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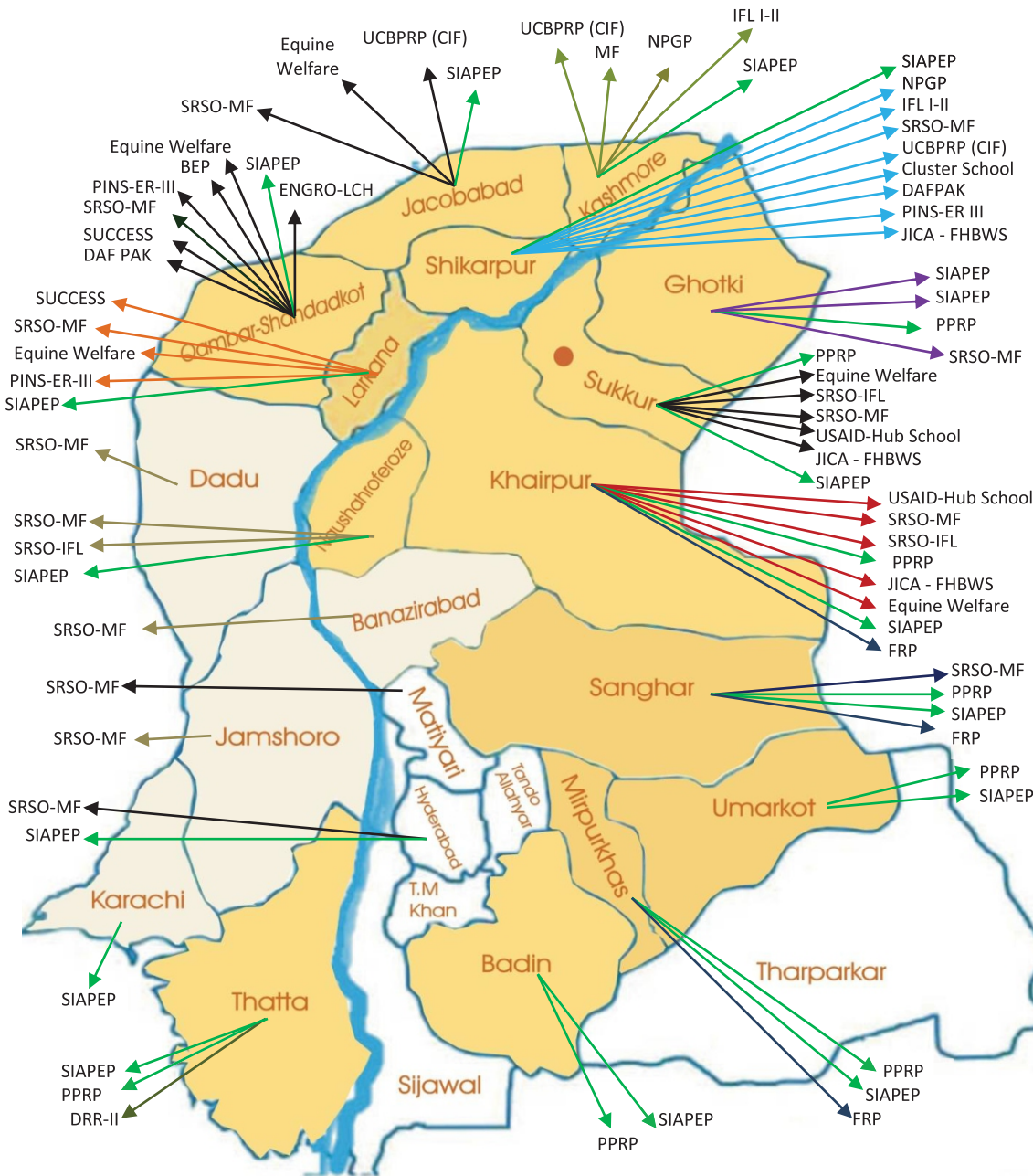
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SINDH RURAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATION (SRSO) OPERATIONAL AREAS



ON GOING PROJECTS

- UCBPRP (CIF)**
Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme
Funded by: GoS
- Equine Welfare Project**
Funded by: BROOKE
- PPRP**
Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme
Funded by: GoS
- SRSO-Microfinance**
Funded by: SRSO
- Inertest Free Loan - IFL-II**
Under EHSAAAS Programme
Funded by: PPAF
- USAID-Hub School (EMO-Schools)**
Funded by: USAID-GoS
- SUCCESS**
Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support Program (SUCCESS)
Funded by: European Union (EU)
- PINS ER-III**
Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh
Funded by: P&D-GoS - EU
- DAF PAK**
Delivering Accelerated Family Planning in Pakistan
Funded by: PSI - DFID
- JICA - FHBWS**
Improvement of Livelihood and Female Home-Based workers in informal Economic Section in Sindh Province
Funded by: JICA
- NPGP**
National Poverty Graduation Programme
Funded by: IFAD-GoP
- DRR-Project-II**
Funded by: ECHO
- BEP**
Body Energy Product
Funded by: RSPN-GET Foundation
- Cluster School**
Funded by: GoS
- IHSS**
Integrated Health Strengthening System
Funded by: JSI
- SIAPEP - Sindh**
Sindh Irrigated Agriculture Productivity Enhancement Project
Funded by: GoS- World Bank
- FRP**
Flood Relief Project
Funded by: Malteser International & ADH
- ENGRO-LCH**
Low cost House
Funded by: Engro foundation



