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UNION COUNCIL BASED POVERTY REDUCTION PROGRAMME BY GOVERNMENT OF SINDH



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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. The project has used the Poverty Score Card for identifying the households in the two districts which are below the level of minimum subsistence threshold and represent the level of absolute deprivation. The Poverty score card thus classifies population and households according to its quintiles and 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 and identify the incidence of poverty and making it easier to understand the poverty dynamics besides classifying each household according to their positioning which can be summarized as following:-

District	Type of UC	No. of UCs	Score Range (0-11)	Score Range (12-18)	Score Range (19-23)	Score Range (24-100)	Total
	Rural	42	23,036	22,235	22,384	57,721	125,376
	Kurai	%age	18.37	17.73	17.85	46.04	100.00
Chikonnun	Urban	8	729	513	950	19,214	21,406
Shikarpur	Urban	%age	3.41	2.40	4.44	89.76	100.00
	Total	50	23,765	22,748	23,334	76,935	146,782
		%age	16.19	15.50	15.90	52.41	100.00
	Durrel	31	15,514	19,018	15,265	54,999	104,796
	Rural	%age	14.80	18.15	14.57	52.48	100.00
Kashmore -	Urban	6	1,092	1,871	1,609	10,381	14,953
Kandhkot	Urban	%age	7.30	12.51	10.76	69.42	100.00
	Total	37	16,606	20,889	16,874	65,380	119,749
		%age	13.87	17.44	14.09	54.60	100.00

- 2. Social mobilization remains the niche of the whole proramme. Households in both the districts are being organized at neighborhood (para/mohallah) level into Community Organizations (COs) and at village level into Village Organizations (VOs). By having their own organizations, the communities are able to present themselves in a unified manner and have the ability to voice their development concerns to the relevant authorities.
- 3. During March, 2010 9,983 households were organized into 534 community organizations and federated into 161 village organizations. As a whole, a total of 170,818 households had been organized into 9,772 community organizations and clustered into 3,088 village organizations.

4. Both the districts have 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 intervention of Income Generating Grant (IGG) has been designed for such households to help them come out of the poverty trap. As of March, 2010 a total of Rs.21.419 million had been disbursed among 2,430 community organizations as a grant which

Purpos	se of Grant	As of March 2010	%age of Total
	# of Beneficiary COs	125	5.83
	# of Beneficiary VOs	95	9.91
Individual Enterprise	# of Beneficiary Hhds	284	11.69
	Amount Disbursed (Rs.)	2,479,000	11.57
	Average Grant Size (Rs.)	8,729	
	# of Beneficiary COs	220	10.26
	# of Beneficiary VOs	38	3.96
Agriculture	# of Beneficiary Hhds	97	3.99
	Amount Disbursed (Rs.)	856,900	4.00
	Average Grant Size (Rs.)	8,834	
	# of Beneficiary COs	1,799	83.91
	# of Beneficiary VOs	826	86.13
Purchase of Livestock	# of Beneficiary Hhds	2,049	84.32
	Amount Disbursed (Rs.)	18,084,000	84.43
	Average Grant Size (Rs.)	8,826	
	# of Beneficiary COs	2,144	100.00
	# of Beneficiary VOs	959	100.00
Overall Total	# of Beneficiary Hhds	2,430	100.00
	Amount Disbursed (Rs.)	21,419,900	100.00
	Average Grant Size (Rs.)	8,815	

5. Some of the households of "extremely poor" band (PSC Category 0-11) and most of those from the band of "chronically poor" which consists of poor (PSC Category 12-18 have an ability to earn incomes but lack productive assets. They earn a living for themselves and therefore do not need grants. However, their ability to repay the interest on any kind of loans is very limited and therefore the most appropriate intervention is setting up of a village based revolving fund at the community level called "Community Investment Fund" or CIF'. The CIF is managed by an organized community and provides interest free loans up to a ceiling of Rs. 20,000 per household for 0-11 households and Rs.25,000 per household for 12-18 households. As of March, 2010 a total of Rs.245.68 million had been disbursed among 26,600 village organizations.

o. Community Investment Fund as of March, 2010										
Purpose of CIF 0-11 12-18 Total (0-18) %age o										
	# of Beneficiary COs	396	386	391	13.51					
Individual	# of Beneficiary VOs	187	158	173	14.57					
Enterprise	# of Beneficiary Hhds	1,777	2,034	1,906	14.33					
Linerprise	Amount Disbursed (Rs.)	15,534,720	19,788,794	35,323,514	14.38					
	Average Grant Size (Rs.)	19,257	18,718	18,988						

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	# of Beneficiary COs	2,354	2,384	2,369	81.83
Purchase of	# of Beneficiary VOs	936	948	942	79.56
Livestock	# of Beneficiary Hhds	10,062	11,552	10,807	81.26
LIVESTOCK	Amount Disbursed (Rs.)	85,751,464	113,880,784	199,632,248	81.26
	Average Grant Size (Rs.)	18,353	18,763	18,558	
	# of Beneficiary COs	145	125	135	4.66
Purchase of	# of Beneficiary VOs	61	78	70	5.87
Agricultural	# of Beneficiary Hhds	488	687	588	4.42
Inputs	Amount Disbursed (Rs.)	4,358,538	6,371,100	10,729,638	4.37
	Average Grant Size (Rs.)	19,357	19,767	19,562	
	# of Beneficiary COs	2,895	2,895	2,895	100.00
Overall	# of Beneficiary VOs	1,184	1,184	1,184	100.00
Overall Total	# of Beneficiary Hhds	12,327	14,273	13,300	100.00
Total	Amount Disbursed (Rs.)	105,644,722	140,040,678	245,685,400	100.00
	Average Grant Size (Rs.)	9,218	9,251	9,235	

- 7. 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 March 563 participants given training and as of March, 2010 a total of 7,664 participants had been trained in 31 different trades.
- 8. Under the project, 50% of the villages having a VO are to given one scheme of Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI), which may include sanitation and drinking water supply as a grant. As of March, 2010 a total of 663 schemes had been initiated of which 146 schemes have been completed. Under these schemes, 3,552 man-days of skilled labour and 9,156 man-days of unskilled labour have been provided a guaranteed employment to the villagers.
- 9. Shelter support is being provided in terms of Low Cost Houses to the extremely poorest households who live in thatched huts and require shelter. As of March, 2010 construction on a total of 2,064 LCHS had been initiated and 240 have been completed and the households are residing in them.
- 10. To enhance the productivity of poor farmers in Agriculture and Livestock the trainings are being given by UCBPRP besides undertaking of R&D that focuses mainly upon Agriculture and Livestock. Water use efficiencies are quite low in the irrigation systems that are applied in the two Districts. The concept of "More Crop per Drop" is being used as a guiding beacon through use of Drip Water Management for better irrigation to enhance the productivity in Agriculture sector for the poor communities.
- 11. Since majority of the rural women are involved in both Agriculture and Livestock rearing activities, in order to efficiently and effectively increase their production capacity and to build the skills in the Project has planned to train 1,300 VO members in "Productivity Enhancement especially in Agriculture sector" through 10 days extensive trainings in modern farm management techniques, use of tunnels for growing off-season crops, etc. As of March, a total of 244 VO members have been trained in Agriculture & Livestock sector and 800 Family Nutrition Kits (FNK) had also been installed at household level.

- 12. 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 March, 2010, 17 Girls Primary Schools and 32 Boys Primary Schools non functional schools had been functionalized in which 1,399 boys and 1,773 girls have been freshly enrolled. 8 second shift girls school with 269 girls enrollment and 5 Early Child Hood Centers have also been established.
- 13. Another initiative of UCBPRP is training of Traditional Birth Attendant (TBA) which relates to health care and knowledge of poor women regarding the pregnancy and ante-natal care. Under this intervention or activity as of March, 2010, total 1,798 poor women/participants had been trained under this activity.
- 14. Provision of 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 March, 2010, 43,000 Households with 267,500 beneficiaries had been insured in both districts.

