



EUCBPRP- MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT MONTH OF AUGUST 2017



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Abbreviations

- SRSO Sindh Rural Support Organization
- GoS Government of Sindh
- PSC Poverty Scorecard
- HH Household
- E-UCBPRP Expansion Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme
- CEO Chief Executive Officer
- TL Team Leader
- MIS Management Information System
- GRM General Regional Manager
- GIS Geographical Information System
- RSP Rural Support Programme
- CO Community Organization
- VO Village Organization
- LSO Local Support Organization
- CFO Chief Financial Officer
- DFO District Finance Officer
- F&A Finance and Admin
- PMU Programme Monitoring Unit
- MER Monitoring Evaluation and Research
- RSPN Rural Support Network
- SMT Social Mobilisation Team
- DM District Manager
- TC Training Coordinator
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Executive Summary

Sindh Rural Support Organization is undertaking to stamp out the poverty from unprivileged impoverished meager rural households at household level with the financial assistance of Government of Sindh with expansion phase of UCBPRP (Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme). The Programmes that have been initiated in past where the creeping their success to a step of improving the living standard of poor families from one poverty band to another through interventions: CIF, IGG, TVST, One room Shelter, women empowerment and community institutions' platform at the community level. This was only done with the proper Poverty survey to identify the targeted beneficiaries and poverty band among the community to identify the real poor to poorest, as poverty is a global issue and Poverty is a multifaceted phenomenon manifesting itself in a vicious circle; low saving and investment results in low income, poor education, lack of health facilities, unequal distribution of wealth and poor infrastructure.

The main goal of SRSO is the harnessing people potential for human development, to increase human capabilities and the level of choices at the household level. In last 13 years, due to too many upstairs poverty eradication programmes: UCBPRP Union Council Poverty Reduction Programme in (3 Districts: Shikarpur, Jacobabad and Kandhkot@Kashmore) has resulted in a benign and better environment in which humans (especially women) have got sovereignty and respect.

This is the Monthly Progress Report (MPR) of the Expansion Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme (**E-UCBPRP**) funded by GoS. As the project activities has been commenced from 1st June 2017 so the baseline Poverty scorecard survey in 6 projected districts (Khairpur, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Umer Kot, Badin, Thatta) with due time in efficient and effective manner with proper planning and management has been in process of quality of data collection as per SoPs.

It presents the progress and achievements of the EUCBPRP PSC Survey of rural Union Councils coverage of household and population in all areas of 06 selected districts for the collection of accurate household data while using the android base Poverty score card form. It is worth mentioning to indicate that prior to this survey, SRSO had Sindh wide scale of their presence, experiences of working with the communities, and a proven record of their accomplishments of poverty reduction steps administering the poverty scorecard survey including the PSC of UCBPRP Phase 2009 through the manual way.

In EUCBPRP, the PSC survey is carried on through computer-assisted personal interviews (CAPI) directly at the household level using the Android Tablets system for real-time reporting. SRSO organized formal orientation training for newly hired enumerators in different phases, prior to the starting of data collection at household level in the field using the computer-assisted personal interviews (CAPI) method.

Before Initiating the PSC survey, the training was conducted at every district and training was comprised of two days i.e. day-1 was for indoor sessions covering the various Enumerators Guideline, tools and methods of CAPI and 2nd day was spared for field demo in order to check the understanding of trained enumerators on methods of data collection. During the reporting

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period, a total of **444,713** Households are surveyed with the support of **30** PSC teams including **484** enumerators, **30** supervisors, **30** Forward campaigners and 06 Field Monitoring Officer in 06 Programme districts.

The key achievements of this Poverty Scorecard Survey of E-UCBPRP Programme are summarized below.

1. Poverty Scorecard Survey has been completed in all 06 Districts by leveraging the existing setup and organizational capacity of the SRSO, community outreach, geographical coverage, a network of community activists and massive public ownership through the involvement of the large majority of local notables, social workers and political leaders of all parties/groups.
2. Immediately after signing the contract, inception report explaining the operational methodology and logistic arrangements was prepared and submitted to P&D, PMU, and UCBPRP Director.
3. SRSO established a Head Office team, and every district a 4 to 5 Enumerators teams under one supervisor on a group of 15 enumerators 'field monitoring officer, forward campaigner and a PSC coordinator. Head office MER, Procurement and Administration made necessary operational arrangements at all levels.
4. A total of **484** staff comprising **85 (18%)** men and 399 (**82%**) women were trained against the plan of training in 2-day standard training followed by refresher courses and continuous on-job training. About 18% of the trained staff either did not qualify the post training assessments and/or refused to work with the survey teams and left immediately after the training.
5. A total of 484 field staff was recruited comprising 85 men and 399 women against the plan of 500 Of these supervisor Staff were M.A. /MSc, mostly were B.A. /B.Sc.were intermediate and 20% were SSC passed candidates.
6. The Enumerators were through a proper hiring system according to SoPs of Organization and HR rules and after recruitment of field teams a detailed 2 days training were arranged at concern district offices including one demo day in the field to train them properly on android based data collection system.
7. A detailed enumeration and route plan was developed before launching their teams in the field, the plan was developed with new UC and RV wise delimited setup by GoS.
8. Prior to the start of actual household data collection for the PSC Survey, a massive local public information campaign was launched in all districts that were supplemented and complemented by the Social Media through TV and Newspapers announcements. The local public information campaign included the announcements in the local mosques, village/mohalla meetings, preparation of survey area maps and involvement of local notables, community activists and political leaders.
9. SRSO Head Office Officials especially Monitoring Evaluation and Research unit done extensive field monitoring visit during PSC and rectify many things which have a positive impact on quality of data collection and coverage of HHS surveyed.

10. There were different Progress review meetings were held and Government PMU officials paid a visit to ongoing and post monitoring of PSC areas.

Preliminary:

The Sindh Rural Support Organization has paved all their resources with different assistances but mainly from Government of Sindh to alleviate the poverty as per their mandate was given by GoS by endorsing three tiers social Mobilisation participatory approach at the household level. Furthermore, the UCBPRP Programme has proved as a milestone in the community driven development in rural areas. Due to the reflection of success and development the GoS again entered into an agreement for the expansion phase of UCBPRP in further 6 districts of Sindh to harness people potentially to improve their lives to sustain their lives in a better way.

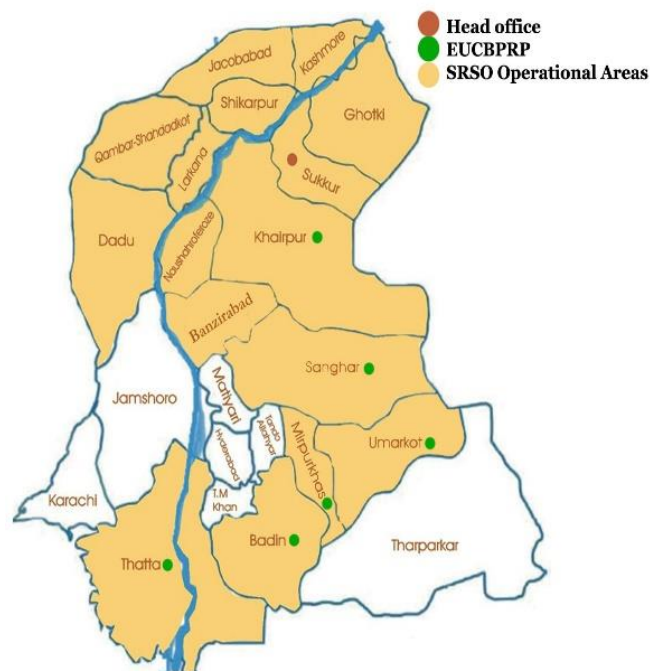
The prime Bourne of this UCBPRP initiative is ‘to advance the excellence of life of communities breathing in rural areas that dearth basic facilities’. The specific objective is to build the capacity of the population living below the poverty line through social mobilization in the rural areas to empower the locals, both socially and economically. UCBPRP was designed to reduce rural poverty using the RSPs conceptual package of social mobilization supplemented by programmatic interventions based upon a holistic approach. In addition to poverty reduction, the project was also aimed at helping the poor women improve their social indicators relating to health, environment and education. The Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme (UCBPRP) undertakings at humanizing the excellence of life of the unprivileged fully stepped into a vicious circle of poverty rural communities especially the poorest of the poor, through the conceptual package of social mobilization.