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 ACHIEVEMENTS AS OF MARCH 2023

S. No.	Key Performance Indicators	Achievement as of Dec: 2022	Achievement as of March: 2023	% increase during Qtr:	
1	No. of Operational Districts	15	15	0%	
2	No. of Union Councils with SRSO presence	722	722	0%	
3	No. of Taluka with SRSO presence	86	86	0%	
4	No. of Villages with SRSO presence	29,899	29,899	0%	
5	No. of Household Organized	1,400,738	1,410,574	0.7%	
6	VO Formation	13,790	13,840	0.4%	
7	LSO Formation	584	585	0.2%	
8	CO- Formation	Female	78,144	78,747	1%
9	CO-Membership	Female	1,400,738	1,410,574	0.7%
10	Income Generating Grant (IGG) Amount Disbursed (In Million)	687	739	8%	
	No. of IGG Beneficiaries	50,301	54,013	7%	
11	Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount disbursed (In Million)-Seed Money	3,279.70	3,358	2%	
	No. of CIF Beneficiaries	234,627	238,148	2%	
12	Total amount of Microcredit disbursed (In Million)	21,685	23,697	9%	
	No. of Beneficiaries of Micro Credit Programme	895,708	944,018	5%	
13	No of Community members trained in vocational skill Training	103,336	107,552	4%	
14	No of Community members trained in Managerial skill training	398,943	405,360	2%	
15	Community Members trained as TBAs	4,777	4,777	0%	
16	Micro Health Insurance (Clients)	1,044,651	1,090,871	4%	
17	No. of Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)	27,227	27,227	0.1%	
	Total amount of CPIs (In Millions)	1,690	1,690	0%	
	Total Beneficiary Households	304,659	304,659	0%	
18	No of Low Cost Houses	28,204	28,894	2%	
19	No of Poultry layers distributed	25,500	25,500	0%	
20	No of trees Planted	939,476	939,476	0%	



S. No.	Districts		Geographical Coverage				
			Total No. of area in the District	# of SRSO intervened area as of Dec 2022	# of SRSO intervened area as of March 2023	% increase during Qtr:	% of total area coverage as of June 2022
1	Ghotki	Union Council	66	66	66	-	100%
		Village	2,282	1,255	1,255	-	55%
		Household	162,270	120,767	120,767	-	74%
2	Jacobabad	Union Council	40	29	29	-	73%
		Village	2,478	2,230	2,230	-	90%
		Household	99,944	84,893	84,893	-	85%
3	Kashmore - Kandhkot	Union Council	37	37	37	-	100%
		Village	2,250	2,025	2,025	-	90%
		Household	142,919	80,345	80,345	-	56%
4	Khairpur	Union Council	88	88	88	-	100%
		Village	3,602	3,314	3,314	-	92%
		Household	266,734	188,890	188,824	-	71%
5	Larkana	Union Council	47	47	47	-	100%
		Village	1,407	1,280	1,280	-	91%
		Household	121,019	74,135	74,135	-	61%
6	Naushahro Feroz	Union Council	51	5	5	-	10%
		Village	2,192	1,028	1,028	-	47%
		Household	212,073	14,325	14,325	-	7%
7	Qamber - Shahdadkot	Union Council	52	52	52	-	100%
		Village	2,167	1,971	1,971	-	91%
		Household	146,804	101,747	101,747	-	69%
8	Shikarpur	Union Council	50	50	50	-	100%
		Village	2,285	2,056	2,056	-	90%
		Household	133,249	102,306	102,306	-	77%
9	Sukkur	Union Council	37	37	37	-	100%
		Village	1,709	881	881	-	52%
		Household	108,837	41,708	49,289	18%	45%
10	Shaheed Benazir Abad	Union Council	51	34	34	-	67%
		Village	3,537	362	362	-	10%
		Household	210,984	-	-	-	-
11	Sanghar	Union Council	73	73	73	-	100%
		Village	3,192	2,904	2,904	-	91%
		Household	206,774	148,616	152,929	3%	74%
12	Mirpurkhas	Union Council	55	55	55	-	100%
		Village	3,070	2,763	2,763	-	90%
		Household	155,159	108,689	108,729	0.4%	70%
13	Thatta	Union Council	41	41	41	-	100%
		Village	2,404	2,163	2,163	-	90%
		Household	133,586	93,625	93,675	0.1%	70%
14	Badin	Union Council	68	68	68	-	100%
		Village	3,936	3,542	3,542	-	90%
		Household	212,535	148,330	148,330	-	70%
15	Umerkot	Union Council	40	40	40	-	100%
		Village	2,362	2,125	2,125	-	90%
		Household	127,965	90,280	90,280	-	71%
GRAND TOTAL		Union Council	796	722	722	-	91%
		Village	38,873	29,899	29,899	-	77%
		Household	2,440,852	1,398,575	1,410,574	1%	58%



