



Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme
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Monthly Progress Report
As of February, 2010



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Executive Summary

The Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme (UCBPRP) is a pioneering and challenging initiative of the Government of Sindh, for reducing poverty by tapping into the potential of the people. The UCBPRP is being implemented by Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) and was initiated on February 1, 2009 in two districts: Shikarpur and Kandhkot-Kashmore. The UCBPRP aims at improving the quality of life of the rural communities, especially that of the poorest of the poor, through the conceptual package of social mobilization. This entails organizing rural communities into “organizations of the poor” at the community, village and union council level.

1. Social mobilization is the first step in eradicating some of the barriers that the poorest face. SRSO has used the Poverty Score Card which has the ability to categories entire Union Councils into different poverty bands (Bands are: 0-11 Extremely Poor, 12-18 Chronically Poor, 19-23 Transitory Poor, 24-100 Non Poor) making it easier to distinguish products for each band. Both districts are being organized at Para/Mohalla level into Community Organizations (COs) and at village level into Village Organizations (VOs). By having their own organizations, the communities will be able to present themselves in a unified manner and will have the ability to voice their development concerns to the relevant authorities.
2. During the month of February 14,688 house holds organized into 916 community organizations and 285 village organizations and as of Feb, 10 a total 160,835 house holds had been organized into 9,238 community organizations and 2,927 village organizations. There are 4,305 households who do not have the capacity to pay back even interest free loan/credit, but have the potential to perform and the desire to come out of the poverty trap. The Income Generating Grant (IGG) has been designed for above mentioned number households. During the month of February 1.071 millions disbursed among 313 poor CO members and as of February, 2010 a total of Rs.21.615 millions had been disbursed among 2,430 community organizations as a grant which enables the extremely poor and chronically poor community members to get rid of poverty. The CIF will be managed by the village women themselves, as they will be the ones who decide which poor women should receive a loan and at what flexible terms. During the month February 12.029 millions disbursed among 285 village organizations and as of February, 2010, a total of Rs.246.046 millions had been disbursed among 26,600 village organizations.
3. The UCBPRP also includes a component whereby youth from extremely poor and chronically poor households will be identified and provided scholarships for receiving Vocational Trainings. During the month of February 362 participants given training and as of Feb, 10 a total of 7,297 participants had been trained in different trades. In this project, 50% of the villages having VO will be given one scheme of Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI), which may include sanitation and drinking water.
4. As of February, 2010, a total of 663 CPIs had been initiated. Shelter support is being provided in terms of Low Cost Houses to the extremely poorest households who require shelter. As of Feb, 10 a total of 2,064 LCHS had been initiated and 56 have been completed as village development plan with the cost of Rs.44.447 millions.
5. To enhance the productivity of poor farmers in Agriculture and Livestock the trainings are being given by UCBPRP because water use efficiencies are quite low in many of large irrigation systems. The concept of “More Crop per Drop” is a guiding concept

through Drip Water Management which is being used in desert areas but UCBPRP also has started Drip Water System for better irrigation to enhance the productivity in Agriculture sector for the poor communities. Rural women are involved in both Agriculture and Livestock rearing activities, in order to efficiently and effectively increase the production from the Natural Resources and to build the skills in rural communities particularly poorest vulnerable women. As of Feb, 10 a total of 244 participants had been trained.

6. UCBPRP also has started an education project in both the districts and this project will be implemented in 300 schools of selected UCs. As of Feb, 2010, 31 female teachers had been appointed and 17 school development plans had been initiated and 4 second shift Girls Primary School had been activated.
7. Another initiative of UCBPRP, which is Traditional Birth Attendant Training (TBA), is concerned with poor women's health care and knowledge regarding the pregnancy and antenatal care. Under this intervention or activity 4,200 TBAs, are to be trained through 10 days of extensive training. As of February, 2010, total 1,497 poor women/participants had been trained under this activity. Poor spent their substantial income on the treatment of different ailments every month despite of availability of government's free health care facilities in almost at every administrative set up.
8. Provide micro health insurance is to provide a social safety net to 56,541 households who lie in the 0-18 poverty band. The service package with a ceiling of RS.25000/ per person per year includes OPD, day care, diagnostic services, and hospitalization (for more than 24 hours' stay) and maternity care. The package also includes accidental cover (disability compensation) and financial support of a sum of Rs.25000/ as Funeral Charges in case of death of a bread winner of the family. As of February, 2010, 43,000 households had been insured through Adamjee Insurance in both districts.

Activity Wise Targets V/S Achievement as of Feb, 2010

S. No	Activity	Project Target	As of January, 2010			February, 2010			Cumulative as of Feb, 2010		
			Target	Achieved	% Achieved	Target	Achieved	% Achieved	Target	Achieved	% Achieved
			1	Poverty Score Card	87	87	87	100%	0	0	0%	87	87	100%
2	UC Covered	87	87	73	84%	0	0	0%	87	73	84%
3	HH Organized	180,592	148,471	146,147	98%	15,312	14,688	96%	163,783	160,835	98%
4	CO Formation	12,039	9,893	8,322	84%	1,591	916	58%	11,484	9,238	80%
5	VO Formation	4,200	3476	2642	76%	633	285	45%	4,109	2,927	71%
6	IGG	4,305	3064	2117	69%	687	313	46%	3,751	2,430	65%
7	CIF	42,915	21706	24328	112%	3122	4508	144%	24,828	28,836	116%
8	VTP	21,000	8,166	6935	85%	827	362	44%	8,993	7,297	81%
9	CPI	2,100	843	663	79%	0	0	0%	843	663	79%
10	LC Village Improv.	140	55	56	102%	0	0	0%	55	56	102%
11	Low Cost Housing Scheme	6,000	2332	2064	89%	255	0	0%	2,587	2,064	80%
12	CMST Book Keeping	24,079	13375	5788	43%	5674	1963	35%	19,049	7,751	41%
13	CIF Need Identification	12,039	9897	2889	29%	4215	983	23%	14,112	3,872	27%
14	VO Mgt & Planning	8,400	6,954	5771	83%	1230	799	65%	8,184	6,570	80%
15	VO CIF Training	8,400	6,955	3701	53%	2087	843	40%	9,042	4,544	50%
16	VO Book Keeping Training	8,400	6955	3799	55%	2160	699	32%	9,115	4,498	49%
17	Experience Sharing Workshop	117,024	23571	11907	51%	2288	3549	155%	25,859	15,456	60%
18	PET Training	1,380	460	244	53%	0	0	0%	460	244	53%
19	TBA Training	4,200	1632	1321	81%	373	176	47%	2,005	1,497	75%