E-UCBPRP

This is an expansion of the Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Program (UCBPRP) launched by the Government of Sindh in four districts. UCBPRP is the hallmark of the performance of Sindh Government in terms of service delivery to the poorest rural population through Social Mobilization and Income Generation. The Program aims at achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Social Sector Improvement by ameliorating multiple indicators in Sindh which are ultimate results of this Program.

Specific Objectives of E-UCBPRP

The specific objective is to build up the capacity of the deprived population, living in the rural areas through social mobilization to empower the local communities both socially and economically enabling them to improve their



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livelihoods and increase their incomes through Income Generating Grants and Community Investment Funds (CIF) i.e. interest-free loans.

The Project builds on the demonstrated successful indigenous three-tiered social mobilization approach developed by the RSPs in Pakistan and specially SRSO in Sindh based on community driven development.

Main features of the UCBPRP:

Baseline Poverty Scorecard Survey:

SRSO has a philosophy that before launching any programme at community level they do a baseline survey to identify its target group. The PSC is a tool for measuring levels of household poverty, which originally was developed by the Grameen Foundation USA and by Dr. Mark Schreiner, a Senior Scholar at the Centre for Social Development at the Washington University in St. Louis, America. The scorecard is comprised of two sets of indicators. One indicator reflects poverty risk, by measuring education level, residence and household size, while the other reflects the change in household poverty, by measuring household assets, transport assets, meat consumption, and sweet consumption. By using non-economic indicators.

SRSO is currently using World Bank poverty targeting tool to grab the poverty across the world which was developed by Mark Schreiner a social scientist. He developed the 13 questionnaire scorecard form to address many of the problems inherent in measuring poverty, such as cost, time and accuracy. PSC is to be used as a census survey, (visiting all households) and situation analysis of the target area to identify those poor households which are ordinarily excluded from social welfare initiatives, in order to provide them the products and services.

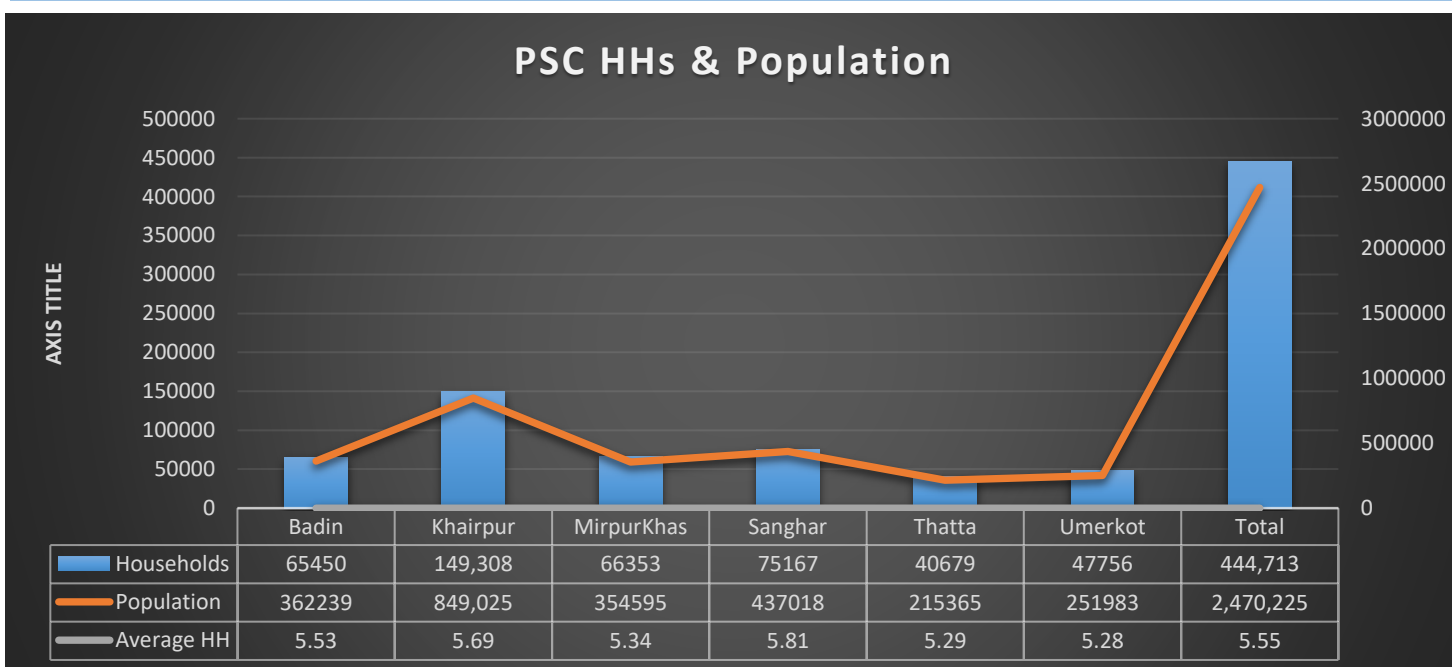
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1	0-11	Extremely Poor/Ultra Poor
2	12-18	Chronically Poor
3	19-23	Transitory Poor
4	24-34	Transitory Vulnerable
5	35-50	Transitory Non-Poor
6	51-100	Non-Poor

• **Targeting of the Poorest:** The fundamental basis of the UCBPRP is to alleviate poverty. Therefore, the success of the project lies in its ability to target and include the poorest into the Main fray. To this end, SRSO has used the Poverty Scorecard (PSC), developed by the World Bank and adopted by Planning Commission of Pakistan. The PSC uses 13 easily verifiable Questions to evaluate the poverty levels of a household. PSC has the ability to categorize Entire union councils and districts into different poverty bands [Bands are: 0-11 extremely Poor / Destitute, 12-18 Chronically Poor, 19-23 Transitory Poor, 24-100 Non-Poor] making it Easier to distinguish products for each band. In the UCBPRP, the PSC has been used to identify those poor households which are ordinarily excluded from social welfare initiatives. The purpose of the PSC is to further extend programme intervention of the programme through which:

- **Identification of the Poor:** One of the first activities in the E-UCBPRP, the PSC Survey Identified and categorized a total of **444,713** households in 6 districts till 31st August 2017. These surveys HHs fall into the three lowest bands Of the poor (0-11 Extremely Poor / Destitute, 12-18 Chronically Poor, 19-23 Transitory Poor).