S. No.	District	Institution Formation of Community Community Organizations (COs) Village Organization (VOs) Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	Organized Coverage		
			# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of Dec 2022	# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of March 2023	% increase during Qtr:
1	Ghotki	Community Organizations (COs)	6,961	6,961	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,118	1,118	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	20	20	-
2	Jacobabad	Community Organizations (COs)	5,074	5,074	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,811	1,811	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	27	27	-
3	Kandhkot- 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)	10,231	10,235	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,155	1,162	1%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	87	88	1%
5	Larkana	Community Organizations (COs)	3,454	3,454	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	574	574	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	47	47	-
6	Naushahroferoz	Community Organizations (COs)	796	796	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	214	214	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	5	5	-
7	Qamber - Shahdadkot	Community Organizations (COs)	4,682	4,682	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	677	677	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	52	52	-
8	Shikarpur	Community Organizations (COs)	5,846	5,846	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,813	1,813	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	39	39	-
9	Sukkur	Community Organizations (COs)	2,567	3,151	23%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	400	429	7%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	7	7	-
10	Sanghar	Community Organizations (COs)	7,933	7,941	0.1%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,055	1,055	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	73	73	-
11	Mirpurkhas	Community Organizations (COs)	6,349	6,349	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	793	793	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	55	55	-
12	Thatta	Community Organizations (COs)	5,670	5,673	0.1%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	801	801	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	41	41	-
13	Badin	Community Organizations (COs)	8,524	8,528	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	951	965	1%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	62	62	-
14	Umerkot	Community Organizations (COs)	5,347	5,347	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	754	755	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	40	40	-
GRAND TOTAL		Community Organizations (COs)	78,144	78,747	0.8%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	13,790	13,840	0.4%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	584	585	0.2%



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

S. No.	Districts	as of December 2022		as of March 2023		% increase during Qtr
		# of Benef:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	# of Benef:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	
1	Shikarpur	3,717	39.5	3,717	39.5	-
2	Kashmore - Kandhkot	2,543	26.13	2,543	26.13	-
3	Jacobabad	1,348	17.31	1,348	17.31	-
4	Khairpur	5,035	72.95	5,283	76.67	5%
5	Sukkur	942	12.37	1,380	17.8	44%
6	Ghotki	1,522	22.84	2,836	42.55	86%
7	Larkana	8,581	111.8	8,581	111.8	-
8	Qamber – Shahdadkot	11,682	171.9	11,682	171.9	-
9	Badin	3,208	44.86	3,539	49.8	11%
10	Thatta	2,778	41.62	3,037	45.5	9%
11	Umerkot	2,704	39.60	2,867	42.09	6%
12	Mirpurkhas	2,869	41.65	3,203	46.66	12%
13	Sanghar	3,372	44.28	3,831	51.19	16%
Total IGG Disbursed		50,301	686.81	53,847	738.97	8%

District wise Disbursement of Community Investment Fund (CIF) (Women Beneficiaries 100%)

Districts	As of December 2022				As of March 2023				
	Beneficiaries	Seed Money	Beneficiaries	Revolved	Beneficiaries	Seed Money	Beneficiaries	Revolved	
Shikarpur	40,239	396.51	-	-	40,239	396.51	-	-	
Kandhkot - Kashmore	35,863	374.07	-	-	35,863	374.07	-	-	
Jacobabad	18,371	226.43	-	-	18,371	226.43	-	-	
Khairpur	19,547	287.54	14,067	213.41	21,761	337.44	18,826	296.57	
Sukkur	6,487	189.80	-	-	8,647	258.93	1,369	41.82	
Ghotki	9,115	227.77	-	-	15,165	377.12	1,274	34.97	
Noshero Feroze	370	1.85	-	-	370	1.85	-	-	
Larkana	16,296	251.42	16,804	328.50	16,296	251.42	17,991	361.61	
Shahdadkot	25,489	402.40	24,553	443.98	25,489	402.40	26,985	515.25	
Badin	12,819	172.16	7,368	104.55	15,889	245.25	11,419	164.09	
Thatta	8,785	133.30	8,534	143.44	10,742	181.25	11,066	190.40	
Umerkot	11,492	167.19	8,909	135.27	12,665	200.68	12,417	205.97	
Mirpurkhas	12,519	189.49	10,458	153.31	13,689	228.4	15,331	247.27	
Sanghar	17,235	259.77	16,228	226.37	19,277	315.71	22,288	325.35	
Grand Total	234,627	3279.70	106,921	1748.83	234,627	3279.70	106,921	1748.83	
		Total Beneficiaries (341,548) Total Amount in Million (5,029)				Total Beneficiaries (393,429) Total Amount in Million (6,181)			