Project Targets(Feb 2009 to June 2011) V/S Achievement (Feb 2009 to Feb 2010)				
S. No	Activity	Over All Project Targets	Achievement as of Feb, 2010	% Achieved
1	Poverty Score Card	87	87	100%
2	UC Covered	87	73	84%
3	HH Organized	180,592	160,835	89%
4	CO Formation	12,039	9,238	77%
5	VO Formation	4,200	2,927	70%
6	IGG	4,305	2,430	56%
7	CIF	42,915	28,836	67%
8	VTP	21,000	7,297	35%
9	CPI	2,100	663	32%
10	Low Cost Village	140	56	40%
11	Low Cost Housing Scheme	6,000	2,064	34%
12	CMST Book Keeping	24,079	7,751	32%
13	CIF Need Identification	12,039	3,872	32%
14	VO Mgt & Planning	8,400	6,570	78%
15	VO CIF Training	8,400	4,544	54%
16	VO Book Keeping Training	8,400	4,498	54%
17	Experience Sharing Workshop	117,024	15,456	13%
18	PET Training	1,380	244	18%
19	TBA Training	4,200	1,497	36%

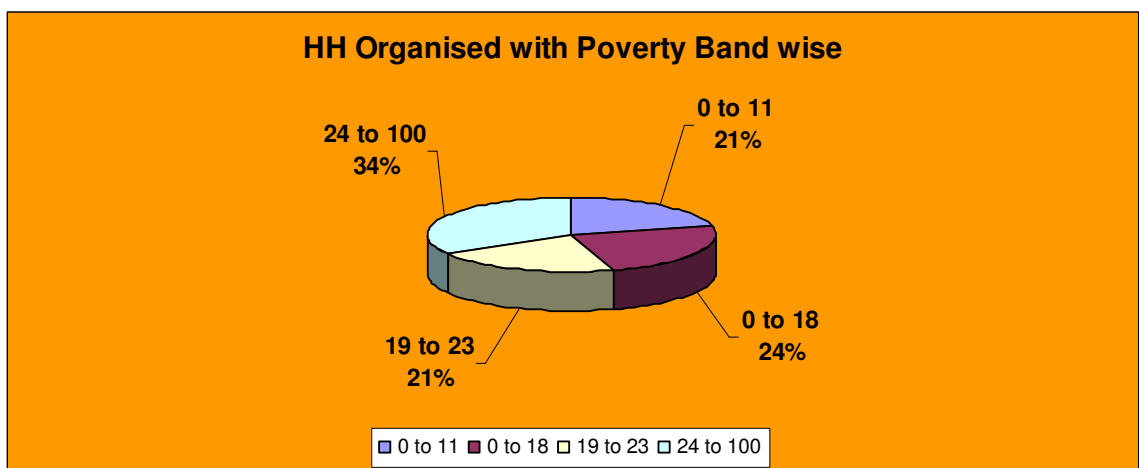


Above graph shows the trend of target v/s achievement from Feb, 2009 to Feb, 2010 activities which are being done by the team.

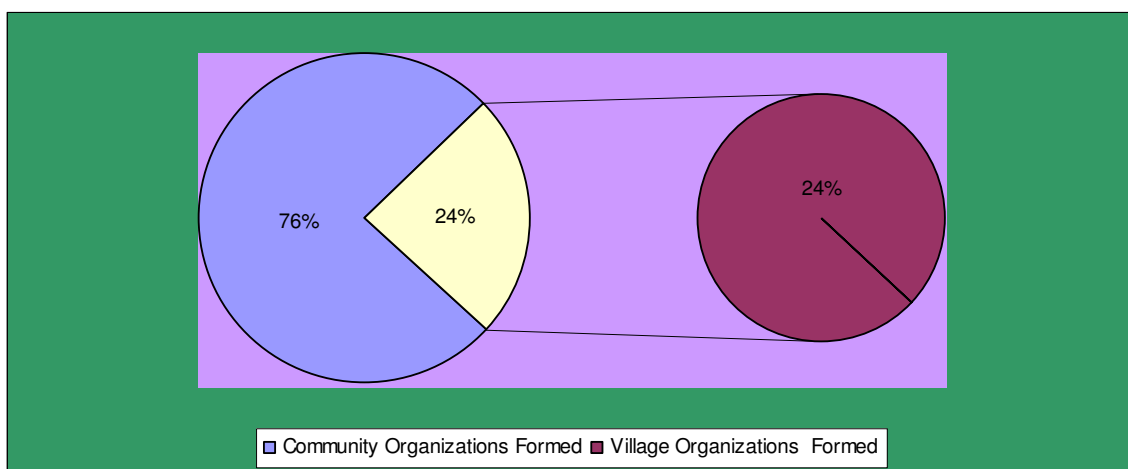
Household Organized: SRSO has implemented the UCBPRP using the social mobilization approach to organize rural communities in order to provide the poorest with essential products, while at the same time building their capacities to plan and work as a whole. Both districts are being organized at Para/Mohalla level into Community Organizations (COs) and at village level into Village Organizations (VOs).

As of February, 2010, a total of 160,835 households had been organized into 9,238 COs and 2,927 VOs.

House Hold Organized (Band wise)					Total
District Name	0 to 11	0 to 18	19 to 23	24 to 100	
Shikarpur	19,889	20,816	20,420	29,100	90,225
Kashmore-Kandhkot	14,606	17,565	13,559	24,879	70,609
Total	34,495	38,381	33,979	53,979	160,834



Social Mobilization		
District Name	Community Organizations Formed	Village Organizations Formed
Shikarpur	5,173	1,576
Kashmore-Kandhkot	4,065	1,351
Total	9,238	2,927



Income Generating Grant (IGG): The grant amount for the UCBPRP has been calculated at a maximum of Rs.20, 000 per household, for the duration of the programme.

As of February, 2010, a total of Rs.21.615 millions grant had been disbursed among 2,430 women according to PSC range 0 to 11 and most of the grant amount had been used to purchase Livestock.

Community Investment Fund (CIF): The CIF is a programme which increases the confidence and empowerment of the poorest of rural women by providing them access to flexible micro loans. As of February, 2010, a total of Rs.246.046 millions Community Investment Funds had been disbursed among 26,600 women for various purposes, such as for Livestock, Agriculture and Enterprises.