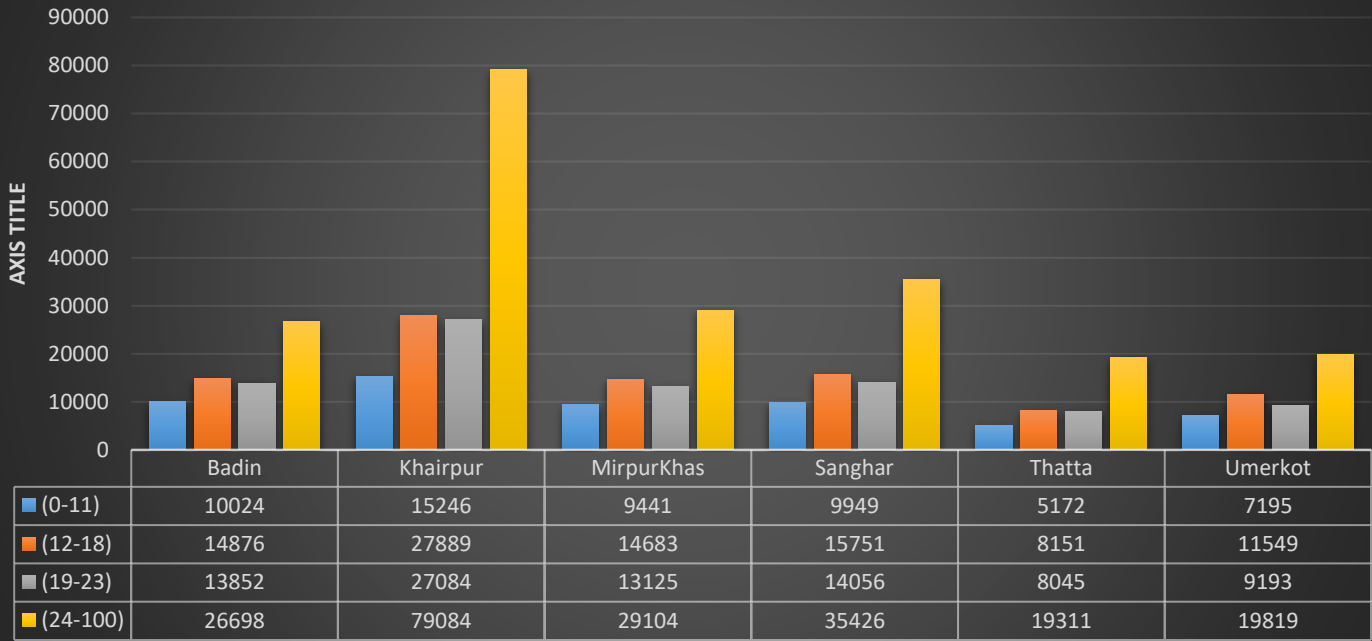
Achievements of Poverty Score card Survey (till 31st August 2017)

S. No	District	# of UCs to be surveyed	# of UCs Completed	% of Ucs Completed	Targeted Households	# of Households surveyed	% Households surveyed	Date of Enumeration Start
1	Khairpur	59	56	95%	181,288	149,308	82%	1st June, 2017
2	Sanghar	71	17	24%	252,997	75167	30%	18th July, 2017
3	Mirpur Khas	55	28	51%	147,907	66353	45%	17th July, 2017
4	Badin	68	5	13%	209,919	65450	31%	13th July, 2017
5	Thatta	33	9	27%	96,883	40679	42%	13th July, 2017
6	Umerkot	35	15	43%	134,611	47756	35%	17th July, 2017
Grand Total		321	130	42%	1,023,605	444,713	43%	



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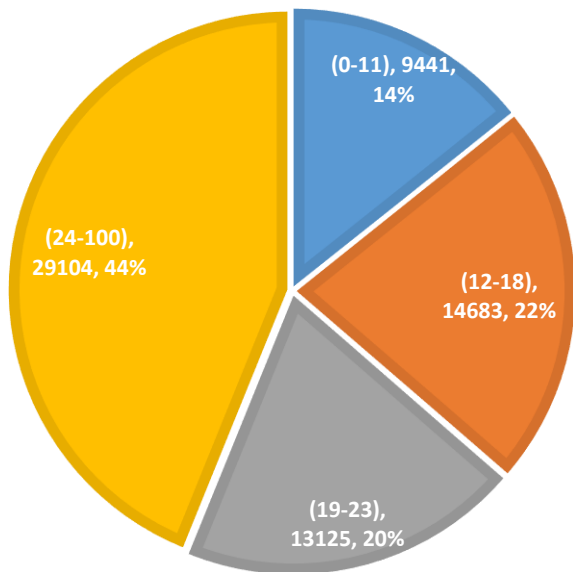
District & PSC Band Wise