Human Resource Development (HRD)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of Dec: 2022	Achievement as of March 2023	% increase during Qtr:
1	No. of Community Members provided scholarship for Vocational Skill Training	103,336	107,552	4%
2	No. of Community Members trained in Community Management Skill Training	398,943	405,360	2%
3	No. of SRSO Staff Trained in different programme/project training	6,691	6,691	0%



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)

S. No.	Types of CPI Schemes	Achievement as of March 2023		
		No. of Schemes	Cost of Schemes (In Millions)	BHHs
Total of CPI Schemes		27,227	1,690	304,659
1	Sanitation	15,958	199.89	87,738
2	Street Pavement & Sanitation	74	220.41	13,443
3	Drinking Water Supply Schemes (DWSS)	9,541	351.35	52,641
4	Low Cost Village Improvement Schemes (LCVI)	72	127.09	7,248
5	Communication	1,018	474.77	95,044
6	Irrigation	474	196.68	14,314
7	IAUP	1	2.09	75
8	Water Filter Plants by GoS	40	23.58	28,570
9	Street Lighting on solar system	18	13.3	1,040
10	Schools Renovation/Construction	31	80.93	4,546

Low Cost Housing (LCH)

S. No.	Housing Schemes	No of Houses	Cost of Houses (In Millions)	BHHs
Total of Housing Schemes		28,894	17,151	28,894
11	Low Cost Housing Scheme (2007-2022)	28,404	17,037	28,404
12	Benazir Housing Cell	490	113.63	490

Micro Health Insurance (MHI)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of December: 2022	Achievement as of March 2022
1	No. of Community Members provided Micro Health Insurance Cover	1,044,651	1,090,871
2	No. of Community Members Treated through MHI	18,890	19,082
	Men	4,211	4,505
	Women	14,679	14,771
3	Amount of claims availed by Community (In Million)	331.30	390.35

Micro Finance (MF)

S. No.		Amount disbursed as of March 2023
1	Total Amount of Micro Credit Disbursement (in (Milion)	23,697
	Men	2,096
	Women	21,601
2	No. of Loans	944,018
	Male	85,357
	Female	858,661
3	Sectoral Disbursement	23,697
	Agriculture	8,012
	Livestock	7,907
	Enterprise	7,777



The Key SRSO Interventions

12th Sartyoon Sang Crafts Exhibition Organized by CED-SRSO

Ocean Mall Karachi/February 3-5, 2023

The 12th Sartyoon Sang Crafts Exhibition was organized by CED-SRSO in collaboration with the Government of Sindh and other partners. The main objective of the exhibition was to provide better income opportunities for the flood-affected women artisans of rural Sindh. The three-day event was held at Ocean Mall, Karachi, and inaugurated by Mohtarma Aseefa Bhutto Zardari, who visited each stall, met with rural artisans, and appreciated their crafts. On the occasion, Sindh Minister for Health, Dr. Azra Peechuho, Minister for Local Government, Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, Provincial Secretary, Minority Affairs Muhammad Abbas Baloch, CEO-SRSO, Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, BoD-SRSO Mr. Azar Ayaz, and Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khehro were also present.

The exhibition showcased handmade crafts including clothing, accessories, and home decor items made by 1,572 artisans from

12 districts of Sindh. The event received an overwhelming response from visitors and was widely covered by mainstream media in Sindhi, Urdu, and English languages. It's heartening to see such initiatives being taken to promote and support rural artisans and their livelihoods. Thousands of women and renowned persons visited the exhibition and appreciated the work of skilled women entrepreneurs and SRSO efforts including, Ms. Naheed Shah Durani (Chairperson-SRSO), Provincial Secretary for Social Welfare Sindh, Dr. Shereen Mustafa Narejo, Managing Director STEVTA Dr. Ghulam Mustafa Sohag, Economist, Dr. Qaisar Bengali, Senior Journalist Ghazi Salah-u-Din, Executive Director IRC Sadiqa Salah-u-Din, Chairperson, Sindh Commission on the Status of Women, Government of Sindh, Nuzhat Shirin and others.

HIGHLIGHTS



German Ambassador To Pakistan H.E Mr. Alfred Grannas visited SRSO

Mirpurkhas/ February 23, 2023

A German Embassy in Pakistan delegation, including Ambassador to Pakistan H.E Mr. Alfred Grannas, Deputy Council Karachi Mr. Andrass Wegner, and Secretary Ms. Julia Klein visited Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) to learn about the organization and its poverty reduction initiatives supported by the Government of Sindh. The CEO-SRSO, RGM, and DG PPRP-GoS shared their approach and work with the delegation, highlighting interventions made at the community level for financial, social, and economic empowerment of rural communities through small entrepreneurship with a women-led household-based approach.