Community Investment Fund in detail				
District Name	Poverty Band		Total	Beneficiary UCs
	0-11	12 to 18		
Shikarpur	6,749	8,970	15,719	38
Kandhkot-Kashmore	5,779	5,102	10,881	30
Total	12,528	14,072	26,600	68

Training Component

This project is having two major training components;

- Vocational and Technical Training
- VO Capacity Building

The Vocational training component of this project would provide 25% of the households that are identified as being under the poverty line (poverty rank 0 - 18) with Vocational Training that leads to either self or external employment of both men & women. Vocational training is offered at various locations that includes NRSP's Vocational, Technical & Educational Center (VTEC) Rawalpindi, VTEC Sukkur (men and women), and outreach field training centers established to provide the training at the doorstep of rural poor women.

In proposing and promoting potential of village organization, in the service of socio-economic development of the underprivileged, it is important firstly, to maintain a sharp focus on methodologies that can effectively contribute to their primary needs in respect of literacy, education, health, disability-training and employment-related skills. So that well informed village organization (VO) can play an effective role in poverty reduction, for this purpose NRSP-IRM is assigned a task to enhance the skills of VO office bearers. It is being achieved through capacity building and strengthening of Village Organizations in each village in the designated 87 UCs so as to enable them to assess their needs and become capable of independently managing, planning, mobilizing resources and implementing the household and village level activities/needs on self help basis. The methodology adapted is holding dialogues, meetings and workshops with the VOs.

Project Methodology

The methodology consists of a set of procedures for systematically identifying employment and income generating opportunities at the local /community level. The major characteristics of the approach are given is under:

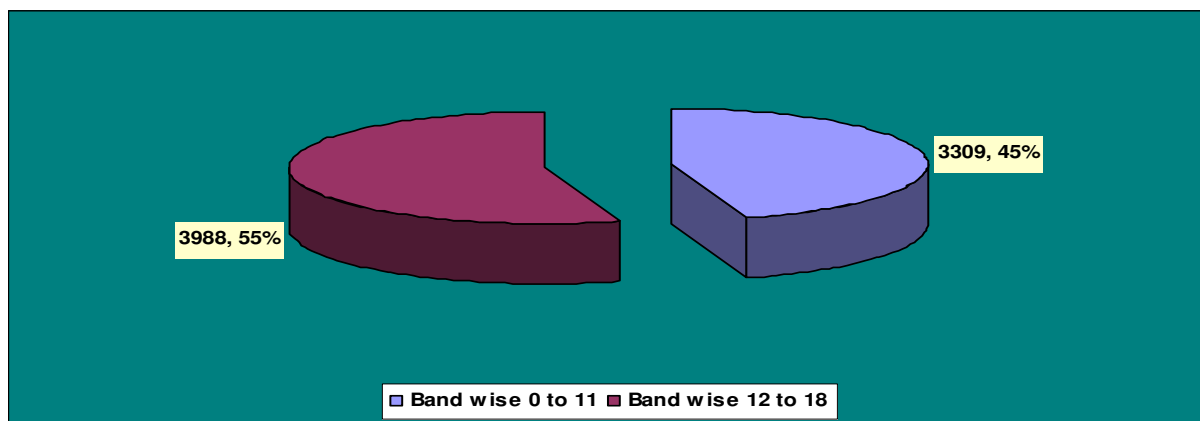
- **Pre-training** : Training needs Assessment ,TNA screening process ,designing of the training technical assessment, social assessment (village assembly)
- **Training**: Quality training conducted in the field and at properly equipped institute with all necessary equipments and training material.
- **Post training**: Facilitating trainees (Wherever possible) for on job training or financial support. Post training services all is being provided to those beneficiaries who start their own enterprise or need advice for placement, for the placement. For effective feed back and coordination, the graduating trainees are being provided envelopes.

Achievements Vs Targets of Training Component of UCBPRP

This section presents the activities and achievements for the month of February, of the training component of UCBPRP. It highlights the main achievements and the major difficulties encountered during the period. It includes abstracts of the deliverables submitted and details the promotional activities undertaken, along with references to information material available about the project. Achievement as of February 28, 2010 is given below in the table.

Name of Trainings	Achieved as of February ,10	Target as of February, 10	Achieved %
VO Mgt & Planning	6,570	8,179	80
VO CIF	4,544	7,677	59
VO Book Keeping	4,498	9,042	50
VTP	7,297	8,993	81

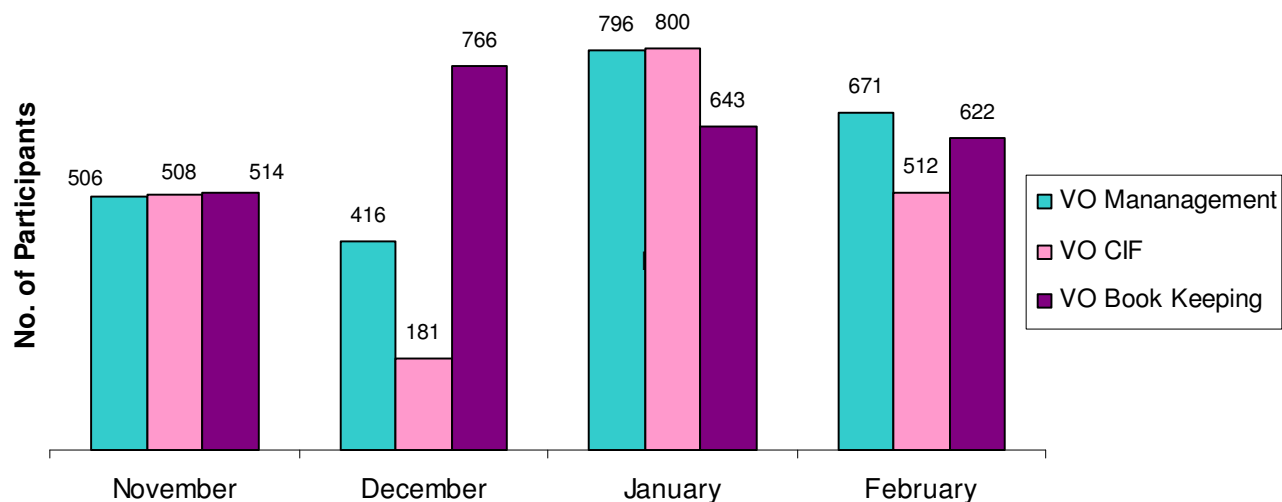
Vocational Trainings Given as of Feb, 2010			
UC Covered	Band wise		Total
	0 to 11	12 to 18	
73	3309	3988	7297



Analysis & Discussions

This chapter explains UC wise analysis of VO trainings and poverty profile, UC-wise, gender-wise and trade wise participation of participants for vocational training. It explicates inclination of men & women towards certain trades of vocational training that in turn explains demands of those trades. Moreover this chapter describes different locations for vocational training and their trades in particular center.

VO Training Analysis



UC-wise Analysis of VO Trainings

The below cited tables depict UCs in which VO Book Keeping , VO CIF, and VO Managerial Skills Trainings have been held in month of February. It also explains number of participants trained per UC in month of February.

VO Training Progress in Shikarpur

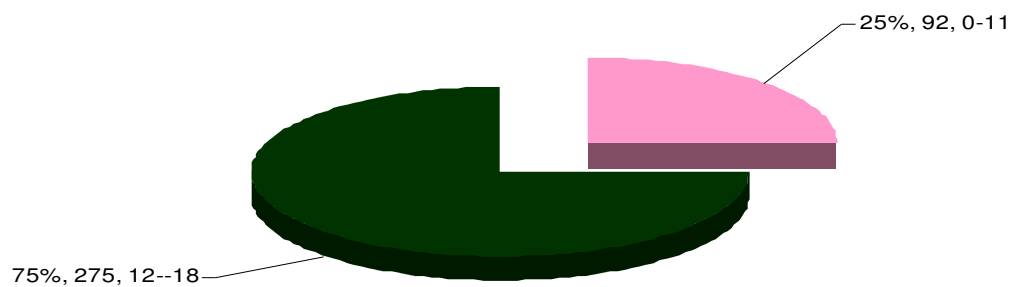
UC Name	Management, & Planning	VO Book Keeping	VO CIF
Bhanbheer	20	22	20
Chak	26	18	26
Jano	20	20	0
Lakhi	58	0	49
Lodra	32	22	32
Mirzapur	22	0	22
Nim Sharif	20	20	0
Rahimabad	0	22	
Shabirabad	76	34	38
Thairo	30	20	30
Waryaso	32	20	20
Wazirabad	0	42	0
zarkhel	32	24	24
Total	368	264	261

VO Training Progress in Kandkot-Kashmore

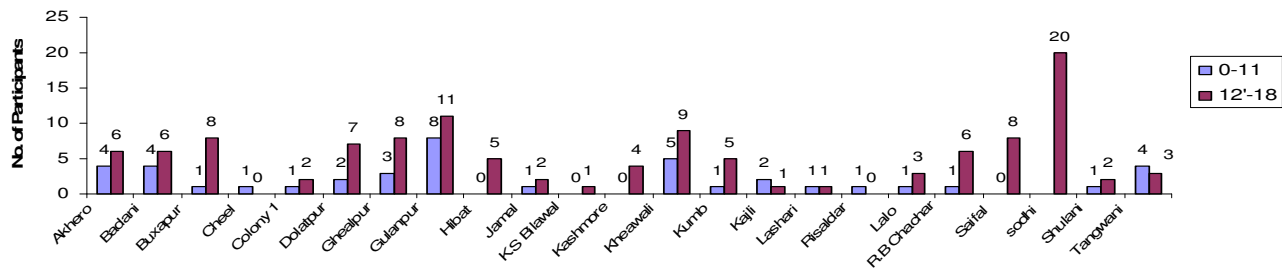
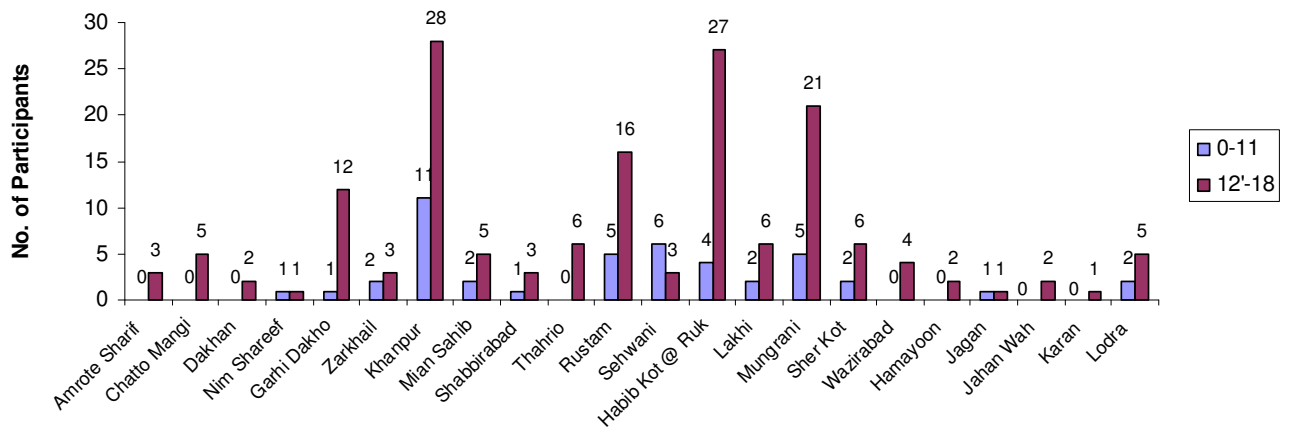
UC Name	Management, & Planning	VO Book Keeping	VO CIF
Badani	20	30	0
Buxapur	22	20	0
Colony 2	28	52	20
Colony 1	32	30	21
jamal	21	0	0
Kumb	33	32	30
Lalao	42	20	74
Risaldar	41	43	40
Rasool Bux Chachar	20	62	46
saifal	22	27	0
Suhliani	0	20	0
Tangwani/gulwali	22	22	20
Total	303	358	251

VTP Analysis

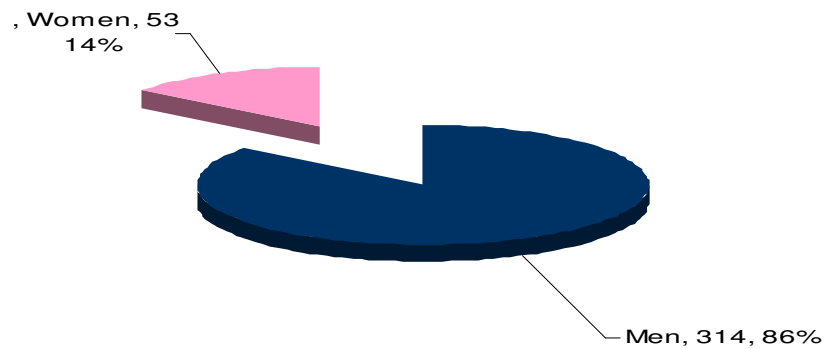
Poverty Analysis



The pie chart shows that majority of the trainees who have received vocational training events belong to the most marginalized segments of the targeted UCs. 275 participants out of 367 are extremely poor while 92 are chronically poor. The below mention graphs show UC-wise poverty analysis of covered UC in the month of February.