PSC- Band Wise Analysis

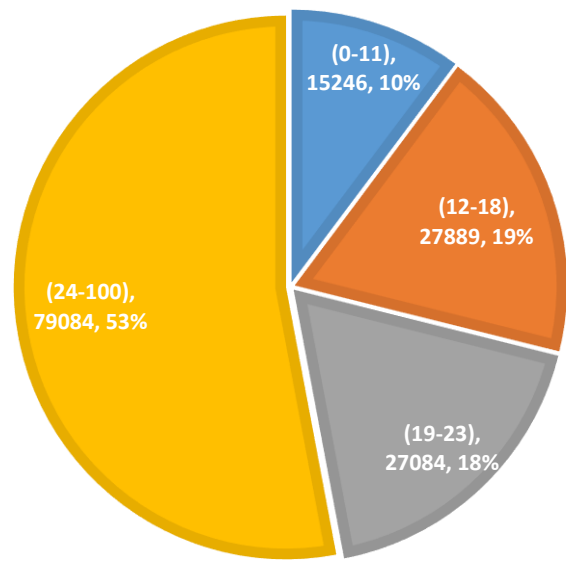
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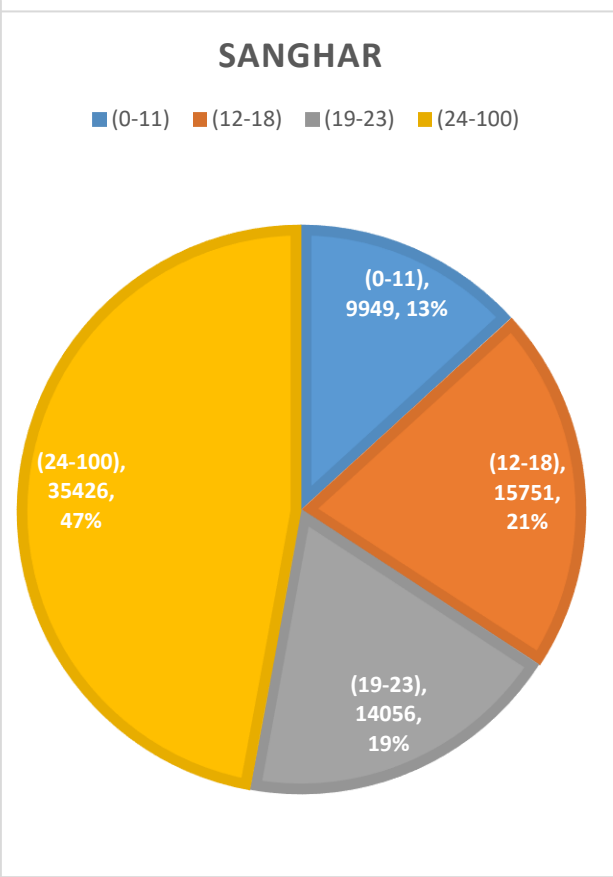
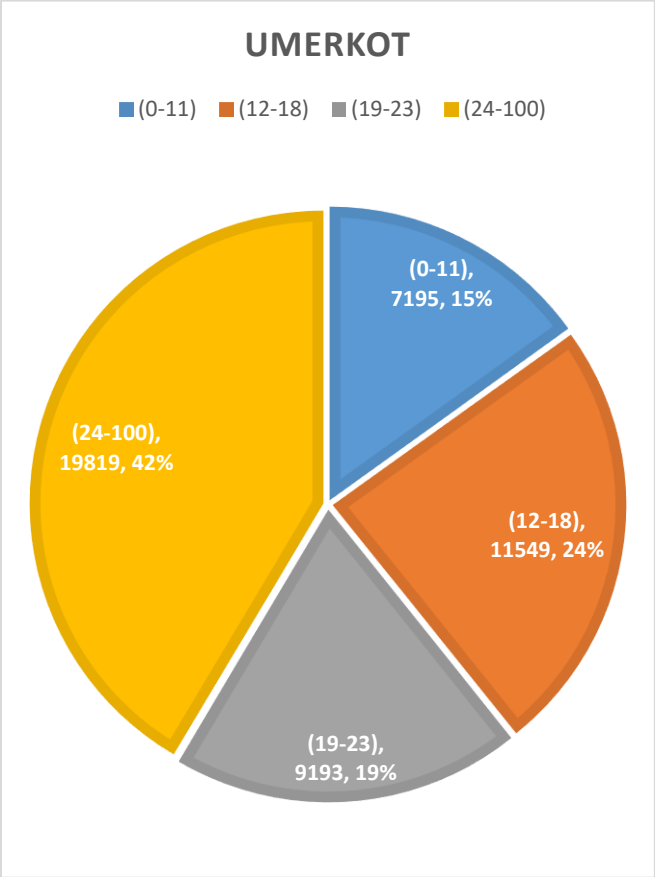
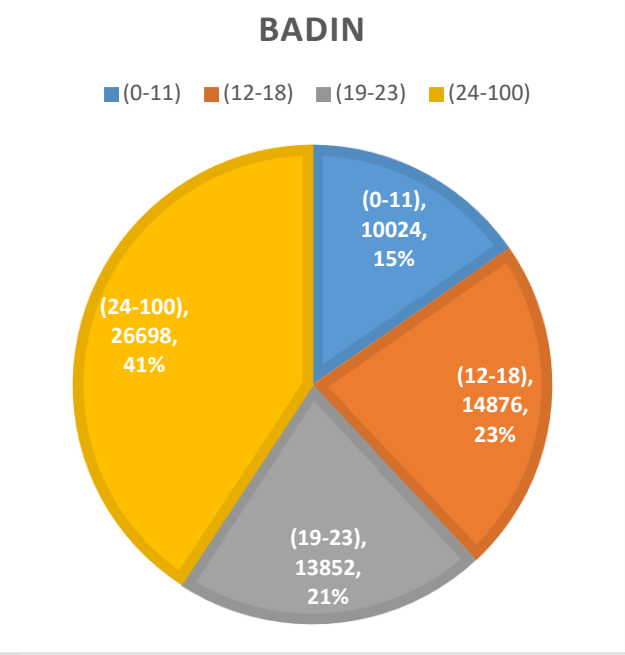
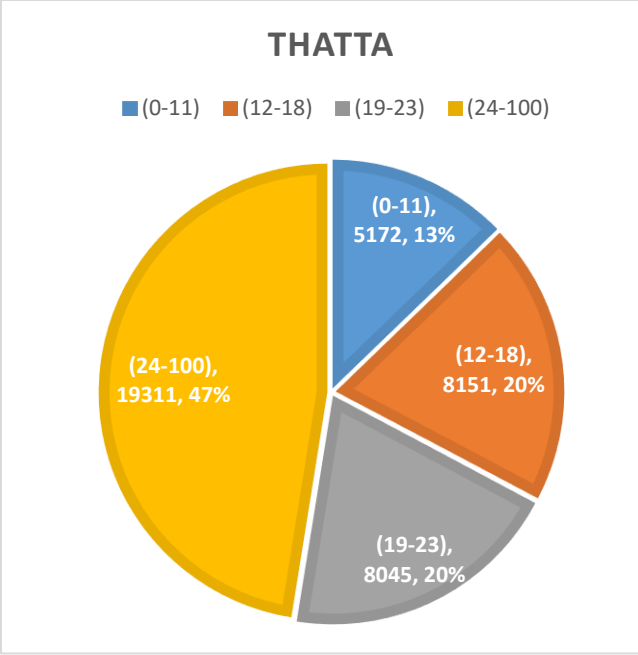