The delegation also met with rural community representatives and beneficiaries of SRSO's programs, including Malteser International Cash Grants. The SRSO is also involved in disaster response and recovery efforts in partnership with Malteser International and ADH. The German delegation appreciated SRSOs with rural women for empowerment and poverty

reduction and gifted German-made Ajrak to women participants. The meeting concluded with the distribution of hygiene kits to promote good health and hygiene.





Laptops distribution among the Digital Heroes under NPGP-GoP

SRSO Complex Sukkur/January 04, 2023

An event was organized to celebrate the achievements and progress of the NPGP-Digital Heroes who are being trained in digital skills at Sukkur IBA University under the IFAD-funded National Poverty Graduation Programme implemented by SRSO. It aims to empower youth from rural and very poor communities to improve their livelihoods and break the cycle of poverty through online-earning opportunities.

The event included a dialogue and laptop distribution ceremony where the CEO of SRSO welcomed guests and Digital Heroes. It's also heartening to hear that the Secretary of the Social Welfare Dept.-GoS, Dr. Shereen Mustafa, addressed the learners, encouraging them to become entrepreneurs and

create employment for themselves and their communities. The Vice-Chancellor of SIBAU and others who praised the efforts in empowering these young men are also a great motivation for the participants.

The Digital Heroes shared their presentations and learning experiences, which would have given the guests a good understanding of the impact of the program on the participants' lives. The distribution of certificates and laptops to the participants is also a great initiative and would have further encouraged them to continue on their path toward entrepreneurship and breaking the cycle of poverty.



A Malteser International delegation, led by Country Coordinator visits SRSO

Khairpur and Sukkur / February 8 & 9, 2023

A Malteser International delegation, led by Country Coordinator Mr. Fayyaz Shah, visited SRSO to evaluate the potential for a strategic partnership between SRSO and Malteser for uplifting the resilient based livelihood of communities. The delegation visited various locations in Khairpur to observe SRSO interventions, post-flood situation, and meet communities. They visited the village Jam Khan Jatoi, which was most impacted by recent floods, observed ongoing interventions, engaged with the community, and assessed the post-flood

situation.

On the second day, the delegation visited all sectors at the head office and held meetings with all sector-heads and management regarding key areas of partnership. The acknowledgment of the efforts of SRSO and community institutions in improving the lives of those affected by natural disasters and humanitarian crises is also a great motivation for those working on the ground.





International Day of Education was observed in SRSO-managed SEF-Assisted Schools

Shikarpur & Kashmore@Kandhkot/ January 25, 2023

International Day of Education with this year's theme “to invest in people to prioritize education” was celebrated by SRSO under NPGP-a flagship program of MOPASS-GOP funded by IFAD. The main purpose of the day celebration was to increase awareness about education through engaging children in awareness-raising activities.

There were 10 events organized at SRSO-managed Community Clusters Schools in district Shikarpur07 and district Kandhkot03. The events were initiated by the GALs CRPs and the enthusiastic performances of Community Children enrolled at SRSO Cluster Schools.



MoU signing ceremony between SRSO and Shaikh Ayaz University-Shikarpur

SRSO Complex Sukkur/February16, 2023



A signing ceremony of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) and Shaikh Ayaz University-Shikarpur was took place at SRSO Complex Sukkur. CEO-SRSO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhor and Vice-Chancellor-SAU Mr. Ghulam Raza Bhatti signed the MoU. The main objective is to create and support joint opportunities for learning and sharing with each other in research on community development, staff training, student/youth engagement among university and rural communities, experience sharing through exposure visits, and developing dialogue/forums on different subjects and current situations.

A lecture-followed by open discussion on "Role of Development Sector" by Naseer Memon

SRSO Complex Sukkur/February16, 2023

The renowned writer and development sector expert Mr. Naseer Memon conducted a lecture for SRSO staff at the SRSO Head Office Sukkur on the role of the development sector in Pakistan's current economic scenario. He highlighted the different dimensions of poverty in Sindh, which is facing severe multi-dimensional poverty, affecting people's lives and livelihoods. He also discussed the impacts of poverty, including

the recent flood disaster that pushed 9 million people in Sindh below the poverty line. He emphasized the need to update ourselves with the rapidly changing sources of knowledge and learning, including social media. He also stressed the importance of setting priorities, following policies, and addressing the community's need to empower socially and economically marginalized people.





The Closing Ceremony of 3 months course on Creative Design and Digital Marketing

Sukkur IBA University/ February 7, 2023

The closing ceremony of a 3 months course on Creative Design and Digital Marketing for Online Earning was organized at Sukkur IBA University. 45 Digital Heroes from the remote rural areas and under-privileged families/BISP beneficiaries of Shikarpur, and Kashmore@Kandhkot districts have completed at Center for Excellence for Robotics, AI, and Block chain (CRAIB), Sukkur IBA University. The Course was executed by SRSO under NPGP- a flagship program of MOPASS-GoP funded by IFAD.