	Ove Project Targets(Feb 2009 to June 2011)	erall Progress Versus Achievements (Feb 2009 to March 2	010)
S. No	Activity	Over All Project Targets	Achievement as of March, 2010	% Achieved
1	Poverty Score Card	87	87	100.00
2	UCs Covered	87	73	83.91
3	Households Organized	180,592	170,818	94.59
4	CO Formation	12,039	9,772	81.17
5	VO Formation	4,200	3,088	73.52
6	Income Generating Grants	4,305	2,430	56.45
7	Community Investment Fund	42,915	26,600	61.98
8	Vocational Training Programme	21,000	7,897	37.60
9	Community Physical Infrastructure	2,100	663	31.57
10	Low Cost Village Improvement	140	56	40.00
11	Low Cost Housing Scheme	6,000	2,064	34.40
12	CMST & Book Keeping Training	24,079	9,341	38.79
13	CIF Need Identification Training	12,039	4,719	39.20
14	VO Mgt & Planning Training	8,400	7,091	84.42
15	VO CIF Training	8,400	4,854	57.79
16	VO Book Keeping Training	8,400	4,959	59.04
17	Experience Sharing Workshop	117,024	21,966	18.77
18	Productivity Enhancement Training	1,380	244	17.68
19	Traditional Birth Attendants Training	4,200	1,798	42.81

Progress of District Kandhkot-Kashmore & Shikarpur at a glance

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			Dis	strict wi	se Achi	evem	ents				
			As	of February, 2	010		March, 201	0	Cumula	tive as of Ma	arch, 2010
Activity	District	Project Target	Target	Achieved	% Achieved	Target	Achieved	% Achieved	Target	Achieved	% Achieved
Poverty Score Card	Shikarpur	50	50	50	100.00	-	-	0.00	50	50	100.00
	Kashmore	37	37	37	100.00	-	-	0.00	37	37	100.00
Sub – Total	1	87	87	87	100.00	_	-	0.00	87	87	100.00
U.C Covered	Shikarpur	50	42	42	100.00	-	-	0.00	42	42	100.00
	Kashmore	37	30	31	103.33	-	-	0.00	30	31	103.33
Sub – Total		87	72	73	101.39	_	-	0.00	72	73	101.39
Households	Shikarpur	103,789	94,561	90,853	96.08	9,228	4,143	44.90	103,789	94,996	91.53
Organized	Kashmore	76,803	69,211	69,982	101.11	6,402	5,840	91.22	75,613	75,822	100.28
Sub – Total		180,592	163,772	160,835	98.21	15,630	9,983	63.87	179,402	170,818	95.22
CO Formation	Shikarpur	6,919	6,303	5,173	82.07	615	246	40.00	6,918	5,419	78.33
	Kashmore	5,120	5,181	4,065	78.46	1,055	288	27.30	6,236	4,353	69.80
Sub – Total		12,039	11,484	9,238	80.44	1,670	534	31.98	13,154	9,772	74.29
Village Organizations	Shikarpur	2,414	2,206	1,576	71.44	208	43	20.67	2,414	1,619	67.07
Formed	Kashmore	1,786	1,900	1,351	71.11	439	118	26.88	2,339	1,469	62.80
Sub – Total		4,200	4,106	2,927	71.29	647	161	24.88	4,753	3,088	64.97
Households to be Given Income	Shikarpur	2,474	1,930	1,349	69.90	172	-	0.00	2,102	1,349	64.18
Generating Grants	Kashmore	1,831	1,821	1,081	59.36	479	-	0.00	2,300	1,081	47.00
Sub – Total		4,305	3,751	2,430	64.78	651	-	0.00	4,402	2,430	55.20
Households to be Given Community	Shikarpur	24,664	13,853	15,719	113.47	1,374	-	0.00	15,227	15,719	103.23
Investment Fund	Kashmore	18,251	10,975	10,881	99.14	389	-	0.00	11,364	10,881	95.75
Sub – Total		42,915	24,828	26,600	107.14	1,763	-	0.00	26,591	26,600	100.03
Households to be Given Scholarship	Shikarpur	12,069	5,223	4,353	83.34	527	271	51.42	5,750	4,624	80.42
for Vocational Training	Kashmore	8,931	3,770	2,981	79.07	1,274	292	22.92	5,044	3,273	64.89
Sub – Total		21,000	8,993	7,334	81.14	1,801	563	31.26	10,794	7,897	73.16
Villages to be Give Drinking Water	Shikarpur	1,207	485	393	81.03	66	-	0.00	551	393	71.32
Supply Schemes as CPI	Kashmore	893	358	270	75.42	182	-	0.00	540	270	50.00
Sub – Total		2,100	843	663	78.65	248	•	0.00	1,091	663	60.77

Locations to improved under	Shikarpur	80	43	44	102.33	-	-	0.00	43	44	102.33
Low Cost Village Improvement	•										
Scheme	Kashmore	60	12	12	100.00	-	-	0.00	12	12	100.00
Sub – Total		140	55	56	101.82	-	-	0.00	55	56	101.82
Low Cost Housing	Shikarpur	3,000	1,332	1,018	76.43	166	-	0.00	1,498	1,018	67.96
	Kashmore	3,000	1,255	1,046	83.35	229	-	0.00	1,484	1,046	70.49
Sub – Total		6,000	2,587	2,064	79.78	395	-	0.00	2,982	2,064	69.22
CO members trained in	Shikarpur	13,838	8,916	4,838	54.26	1,230	960	78.05	10,146	5,798	57.15
management skills and book keeping	Kashmore	10,241	10,131	2,913	28.75	4,597	630	13.70	14,728	3,543	24.06
Sub – Total		24,079	19,047	7,751	40.69	5,827	1,590	27.29	24,874	9,341	37.55
CO members	Chilippeneur			-							
trained in CIF Need Identification	Shikarpur	6,919	6,303	2,415	38.32	615	473	76.91	6,918	2,888	41.75
Sub – Total	Kashmore	5,120	7,809	1,457	18.66	3,636	374	10.29	11,445	1,831	16.00
No. of Participants		12,039	14,112	3,872	27.44	4,251	847	19.92	18,363	4,719	25.70
Trained in VO Management &	Shikarpur	4,828	4,413	3,828	86.74	416	238	57.21	4,829	4,066	84.20
Planning Training	Kashmore	3,572	3,766	2,742	72.81	833	283	33.97	4,599	3,025	65.78
Sub – Total No. of Participants		8,400	8,179	6,570	80.33	1,249	521	41.71	9,428	7,091	75.21
Trained in VO CIF	Shikarpur	4,828	4,413	2,688	60.91	416	212	50.96	4,829	2,900	60.05
Appraisal and Usage Training	Kashmore	3,572	3,264	1,856	56.86	1,798	98	5.45	3,264	1,954	59.87
Sub – Total		8,400	7,677	4,544	59.19	2,214	310	14.00	8,093	4,854	59.98
No. of Participants Trained in VO Book	Shikarpur	4,828	4,413	2,619	59.35	416	147	35.34	4,829	2,766	57.28
Keeping Training (No of Pax)	Kashmore	3,572	4,629	1,879	40.59	1,618	314	19.41	6,247	2,193	35.10
Sub – Total		8,400	9,042	4,498	49.75	2,034	461	22.66	11,076	4,959	44.77
Experience Sharing	Shikarpur	67,255	15,835	11,799	74.51	2,288	2,492	108.92	18,123	14,291	78.86
Workshops	Kashmore	49,769	10,024	3,657	36.48	9,222	4,018	43.57	19,246	7,675	39.88
Sub – Total	• 	117,024	25,859	15,456	59.77	2,288	6,510	284.53	28,147	21,966	78.04
No. of Participants Trained in	Shikarpur	793	264	117	44.32	66	-	0.00	330	117	35.45
Productivity Enhancement	- crimar par							0.00			
Training	Kashmore	587	196	127	64.80	168	-	0.00	364	127	34.89
Sub – Total		1,380	460	244	53.04		-	0.00	460	244	53.04
No. of Participants Trained in TBA	Shikarpur	793	1,072	931	86.85	134	176	131.34	1,206	1,107	91.79
Training	Kashmore	587	933	566	60.66	329	125	37.99	1,262	691	54.75
Sub – Total		1,380	2,005	1,497	74.66	373	301	80.70	2,378	1,798	75.61