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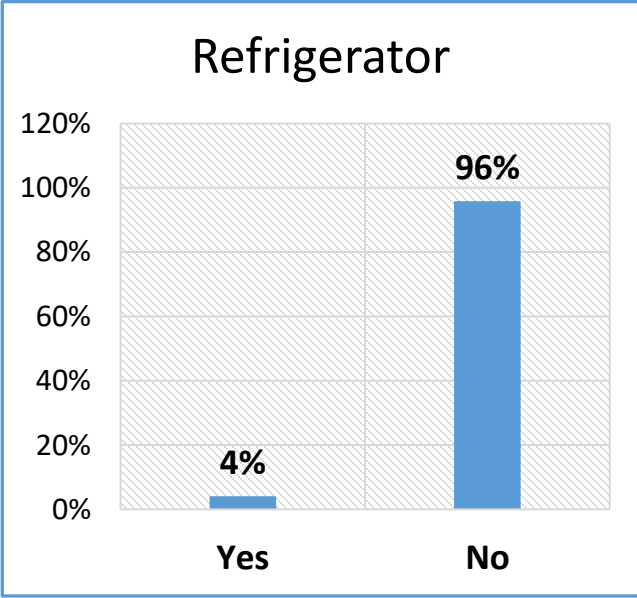
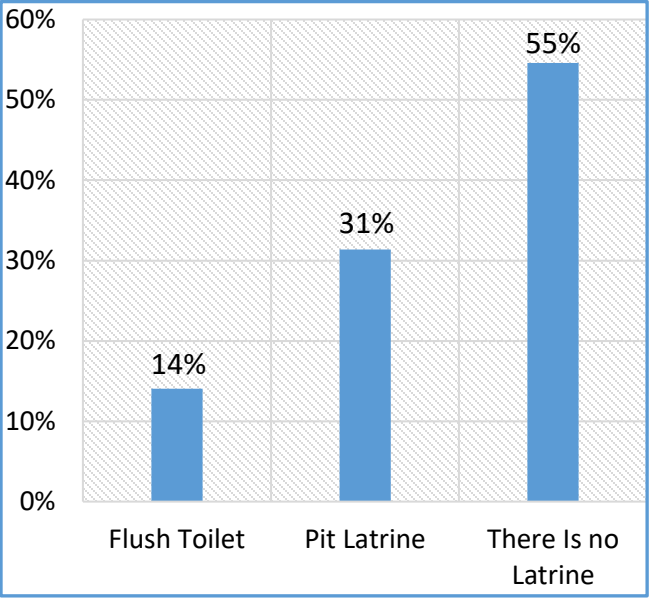
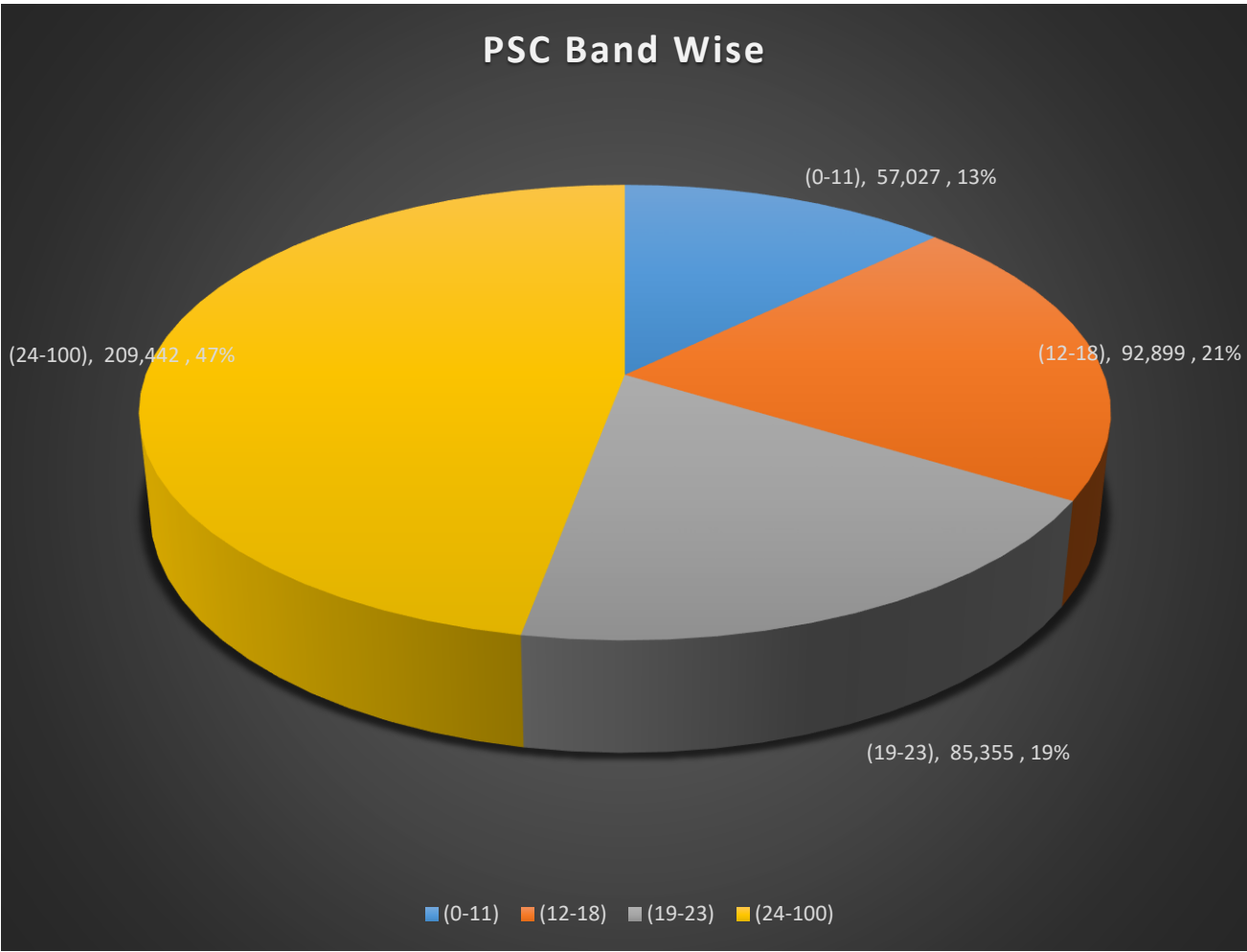
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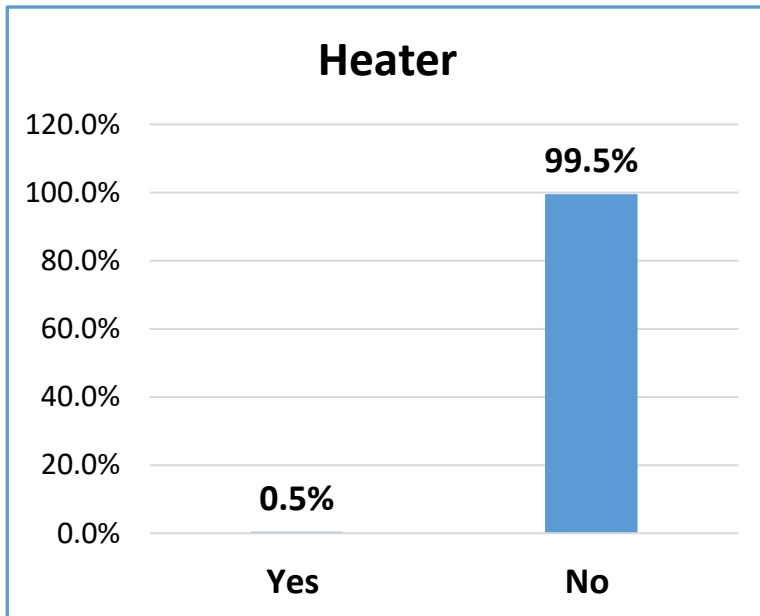
