, Clifton Karachi on May 5, 6 and 7, 2017. The event inaugurated by Special Assistant CM Sindh for Women Development Department, Ms. Irum Khalid. The exhibition set different stalls in which variety of Traditional Arts & crafts products were displayed at the mall for customers. These colorful and captivating products were made and furnished by hundreds of rural women from different remote villages of Kashmore-Kandhkot, Shikarpur, Ghotki, Jacobabad, Larkana, Khairpur, Sukkur and other districts of the SRSO Operational areas of northern Sindh. A wide mixture of Sindh's Handicrafts including Home Textiles (made up of the intricate patch work, Cut work & Embroidery), Basketry, Jewelry, Dresses, Dupattas & Shawls embellished with traditional embroidery and Cut work was Exhibited.

BRSP DELEGATION VISITS SUCCESS PROGRAMME



A delegation from Balochistan Rural Support Programme (BRSP) visited the European Union funded SUCCESS program in Larkana and Qamber-Shahdadkot districts on 10 May 2017. The delegation was comprised of a professional staff of BRSP head office and various districts. They visited a number of activities i.e. CMST, LMST and CO formation. During their visits, the teams observed the entire procedure of training arrangements, schedule, material, and delivery of sessions and process of CO formation was reviewed. They interacted with women and asked questions regarding the role of CI office bearers responsibility and how they can be benefited from three tiered social mobilization approach and what they have got a message from SRSO about poverty alleviation. Earlier the delegation held an introductory meeting with CEO SRSO and sector heads at SRSO complex Sukkur. During the meeting, they were provided with the information of SRSO's projects and programmes currently being implemented in various districts of Sindh. They also conducted a detailed meeting with MER team and acquired in-depth information regarding the activities of MER section.

EXPANSION OF UNION COUNCIL BASED POVERTY REDUCTION PROGRAMME (EUCBPRP)

The government of Sindh approved UCBPRP in 2009 as the first phase. After approval SRSO implemented the programme in two pilot Districts Shikarpur and Kashmore-Kandhkot. Owing to the groundbreaking results and impact, GoS expanded the programme in two more districts i.e. Tharparkar and Jacobabad. GoS was committed to scaling up the programme in all rural districts of the province. In this connection, European Union approved the funding for eight districts in form of SUCCESS programme, while rest of the districts were decided to be covered in expansion phases by GoS from its own funding. In continuation of Programme's expansion, GoS and SRSO again entered into a formal agreement to implement the EUCBPRP programme in six (06) more districts Khairpur, Umerkot, Sanghar, Badin, Thatta, Mirpurkhas. The GoS has approved Rs. 4.9billion for the implementation of the said programme. The duration of the programme is set out as 36 months, and SRSO will implement the programme in the stipulated timeframe. It is expected that the programme will ensure significant change by improving the social and economic status of less-privileged and deprived households in targeted districts. The implementation of the programme is promptly executed and inception activities are being carried out in all districts simultaneously.

ACTIVITY 1 UNDER GOS-EUCBPRP: POVERTY SCORE CARD CENSUS SURVEY (PSC)

Poverty Scorecard Census survey has been initiated in June 2017, prior to the initiation of social mobilization process in EUCBPRP programme. PSC is a standard, simple, effective and low-cost tool to identify the poor and targeted households for a specific intervention or program. MER (Monitoring Evaluation and Research) section based on its previous successful experience of undertaking PSC survey through Computer-Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) method in 99 UCs of 2 Districts, now started 321 union councils of 6 districts to carry out the PSC survey under the GoS-funded EUCBPRP of SRSO component.



Before Initiating the PSC survey, the training was conducted at every district and training was comprised of two days i.e. day-1 was for indoor sessions covering the various Enumerators Guideline, tools and methods of CAPI and 2nd day were spared for field demo in order to check the understanding of trained enumerators on methods of data collection. During the reporting period, a total of 17,580 households is surveyed with the support of 03 PSC teams including 45 enumerators, 03 supervisors, 03 forward campaigners and 01 field monitor in district Khairpur. In coming three months, it is expected that more than 1 million households will be surveyed in 06 districts. For this purpose, 30 more PSC teams will be hired to accomplish the task in all districts simultaneously.