**Highlights/News/Events/Activities**

**Date: 30-April-2016:**

**Meeting of Executive and Finance Committee of BOD-SRSO**

A high officials meeting was held at Karachi Coordination Office on dated 30th April 2016. This was the 46th meeting of Executive and Finance Committee of Board of Directors of SRSO. The agenda of Internal Audit and other points were discussed. Several recommendations were given and work of Internal Audit was appreciated by Members.

**Free Books Distribution Ceremony at Community Cluster School**

On 30th April 2016 a free Books distribution ceremony was held at Community Cluster Secondary School Wahid Bux Bijarani Taluka Tangwani District Kashmore-Kandhkot. Free books were distributed among the students.

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**Message of the Week**

“Society does not consist of individuals, but expresses the sum of interrelations, the relations within which these individuals stand.”

-Karl Marx

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**Congratulations..!!**

SRSO-MER sector
Profoundly congratulates Mr. Zahid Ali Shaikh (P.O-MER Sukkur) on performing UMRA

**Happy Birthday ...**

Happy many return of this day, May this birthday be different from the rest of birthday in every good way! Happy birthday to Mr. Naimatullah Sawand (P.O MER)
A formal Visit by RSPN Officials in order to document a Case-study of a Woman in Noushero-feroze

Rural Women have a great potential, talent and intelligence which can be used in right direction by giving them equal opportunities & resources i.e. A successful case story of empowering women by eradicating poverty through courage, dedication, and commitment, sincerity with herself from a backward areas rural sindh.

Noushero-Feroze Village has been identified by HCP team which was a role model and a symbol of courage for other poor rural women to compete with this era to live their life. So in order to record, filming and shooting of this successful story, BlackBox Sounds (A hired Media consultant Firm) by HCP partner CCPP (Center for Communication Programme Pakistan) with the facilitation of RSPN/SRSO District Noushero-Feroze at village and beneficiary location for data collection.

Immunization Week (LSO-Anmol Jacobabad)

Jacobabad Districts’s LSO Anmol UC Dasti organized a Rally in the light of International Immunization Week (IIW) from April 24 - 30, 2016. The Main purpose of awareness rally was to create attention and sensitize parents to make complete dosages of vaccine to their children and protect them from nine fatal diseases.

Coordination & Planning Meeting with District Government Health Department Ghotki

In context of Polio Campaign Support and Approach to every household and a meeting was held at District Government Health Office on dated 30-April 2016, which was attended by SRSO Regional Manager Mr. Niaz Hingoro, District Manager Ghotki and District Project officer attended meeting with Health Department for coordination and planning regarding deployment of CHWs deputation in Polio Campaign along with Lady Health Workers, Following points were decided in meeting:

- CHWs works in pair with their own male partner
- CHWs will work in their clusters (Their own villages)
- Those CHWs which are willing to work will be deployed in selected area
Health department and SRSO will remain in close coordination with each other regarding deployment of CHWs.

Date: 29-April-2016

Immunization Week Celebration

SRSO-HSSP team celebrated Immunization week in LSO Bukhari UC RBC Taluka Kashmore. They arranged a rally for Immunization awareness campaign among community especially female of different villages in UC RBC Taluka Kashmore. The rally was aimed to deliver the message to the pregnant women and infants in context to completion of their dosages.

PM-IFI Cheque Distribution Ceremony

The Cheques distribution ceremony was held at Karobari Rehnma Markaz (KRM) Birkhan LSO Mehran office at Lakhi Unit by Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) District Office Shikarpur with the collaboration and financial assistance of Federal Government under “Prime Minster Interest Loan Programme” (PMIFLP). Cheques were distributed among the poor women. Mr. Abdil Ali “Save the Children (INGO)” participated and talked about the importance of financial management in routine life. Through PPAF-PMIFLP plus dimension approach SRSO and LSO tried to create a productive linkage’s of community institutions with local, national, International organization as well government line departments

One Day Teacher Orientation (Cluster Schools) for Data Record and Record Keeping

SRSO Social Sector Services (Education Project) Organized One Day Teacher Orientation on “Record Keeping and Data Record” at Taluka Garhi-Yaseen, Dakhan Unit Office District Shikarpur. The trainers were from SSS

Condolence Message

All staff of SRSO offers their profound regret & heartfelt condolence with Abbasi Family (SDM-MF Ghotki Mr. Shahzado Abbasi) upon the accidental death of their Uncle
sector and Education Department Officials (GOS).