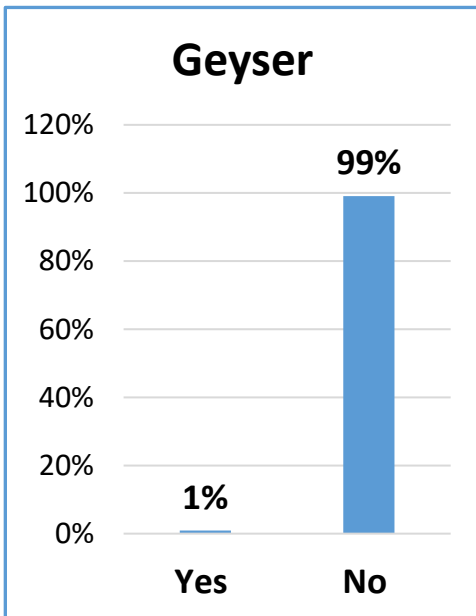
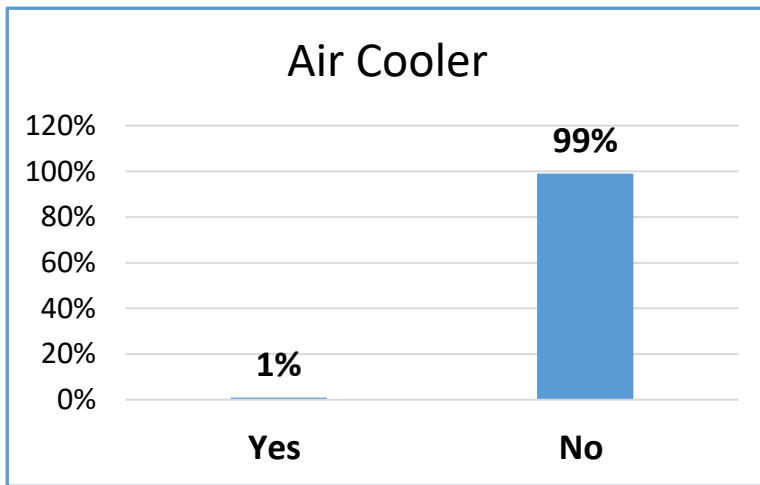
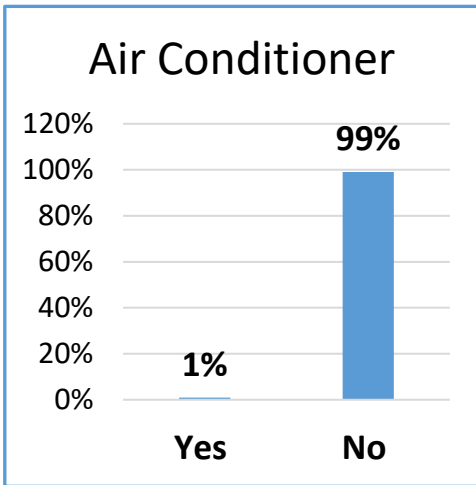
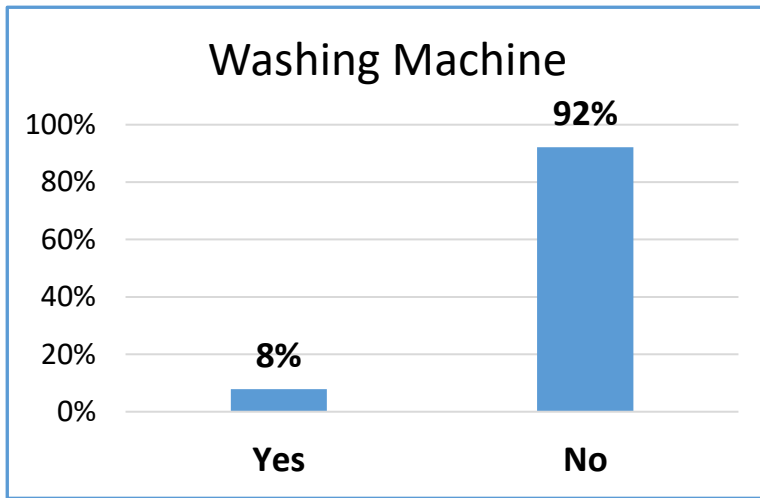
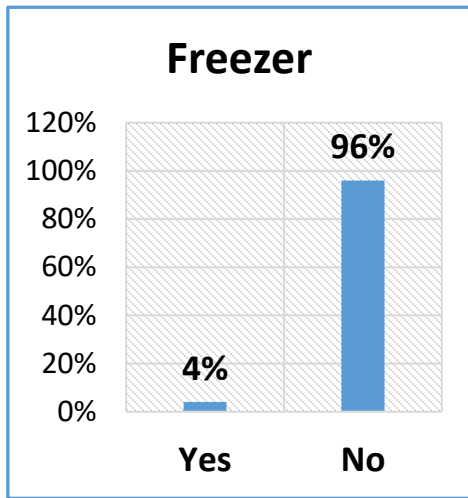
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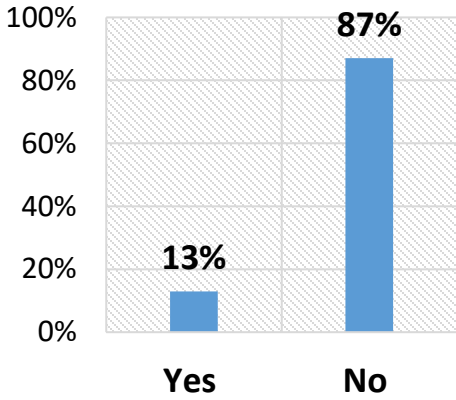