Progress of District Kandhkot-Kashmore & Shikarpur at a glance

	Activ	ity Wise	Target	s Versu	us Achi	evem	ient as	of Ma	rch, 20	10	
			As	of February, 2	009		March, 201		Cumula	tive as of Ma	rch, 2010
S. No	Activity	Project Target	Target	Achieved	% Achieved	Target	Achieved	% Achieved	Target	Achieved	% Achieved
1	Poverty Score Card	87	87	87	100.00	-	-	-	87	87	100.00
2	UCs Covered	87	87	73	83.91	-	-	_	87	73	83.91
3	Households Organized	180,592	163,772	160,835	98.21	15,630	9,983	64	179,402	170,818	95.22
4	CO Formation	12,039	11,484	9,238	80.44	1,670	534	32	13,154	9,772	74.29
5	VO Formation	4,200	4,106	2,927	71.29	647	161	25	4,753	3,088	64.97
6	Income Generating Grants	4,305	3,751	2,430	64.78	651	-	-	4,402	2,430	55.20
7	Community Investment Fund	42,915	24,828	26,600	107.14	1,763	-	_	26,591	26,600	100.03
8	Vocational Training Programme	21,000	8,993	7,334	81.14	1,801	563	31	10,794	7,897	73.16
9	Community Physical Infrastructure	2,100	843	663	78.65	248	-	-	1,091	663	60.77
10	Low Cos Village Improvement	140	55	56	101.82	-	-	-	55	56	101.82
11	Low Cost Housing Scheme	6,000	2,587	2,064	79.78	395	-	-	2,982	2,064	69.22
12	CMST & Book Keeping Training	24,079	19,047	7,751	40.69	5,827	1,590	27	24,874	9,341	37.55
13	CIF Need Identification Training	12,039	14,112	3,872	27.44	4,251	847	20	18,363	4,719	25.70
14	VO Mgt & Planning Training	8,400	8,179	6,570	80.33	1,249	521	42	9,428	7,091	75.21
15	VO CIF Training	8,400	7,677	4,544	59.19	2,214	310	14	8,093	4,854	59.98
16	VO Book Keeping Training	8,400	9,042	4,498	49.75	2,034	461	23	11,076	4,959	44.77
17	Experience Sharing Workshop	117,024	25,859	15,456	59.77	2,288	6,510	285	28,147	21,966	78.04
18	Productivity Enhancement Training	1,380	460	244	53.04	-	-	-	460	244	53.04
19	Traditional Birth Attendants Training	4,200	2,005	1,497	74.66	373	301	81	2,378	1,798	75.61

Achievements

Poverty Score Card Results after Households Verification

Being the unique programme that it is, the UCBPRP rests its entire rationale on being able to identify the poorest for which identification of poor for targeting is done under four quartiles/bands through the Poverty Score Card (PSC) Survey process which is recognized by international donor agencies and the Government of Pakistan as being a well established and tested method for doing so.

The Project on commencement of its activities had carried out the Poverty Score Card Survey in February 2009. The findings of this survey have subsequently been verified through visits to each household by the project staff. The identification of the poor as of March, 2010 after the verification of the PSC results is as under:-

District	Type of UC	No. of UCs	Score Range (0-11)	Score Range (12-18)	Score Range (19-23)	Score Range (24-100)	Total
	Rural	42	23,036	22,235	22,384	57,721	125,376
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	Total	50	23,765	22,748	23,334	76,935	146,782
	TOtal	%age	16.19	15.50	15.90	52.41	100.00
	Rural	31	15,514	19,018	15,265	54,999	104,796
	Nurai	%age	14.80	18.15	14.57	52.48	100.00
Kashmore -	Urban	6	1,092	1,871	1,609	10,381	14,953
Kandhkot		%age	7.30	12.51	10.76	69.42	100.00
	Total	37	16,606	20,889	16,874	65,380	119,749
	TOLAI	%age	13.87	17.44	14.09	54.60	100.00
	Rural	73	38,550	41,253	37,649	112,720	230,172
	Kulai	%age	16.75	17.92	16.36	48.97	100.00
Grand Total	Urban	14	1,821	2,384	2,559	29,595	36,359
Grand Total	Urban	%age	5.01	6.56	7.04	81.40	100.00
	Total	87	40,371	43,637	40,208	142,315	266,531
	Total	%age	15.15	16.37	15.09	53.40	100.00

Household Organized:

Once identified, it is critical to organize the poor through the process of social mobilization. Social Mobilization unleashes their potential and they become empowered to understand and undertake specific development activities designated specifically for each band. Keeping this aspect in view, the Project has used the social mobilization approach to organize rural communities in order to provide the targeted households with essential products meant for each specific band. The households identified under the PSC are thus being organized at Para/Mohalla level into Community Organizations (COs) and at village level into Village Organizations (VOs) in both the Districts.

As of March, 2010, a total of 170,818 households had been organized and fostered into 9,772 COs and which have been federated into 3,088 VOs.

PSC wise HH Organised as of March, 2010										
District	No of UCs	0-11	12-18	19-23	24-100	Total				
Kashmore	32	16,419	18,974	14,217	26,212	75,822				
Shikarpur	42	21,154	21,919	21,380	30,543	94,996				
Total	74	37,573	40,789	35,597	56,433	170,818				

	CO & VO Formation as of March, 2010								
District Name	Commun	ity Organizatio	ns Formed	Village Organizations Formed					
	As of Feb	During	Cumulative	As of Feb	During	Cumulative			
	2010	March 2010	Total	2010	March 2010	Total			
Shikarpur	5,173	246	5,419	1,576	43	1,619			
Kashmore-Kandhkot	4,065	288	4,353	1,351	118	1,469			
Total	9,238	534	9,772	2,927	161	3,088			

The CO remains the ideal organization for identifying potential recipients for various household level interventions under each PSC band, while the VO is responsible for carrying out common development work at the village level, it is very much essential that the capacity building of office bearers of both the COs and VOs is carried out to make them fully functional because unless this is not done an effective mechanism for delivery and monitoring of services through these two tiers of social mobilization cannot be developed.

As such, the project as part of human resource development of these two tiers has imparted the following trainings for the capacity building of the office bearers of the COs and VOs:-

	Community Management Skills Training (CMST) also includes					
Community Organizations (COs)	Book-keeping for Community Organizations					
	CIF Need Identification Training					
Village Organizations (VOs)	VO Management and Planning Training					
	VO Book-keeping Training					
VO CIF Appraisal and Usage Monitoring Training						

Community Organization's Capacity Building: As of March, 2010, under the CO capacity building component, 14,060 participants from different community organizations have been trained in both the Districts.

	CO Capacity Building											
	Union	Community I	Management S	kills Training	CIF Need Identification Training							
District	Councils Covered	As of Feb 2010	During March 2010	Cumulative Total	As of Feb 2010	During March 2010	Cumulative Total					
Kandhkot- Kashmore	32	2,913	630	3,543	1,457	374	1,831					
Shikarpur	42	4,838	5,798	2,415	473	2,888						
Total 74 7,751 1,590 9,341 3,872 847 4,												

Village Organization's Capacity Building: As of March, 2010, in the VO capacity building component, overall 18,513 participants from different village organizations have been trained at various locations in both the Districts.

	VO Capacity Building											
		Shikarpu	r	Кан	ndhkot-Kas	shmore						
Training	During As of Feb March Cumulative As of					Cumulative Total						
Management & Planning Training	4,413	238	4,651	3,766	283	4,049						
Book Keeping Training	2,619	147	2,766	1,879	314	2,193						
CIF Appraisal & Usage Monitoring	2,688	212	2,900	1,856	98	1,954						
Total	9,720	597	10,317	7,501	695	8,196						

Income Generating Grants (IGG): The lowest band of extremely poor or the poorest of the poor (PSC Category 0-11) consists of widows or people with chronic disabilities. They lack productive assets and are dependent on others for even food and are therefore generally food strapped. Hence any financial assistance provided in cash is by and large consumed. Social mobilization ensures monitoring of income generating grants and ensures that they will not be sold or consumed. The grant amount for the UCBPRP has an upper ceiling of maximum of Rs.20, 000 per household.

As of March, 2010, a total of Rs.21.419 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 for purchasing Livestock.