**Coordination & Facilitation meeting with Marie Stopes Society**

A meeting was held on dated 29th April 2016 at Marie Stopes Society Office Noushero-feroze with Marie Stopes Society Officials and HCP-DPO Noushero-Feroze, a partner of Health component regarding referral cases of community and targeted areas where fewer people are approaching for providing health facilities. SO Marie Stopes Officials agreed that they will refer their referral cases on high priority to provide every facility and also provide medicines that are required in some areas where there are no basic facilities of health are available.

**Date: 28-April-2016**

**Interview of Female Social Organizer-HCP Project Sukkur**

SRSO-HR department with the assistance of Project Focal & District persons formed an interview panel and held interviews at District office Sukkur for the post of “Female Social Organizer “from shortlisted candidates. All interviews conducted smoothly from all candidates and successful candidates were recruited and selected by consensus of Interview panel. The Interview panel was consist of Ms. Shazia Larik (HR Manager), Hamid Ali Magsi (Team Leader HCP Project), DM Sukkur Nasreen Noonari and DPO-HCP Ms, Firduos Jumani.

**Progress Review Meeting by PM RSPN-HCP Project Sukkur**

A meeting was held with Dileep Kumar Project Manager, Health Communication Project RSPN, and Dr.A.Kahliq sb Consultant HCP RSPN. The agenda of the meeting was the review of HCP Project activities at Sukkur District and future planning. DPO-HCP Sukkur gives a brief presentation on HCP activities and shared future planning of the project.
Local Support Organization (LSO) Formation

The community has to develop their platform for their development so to strengthen community local institutes are formed starting from CO/VO and in Last LSO. This approach is household approach to reach at every single community household in participatory approach so NOushero-Feroze Social Mobilization team established a Local Support Organization (LSO) named as LSO Noor from UC Noor Pur Pur Taluka Naushahro Feroze. In formation process of LSO 35, Vos Participated in which they selected LSO lected LSO Body of LSO Noor at Village Mahi Khan Wagan.

Awareness Campaign week about Immunization

As in all over the world International Immunization Week (IIW) from April 24 - 30, 2016 was celebrated, so SRSO Kashmore District Office followed that things under JSI & RSPN funded Health System Strengthening Programmed (HSSP) organized an awareness rally in collaboration with Health Department of District Kashmore – Kandh Kot. Main purposes of awareness rally were to create attention and sensitize to parents to make complete doses of vaccine to their children and protect from nine fatal diseases.

One Day Teacher Orientation (Cluster Schools) for Data Record and Record Keeping

SRSO Social Sector Services (Education Project) Organized One Day Teacher Orientation on “Record Keeping and Data Record” at Taluka Khanpur SRSO Unit Office District Shikarpur. The trainers were from SSS sector and Education Department Officials (GOS).
The Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS) Programme ground activities formally started with ten days Orientation Training Workshop (OTW), conducted from 18th – 27th April 2016. All field staff including DMs, HRDOs, SOs, M&E Team, Grant and MIS Team participated. The facilitators focused on Program Implementation Manual and elaborated the targets and processes during the workshop. At the end participants were awarded with certificates. The certificate distribution ceremony was attended by Mr. Fazlullah Qureshi Member of BOD, Naseer Memon Member of BOD, Idrees Rajpoot Irrigation Expert, Mr. Muhammad Dital Kalhoro CEO-SRSO and Mr. Jamal Mustafa Shoro Team Leader.

Coordination & Planning meeting of SRSO High Officials with Commissioner & DC Sukkur

A meeting was held with District Government Officials (Commissioner & Deputy Commissioner Sukkur) at DC Office Sukkur. The agenda of the meeting was the Deployment of HCP trained Community Health Workers in Polio campaign at different locations of Sukkur. The meeting was attended by CEO-SRSO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro & HCP Project Team Leader Mr. Hamid Ali Magsi for providing assistance in Polio campaign by the deployment of CHWS.

Skype Session of Chairman SRSO to SUCCESS Staff

Chairman SRSO, Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan, had a Skype session with SRSO - SUCCESS Team on the final day of the 10-day training covering Programme Implementation Manual (PIM) and Community Awareness Raising Toolkit (CAT),

The Chairman discussed the SUCCESS Programme, as well as the objectives and vision behind the creation of SRSO, and other RSPs across the country.

He also discussed the need, importance and impact of the community-driven development approach, based on his decades of experience. The participants were inspired and energized by the insightful session.
The training was conducted as part of the European Union funded SUCCESS Programme.

**Polio Vaccination by SRSO-HSSP Jacobabad**

Jacobabad HSSP SRSO team is at the centre & households of the polio eradication effort in Pakistan. A team of men & women: vaccinators, social mobilizers, work with communities every day to during polio campaign to deliver vital immunizations against polio and other vaccine preventable diseases and to make sure that children would grow up in a polio-free Pakistan.