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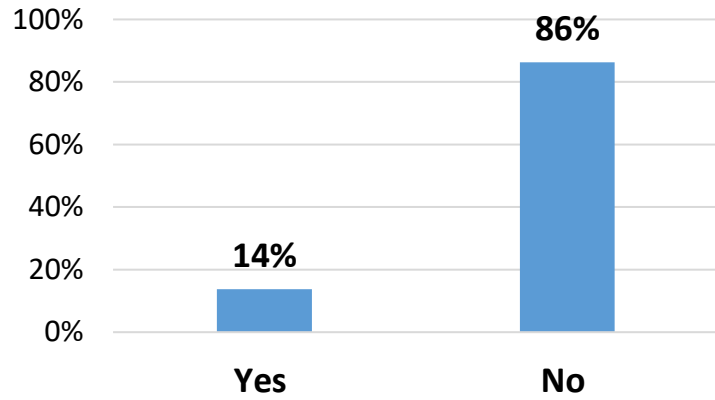


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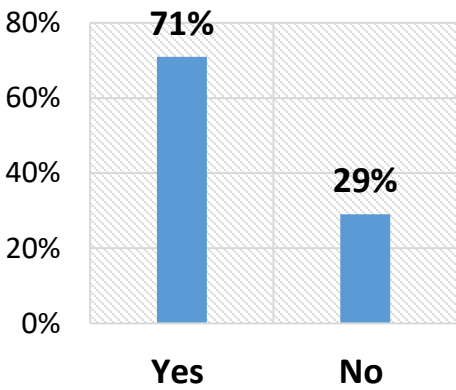
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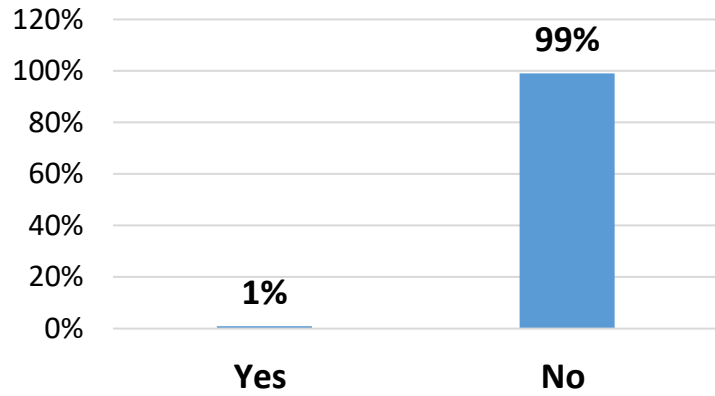
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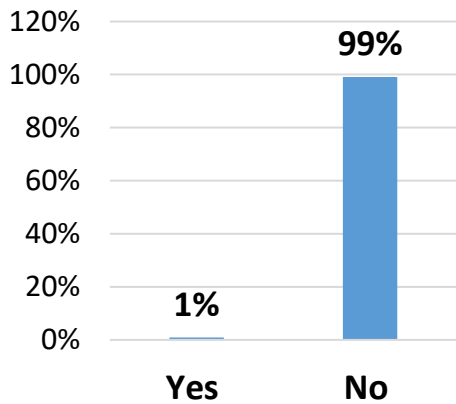
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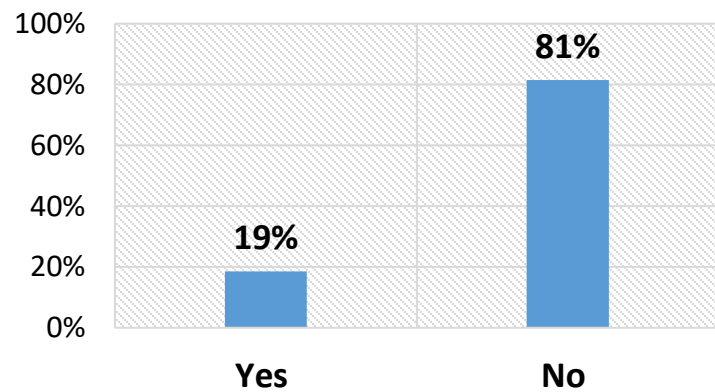
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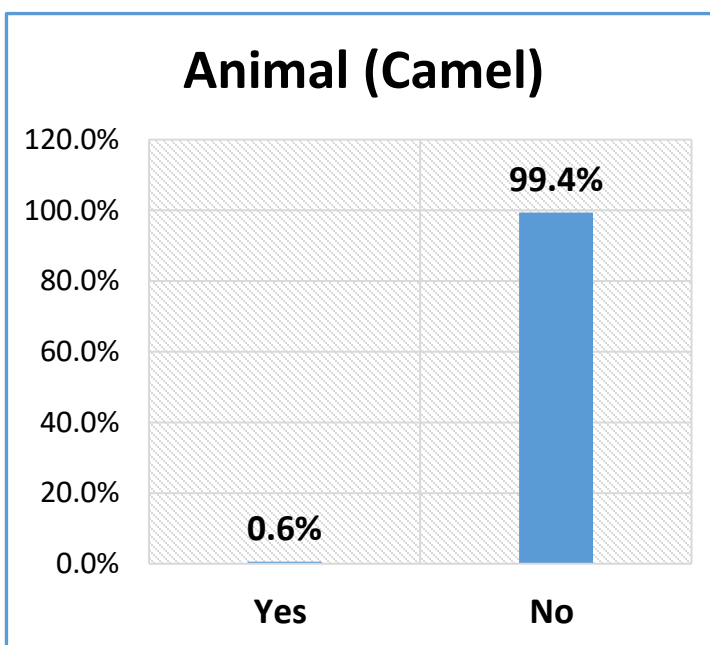
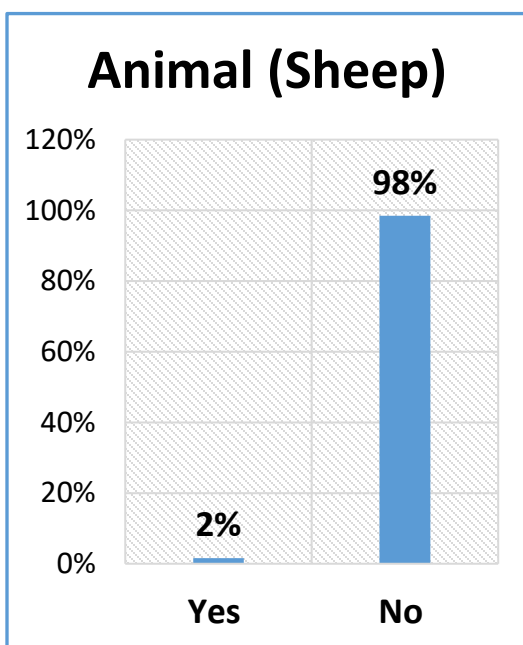
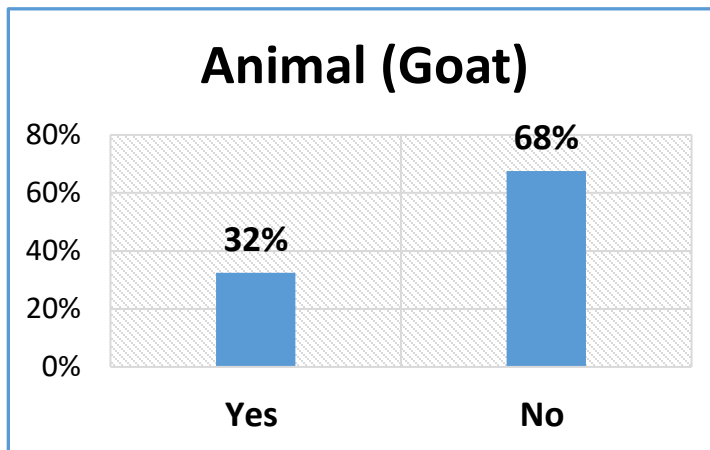
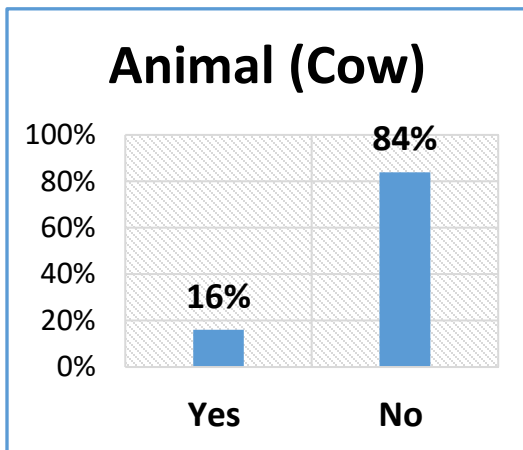
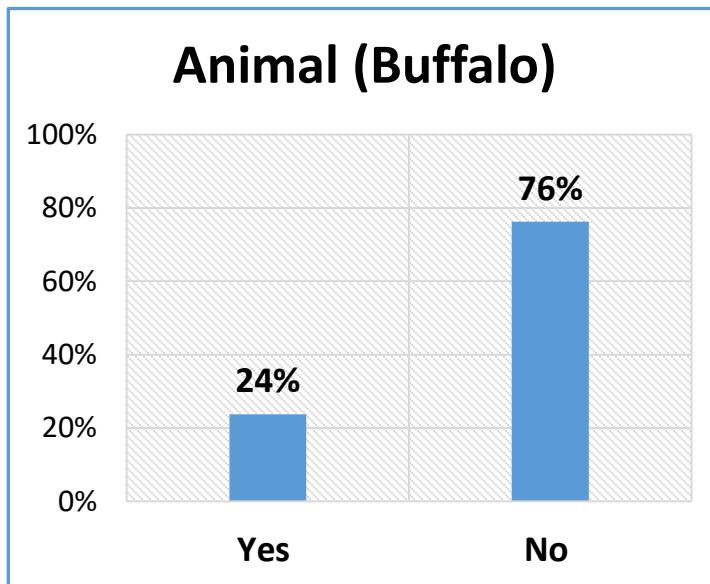
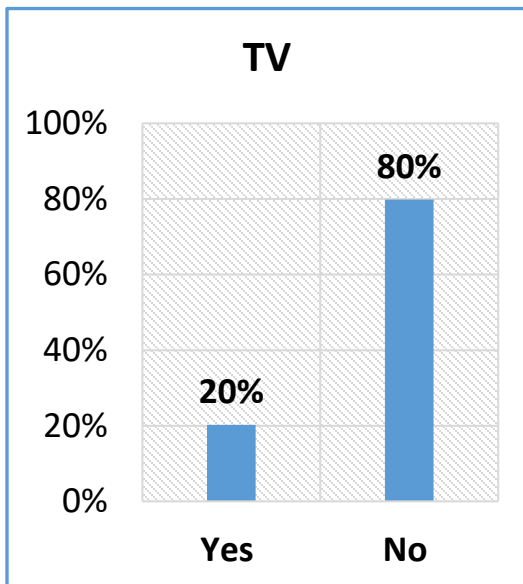