Mr. Ghufuran Memon Federal Secretary-MOPASS-GoP was chief guest of the ceremony at SIBA U. All speakers including; Dr. Issa AC-Sukkur, Mr. Fazil Sardar PD-NPGP, Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro Kalhoro CEO-SRSO, Mr. Syed Mir Muhammad Shah VC-Sukkur IBA University. Federal Secretary highly appreciated the efforts of all stakeholders and trainees for acquiring such modern IT skills to get gainful employment and termed First 45 Digital Heroes from the remote and destitute areas.



A session for 45 NPGP Digital Heroes with leading experts in digital technology of SIBA U

SRSO Complex Sukkur/March 03, 2023

SRSO organized a session to enhance the careers of 45 NPGP Digital Heroes, with leading experts in digital technologies of Sukkur IBA University Professor Dr. Muhammad Ajmal Sawand and Ghulam Nabi Kalhoro. The objective of the session was to establish linkages between the Digital Heroes and public and private sectors, encouraging them to take steps towards digitalization and start small scale businesses through the use of digital technologies. The experts discussed providing new

revenue and value creation opportunities and offered expertise and technical ideas to advance the family business or professional skills within already available resources. Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO) welcomed the distinguished speakers and digital heroes and objective of the session.





International Women's Day was celebrated by organized rural women

Larkana/March 09, 2023

SRSO organized an Activist Workshop of organized women of Community Institutions at Gaji Dero Taluka Dokri to celebrate International Women's Day 2023 under the theme of "Embrace Equity," to promote gender equality and reduce gender-based disparities. Ms. Rabia Siyal Deputy Commissioner Larkana, Assistant Commissioner Bakrani, and RGM-SRSO participated in the event.

More than 80 CIs leaders participated and shared their remarkable achievements and women's rights issues and gender inequalities. DC-Larkana appreciated the efforts and dedication of women and SRSO as well. On that occasion, SRSO supported women entrepreneurs of different Business Development Groups (BDGs) displayed their work and briefed about investment and earning from business, developed linkages to market with the enhanced technical skills and sales.



Ghotki/March 08 & 09, 2023



SRSO under Sindh Govt. funded PPRP organized a Managerial Activist Conferences (MACs) to celebrate International Women's Day 2023 at Village Sher Mahar Taluka Khangarh and Sahib Khan Lund Taluka Mirpur Mathelo and provided an opportunity for rural women to aware and discuss women rights especially gender inequality issues and challenges facing in society. Over 350 organized rural women of Community Institutions of different villages and other stakeholders especially UC Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and health department participated in the events.

The women celebrated their IWD23 to Embrace Equity through presenting songs, poems, and speeches on women's rights and demanded an end to gender inequality and all forms of gender-based violence at all levels.

Khairpur Mir's/March 08, 2023

SRSO under The Brooke Pakistan supported Equine Welfare Project celebrated International Women's Day on this year's global theme Embrace Equity with rural community women. For this purpose, an awareness-raising event was organized at village Adam Sultan Taluka Kot Diji and 110 women of area participated and celebrated their day with high spirit and excitement.

It's important to promote gender equality and equal opportunities for all, regardless of gender or background. It's great that the women who participated in the event, shared their thoughts and perspectives on these issues and demonstrate their solidarity through the walk Women demanded for taking equitable actions for women at all levels, thus we can help build a more just and equitable society for everyone.





International Women's Day celebration by NPGP-GoP beneficiaries

Shikarpur & Kashmore@Kandhkot / March 08,2023

SRSO under IFAD funded NPGP- a flagship program of MOPASS-GOP celebrated International Women's Day 2023 with rural women and NPGP beneficiaries in both covering districts. It aimed to raise awareness about gender equality and empower rural women who often face many challenges and inequalities.

The multi-awareness campaign events were organized for the IWD23, such as community dialogues, story-telling, songs, play cards showing key messages, solidarity and awareness walks and sessions, to engage and educate rural women and NPGP beneficiaries. It is inspiring to know that a large number of women participated and shared their thoughts about their issues and gender inequalities at home, community and society level.



SRSO celebrated Sports Week at EMO-Hub School Sami

Khairpur Mir's /March 14-19, 2023



As part of the school curriculum, SRSO celebrated Sports Week March 14-19, 2023 at EMO-Hub, Govt. Boys High School Sami taluka Sobhodero engages students of rural areas in healthy competition and develops their sports skills, 4 different schools in the area are participating in different sports.

The different games were organized and boys and girls students participated and played games. Head teachers and other staff of the participating schools distributed prizes and trophies to winner teams and best-performance players. Winner teams celebrated their success with joy and spirits. The final match of the cricket tournament was played between semi-final winners teams of SRSO-managed EMO-Govt. BHS Sami, Fianza Public School Sami and EMO-GBHS Sami win the match.