		District K	andhkot-k	ashmore	Dis	trict Shika	rpur	Total 2 Districts		
Purpose of Grant		As of Feb 2010	During March 2010	Cumulative Total	As of Feb 2010	During March 2010	Cumulative Total	As of Feb 2010	During March 2010	Cumulati ve Total
	No of Beneficiary COs	64	-	64	61	-	61	125	-	125
	No of Beneficiary VOs	30	-	30	65	-	65	95	-	95
Individual Enterprise	No of Beneficiary Hhds	109	-	109	175	-	175	284	-	284
-	Amount Disbursed	1,018,500	-	1,018,500	1,460,500	-	1,460,500	2,479,000	-	2,479,00 0
	Average Grant Size	9,344	-	9,344	8,346	-	8,346	8,729	-	8,729
	No of Beneficiary COs	26	-	26	194	-	194	220	-	220
	No of Beneficiary VOs	12	-	12	26	-	26	38	-	38
Agriculture	No of Beneficiary Hhds	43	-	43	54	-	54	97	-	97
	Amount Disbursed	407,400	-	407,400	449,500	-	449,500	856,900	-	856,900
	Average Grant Size	9,474	-	9,474	8,324	-	8,324	8,834	-	8,834
Purchase of	No of Beneficiary	557		557	1,242	_	<u>1,242</u>	1,799	_	1,799

	COs									
	No of Beneficiary VOs	266	-	266	560	-	560	826	-	826
Livestock	No of Beneficiary Hhds	929	-	929	1,120	-	1,120	2,049	-	2,049
	Amount Disbursed	8,759,100	-	8,759,100	9,324,900	-	9,324,900	18,084,000	-	18,084,0 00
	Average Grant Size	9,429	-	9,429	8,326	-	8,326	8,826	-	8,826
	No of Beneficiary COs	647	-	647	1,497	-	1,497	2,144	-	2,144
	No of Beneficiary VOs	308	•	308	651	-	651	959	-	959
Overall Total	No of Beneficiary Hhds	1,081	-	1,081	1,349	-	1,349	2,430	-	2,430
	Amount Disbursed	10,185,000	-	10,185,000	11,234,900	-	11,234,900	21,419,900	-	21,419,9 00
	Average Grant Size	9,422	-	9,422	8,328	-	8,328	8,815	-	8,815

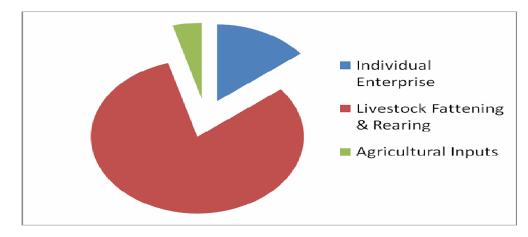
Community Investment Fund (CIF): The band of "chronically poor" which consists of poor (PSC Category 0-18 have an ability to earn incomes but lack productive assets. They earn a living for themselves and therefore do not need grants. However, their ability to repay the interest on any kind of loans is very limited and therefore the most appropriate intervention is setting up of a village based revolving fund at the community level called "Community Investment Fund" or CIF'. The CIF is managed by an organized community and provides interest free loans up to a ceiling of Rs. 20,000 per household for 0-11 households and Rs.25,000 per household for 12-18 households in this band.

	Community Investment Fund for 0-11 Households												
		District Kandhkot-Kashmore			District Shikarpur			Total 2 Districts					
Purpose of CIF		As of Feb 2010	During March 2010	Cumulative Total	As of Feb 2010	During March 2010	Cumulative Total	As of Feb 2010	During March 2010	Cumulative Total			
	No of Beneficiary COs	115	-	115	281	-	281	396	-	396			
	No of Beneficiary VOs	45	-	45	142	-	142	187	-	187			
Individual Enterprise	No of Beneficiary Hhds	502	-	502	1,275	-	1,275	1,777	-	1,777			
	Amount Disbursed	4,740,768	-	4,740,768	10,793,952	-	10,793,952	15,534,720	-	15,534,720			
	Average CIF Loan Size	10,154	-	10,154	9,103	-	9,103	19,257	-	19,257			
	No of Beneficiary COs	1,124	-	1,124	1,230	-	1,230	2,354	-	2,354			
Purchase	No of Beneficiary VOs	395	-	395	541	-	541	936	-	936			
of Livestock	No of Beneficiary Hhds	4,844	-	4,844	5,218	-	5,218	10,062	-	10,062			
	Amount Disbursed	42,416,742	-	42,416,742	43,334,722	-	43,334,722	85,751,464	-	85,751,464			
	Average CIF Loan Size	9,415	-	9,415	8,938	-	8,938	18,353	-	18,353			
Purchase of	No of Beneficiary COs	63	-	63	82	-	82	145	-	145			
Agricultural Inputs	No of Beneficiary VOs	25	-	25	36	-	36	61	-	61			

	No of Beneficiary Hhds	232	-	232	256	-	256	488	-	488
	Amount Disbursed	2,416,140	-	2,416,140	1,942,398	-	1,942,398	4,358,538	-	4,358,538
	Average CIF Loan Size	11,198	-	11,198	8,159	-	8,159	19,357	-	19,357
	No of Beneficiary COs	1,302	-	1,302	1,593	-	1,593	2,895	-	2,895
	No of Beneficiary VOs	465	-	465	719	-	719	1,184	-	1,184
Overall Total	No of Beneficiary Hhds	5,578		5,578	6,749	-	6,749	12,327	-	12,327
	Amount Disbursed	49,573,650	-	49,573,650	56,071,072	-	56,071,072	105,644,722	-	105,644,722
	Average CIF Loan Size	9,556	-	9,556	8,939	-	8,939	9,218	-	9,218

		Comn	nunity	Investment	Fund for 12	2-18 Ho	useholds			
		District K	andhkot-K	ashmore	Dist	rict Shikar	pur	Tota	al 2 Distri	cts
Purpose of CIF		As of Feb 2010	During March 2010	Cumulative Total	As of Feb 2010	During March 2010	Cumulative Total	As of Feb 2010	During March 2010	Cumulative Total
	No of Beneficiary COs	123	-	123	263	-	263	386	-	386
	No of Beneficiary VOs	43	-	43	115	-	115	158	-	158
	No of Beneficiary Hhds	493	-	493	1,541	-	1,541	2,034	-	2,034
Individual	Amount Disbursed Average CIF Loan	5,209,937	-	5,209,937	14,578,857	-	14,578,857	19,788,794	-	19,788,794
Enterprise	Size	9,876	-	9,876	8,842	-	8,842	18,718	-	18,718
	No of Beneficiary COs	1,121	-	1,121	1,263	-	1,263	2,384	-	2,384
	No of Beneficiary VOs	392	-	392	556	-	556	948	-	948
	No of Beneficiary Hhds	4,545	-	4,545	7,007	-	7,007	11,552	-	11,552
Durahasa	Amount Disbursed	47,605,263	-	47,605,263	66,275,521	-	66,275,521	113,880,784	-	113,880,784
Purchase of Livestock	Average CIF Loan Size	9,788	-	9,788	8,975	-	8,975	18,763	-	18,763
	No of Beneficiary COs	58	-	58	67	-	67	125	-	125
	No of Beneficiary VOs	30	-	30	48	-	48	78	-	78
	No of Beneficiary Hhds	265	-	265	422	-	422	687	-	687
Purchase of	Amount Disbursed	3,017,400	-	3,017,400	3,353,700	-	3,353,700	6,371,100	-	6,371,100
Agricultural Inputs	Average CIF Loan Size	10,635	-	10,635	9,132	-	9,132	19,767	-	19,767
	No of Beneficiary COs	1,302	-	1,302	1,593	-	1,593	2,895	-	2,895
	No of Beneficiary VOs	465	-	465	719	-	719	1,184	-	1,184
	No of Beneficiary Hhds	5,303	-	5,303	8,970	-	8,970	14,273	-	14,273
	Amount Disbursed	55,832,600	-	55,832,600	84,208,078	-	84,208,078	140,040,678	-	140,040,678
Overall Total	Average CIF Loan Size	9,839	-	9,839	8,903	-	8,903	9,251	-	9,251

The CIF is therefore a programme which increases the confidence and empowerment of the poorest of rural women by providing them access to flexible micro loans. As of March, 2010, a total of Rs.245.68 millions Community Investment Funds had been disbursed among 26,600 women for various purposes, such as for Livestock, Agriculture and Enterprises.



The utilization of CIF in the two districts can be summarized as below:-

	Dist. Shika	irpur	Dist. Kandl	hkot	Total	
CIF Utilization Sector	No. of Beneficiaries	%age	No. of Beneficiaries	%age	Beneficiaries	%age
Enterprise (Small Shops, Cabins, Sewing & Embroidery Machines, Fruit & Vegetable Carts, Donkey Carts, Quinqui, Cloth Shop, Rickshaw, Fish Shops, Rilli & Cap Making)	2,816	17.91	995	9.14	3,811	14.33
Livestock (Fattening & Rearing)	12,225	77.77	9,389	86.29	21,614	81.26
Agriculture (Agri. inputs, Seeds, Fertilizers and Pesticides)	678	4.31	497	4.57	1,175	4.42
Total	15,719	100.00	10,881	100.00	26,600	100.00

The return of CIF disbursed had become effective from October 2009 and its recovery position as of March 2010 is as below:-

	Dist. Kandhkot		Dist. Sh	ikarpur	То	tal
		Amount	Amount			Amount
Month	Recovery Due	Recovered	Recovery Due	Recovered	Recovery Due	Recovered
Oct-09	-	58,000	644,100	340,700	644,100	398,700
Nov-09	-	29,000	338,800	2,026,650	338,800	2,055,650
Dec-09	-	596,000	6,833,900	5,560,579	6,833,900	6,156,579
Jan-10	-	380,000	1,677,200	1,624,656	1,677,200	2,004,656
Feb-10	-	380,500	674,900	1,825,876	674,900	2,206,376
Mar-10	1,350,500	960,500	1,408,200	2,380,840	2,758,700	3,341,340
Total	1,350,500	2,404,000	11,577,100	13,759,301	12,927,600	16,163,301

Vocational Training: In addition to the above mentioned two interventions i.e. income generating grants and CIF, households from 0-18 PSC Category are also offered a Rs. 17,500 scholarship for one of their children to enable him/her to get vocational training.