**LSO Berriri Meeting**

On Dated 27, April-2016, A meeting was held at CRFA –MFCC Mureed Kaladi by LSO Berriri UC Berriri Ghotki District. The Agenda of Meeting was to review the Progress and work done by LSO so LSO Book Keeper shared the overall status of LSO regarding their achievement at UC Level, also, they shared the DH Status with Income and Expense. The Meeting was attended by RSPN and WWF Officials where Children enrollment in School awareness session was also given by different officials

**Children School Registration Campaign**

An Educational Awareness Walk was arranged by LSOs on their platform in four different Villages and Union Councils. The walk was aimed to deliver the message regarding maximization of enrollment and registration of children at the schools i.e To Promote Education and To Mobilize Parents and Children. In the walk different NGOs, government officials and members of community organization have equally participated.
3 Days Training of Community Health Workers on use of IPC Toolkit in Community Support Meetings
SRSO-HCP Component different District Offices i-e Sukkur, Noushero-Feroze, Ghotki, Larkana, Jacobabad, Shikarpur and Sanghar arranged 3 days trainings in this week (26th April to 3rd May 2016) “Under the USAID-funded MCH Program’s Health Communication Component, Community Health Workers (CHWs) on the use of IPC Toolkit at Household level visit & in Community Support Groups Meeting. The CHWs were selected on the same criteria as that of LHW Programme; they will be working on improving mother and child health in their assigned population through Community Support Group Meetings and household visits”.

Weekly E-Newsletter
Week (25-30 April 2016)
A training Session on “Women Empowerment” by Commissioner Larkana to SRSO SUCCESS Staff

Commissioner of Larkana Division, Mr. G Akbar Laghari conducted a session on Women Empowerment on the 8th day of the on-going training of SRSO staff under the Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS) Programme. The training session is underway at the SRSO Complex in Sukkur.

LSO AL-Falah Meeting

On Dated 26th April-2016, LSO Al-Falah Union Council Kamoon Shaheed, a meeting was held at PM-IFL Loan center village Allah Yar Chachar. In the meeting, LSO Representatives present their activities, achievements, and future planning with District Manager. District Manager Mr.Ashiq Ali Kalwar appreciated LSO efforts regarding the regular arrangement of LSO Meeting at UC level.

2 Days Training on Inclusive Planning & Monitoring

02 days training was held on 26-27 April 2016 by Help Age-BLF Project at Al-Harmain Hotel Jacobabad on Inclusive Planning & Monitoring for government officials and OPA leaders.
Non-Formal Education Centers Meeting at District Jacobabad

On 26th April 16 a future planning meeting was held at District Jacobabad Office on Non-Formal Education centers. The meeting was chaired by Naimatullah Shaikh (SSS Senior Manager) and other Participants were Jacobabad meeting was held at district office DM Mr. Manzoor Jalbani, SRP staff Mr. Junaid Memon, Mr. Naimatullah Shaikh SSS manager, SMU incharges, srp srso staff participated. Following points were discussed and will be implemented for further action at centers

- 100 % learners attendance will be ensured.
- CO - VO will look after NFE centers.
- Focus on teachers to teach learners well.
- No, any replacement or learners data will be changed.

Date: 25-April-2016

Refresher Training on Advocacy Campaign

SRSO-Help Age (BLF) organized one-day refresher training at Latif Golo and Jam Khan Ari District Jacobabad for Older people. The refresher training provided an opportunity for the designing of an advocacy campaign for the year 2016. A total of 41 OP represented 20 older people associations of district Jacobabad participated in the training.

4 days Training of SUCCESS M & E staff on M& E framework

Training of RSPs’ Monitoring and Evaluation staff on the SUCCESS Programme’s M&E Framework, Baseline Approaches & Methodologies, and Reporting on Key Performance Indicators started today in Karachi. The training will continue till 28th April. RSPN-SUCCESS Programme Manager Fazal Ali Saadi, RSPN M&E Specialist Khurram Shehzad, and SUCCESS M&E Officer Marvi Ahmed conducted different sessions on the first day of the event. During the training, the staff will be trained on the application of the M&E tools and strategies prepared by RSPN as part of the EU funded SUCCESS Programme.
3 days training of Community Health Workers on IPC toolkit (Batch-III)

Under the USAID-funded MCH Program’s Health Communication Component, Community Health Workers (CHWs) training was held on 25-17 April 2016, at District Office Larkana & Noushero-Feroze HCP Office.

Objective of Trainings
* To develop the understanding level of CHWs on their role & responsibilities
* To learn Participate on Technical contents of MNCH / FP use in IPC Tool Kit at HH level
* Use of IPC Tool Kit in Community support groups.

On last day of training, after the completion of training certificates were distributed by Mr.Dileep Kumar among trainees.

A formal Visit by RSPN Official Ms. Nargis Jamal (Training Officer RSPN)

RSPN Official Ms. Nargis Jamal Training officer has visited Ghotki HCP office where 3 days CHW training was already in progress, so she observed some training sessions and distributed certificate among the CHWs.

Coordination Meeting of HCP-DPO NOushero Feroze with National Program District Coordinator

A meeting was held at District Health Office Noushero-Feroze with District Coordinator on Community Health Workers Training and sharing, Planning of Health components training in Noushero-Feroze
World Immunization Week (HSSP-Jacobabad)

World Immunization Week is held each year at the end of April (24-30)2016 and to help refocus public attention on the importance of vaccination for all children – particularly those who are consistently excluded. This event was also celebrated by SRSO-HSSP Jacobabad team by arranging an awareness rally for people, parents, and children that vaccination is protecting you from 9 fatal diseases, All children, no matter where they live or what their circumstances are, have the right to survive in this world.

Official Visit of DM-Sukkur (Core) as a chief Guest of NARI Foundation Event against Child Marriage Restraint Act

DM-Sukkur Ms.Nasreen Noonari attended the event organized by NARI foundation at Child Protection Unit Sukkur, in her Speech, she said that the highest number of Child Marriages take place in the southern province of Sindh where an estimated 72% of girls get married under the age of 20. Under the Child Marriage Restraint Act, anyone under the age of 18 is considered a child and whoever performs, conducts, directs, brings about or in any way facilitate any child marriage shall be punished with rigorous imprisonment, upto three years, and also liable to fine.”
Respecting the aged: Special discounts for elderly as Sindh passes senior citizens welfare bill...

Sindh becomes first province in country to ensure welfare for residents above 60

With the passage of three bills regarding senior citizens’ employees’ old-age benefits, the Sindh Assembly on Friday (Pakistan into a welfare state. Senior citizens in Sindh will healthcare, travel, cinemas and other services as Sindh Assen 2016, on Friday.

Sindh became the first province in the country to pass such a taken a lead in legislation and we are following the same T education and parliamentary affairs minister Nisar Ahmed Kh by treasury and opposition members.

With no welfare in sight, the elderly prone to abuse

A bill recognizes any permanent resident of Sindh, who is A According to the bill, a ‘senior citizens council’ will be estab who will be issued identification cards (Azadi Cards) to avail the act.

The council will work under the social welfare minister and assembly, the secretaries of the finance, health, local go representatives from the transport community, NGOs, busir department as members. “This council will formulate polic wel-being of senior citizens,” said Khuhro.

The salient features of the law reveal that senior citizens complaint centers will be set up, as well as homes for physical, mental, emotional and socio-economic well-being of senior citizens. “This council will also liaise with national and international agencies and NGOs to provide financial assistance to senior citizens,” stated the law, adding that they will be provided free medical and health services as prescribed by medical officers at government dispensaries and 25% concession on all private hospitals, medical centres, and clinics.

“There will be a 50% concession in the fares of both public and private transport within the city and the council can recommend a concession on railways and on airline tickets. Besides this, senior citizens will be given 25% discount [of net profit] on the purchase of goods, drugs, medicines and essential commodities,” stated the bill.

The draft further stated that there will be a 25% discount for senior citizens at recreation centers, cinemas, theatres, hotels and restaurants. Meanwhile, the government will also provide assistance to retired senior citizens to get their pension benefits and other dues from relevant departments and organizations. “Government will provide free service for funeral and burial by local council on the death of senior citizens,” it said.

Old and vulnerable: Senior citizens await national policy to safeguard rights

The government will also establish and maintain ‘Old Age Homes’, beginning with at least one in each district. “The district social officer will be in charge of the homes,” stated the draft. Regarding tax collection, the law said that senior citizens will be exempted from paying any tax by any department, bank or institution on their income and profit.

A senior citizens fund will be established and the government will collect data of these people at a union council level. “Any person who refuses to honor senior citizen card holders or violates any provision of this act will be punished with rigorous imprisonment of three years coupled with a fine of Rs30,000,” it stated. “Whoever leaves such senior citizens with the intention of wholly abandoning them shall be punished with three-month imprisonment or a fine.”