Message of the Week

“Defeating the infidels requires a much greater effort. It requires the mobilization of the nation.”

(Muhammad Munajid)

News/Events/Highlights/Activities

Official Visit of SRSO Chairman at LSO Anmol District Jacobabad on 19th July 2016

An Official Visit of Local Support organization (LSO)-ANMOL in UC Dashti of taluka and district Jacobabad by chairman SRSO Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan, CEO-(BRSP) Balochistan Rural Support program Mr. Nadir Gul along with senior members of SRSO Management and Local District Government officials. First and foremost District Manager Jacobabad Mr. Manzoor Jalbani and LSO Representatives warmly welcomed all distinguished guests to visit Jacobabad. Chairman SRSO also interacted with office bearer of LSO ANMOL, members of Community organizations and Village Organization and addressed that I always come here and learn from you. Today your passion, commitment, and capacity have really inspired me because you are working in an organized way which has resulted in a reduction in clouds of poverty with the support of small loans. The Chairman-SRSO acknowledged and applauded all activities done by LSO Anmol with the support of Government of Sindh and other stakeholders. He also valued confidence of women who shared their success journey by interventions of SRSO and also appreciated the endeavors taken for poverty reduction and women empowerment. Chairman further added that this is very pleasant news for us that ADC-1, AC and UC chairman is present among us. In last Worthy Chairman, BRSP CEO, Elected representatives and District Administration highly appreciated the efforts for poverty reduction and women empowerment.

[Images of people engaged in various activities]
On 19th July 2016, Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan (chairman Sindh Rural Support Organization) along with (CEO SRSO) Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, Nadir Gul (CEO BRSP) representative of District Health Department, District Police, District Social Welfare Department, UC chairman and managers from SRSO head Office visited Local Support Organization Sindh Surhan (UC Sehwani) of Taluka Lakhi Ghulam Shah district Shikarpur. The detail presentation of LSO self-initiatives, progress, and linkages with other organizations was given by LSO Chairperson, Chairman SRSO acknowledged all activities done by LSO members with support of Government of Sindh (GoS) and other stakeholders especially construction of LSO OFFICE and social mobilization.
Chairman SRSO conducted an important meeting with women CRPs & LSO representatives of different districts. CRPs and LSO representatives presented their progress and achievements’ covering the initiatives’ taken and activities carried out in the context of Community Driven Development. Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan enormously admired the achievements’ presented by women CRPs and LSO Representatives. Chairman SRSO guided the CRPs’ to enhance their role for effective and sustainable linkages with all Government line departments and other organizations’. Women CRPs’ extended their huge gratitude to Chairman SRSO Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan for everlasting guidance which has been the source of their explicit change.
To review the progress of ongoing Programmes and Projects of SRSO a Meeting was held between Members Board of Directors SRSO and SRSO management on 20 July 2016 at SRSO Complex Sukkur. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan (Chairman SRSO BoD). At the end of Meeting Chairman SRSO awarded a shield to Ms. Rukhsana Riaz Ali (Senior Manager) in the recognition and appreciation of her more than 11 years services in SRSO. Ms. Rukhsana worked in SRSO as a Gender Specialist and Senior Manager Crafts Enterprise Section.
The 47th meeting of SRSO Board of Directors was held in Sukkur on 21st July 2016 under the Chairmanship of Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan, Chairman SRSO. The meeting was attended by the Board Members and senior members of SRSO management. The Board has admired the efficient role of SRSO for the cause of poverty reduction and uplifting the deprived segments of the society. In such context, the endeavors of SRSO management and field teams were simply applauded. The Board of Directors further has shown their great hope towards the continuous support and role of SRSO for transforming the lives of poor communities of Sindh Province in days to come.
SRSO–Social Services Sector arranged 03 days teachers’ capacity building training for Community managed Primary School teachers at SRSO Head office Sukkur from 21-July to 23-July-16. The training was inaugurated by Mr. Shoaib Sultan khan Chairman RSPN & SRSO and Board Member Mr.Fazalullah Qureshi, CEO-SRSO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro along with SSS Senior Manager Mr. Naimatullah Shaikh Master Trainer and Manager NFE Madam Atiya Tabassum Bhutto. The EC Committee Chairman and Senior Board of Director Mr. Fazalullah Qureshi in his speech said that “Education is a vast field and God gives us capacity now it’s up to us that how much we uplift the standard of education in Sindh. Be sincere with your profession and change the future of coming generation”.