NPGP communities celebrate World Forest Day 2023

Shikarpur & Kashmore@Kandhkot / March 21, 2023

SRSO under the IFAD funded NPGP-a flagship program of MOPASS-GOP celebrated International Forest Day in program communities to raise awareness about the importance of forests and their role in climate change. The various activities organized, such as community sessions, awareness walks, tree plantation, and solidarity play cards/banners display, to engage and educate the community on the importance of forests and their conservation.

It is also commendable that SRSO fostered Community Institutions (Cos, VO, and LSOs) in different villages of targeted UCs of the both districts to collaborate, participated and organize these activities.





The Key SRSO-Flood Emergency Response 2023

SRSO signed an agreement with Govt: of Sindh as Implementing Partner in SPHF

Karachi/February 8, 2023

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) signed an agreement with Government of Sindh as Implementing Partner for resilient construction of houses of flood affected households in designated 05 districts of Sindh with World Bank South Asia. As IP-SPHF, SRSO will support the flood-affected communities in the reconstruction of multi-hazard resilient houses in targeted five districts i.e. Khairpur, Shikarpur, Jacobabad, Larkana, and Kamber-Shahdadkot.

CEO-SRSO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro signed the agreement during a ceremony in the presence of Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Foreign Minister, Pakistan, Syed Murad Ali Shah, Chief Minister Sindh, Mr. Najy Benhassine, Country Director, World Bank Pakistan, Mr. Knut Ostby, Resident Representative, UNDP Pakistan, Muhammad Sohail Rajput, Chief Secretary Sindh, and many other important delegates and stakeholders.

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220 agriculture tool kits distribution to marginalized farmer families of 20 villages

Kamber-Shahdadkot & Khairpur /January 05 &06, 2023

SRSO is working in partnership with Action Against Hunger (ACF) to provide relief, recovery, and rehabilitation support to flood-affected communities in Sindh, Pakistan. They distributed 220 agriculture tool kits to marginalized farmer families in 20 villages in 04 Union Councils of Khairpur and District Kamber-Shahdadkot districts. The tool kits were distributed after

conducting a comprehensive assessment to identify the most affected households based on their vulnerability and livelihood damages. The project also aims to provide integrated assistance for the urgent needs of the flood-affected communities in the targeted area, and seed distribution has also been started among the identified most vulnerable farmers' families.





The additional support from UNICEF for 3 flood-affected villages

Jacobabad/January 26, 2023

SRSO with the additional support of UNICEF, conducted community-based awareness sessions on gender-based violence and health & hygiene care in selected flood-affected 03 villages i.e. village Khairdin Lashari Union Council Sher Waah,

village Chuttal Naseerani and Haji Karam Khan Lashari UC Mirpur Burriro Taluka Thul district Jacobabad. In addition, 500 blankets and 400 health & hygiene kits were also distributed to women of poor and vulnerable families.



The Five Interactive Theaters were organized by SRSO under the UNICEF supported Integrated Services Project

Khairpur, Kamber-Shahdadkot, Larkana, Dadu and Naushahro Feroz/March 17, 20, 21 & 22, 2023

The Five Interactive Theaters were organized by SRSO under the UNICEF-supported Integrated Services Project in five districts during month of March. It aimed to create awareness among the flood-affected communities about key child rights and provide psycho social support through theater performance. The famous TV comedian/Artist Mr. Sohrab Soomro along with the Azad Theater Group team performed in the theaters and spread key messages on child protection, poverty, child labor, girl's

education, GBV, nutrition of PLWs, Health & Hygiene through various interactive acts, including tablows, songs, poetry recitations, and interaction with children.

A large number of boys, girls, women, and men from the flood-affected villages participated and enjoyed the performances and appreciated initiative towards promoting awareness and support for child rights and psycho social well-being in flood-affected communities.





The distribution of 500 Female Dignity Kits to women and girls in flood-affected areas

Kamber-Shahdadkot / March 15, 2023

SRSO in partnership with RSPN under the UNFPA-SRHR Sehatmand Khandan Project conducted community based sessions to raise awareness about GBV, SRH, and early child marriage and distributed 500 Female Dignity Kits to women and

girls in flood-affected areas of UCs Tharo Wadho, Misri Khan Chandio, Gatahar, Rawanti, Abri, Gul Muhammad Chacho, Noorabad district Kamber-Shahdadkot.



Nutrition, Health & Hygiene Awareness Day celebration

Khairpur, Naushahro Feroz, Dadu, Larkana, & Kamber-Shahdadkot/March 2, 3, 7, 8, and 9, 2023

The 5th district level seminars were organized successfully by SRSO in the continuity of Nutrition and Health & Hygiene Awareness Day celebration under the UNICEF supported Integrated Services Project in all five covering districts. It aims to raise awareness regarding balanced diet and nutrition intake among the community to uphold a healthy lifestyle. These seminars were attended by different stakeholders mainly

district administration, Health, Social Welfare and Education departments, community and civil society organizations. In all seminars, project covering community representatives and CRPs also participated and shared their experiences and especially health and nutrition issues with mothers and children in the recently calamity flood-hit areas.