The scholarship is in kind and not in cash and this intervention allows the beneficiary family to have a decent bread earner in the family and thereby provide an opportunity for the entire family to move out of extreme poverty and enable them to have a substantial regular income.



As of March, 2010 a total of 7,664 participants in vocational training had been trained and new trades are also being introduced according to market demand.

	Vocational Training for 0 - 18 Households										
		As of Feb 2010	During March 2010	Cumulative Total							
	No of Female Beneficiaries Trained	1,506	138	1,644							
0-11 PSC	No of Male Beneficiaries Trained	1,952	159	2,111							
	Total No of Beneficiaries Trained	3,458	297	3,755							
	No of Female Beneficiaries Trained	1,704	81	1,785							
12-18 PSC	No of Male Beneficiaries Trained	2,172	185	2,357							
	Total No of Beneficiaries Trained	3,876	266	4,142							
Overall	No of Female Beneficiaries Trained	3,210	219	3,429							
Overall Total	No of Male Beneficiaries Trained	4,124	344	4,468							
·otar	Total No of Beneficiaries Trained	7,334	563	7,897							

The abovementioned participants have been trained in the following 31 trades:-

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#	Trade Name	Male Pax Trained	Female Pax Trained	Total Pax Trained
1	A/c Refrigeration	319	-	319
2	Applique Work	-	301	301
3	Arc Work	-	671	671
4	Auto Electrician	243	-	243
5	Auto Mechanic	182	-	182
6	Beautician	-	619	619
7	Building Electrician	352	-	352
8	Clew	36	-	36
9	CNG Kit Installation	99	-	99
10	Computer Hardware	489	-	489

11	Computer Software	519	-	519
12	Dress Designing	122	-	122
13	Driving	125	-	125
14	Generator Repairing	187	-	187
15	HH Appliances Electronic	32	-	32
16	Heavy Machinery	39	-	39
17	Machine Embriodery	-	702	702
18	Medeical Store Attendent	19	-	19
19	Mobile Repairing	459	-	459
20	Moter winding	201	-	201
21	Motorcycle Repairing	376	-	376
22	Operation Theater Attendant	10	-	10
23	Plumbing	109	-	109
24	Rilli Making	-	239	239
25	Tailoring	239	759	998
26	Topi Making	-	138	138
27	Tractor Repairing	4	-	4
28	TV Repairing	2	-	2
29	Typing Sindhi Urdu	73	-	73
30	UPS Repairing & Manufacturing	85	-	85
31	Welding	147	-	147
	Total	4,468	3,429	7,897

Tracer Studies on the Utilization of Vocational Trainings

In order to assess the utilization rate of the vocational trainings by the recipients, two Tracer Studies have so far been carried out. The first was an In-house study carried out by SRSO itself in October 2009 and the second was carried out by an external organization i.e. IBA Sukkur in February 2010. The salient findings of the two studies are summarized below:-

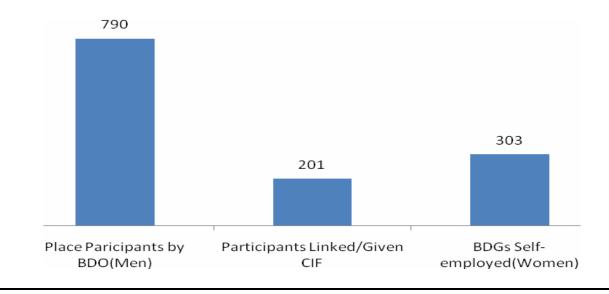
Tracer study (In House): October 2009

- Sample size 500 participants
- 47% participants are employed (Men 61 % & women 39 %)
- 98% have positive behavioral change
- Income increased up to 300%

Tracer study (IBA Sukkur): February 2010

- Sample size 444 participants 9% of total VTP graduates
- 68% participants are employed / self employed (Men 68% & women 32%)
- After graduation income has been generated by men Rs. 1,536/= & by women Rs. 2,800/= per month

Placement of Participants for Employment: As of March, 2010 a total of 790 participants had been placed in Shikarpur & Kandhkot-Kashmore districts, while 201 of these participants who had been vocationally trained women have been given CIF & IGG.



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 28 trained women made BDGs and organized this group of women works on marketable fabrics & crafts after having receiving vocational training. As of March, 2010, these groups have received commercial order for 800 shawls of embroidery and arc work from the market and organized group is currently working hard to deliver the finished product.

Community Physical Infrastructure: The project intends to provide 50% of the villages in its rural Union Councils with grants up to Rs.250,000 per Village Organization to complete missing infrastructure facilities such drinking water and sanitation. This intervention works in two ways. One, it provides guaranteed employment opportunity to the poor thereby offering a "guaranteed employment scheme through community physical infrastructures. It will also improve the prevailing situation in targeted villages. Since the community is being organized through social mobilization, implementation of these schemes will be community driven and no



contractor will be involved. In addition, as in other SRSO implemented CPIs, the entire post completion O&M costs will be borne by the community thus resulting in savings on capital as well as future O&M

costs. As of March, 2010 a total of 663 schemes had been initiated and 148 schemes had been completed.

Employment Creation through CPIs:

Under the guaranteed employment scheme, the villagers implementing the schemes have benefitted as mentioned below:-

Type of Labour	Man-days Labour	Amount earned	Average Amount Earned
	Provided		per Man-day
Skilled Labour	3,552	Rs.1,420,800	Rs.400.00
Unskilled Labour	9,156	Rs.1,831,200	Rs. 200.00

Low Cost Houses: Shelter support is being provided in terms of Low Cost Houses to the extremely

poorest households who require shelter, by providing required technical and material support upto Rs.60,000/- to 5,000 rural households (15%) that are in the 0-11 category i.e. 2,500 households in each District.

The low cost houses are being constructed by the villagers themselves and comprise of the following:-

- a) Two room size 14' x 18'
- b) One covered verandah size 20' X 8'
- c) One small kitchen
- d) One small toilet and
- e) One small bathroom.



As of March, 2010 construction on a total of 2,064 Low Cost Houses costing 123,840,000 have been initiated and 240 of them have been completed with the beneficiary household now residing in these newly constructed houses.

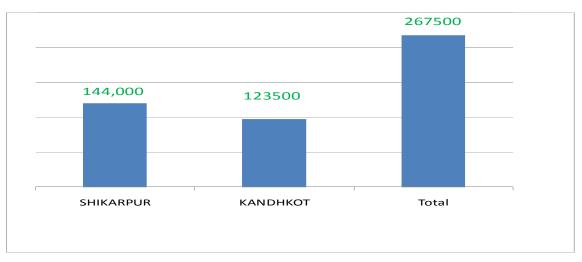
Micro Health Insurance: The Micro health insurance This package allows all family members irrespective

of age to get hospitalization, accident and disability insurance for up to 25,000 each for day care, diagnostic services, and hospitalization (for more than 24 hours' stay) and obstetric care is being provided to 56,541 households that are in the 0-18 poverty band as a social safety net in order to pre-empt health accidents which result in reversal of the above mentioned poverty alleviation efforts because households people fall into vulnerability and poverty when one of their family members is hospitalized. 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.