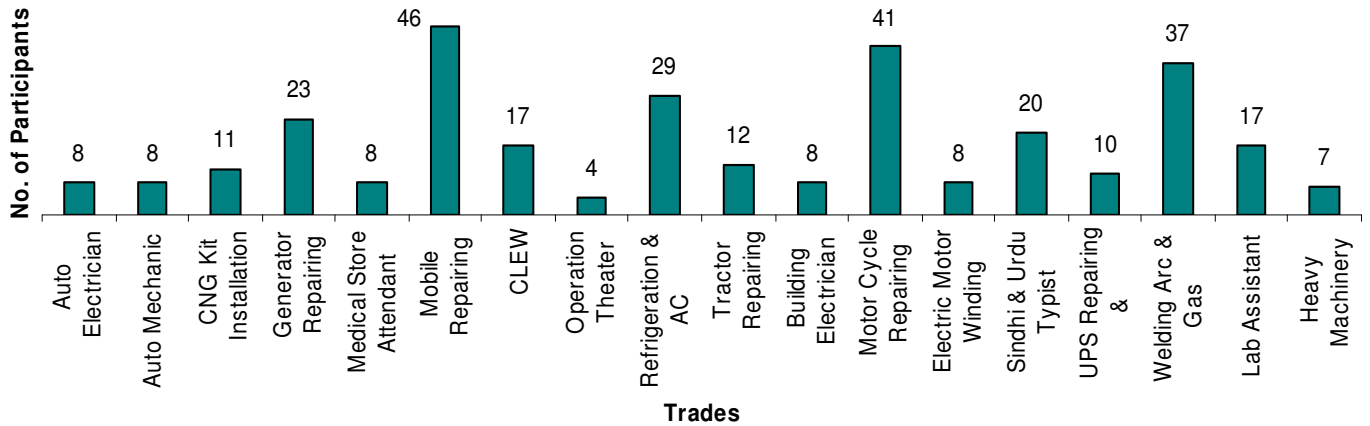
Gender-wise Analysis



The above pie chart graph depicts the gender wise participation of the trainees. It shows that a 14% (53) of the participants in the vocational training events happened to be women, because of some identification issues of the VTP lists that have been solved and the low percentage of women participation would be managed in the months ahead.

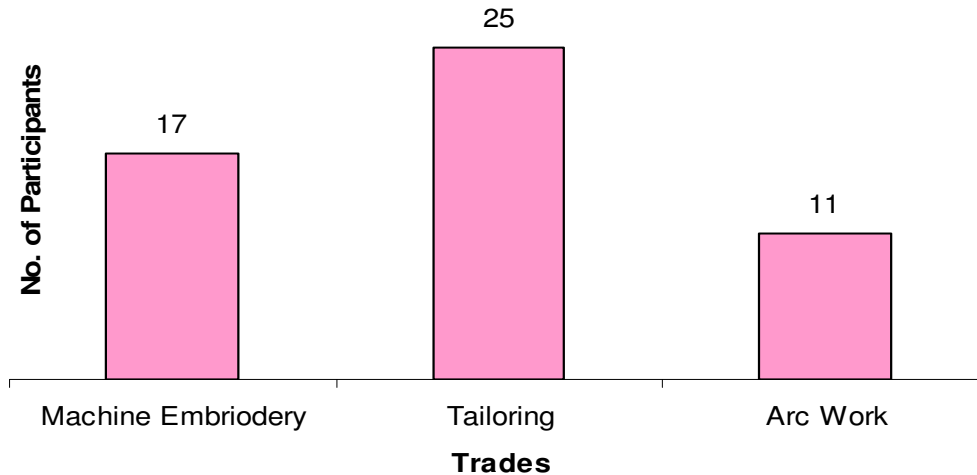
Trades for Men (VTEC Mehran)

The graph below depicts that in VTEC Mehran men have trades of Welding Arc and Gas, Motor Cycle Repairing, and mobile repairing.

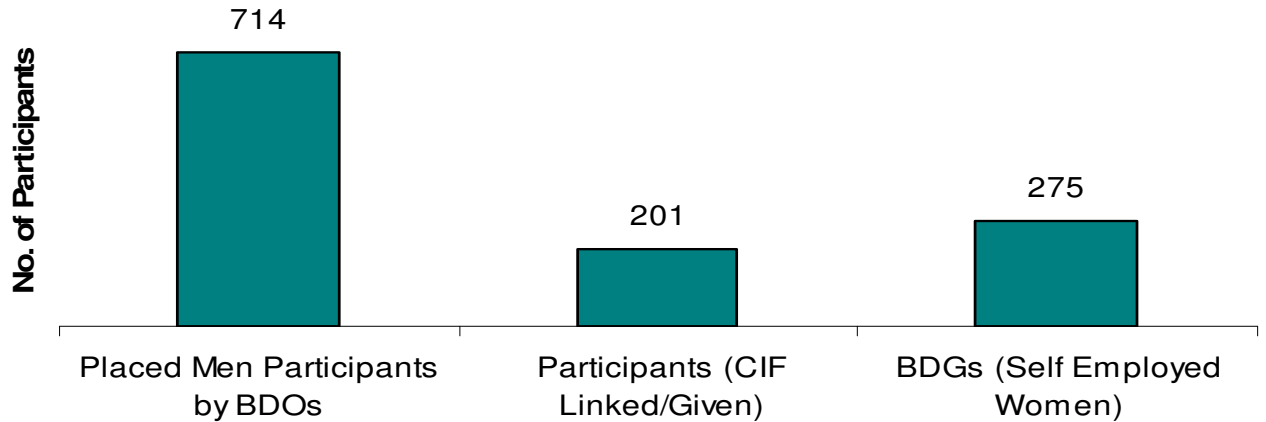


Trades for Women in VTEC GPTI

Women are learning on three demanded vocational trades in VTEC Government Poly Technique Institute Sukkur. They are Tailoring, Machine embroidery, and arc work.



Placement of Participants



Business Association Development Group (BADG)

BADG is a group of women that works on marketable fabrics & crafts after receiving vocational training. Business Development Officer (BDO) serves as a bridge between market demands & BADG. BDO takes orders from market for the demanded material & BADG works on demand. This is originally to market their crafts under set mechanism of post training support by IRM for women who received vocational training under UCBPRP. In the month of February BDGs of 45 women have been made, and others are previously working.

Productivity Enhancement Training: In order to increase the production from the Natural Resources and to build the skills of poor vulnerable women, UCBPRP has planned to train 1300 VO members in productivity enhancement. As of Feb 2010, total 244 VO members had been trained in Agriculture & Livestock sector and 800 Family Nutrition Kits (FNK) had also been installed at household level.

Traditional Birth Attendant (TBA): TBA is another initiative of SRSO, which is concerned with poor women health care and knowledge regarding the pregnancy and antenatal care. Facts show that 89% deliveries occur in rural areas where poor women are not fully skilled to deal deliveries. UCBPRP will enhance the skills of poor women with the technical support of HANDS. Under this project 4200 Traditional Birth Attendants will be trained within 10 days extensive trainings. UCBPRP has started the TBA training programme to improve maternal evaluation and child health and as a part of the safe motherhood initiatives in both districts. As of Feb 2010, a total of 1,497 women had been trained in preventing post-partum sepsis by applying “three clean” during delivery and following placenta management procedures in their villages.

Village Development Plan: As of Feb 2010, 663 CPI schemes had been initiated and 139 had been completed, 2,064 LCHS had been initiated and 56 had been completed with the amount of Rs.44.447 million



Village Development Plan		
District Shikarpur & Kandhkot-Kashmore		
Scheme	Initiated	Completed
DWSS	663	139
LCHS	2,064	56

Micro Health Insurance: To provide micro health insurance is to provide a social safety net to 56,541 households who lie in the 0-18 poverty band. The service package with a ceiling of RS.25000/ per person per year includes OPD, day care, diagnostic services, and hospitalization (for more than 24 hours' stay) and maternity care. The package also includes accidental cover (disability compensation) and financial support of a sum of Rs.25000/ as Funeral Charges in case of death of a bread winner of the family.

As of Feb 2010, 43,000 households had been insured through Adamjee Insurance in both districts.

Education: In District Shikarpur and Kandhkot-Kashmore, 150



non-functional schools in selected UCs are being made functional and to established second shift for girl child primary education and to provide mid-day meal for students.

As of Feb 2010 total 31 teachers had been appointed and 32 boys and girls schools had been identified.



Improving Primary School System Project Status as of February 28, 2010

Improving Primary School System Project Status as of February 28, 2010											
Sr.	Particulars	District Shikarpur					District Kandhkot				
		Total Targets	Progress as of Jan 10	Progress during Feb 10	Cumm. Progress as of Feb 10	%	Total Targets	Progress as of Jan 10	Progress during Feb 10	Cumm. Progress as of Feb 10	%
PART A: Schools Identification, Selection and Baseline Survey											
1	Project Schools	150	58	3	61	41%	150	64	6	70	47%
	Girls Primary Schools	-	14	2	16		-	11	3	14	
	Boys Primary Schools	-	44	1	45		-	53	3	56	
	Number of H/H Survey Done (Deh)	39	14	-	14	36%	44	6	-	6	14%
Social Mobilization											
3	SMC Organization	150	55	3	58	39%	150	58	12	70	47%
4	SMC Notified by the Edu. Department	150	12	-	12	8%	150	4	17	21	14%
Capacity Building and Governance											
5	SMC Members Trained	1,500	-	-	-	0%	1,500	-		-	0%
6	Number of Teacher Trained	150	-	-	-	0%	150	-		-	0%
7	Govt. Education Dept. Officials Trained	15	-	-	-	0%	15	-		-	0%
	Men		-	-	-	-		-		-	-
	Women		-	-	-	-		-		-	-
8	No. of Teachers Appointed Recruited	300	20	17	37	12%	300	19	12	31	10%
	Men		2	-	2	-		-	-	-	-
	Women		18	17	35	-		19	12	31	-
School Infrastructure Development through Providing Missing Facilities											
10	Number of School Development Plans Prepared	150	49	-	49	33%	150	58	12	70	47%
11	Number of School Development Plans Initiated	150	15	-	15	10%	150	17	-	17	11%
12	Number of Projects Completed	150	2	2	4	3%	150	-	-	-	0%
PART B: Second Shift Girls School & Early Childhood Centers											
14	Activation of 2nd Shift Girls Primary School	50	1	1	2	4%	50	1	3	4	8%
15	Early Childhood Education Centers established	50	1	-	1	2%	50	-		-	0%

Meetings:

The 3rd (third) SRSO BoD subcommittee meeting for UC based Poverty Reduction Programme

(Shikarpur & Kashmore-Kandhkot)

Minutes of Meeting

The 3rd (third) Meeting of SRSO–BoD subcommittee for UC based Poverty Reduction Programme (Shikarpur & Kashmore-Kandhkot) was held on 2nd February 2010, 1000 hours at SRSO - Head Office, Sukkur.

The meeting was attended by the following:

Dr. Rashid Bajwa (CEO-NRSP)	.....	In-Chair
Mr. Fazlullah Qureshi (BoD- SRSO)	.....	Member
Mr. Aazar Ayaz (BoD- SRSO)	.....	Member
Mr. Nazar Memon (BoD- SRSO)	.....	Member
Dr. Shereen Narejo (PC-SGRRP, GoS)	.....	Member
Dr. Sono Khangharani (CEO-SRSO)	.....	Member
Mr. Zafar U. Ahmed (Consultant)	.....	(as an observer)
Mr. Roomi S. Hayat	.....	Executive Director-IRM
Mr. Ijaz Khaliq	.....	Coordinator-IRM
Mr. Yar Muhammad Bozdar	.....	AGM (Operations)
Mr. Abdul Samad Phulpoto Shikarpur	.....	District Manager-
Mr. Zulfiqar Narejo Kashmore	.....	District Manager-

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th Oct 2009 at Sukkur, were confirmed and following matters were discussed during the meeting:

1. Each meeting must be numbered.
2. Circulation of minutes and sharing of information through email.
3. The committee asked the UCBPRP team to put into practice a database (MIS) so that the interventions may be tracked and data is consolidated. The team was also instructed to develop the indicators and format for MIS generated reports, to be updated annually. The proposal for the same to be presented in the next meeting.
4. The committee was informed that Poverty Scorecard data had been entered in to the MIS, whereas the verification is in progress. It was emphasized that the process must be completed on urgent basis and reported in the next meeting.
5. IGG / CIF disbursement and recovery becomes complex to track without an MIS (database). Therefore, the database needs to be deployed and MIS reports must be presented.
6. The IGG purpose and utilization at the beneficiary side to be identified and shared so that the poverty reduction trend may be figured out.
7. Cases of frauds / corruption must carefully be observed and handled regarding disbursement.
8. The CPI Schemes and Village Improvement Plan to be treated independently as no clarification had been laid down in PC-I, therefore, Dr. Rashid Bajwa (Chairman) asked the team to set down a criterion for selecting the CPI schemes under Village Improvement Plan as Model Villages, since the team has been assuming the same depending upon the total amount being disbursed.

- a. It was suggested that rating of all villages may be carried out.
 - b. As per GoS direction, cluster of low cost houses were to be constructed at village level, hence households falling in 0-18 category had been chosen for the inclusion.
 - c. Type-wise graph of CPI Schemes to be presented before the committee.
9. Achievement against target was reviewed for the quarter Oct-Dec 2009, with respect to the revised PC-I. Mr. Aazar Ayaz was of the view that out of project targets, Urban and Rural UCs to be reported separately. The committee advised UCBPRP Team for the same.
 10. The second phase of process review by SDPI would be expanded to other talukas and carried out as suggested by the committee.
 11. The slow release of funds from the GoS was observed during the quarter which resulted in financial shortfall. Thus, the committee decided that the financial disbursement statement of last quarter and projected cash flow of the activities for current quarter be sent to Project Coordinator for further process, so that the releases as well as targets may be revised and process expedited.
 12. Formats of the financial targets to be prepared in consultation with committee members and subsequently be submitted at the earliest.
 13. It was decided that in future, agenda of the meeting would be the minutes of last meetings held at PMU and PIU.
 14. Finance disbursed against the progress activities to be linked up and reported.
 15. Regarding training component, the overall progress was found satisfactory. The committee was informed that besides regular trades, additional trades / enterprises would be taken in account, keeping in view the demand and absorption in the market.
The add-ons are as under:

Sr.	Activity	Training
1	Patchwork	Design development
		Commercial production
		Business Development Services
2	Milk Processing at Village level (small Cooling Tanks/Chilling Units, 100-200 Liters capacity)	Operation of chilling unit
		Repair and maintenance of cooling tanks/chilling unit
3	Sun Drying of Tomato / Dates	Preserving and packing
		Business Development Services
4	Production of Date Vinegar	Preserving and packing
		Business Development Services
5	Goat Cheese (home based)	Production, Preserving and packing
		Business Development Services
6	Cultivation of Ghurkins & Cucumber (Tunnel Farming)	Cultivation techniques
		Preserving and packing
		Business Development Services
7	Pickling of Ghurkins & Cucumber	Pickling techniques
		Preserving and packing
		Business Development Services
8	Production of Rugs	Design development
		Commercial production
		Business Development Services

16. Mr. Aazar Ayaz highlighted the matter of focusing on the Girls Schools and identification to be

carried out on priority basis. The committee showed its fear that upon completion of project, how the salary of teachers hired under this programme may be recovered. It was suggested that this may be recovered by offering them incentive on per child enrolment.

17. The CEO-SRSO informed the members about other activities, events organized, visits of various delegates, incidents occurred and meeting attended during the quarter.
18. Dr. Shereen Narejo and other members requested the management to circulate the working papers before one week and minutes within one week after the meeting.

In the end, the chairman expressed his gratitude to the committee members specially the Project Coordinator (SGRRP-GoS) Dr. Shereen Narejo, as well as the UCBPRP team for their efforts.

Date: 11.02.2010
Venue: Committee Room DCO Secretariat Shikarpur

Participants:

DCO	Shikarpur
Team Leader	PIU-UCBPRP
AGM-Operational	SRSO
Section Head	PITD
District Manager	PIU-UCBPRP-SHP
Program Manager	Education Component
District Program Officer	IRM
Monitoring Professional	PIU UCBPRP

Agenda:

Monthly Progress review of UCBPRP
Planning for the Next Month

A detailed presentation was given about the current and previous month's performance regarding the UCBPRP BY District Manager, DCO showed his interest to check and verify the list of all beneficiaries and lists were also provided about the all activities which are being executed by UCBPRP; like, capacity building trainings, vocational trainings etc; DCO said that Government of Sindh requires the lists of Income Generating Grants and Community Investment Funds, given to poor community women according to Poverty Score Card to analysis the poverty and social impacts. Community Investment Fund's recovery status and schedule was also given in detail meanwhile it was asked in the meeting about the CIF procedure and its means of verification. Team Leader UCBPRP was given detail regarding the SDPI study which is being conducted by the SRSO for the calculation of impact assessment. DCO raised his concern regarding the coordination between NRSP Education Team and Education Dept Shikarpur. He asked about the procedure, criteria and composition of selection committee and he demanded list of functional & renovated schools for verification. In the end DCO showed interest to visit the functional schools.



Date: 17.02.2010
Venue: Committee Room DCO Secretariat Kashmore

Participants:
DCO Kashmore - kandhkot
EDO Revenue
DPO Kashmore - kandhkot
Team Leader PIU-UCBPRP
District Manager PIU-UCBPRP-SHP
Program Manager Education Component
Program Manager IRM
M & E Professional PIU-UCBPRP

Agenda:
Monthly Progress review of UCBPRP
Planning for the Next Month

Achievement against target was reviewed for the month of January, 2010. It was emphasized to present the breakup of recovery schedules of CIF target v/s achievement, band & month wise by District Coordination Officer. He expressed keen interest to visit DWSS in UC Lashari, and PIU team was also offered for the visit along with him. During the discussion of IGG & CIF's usage, he recommended to



create a liaison between District Livestock Department and UCBPRP team for organizing free vaccination camps in villages. He further suggested that Education Team should work hard on two schools as a model at initial stage, which will be visited; he assured his support for allocation & utilization of resources properly to make schools functional because he believes on SRSO's integrated approach to take joint efforts for developing Primary Education model and said that school furniture tables and chairs are available in inventory and recommended to share with EDO education to use the furniture.

Exposure Visit

This report highlighted what transpired during an experiential learning and practical exposure which was carried out on the February 20th, 2010 in Bahawalpur-Punjab. It was attended by 12 participants including 5 men and 7 women. Participants were exposed to practical work which is being carried out by National Rural Support Programme NRSP-Bahawalpur region. In the interaction Mr. Asif from NRSP shared her experience, lessons and challenges regarding to hand loom weaving industry. Further more Ms.Saima (Textile arts and designing) shared the color matching scheme for market able products. Opening remarks were given by Mr. Asif. He was so happy about the exposure and the organization by Sindh Rural Support Programme-Institute of Rural Management. He thanked to all participants for sparing their time for the exposure. After welcome by RPM Mr.Zadi all participants introduce themselves, then Mr. Zadi gave a small background of current enterprise initiative taken by NRSP at Bahawalpur. SRSO-IRM staff viewed that it is need to work on mutually basis because it is great potential of hand made products in different area of Sindh, particularly rilli making, arc work, sindhi topi making, block printing (Ajrak & bed sheets) and applic work.

Visit of Rohi Handloom station:

As per plan, Rohi loom station visited where participant understand the working approach of station. All participants encouraged to see the well and organized system and working environment of station. And understand the complete cycle from warping to



layout center. At the end we can understand the successful philosophy of system that is called market need approach, which is being followed at Rohi hand loom station. At The end Mr.Asif thank to all participants in order to visit the efforts of NRSP at Bahawalpur region Punjab.

By Latif Soomro

Delegations

BRSP delegation visited Kashmore- Kandh Kot

Dated: February 09-10, 2010 Tuesday & Wednesday
Venue: SMU Kandhkot, village Nawab Khan Chachar UC Rasool Bux Chachar, Vocational Training Centre Buxapur, District Kashmore Kandhkot.
Village Haji Sawan Khan Malik UC Sodhi, village Allah Dito Solangi, Vocational Training Centre Kashmore, District Kashmore Kandhkot.

Participants: 46-BRSP C.O members, 2 BRSP Staff, 06 UCBPRP/SRSO staff.

Delegation reached at SMU Kandhkot at 12:40. District Manager Mr. Zulfiqar Narejo welcomed whole team and briefed about program importance, geographical coverage in district, different components and described the role in bringing poor in mainstream and current progress. Thereafter, team members asked questions about different processes of program and got clarifications. Then team moved to village Nawab Khan Chachar UC Rasool Bux Chachar. The team observed CO formation process and went through the record of the Village Organization. Thereafter the team visited Vocational Training Centre Buxapur. A detailed presentation was also given by Centre Incharge and CIF professional about the whole process of Community Investment Fund which is being given in different sectors.

Next day team did decide to visit a village Haji Sawan Khan Malik UC Sodhi, Kashmore to observe CO/VO meeting, forwarding resolution for CPI scheme etc. After that delegation went to vocational training centre, Kashmore, where they met with the trainees, who are being taught in the centre. There they observed trainees who were working by arc work, embroidery and stitching. The team asked the procedure of selection of trainees and their options of trade. After that, team went to village Allah Dito Solangi to observe construction of low cost housing scheme for shelter less households of the village.

Meeting with Team Leader UCBPRP/SRSO Sukkur:

Thereafter at 8:40 the team came back and a debriefing meeting was conducted with Team Leader/PC of UCBPRP program DR. Ghulam Rasool. He welcomed guests of BRSP and answered questions of the team and clarified some of the processes.

Field visit of AWAZ-CDS to UCBPRP, Shikarpur

Date: 19th February, 2010.

An eighty members team of COs office bearers both male & female arrived Sukkur for exposure visit. They early in the morning left for village Momin Jhullan, UC Zarkhail Khanpur. There team visited ECCD /school. Facilitator Nasrullah Kolachi and Unit Incharge Khanpur-I Riaz Bhayo facilitated and briefed the initiative regarding establishment of ECCD/School. Thereafter team moved to village Abdullah Burriri, UC Zarkhail Khanpur. There a meeting was conducted with COs and VO of village. About all interventions under UCBPRP were presented and the procedure was clarified from PSC to CO/VO formation, opening of bank account and so on and so forth. Participants of team asked different questions and visited infrastructure schemes given to VO.

Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme UCBPRP

Quarterly Month wise plan for January - to-March 2010

Activity	QTR PLAN			
	January	February	March	Total
U/C Covered	4	5	5	14
Total Household to be Organized	20,038	20,038	20,038	60,114
Community Organizations Formed	1,743	1,743	1,743	5,228
Village Organizations Formed	652	652	652	1,956
Households to be Given Income Generating Grants	588	588	588	1,764
CIF	2,287	2,287	2,287	6,860
VTP	1,395	1,395	1,395	4,185
Villages to be Give Drinking Water Supply Schemes as CPI	134	134	134	401
Locations to be improved under Village Improvement Plan Scheme as Model Villages	9	9	9	27
Roof material for low cost housing	315	315	315	945
Non Functional Schools to be functionalized	112	112	112	337
R&D schemes to be undertaken for developing new products for increasing productivity	0	0	0	1
Households provided Micro Health Insurance	7,180	7,180	7,180	21,541
Building capacity of Village Health worker for preventive primary health care	500	500	500	1,500
Community Organization members trained in Management skills and Book Keeping	4,748	4,748	4,748	14,244
Community Organization members trained in CIF Need Identification and Book-Keeping	3,443	3,443	3,443	10,330
Village Organization members trained in Managerial skills, Book Keeping and Planning	1,104	1,104	1,104	3,311
Village Organization members trained in Book Keeping	1,935	1,935	1,935	5,804
Village Organization members trained in CIF Appraisal and Usage Monitoring	1,754	1,754	1,754	5,262
CO/VO Managers - Activist Experience Sharing Workshops	11,003	11,003	11,003	33,010
Village Organization members to be sent on Exposure Visit	-	-	-	-
Productivity Enhancement Training	150	150	150	449

List of Abbreviations

- VDP-Village Development Plan
- ADB - Asian Development Bank
- BISP – Benazir Income Support Programme
- BoD – Board of Directors
- SBBYDP – Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Youth Development Programme
- CPI – Community Physical Infrastructure
- CO – Community Organisation
- CIF – Community Investment Fund
- CRP – Community Resource Person
- GoS – Government of Sindh
- HHs – Households
- HRD - Human Resource Development
- IRM – Institute of Rural Management
- IGG - Income Generating Grant
- MPR – Monthly Progress Report
- MIS – Management Information System
- MIP- Micro Investment Plan
- NRSP – National Rural Support Programme
- PC – Project Coordinator
- PSC – Poverty Score Card
- PIU – Project Implementation Unit
- RSP – Rural Support Programme
- SMT – Social Mobilisation Team
- SRSO – Sindh Rural Support Organisation
- SERP – Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty
- TNI – Training Need Identification
- TNA – Training Need Assessment
- UCBPRP – Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme
- UDPS – Union Council Development Plans
- VO – Village Organisation
- VST – Vocational Skill Training
- VDPs – Village Development Plans
- VOB – Village Organisation Bank

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