Project Inception Workshop was conducted by SPHF

SRSO Complex Sukkur/ March 24, 2023

Project Inception Workshop is conducted by 'Sindh Peoples Housing for Flood Affectees (SPHF) under the Government of Sindh Funded Sindh Flood Emergency Housing Reconstruction Project at SRSO Complex Sukkur on March 24, 2023. CEO-SRSO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro welcomed the participants and shared the brief strategy to be adopted for implementation.

SPHF Chief Operating Officer (COO) Mr. Najaf Malik led the team and shared the objectives and the role of IPs (SRSO) in the implementation of this resilient housing project. SPHF Engineer shared various types and models of resilient houses that can be adopted in the construction of houses in different areas.



SRSO with the support of ACF distributed 220 livestock shelter materials

Khairpur and Kamber-Shahdadkot / January 13 &14, 2023

SRSO with the support of Action Against Hunger (ACF) distributed 220 livestock shelter materials (16 Bamboo & 1Tarpal per household) among the flood-affected and marginalized 20 villages of 4 Union Councils of Khairpur and Kamber-Shahdadkot districts. It aims to keep safe livestock and improve

the livelihood of the affected communities to combat with adverse effects of the flood on their lives and livelihood. SRSO and ACF teams jointly organized the distribution and briefed beneficiaries about the support.





The Key SRSO Visitors

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Thatta/February 10, 2023: A delegation from Balochistan Rural Support Programme along with senior officials of Balochistan Government, Member of the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan, RSPN, NRSP, DAI and BRACE visited SRSO in Thatta district to learn from the People's Poverty Reduction Program interventions funded by the Sindh Government.



Sukkur and Shikarpur/February 07, 2023: Mr. Ghufuran Memon Federal Secretary Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety (MOPASS) Govt. of Pakistan along with Mr. Fazil Sardar Programme Director, National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP) visited SRSO. He conducted different activities at SRSO head office, Sukkur IBA University and field in village Wazeerabad Taluka Lakhi and interacted different stakeholders of NPGP funded by International Fund for Agricultural Development (FAD).



Mirpurkhas/January 20, 2023: Dr. Maqbool Halepoto, President of the Sindh Association of North America (SANA), visited the SRSO. The main purpose of his visit was to observe post-flood situation, SRSO's interventions, specifically enterprise and low-cost housing, and identify opportunities for collaboration in the context of post-flood disaster rehabilitation.



Thatta/February 07, 2023: BRAC International Holland's Ultra Poverty Graduation Initiative (UPGI) Consultants Mr. Khaleel Tetlay and Mr. Muzaffar Uddin BRAC-UPI Consultants visited SRSO and interacted with organized rural women of Community Institutions.



Dadu/January 31, 2023: NATCOM-UNICEF Mission to Flood Response Sindh visited SRSO's UNICEF supported activities along with other partners at Dadu. The mission visited two locations of Village Jatt Shahzad and village Muni Sharif UC Payro Station Taluka Dadu where they participated in Mother To Mother Group and Father to Father Group Awareness sessions.



Thatta, Badin, Mirpurkhas and Umerkot / March 20, 21, 22 and 23, 2023: A delegation from PPRP-GoS (consisting of Mr. Parvaiz Ahmed Chandio, DG-PPRP, Mr. Shahnawaz Soomro, Senior Director-PPRP, and Mr. Abid Mahar, Monitoring Officer-PPRP) visited SRSO and PPRP supported interventions.



Khairpur Mir's / March 25, 2023: Mr. Schmid Simon Norbert from Malteser International visits the SRSO interventions. He visited a Women Managed Business Development Group in UC Soho a medical camp in Village Wahid Bux Kubar UC Pir Abdul Qadir Shah and joined a VO meeting of VO Wahid Bux Kubar.



Sanghar/ March 24, 2023: Mr. Fayyaz Shah, the Country Coordinator of Malteser International, visited the MI supported Emergency Assistance to Monsoon Rain Flood-Affected Families Project area to assess the progress and impact of the project.



SRSO Complex Sukkur/March 03, 2023: A delegation led by the Dr. Nasir Mahmood Vice Chancellor of Allama Iqbal Open University visited SRSO's head office Sukkur. CEO-SRSO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro welcomed and briefed them on their vision, mission, and poverty eradication programs through social mobilization and income generation.



Khairpur Mir's/March 08, 2023: The delegation from Action Against Hunger (ACF) visited SRSO to meet with ongoing ACF Multi-Sector Emergency Relief Support Project communities and beneficiaries to discuss project impacts on their post-flood lives. The delegation included Ms. Brigitte Technical Advisor Health, Ms. Fatima Ameen HOD Health and Nutrition, Dr. Rano Mal ACF Provincial Head Sindh, and Mr. Shahid Ali PM ACF. CEO-SRSO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro also joined the delegation in the field.



PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS