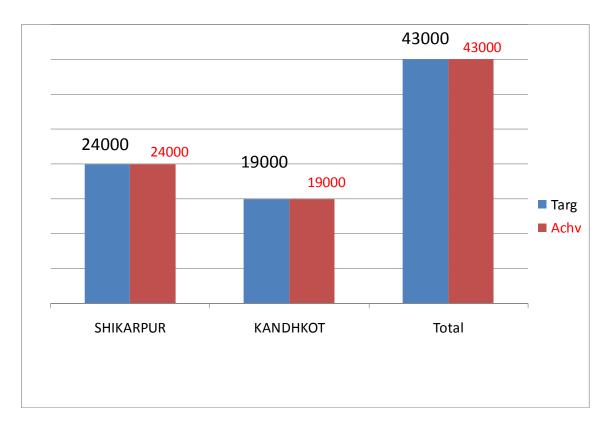


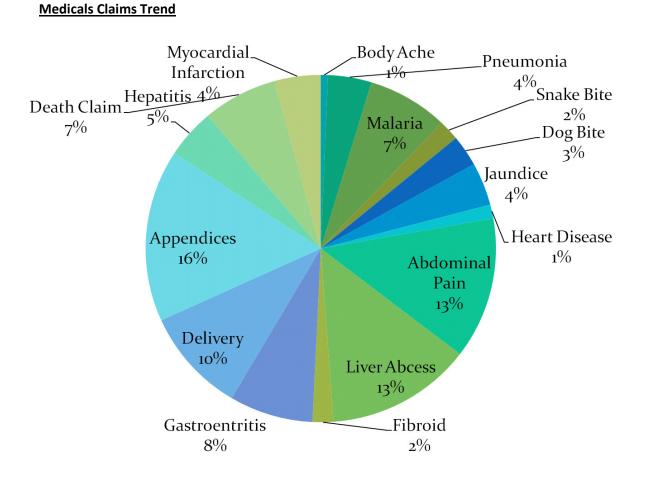
As of March, 2010 a total of 43,000 households had been insured through Adamjee Insurance in both districts.

No of Insurance Beneficiaries



Insurance Policies Issued





Under Treatment Patients



The Case of Zarina – On the Shrine

Zareena a 16 year old girl, married but left by her husband and living with her parents at Karampur, Kandhkkot was insured under Micro Health Insurance Scheme under the Project. She was admitted in Hira Medical Centre, Sukkur in February 2010 for being treated for TB and Meningitis but was discharged in two days by the hospital on the grounds that her ailment limit of Rs. 25,000 had been consumed. The Project on coming to know about this immediately investigated and the following facts came out.

"Hira Medical Centre records, diagnosis, prescriptions showed that Zareena was

admitted in the hospital from 8th to 11th February 20 and was treated for TBM. She was discharged with medicines and follow-up instructions. She got re-admitted on 15th March 2010 and was discharged on 16th March 2010 with medicines and follow-up instructions again. The total bill till for hear treatment then amounted to about 18,000."

The Project searched for her family to further investigate the case and came to know that Zareena's parents had taken her in an unconscious condition to a shrine where she was traced by SRSO on the evening of 22nd March, 2010. An ambulance was arranged by SRSO and was brought back to Hira hospital where a neurologist and a neurosurgeon examined her and after a CT scan confirmed that she has two abscesses at the parietal and frontal region of brain which are life threatening. Her family gave permission to operate to save her life at 0100 hours on 23rd March 2010 the cost for which was indicated as being about Rs. 100,000.

The SRSO management gave the go ahead to the hospital and she was operated immediately. The operation proved to be successful and she was observed taking tea with biscuit at 2 pm on 23rd. On recovery she has been discharged and is now having free DOT treatment for her TB.

This case illustrates the fact that the Destitute and Chronically poor of the areas who have been insured under the Micro Health Insurance programme now have the strength to take themselves and their loved ones out of the hardships of serious illness without any fear of the costs involved.

Traditional Birth Attendant (TBA): TBA is another initiative of UCBPRP, 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 4,200 Traditional Birth Attendants are to be trained.

The 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 and as of As of March, 2010 a total of 1,798 women had been trained in preventing post-partum sepsis by applying "three clean" during delivery and following placenta management procedures in their villages.

Training of Traditional Birth Attendants										
District As of Feb 2010 During March 2010 Cumulative Tota										
Shikarpur	931	176	1,107							
Kandhkot-Kashmore	566	5 125	691							
Total	1,497	301	1,798							

Productivity Enhancement Training: In September UCBPRP started a Research and Development program under the Project in order to effectively and efficiently reach out to women and the poorest





segments of rural community, which increases the confidence and empower the poorest of rural women by providing them technical support and skill development.

The R&D focuses mainly upon Agriculture and Livestock. Water use efficiencies are quite low in the irrigation systems that are applied in the two Districts. The concept of "More Crop per Drop" is being used as a guiding beacon through use of Drip Water Management for better irrigation to enhance the productivity in Agriculture sector for the poor communities.

Since majority of the rural women are involved in both Agriculture and Livestock rearing activities, in order to efficiently and effectively increase their production capacity and to build the skills in the Project has planned to train 1,300 VO members in "Productivity Enhancement especially in Agriculture sector" through 10 days extensive trainings in modern farm management techniques, use of tunnels for growing off-season crops, etc.

As of March, a total of 244 VO members have been trained in Agriculture & Livestock sector and 800 Family Nutrition Kits (FNK) had also been installed at household level.

Education: In District Shikarpur and Kandhkot-Kashmore, 130 non-functional schools in selected UCs are being made functional. In villages where there are no primary schools for girls 100 second shift girls' primary schools are being set up in existing boy's primary school buildings besides setting up 100 centres for imparting early childhood education in existing school buildings or space provided by the community

The Project has carried out an extensive survey in the rural Union Councils to assess the state of enrolment in public and private primary schools while focussing specifically upon those children who are out of school, verification of SEMIS data and address the issues in the closed public primary schools to allow improvement in enrolment especially of the girl child and out of school children; and to ensure a decrease in dropouts besides enhancing the teaching capacity of the teachers for delivery of modern quality education.

The issues being addressed by the Project include improvements in building; adding missing facilities; rationalization availability of school; adding local (preferably female) teachers; upgrading teachers capacity and strengthening the stakes of the parents through setting up functional and empowered school management committees, including their capacity building.



As of March, 2010, 17 Girls Primary Schools and 32 Boys

Primary Schools non functional schools have been functionalized in which 1,399 boys and 1,773 girls are enrolled.

8 second shift girls schools with an enrollment of 269 girls have also been established besides the setting up of 5 Early Childhood Centers.

FIELD VISIT OF BOD & DELEGATES

Date: March 19-21, 2010

Three days field visit was hosted by the UCBPRP team, a high level delegation and members of the Board visited to monitor and peer review the actual progress of the project, UCBPRP. BOD Members had the opportunity to assess the implementation of the UCBPRP project and to meet with the whole SRSO core team and discussed the overall priority issues relating to the achievement of specified targets for improving the project achievements. On first day a meeting was held at Project Implementation Unit Sukkur with all UCBPRP Team members and detailed presentation was given to Board members.

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 Project Coordinator UCBPRP GoS
- Nazar Memon
 Member BoD SRSO
 - Dr Abid Suleri CEO SDPI
- Dr. Sono Khangharani
 - Dr. Ghulam Rasool TL UCBPRP



Field Visits:

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Date:	March 20, 2010
Venue:	Madd Khoso U/C Mungrani District Shikarpur

CEO - SRSO

The BoD delegation visited Madd Khoso to meet with the all VO & CO women members to discuss the overall interventions of SRSO which are being executed. The members met with female CO members and asked the questions about the decisions which are being taken by the Village Organization members and to know either they were according to designed SOPs or not. Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan, Chairman SRSO BoD while discussing with the community observed that he believe in members and the support



and assistance of the Project he hoped that they will get rid of the poverty. Dr. S.M. Nasim (who had come with Chairman from Islamabad) urged them to sign their names instead of placing thumb impressions and the female members assured that within next nine months, they would achieve this objective. On their own, they had already planned literacy classes for the members and these would start soon.

Venue: Village Momin Jhulan U/C Zarkhail District Shikarpur

The visitors conducted a meeting with all the VO members and discussed the social mobilization process. They also met with members who had already got CIF, IGG and VTP. After discussion with VO Jhulan members they visited the Early Childhood Education Centre and Primary School which was nearby. They met with the children who were being taught there by the appointed lady teachers. The School was highly decorated with charts, posters and toys.

To venerate World Women Day [8th March] an event was

organized in the evening of 20 March at Shikarpur. The organizers welcomed the guests Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan, Mr. Rashid Bajwa, Mr. Mohammad Nazar Memon, and Mr. Roomi and invited Member BoD SRSO, CEO NRSP Mr. Rashid Bajwa to address the participants. Mr. Bajwa thanked organizers for giving him a chance to speak and said that women's role in development and for development was very vital; In RSP's experience it had been observed that working with women was prolific because they did not misuse resources that is intentionally accepted phenomena, what they were assigned to do. He said that he visited two (2) Village Organizations VOs today and observed significant change.

Thereafter, he shared specific achievements of the UCBPRP towards eradication of poverty, quoted an example that how five women from different communities, villages, talukas & districts got benefit from program and got rid from vicious circle of poverty and became self sufficient.

The Chairman SRSO, Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan speaking on the occasion appreciated the tableau performance and said that it sounded good and created an impressive phenomenon which was encouraging for all. It was his dream to work with women; by working with them they had actually translated that dream into a reality. No any country had ever made

development without contribution of women and 50% of the population in Pakistan were women, men were feeble minded and they assumed that they could develop without harnessing the potential of women.

Visit of Mr. Tasneem Siddiqi Member of BoD (SRSO)

Mr Tasneem Siddiqi visited two Village Organizations; VO Kamal Khan Bhanghwar and VO Allah Ditto Solangi, District Kandhkot. He saw the Low Cost Housing Scheme and as well met with the VO members who had been given CIF; he asked questions from beneficiaries' regarding the usage of Community Investment Fund. During meeting he did focus on the recovery of the CIF. He appreciated the construction of Low Cost Houses.







In the Village Allah Ditto Solangi; he met with members and inquired about the overall interventions like LCHS, CIF, IGG, VTP etc. In last he did visit the Lead Supply Water Scheme after visit he appreciated the decisions of UCBPRP.

Visit of Kaiser Bengali, Advisor to Chief Minister Sindh for Planning & Development

Date: March 20, 2010

Venue: VO Bhirkan, VO Bakht Jagirani & VTEC Center Dakhan of District Shikarpur

Members

- Kaiser Bengali
 Advisor CM for P&D
- Dr. Shereen Narejo
 Project Coordinator SGRRP
- Dr. Sono Khangharani CEO SRSO
- Mr. Ghias M. Khan
 Coordinator Sindh RSP Consortium
- Abdul Samad Phulpoto District Manager Shikarpur

Dr. Sono Khangharani (CEO-SRSO) described the overall progress of UCBPRP and it was decided to visit the District Shikarpur, according to plan all members visited the VO Bhirkan where they met with all VO members to verify the overall interventions, which were being intervened by SRSO. After that they visited VO Bakht Jagerani where they saw the under construction Low Cost Houses. Besides this Dr. Bengali enquired from the VO members regarding the process and decision making for executing the activities. The delegation also asked about the usage of Community Investment Fund



and Income Generating Grants. The delegation also visited the Vocational Training Centre, Dakhan, where the District Manger described the details of the trainings being imparted to the participants and their impacts. He also informed that after the completion of the training the Project also focused upon the placement and setting up of Business Groups to establish the sales and providing business development services for assisting in marketing of finished products.

Meeting and field visit with Gul Mohammad Jakhrani, MNA Date: March 02, 2010

SRSO Staff:

Dr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo(Team Leader , UCBPRP)Mr Zulfiqar Ali Narejo(DM Kashmore- KandhKot)Mr. Abdul Manan Chachar (Unit incharge SMUKashmore)

A field visit and meeting was arranged with Mr. Gul Mohammad Jakhrani (MNA), wherein a detailed presentation was given by Team Leader regarding the all activities being carried by UCBPRP. Mr. Gul Mohammad Jakhrani, MNA show some interest to see and visit the interventions of SRSO, like; CPI, CIF etc. During visit Mr Gul Mohammad Jakhrani (MNA) inaugurated the water supply scheme and Low Cost hosing scheme in VO Allah Ditto Solangi, District Kandhkot.





After that all delegation met with the beneficiaries who had benefited by Community Investment Fund and some cheques of CIF were distributed among the VO members by MNA.

Subject Review meeting of UCBPRP (Shikarpur and Kashmore-Kandhkot) held on 31-03-2010 in the Committee Room, Planning & Development Department, Government of Sindh, Karachi

Participants from Government of Sindh (GoS)

Dr. Kaiser Bengali	Advisor (CM- Sindh)
Ms. Naheed Shah	Additional Secretary (Finance)
Mr. Aurangzeb Haq	Additional Chief Secretary (Development)
Dr. Noor-ul-Haq	Chief Economist- GoS
Dr Shereen Narejo	Project Coordinator, SGRRP
Mr. Jamal Shoro	Director, SGRRP

Participants from UCBPRP

Dr Sono Khangharani	CEO-SRSO
Ghias Muhammad Khan	Coordinator Sindh RSPs Consortium
Dr Ghulam Rasool	Team Leader-UCBPRP
Mr Khurrum Shahzad	Education Component
Mr Adnan Mubarak	Training Component
Mr Nazar Joyo	Education Component
Mr Abdul Samad Phulpoto	DM Shikarpur UCBPRP
Mr Zulfiqar Narejo	DM Kashmore UCBPRP
Mr. Shahid Ahmed Lakho	CIF Professional
Mr Chetan Seebra	AO Finance
Ms Benazir Baloch	M & E professional UCBPRP
Ms Bushra Sheikh	MIS UCBPRP PIU

The Performance Review Meeting of the UCBPRP was held in the Committee Room of Planning & Development Department, Government of Sindh, Karachi, on 31st March, 2010 at 3:00pm. The agenda was to review program targets as envisaged in the PC-I, and discuss various issues faced during the execution of activities by the UCBPRP Team in, Districts Shikarpur and Kashmore - Kandhkot.

A detailed presentation was given about the UCBPRP's program activities and achievements at the successful journey of 13 month out of 30 months outlined programme period by CEO (Sindh Rural Support Organization, Dr. Sono Khangharani. Ms. Naheed Shah emphasized on the intervention of Productivity Enhancement Trainings and showed observation that there is a severe need to focus on kitchen gardening, milk chilling plants & local products in concerned areas. It was also urged to develop a link between Government line Departments and UCBPRP interventions. Project Progress was highly appreciated and encouraged.

Meeting With Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani (Fedral Minister of Industries & Production)

SRSO staff

Mr Zulfigar Ali Narejo Shafique ur Rehaman Jamro CIF Professional Abul Rauf Gholo

District Manager Kandhkot Admin: and Finance Assistant

A detailed presentation was given regarding activities being made towards achieving the Project targets and objectives by the District Manager. He also gave details of how the problems were being solved by team which occurred from time to time. Different lists of activities were shared with



Mr. Mir Hazar Khan who was informed that all the households were being identified and targeted on the basis of the Poverty Score Card, as it was main source for identifying the poverty bands. Finally Mir Hazar Khan said it looked very easy to eradicate the poor in rural areas if one worked on the grass root level.

Events:

Closing & Distribution of Certificate Ceremony for Graduate Participants at GPI-Women Sukkur Dated: March 21, 2010

SRSO Training Component organized "Closing Ceremony-Batch VI" was scheduled on March 21 at Government Polytechnical Institute for Women at Sukkur and was chaired by MPA Ms. Mahreen Bhutto.

More than 50 females displayed their handmade embroidery products which they had made during the vocational training. The prime objective of the closing ceremony was to distribute the certificates among trained participants and to propagate the vocational skills learnt during the one month training through display corners.

The second objective was to create market linkages between the

trained participants who had been trained. Ms. Mahreen Bhutto visited the display corner where she asked various question relating to the garments made by the trainees during the training. She enquired about the ways and means for creating a market for these products. She was informed that separate female Business Development Officers (BDO) had been appointed to create the link between the market and readymade products of the skilled trainees. A corner of the Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Project (UCBPRP) had also been set up where the literature comprising monthly and quarterly reports were placed for the knowledge and information of visitors. The chief guest praised and highlighted the work of UCBPRP presented in this corner.





After distribution of certificates and medals among gradates participant, Ms. Mahreen Bhutto expressing her views and praised the collective efforts taken by SRSO in the field of vocational training.

Women's Day Celebrations Date: March 8th, 2010 Activities

Attained Women's Workshop Women's Day Celebration Visit to Mohtarma Shaheed Benazeer Bhutto – Tomb (the last resting place)

A one day workshop about women empowerment in Rural Sindh was organized in Village Madeji by IRM and SRSO. In this workshop which was attended by 172 women from rural communities. The literate and illiterate, working and house wives were there together. The theme of the workshop was to discuss the women's self awareness, confidence and measured success through poverty reduction program by Sindh Rural Support Organization.



Speeches were made on the occasion by District Manger, Abdul Samad Phulpoto. Ms. Rukhsana Marfani, President Pakistan Peoples Party Garhi Yaseen wing, Ms. Rukhsana Riaz Ali and other SRSO-HO and PIU staff and gave an orientation of the UCBPRP- program. The participants were informed that the sales and marketing channels being developed will be beneficial for the rural women who possessed expertise in the making of cultural products like rilly, ajrak and topi as this will bring about a big change in our society as involvement germination of the women can make equal part for the development of the country.

Flower Show in Kandhkot

A flower show was arranged in Kandhkot by the District Government and the Sindh Rural Support Organization on 17th March, 2010. All NGOs, Government Departments participated in the show. The

Executive District Officer Revenue; Munawar Hussain Mahesar, Kandhkot was the Chief Organizer of the Flower Show. UCBPRP's Team displayed lot of Sindhi and Cultural Products like Reli, Ajrak, Sindhi Topi, which were are being made by the Trained Participants. The purpose of the Flower Show was to display the cultural products at local level and combine the women to show the women empowerment.

The2nd Day of Flower Show was arranged just for women hence lot of females participated and visited show because it was decided that UCBPRP team would invite the all VO members in the Flower Show.



Training

A six member team of UCBPRP-SRSO Sukkur attended an orientation training of UCPRP arranged by RSPN-Islamabad from 29-31 March, 2010

The training was about elaborating the situation of poverty and its affects. After that, PSC was discussed with poverty bands, presentation of UCBPRP Shikarpur & K-K-Kot and Third party process review by SDPI report was also shared. f household. The session on Social Mobilization and its preliminary steps and specific objectives focused on the role and activities of the Community Book Keepers.



Financial Progress:

The following is the financial progress report of UCBPRP as of March, 2010:-

	-	09 to June-09)			For The Year of	f (Jul-09 to Ma	arch-10)		Commu	ative Summary	,
Name of Accounts	Budget Feb - June 2009	Exp as of Feb to June-2009	%age	Budget July- 09 - June -10	Expenditure as of February 2009	Mar-10	Expenditure from (July- 09 to March 2010)	%age	Total Budget (Feb-09 to June-10)	Total Progressive Exp as of March 2010	%age
Salaries and Allowances											
Salaries PIU + SMU	16,766,166	5,221,751	31.14	38,726,791	19,136,193	2,718,409	21,854,602	56.43	55,492,957	27,076,353	48.79
PIU Travel Cost	4,092,000	208,877	5.10	8,388,600	175,597	164,293	339,890	4.05	12,480,600	548,767	4.40
PIU Staff Training	4,350,000	485,293	11.16	-	218,821		218,821		4,350,000	704,114	16.19
Total (Salaries)	25,208,166	5,915,921	23.47	47,115,391	19,530,611	2,882,702	22,413,313	47.57	72,323,557	28,329,234	39.17
Recurring Cost											
PIU + SMU	21,271,050	3,658,800	17.20	45,468,503	22,389,320	2,303,224	24,692,544	54.31	66,739,553	28,351,344	42.48
Total (Recurring Cost	21,271,050	3,658,800	17.20	45,468,503	22,389,320	2,303,224	24,692,544	54.31	66,739,553	28,351,344	42.48
Total (Salaries + Operational)	46,479,216	9,574,721	20.60	92,583,894	41,919,931	5,185,926	47,105,857	50.88	139,063,110	56,680,578	40.76
Capital Items (PIU)											
PIU + SMU	69,925,000	46,686,068	66.77	-	1,568,761	149,065	1,717,826		69,925,000	48,403,894	69.22
Total (Capital Cost)	69,925,000	46,686,068	66.77	-	1,568,761	149,065	1,717,826		69,925,000	48,403,894	69.22
Total (Social Mobilization Cost)	116,404,216	56,260,789	48.33	92,583,894	43,488,692	5,334,991	48,823,683	52.73	208,988,110	105,084,472	50.28
Programme		-				-					
Poverty Score Card Survey	13,050,000	10,291,516	78.86	-	1,104,386	-	1,104,386		13,050,000	11,395,902	87.32
Income Generating Grants	19,200,000	6,729,900	35.05	66,900,000	14,690,000		14,690,000	21.96	86,100,000	21,419,900	24.88
Community Investment Fund											
Band-0-11	53,556,500	26,760,448	49.97	282,510,000	78,884,274	-	78,884,274	27.92	336,066,500	105,644,722	31.44
Band-12-18	70,993,500	35,473,152	49.97	374,490,000	104,567,526		104,567,526	27.92	445,483,500	140,040,678	31.44
Vocational Training											

Band-0-11	15,347,500	15,478,750	100.86	96,241,250	45,202,500	8,417,500	53,620,000	55.71	111,588,750	69,098,750	61.92
Band-12-18	15,347,500	15,478,750	100.86	96,241,250	45,202,500	8,417,500	53,620,000	55.71	111,588,750	69,098,750	61.92
Community Physical Infrastructure	10,000,000	4,720,000	47.20	345,000,000	39,627,210	-	39,627,210	11.49	355,000,000	44,347,210	12.49
Village Improve Schemes	-	-		63,000,000	19,142,800	-	19,142,800	30.39	63,000,000	19,142,800	30.39
Low Cost Housing Schemes	-	-		240,000,000	24,235,000	-	24,235,000	10.10	240,000,000	24,235,000	10.10
Education	-	-		204,000,000	40,000,000	-	40,000,000	19.61	204,000,000	40,000,000	19.61
Productivity Enhace (Inter)	-	-		10,000,000	777,202	184,660	961,862	9.62	10,000,000	961,862	9.62
Health Insurance	-	-		28,270,500	23,650,000	-	23,650,000	83.66	28,270,500	23,650,000	83.66
Capacity Building of CO Members	-	-		32,506,560	9,712,800	2,941,200	12,654,000	38.93	32,506,560	12,654,000	38.93
VO Capacity Building (IRM)	2,135,710	1,971,250	92.30	52,421,733	22,428,850	11,592,485	34,021,335	64.90	54,557,443	35,992,585	65.97
Capacity Building of Village TBAs	-	-		42,000,000	20,205,000	6,765,000	26,970,000	64.21	42,000,000	26,970,000	64.21
Productivity Enhancement	-	-		10,350,000	3,660,000	120,000	3,780,000	36.52	10,350,000	3,780,000	36.52
Grand Total (Programme Costs)	199,630,710	116,903,766	58.56	1,943,931,293	493,090,048	38,438,345	531,528,393	27.34	2,143,562,003	648,432,159	30.25
Grand Total	316,034,926	173,164,555	54.79	2,036,515,187	536,578,740	43,773,336	580,352,076	28.50	2,352,550,113	753,516,631	32.03
5% Spevision and Mgt Charges	15,801,746	23,376,130	147.93	101,825,759	12,096,564	2,203,138	14,299,702	14.04	117,627,506	37,675,832	32.03
Overall Total	331,836,672	196,540,685	59.23	2,138,340,946	548,675,304	45,976,474	594,651,778	27.81	2,470,177,618	791,192,463	32.03
Funds Relased - Ist Tranche	490,899,000										
Funds Relased - 2nd Tranche	300,000,000										
Total Funds Released as of 31 March 2010	790,899,000										
Expenditure as of 31 March 2010	791,192,463										
Balance Funds Available	(293,463)										

Annex:2

Work Plan for the Next Qtr (April to June 2010 – Shikarpur and Kashmore)

s. No	Activities	Plan (April - June)	April	May	June
1	HHs Organized	19,757	6,586	6,586	6,585
2	CO Formation	2,801	934	934	933
3	VO Formation	1,273	424	424	424
4	IGG	1,875	625	625	625
5	CIF (0 to 11)	244	81	81	82
6	CIF (12 to 18)	6,602	2,201	2,201	2,200
7	VTP (0 to 11)	2,649	883	883	883
8	VTP (12 to 18)	2,736	912	912	912
9	DWSS	757	252	252	253
10	VIS	28	9	9	10
11	LCHS	3,944	1,315	1,315	1,314
12	Schools	283	94	94	95
13	2nd Shift School	200	67	67	66
14	R & D	2	1	1	-
15	МНІ	13,541	4,514	4,514	4,513
16	ТВА	1,303	434	434	435
17	CO Mgt & BK	16,328	5,443	5,443	5,442
18	CO CIF Need Identification & RK	8,167	2,722	2,722	2,723
19	VO Mgt & Planning	1,830	610	610	610
20	VO Book Keeping	3,902	1,301	1,301	1,300
21	VO CIF	3,856	1,285	1,285	1,286
22	Activist Workshops	36,612	12,204	12,204	12,204
23	Exposure Visits	-	-	-	-
24	PET	791	264	264	263

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

SINDH RURAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATION (SRSO)

Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme

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