The fundamental purpose of this training was capacity building among primary school teachers with new and modern techniques of teaching to expertise in the teaching profession. This training has built up their confident and will be equipped to collaborate extensively with new pedagogies’ across the world, to draw on each other’s strengths, strengthen each other’s weaknesses and, together, not only establish and deliver sustainable a development and fruitful teaching profession for children with their higher skills in teaching.
District Level Launching ceremony of "Bright Star Movement"— a movement aimed at recognizing work done in the field of health and Mother and Child, held in Sukkur on July 22, 2016 Under the USAID-funded John Hopkins University's Maternal and Child Healthcare Program of Health Communication Component, implemented by Rural Support Programme Network (RSPN) and Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO). Launching Ceremony was attended by Honorable Mr. Fazalullah Qureshi (Member BoD SRSO), Mr. Muhammad Abbas Baloch (Commissioner Sukkur), Dr. Waheed Asghar (Deputy Commissioner Sukkur) , Additional Deputy Commissioner, Director Information, DHO, DCNP, DPWO, Ms. Nargis (RSPN), Mr. Hamid Ali Magsi (Focal Person- HCC SRSO), HCC teams, MCH partners, representatives of NGOs and INGOs, and Journalist and Officials of SRSO along with Community Health Workers and Lady Health Workers. Bright Star movement aims to recognize and honor all those individuals, groups, and organizations that are contributing towards the cause of mother and child health in Sindh that will contribute positively to the socio-economic uplift of Communities. It is our commitment to reduce maternal, infant and child mortality in Sindh, said Mr. Muhammad Abbas Baloch (Commissioner Sukkur). He added that to achieve this milestone they have to work with donor organizations, civil society, health workers and most importantly the people of Sindh to pave the way towards a healthy population that can contribute positively to the socio-economic uplift of the province.

RSPN developed the Bright Star Community Mobilization Strategy that will guide the implementation of Bright Star interventions at the community level. The Community Mobilization Strategy is linked, in multiple ways, to the overall theme of the HCC "Bright Stars Working Together for a Brighter Future" or “Hum Roshan to Kal Roshan”. Under this activity, the Bright Star was launched at in Larkana, Sukkur, and Shikarpur with the support of HCC partners.
Training on capacity building of Paralegals has been organized by RSPN in Islamabad (18 to 23 July). This was under the umbrella of south Asian institute of advanced legal & human rights. The partners are RSPN, BRAC, UNDP, and center for special justice, open society foundation. The NGO peoples from India, Afghanistan, KPK, Balochistan, Punjab participated in TOT.
Bright Star Launching Ceremony by HCP Shikarpur Team

District Shikarpur SRSO HCP Team Celebrated Bright Star Movement Launch at UC Madeijji/Community level Under the USAID-funded MCH Program’s Health Communication Component on 23-07-2016 at Govt Hospital Madeijji District Shikarpur. All MCH Partners & Government stakeholders actively participated & set their stalls to facilitate the community of UC Madeiji Tehsil Garhi Yaseen District Shikarpur with MNCH Family planning key messages & methods. District Manager SRSO, Medical Superintendent RHC Madeijji, CHWs, LHWs, save the children representatives & community actively participated & contributed to making this event very successful. HCCP Shikarpur Team is Thankful to all who made this event possible & successful.

World Population Day observed by SRSO Shikarpur

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) District Shikarpur HCP team organized an event with the collaboration of Population Welfare Department, District Health Department and MNCHs partners at district council hall Shikarpur on Tuesday, July 19, 2016, under the theme of investing in teenage girls. The DHO said that Gender inequality, poor maternal health, and gender-based abuse can be linked to poor awareness about family planning. He said every teenage girl has the right to a safe and successful transition into adulthood and the right to embrace the opportunities that the future holds for them. Chief Executive officer (CEO) SRSO, Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, in his message, underscored the need for creating massive awareness to protect teenage girls from all social menaces, including early marriage. He urged all concerned to come forward to build a beautiful and safe planet for the new and future generation. He also urged all concerned to ensure the best use of all establishments set up at the grassroots level to provide family planning, mother-child, and reproductive health services in order to build a healthy nation.
Achievement Test of Non-Formal Education Learners

SRP and JICA team visited and monitored the achievement test of children at Non-Formal Education Center at Rasaalda District Kashmore.

SBBHC Project-Jacobabad

SBBHC Engineer Mr. Abdul Ahad Shaikh accompanied with SRSO district Engineer Mr. Muhammad Yousuf Jaffer visited SRSO BHC 45-houses on DPC level 17-houses on Roof level on 19-20 July 2016 district Jacobabad.

MER field visit SMU Garhi Khero

SRSO district MER paid field monitoring visit of VO Gouspur and VO Allahabad UC Allahabad tehsil Garhi Khero. It was observed that all Community investment Fund-CIF beneficiaries have utilized received an amount in Livestock, seed, and fertilizers of Paddy rice crop successfully. While women are quite aware of Co & VO concept and they have maintained CO & VO record on a satisfactory level. VO members paid many thanks to SRSO & GoS for UCBPRP intervention by dint of that not only their poverty is reducing but respect of Women among Males is increased.
On dated 18th July 2016, Local Support Network (LSO) network Umeed Taluka Garhi Yaseen arranged a meeting at SMU Dakhan. The agenda of the meeting was Eid Milan gathering and all participants have brought a dish from their home. Then all members discussed to activate the LSO network and its linkages with other departments and organizations. All LSO network members took decision that they will visit all LSOs for experience sharing and other works.

**Street theatres**

SRSO District Khairpur has organized the street theater activity under the 4th quarter of CRFA project in targeted union councils, where Indus theater grouped performed the story regarding the child rights especially in cotton farming areas, this activity highlight the role of woman at home and behave of men besides this they communicated the complete culture of a rural poor house with completed code of life.

**Polio Walk by SRSO Khairpur Team**

SRSO District Khairpur participated in polio walk from chatti chowk to City Hospital Khairpur in leading of Mr. Fayaz Hussain Abbasi Deputy Commissioner Khairpur.
SRP and JICA teams conducted achievement tests of Non-Formal Education children in NFE centers at village ABAD and village Abdul Aziz Kharani union council-UC Garhi Chand tehsil and district Jacobabad. Mr. Muhammad Yousuf (JICA Official), Mr. Mehboob Ellahi (JICA Official), Miss Gul Naz (JICA Official), Miss Atiya Bhutto (SRP Advisor), Mr. Sajjad Khand (District focal person), Miss Sonia Chachar (SRSO-H.O education resource person), Mr. Manzoor Jalbani (SRSO District Manager) along SRSO NFE project staff paid this visit for achievement tests in above mention NFE centers. We feel glad to share that children are performing very well.

Brooke Training on “Community Change Agents”

SRPO and The BROOKE Equine welfare project held to follow up training of “community change agents” on 22 July 2016 at Nazar-Jo-Warro Soomra Muhallah Jacobabad. While the aim of this training was “To highlight the role and responsibilities of community advocates in the context of the Brooke Equine welfare Programme and Trainer of this follow-up training were Dr. Ghulam Mustafa Bhutto (V.O) and SRSO district MER officer also paid monitoring visit during this training.
Celebration of World Population Day at District Ghotki

On Dated 19 July-2016, World Population Day was celebrated under HCC project at Ghotki, where partner of Projects, Different stakeholder with CHWs participated in that event

IFL Cheque Distribution Ceremony

On Dated 19 July-2016, IFL cheques distribution ceremony arranged at village Allah Yar Chachar UC Kamo Shaheed, in that ceremony there were 283 cheques of amount 4782000 distributed.

HCP Ghotki Weekly Activities'

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Different Coordination Meetings for different activities
1: Coordination Meeting and invitation regarding PWD celebration with SWD Ghotki
2: Coordination Meeting and invitation regarding PWD celebration with ADCNP Ghotki
3: Coordination Meeting and invitation regarding PWD celebration with DCNP Ghotki

CHWs conducted all the CSGs scheduled meetings

HCP-Larkano Polio Campaign Planning Meetings for CHWs working schedule & areas
HCP-DPO Larkano attended different coordination and planning meetings in District and Taluka level for the involvement of CHW in their targeted areas and assistance in polio campaign. She also shared their already done work in last polio campaigns.
MIS Record of Family Registration and other relevant data distribution with stakeholders
HCP- Community Health Workers (CHW) distributed their targeted areas relevant data i.e. Family Registration (Khaandan Registration), daily diary and monthly reports, referrals slip were provided to Different stakeholders for coordination purposes.

CHWs and Social Mobilization Team Activities-HCP Larkano
CHWs visited different Households regarding the use of IPC toolkit and conducted, attended different CSGs meetings. The Social Mobilization Team Visited different CSGs meeting for real-time monitoring purposes in different villages.
HCP-Larkano District coordination Meetings with MCH Partners and health Dept
HCP-Larkano DPO conducted different coordination meetings with different MCH partners working with a collaboration of Government Health Department.

District and UC level Bright Star Launching Ceremony at Larkano District
Sindh Rural Support organization (SRSO) under the EU funded SUCCESS Programme, has organized the first Community Management Skill Training (CMST) for members of Community organizations (COs) from 18-20, July 2016 in Qamber-Shahdadkot district. Twenty rural organized women (Presidents and Managers) from different COs actively participated in the training, presentation, and group work. Through this CMST CO members are capacitated about SRSO and SUCCESS Programme’s role to support the communities to become self-dependent, integral role of women community organizations, the role of President and manager of the CO, procedure of the CO and Savings etc. Under this first tier capacity building training, SRSO will train 25,325 office bearers/members of Community Organizations in order to ensure the effective functioning of Community Institutions.
Manager M& E paid Official Visit to CMST Training-SUCCESS Programme

On 22 July 2016, Mr. Naveed Ishaque (Manager-MER SRSO) along with Mr. Sona Khan (PSC-Coordinator-SUCCESS) visited the two ongoing Community Management Skill Training (CMST) events on day two at different locations of Nasirabad Unit, District Qamber-Shahdadkot.

Mr. Naveed Ishaque interacted with CO office bearers (trainees) and observed their learned skills also obtained feedback on the key role and responsibilities of CO office bearers and the functions of Community organizations in rural development. The feedback of rural women was up to the mark. Mr. Naveed Ishaque praised the quality of CO training and dedication of women members.

The visit of both personnel was the routine part of European Union financially supported Sindh Union Council & Community Economic strengthening Support (SUCCESS) Programme of SRSO component.