Car



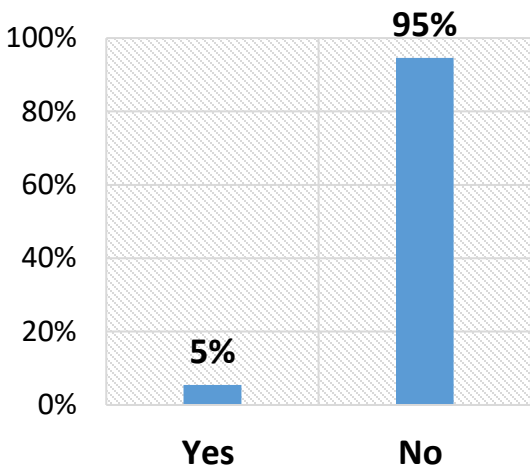
Motorcycle



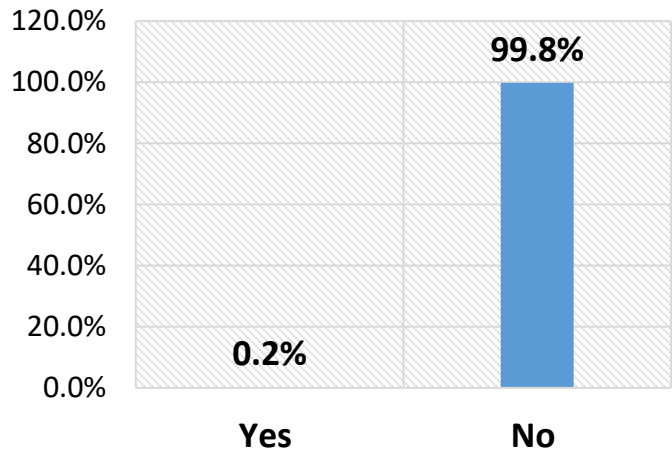


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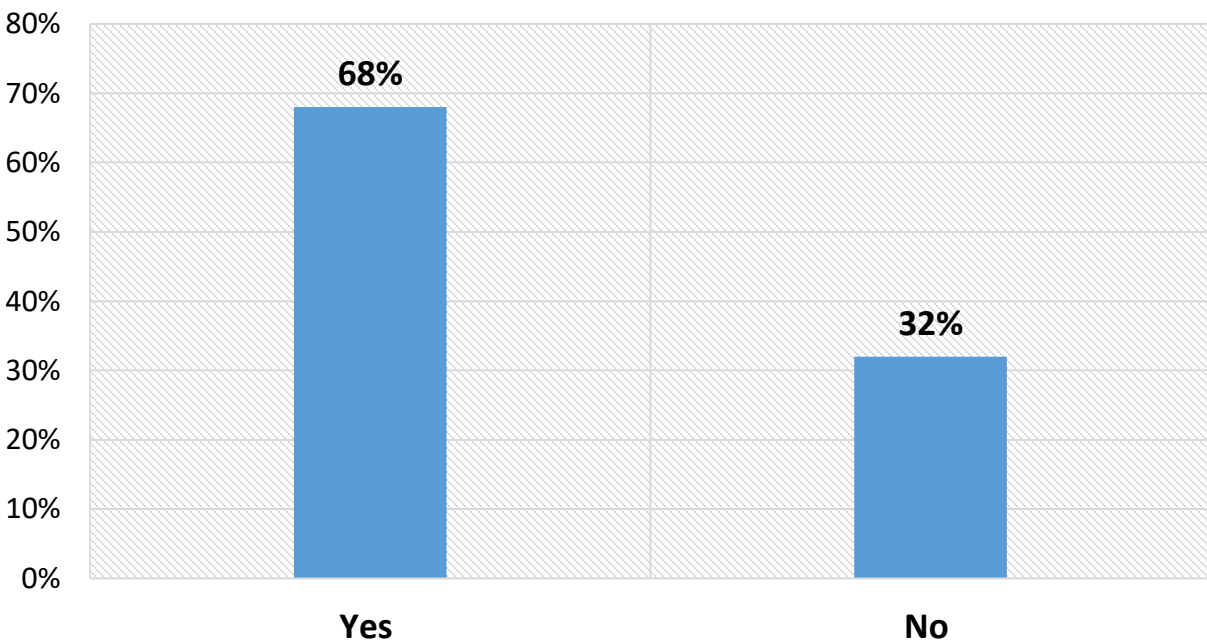
Animal (Donkey)



Animal (Mule/Horse)



Electricity



Challenges during PSC Survey

1. Weather and scattered community in huge radius Union councils are also a big barrier to cover HHs within due time
2. Having no Assets policy, enumerators' drop out ratio has been increased.
3. Due to sandy, deep forest areas, GPS Accuracy problem during survey found mainly due to and cloudy weather and low specification of Mobile phones.
4. Continuous drop out of Female Enumerators due to extensive field work in challenging weather and areas.
5. Continuous rain fall in upper Sindh districts Sanghar, Thatta, Badin, Mirpurkhas and Umerkot.
6. NOC is required in restricted area (Border Area of India and Pakistan), they will not allow to PSC team district Sanghar and Umerkot for Survey.
7. Coastal area, Keti Bandar and Jhampier Mountain area are challengeable for PSC teams.

Staff Orientation Training Workshop (OTW)

SRSO-IMSD organized 6 days basic induction training (OTW) of E-UCBPRP Staff (DM, Field Teams, SMTS and other concern staff) from 4th to 9th August 2017 at SRSO Complex. Orientation Training Workshop (OTW) is a straightforward binding training for all Project staff to comprehend the SRSO working Philosophy. Its view points are to grasp the Social Mobilization (Three tiers) participatory approach and their practices at household level and working methodology with a chain cycle of different sectors of SRSO to achieve their goals at office and field level.

The 6 days training was comprised of 4 days at complex with different activities, lecture deliveries', role play, brainstorming discussions, Group work and participatory methodology was followed by different trainers and 02 days for field exposure due to extensive field work in E-UCBPRP at community level that's why this training will proved as the cornerstone of capacity building scheme in SM. As a matter of practice, new inductees in Social Mobilisation approach are expected to seek familiarity with the basics of SM theory and practice though some training or orientation workshop and to again knowledge about SRSO's different sectors and its working methodologies. OTW also intends to enhance the interpersonal skills of the staff so as to increase their efficiency and can build better rapport with communities in rural areas of Pakistan. OTW offers a comprehensive solution to such orientation needs of new practitioners of Social Mobilization.

Following Training Objectives were achieved during this training:

1. To familiarize the participants about Social Mobilization and its conceptual packages in RSPs context.
2. To make them understand the three tiers social mobilisation philosophy and Programme packages.
3. To enhance the soft skills of the participants and groom them professionally.

Training Outputs:

In the end of the training the participants were familiar with the concept of social Mobilization and RSPs working philosophy to bring sustainable development. A vital enhancement in their skills and attitudes could be observed. A clear understanding was generated among the participants about how the Programme packages work in RSPs context. The Training catered the learning needs of the participants about the Social Mobilization philosophy and working approach and strategy of RSPs.

Meetings with DCs and District Chairmen Etc.

SRSO believes in joints hands work by sustaining close working relationships with all GoS Government of Sindh Departments and District Local Government Officials to work smoothly by bringing an impactful community driven development at community level at the right areas where benefited community can uplift their poverty band. In all SRSO-EUCBPRP Projected areas, concern district and PSC coordinator along with team leader E-UCBPRP sit together with all level of district Government Officials: Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioners, District Chairman Councils, District Councilors'. Government Line Departments: Election Commission of Pakistan, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Reform Support Unit (RSU) Education Department and many others. In this regards', TL presented a brief SRSO working Philosophy, Social Mobilisation Approach Community Driven Development Approach, Community Partnership, SRSO working Experience and their interventions in the community level and the main focus of these meetings were to give a detailed brief orientation of E-UCBPRP funded by GoS, their set targets, Interventions at community level, community institutions' mechanism and their working philosophy.

All Government Officials welcomed the SRSO and shows full anticipation and trending towards a warm welcome for working in their areas for community development and promised for full cooperation, any assistance and appreciated the SRSO efforts to improve the lives of poor people to harness their people potential to alleviate the poverty from their families.

Govt officials visit.

Expansion Union Council based Poverty Reduction has strong check and balance mechanism so they have multiple layers of monitoring: UCBPRP staff by GoS (UCBPRP Director Cabinet), UCBPRP PMU, SRSO MER sector, SRSO Programme team and PSC Coordinator along with field monitors. Furthermore, during this month the Government officials' also paid a visit of E-UCBPRP PSC and did the process and post monitoring of ongoing Poverty Scorecard survey. During Visit, the officials also reviewed the MIS data of PSC survey by collecting a sample data from all the data and did post monitoring. They also reviewed the E-UCBPRP PSC software and checked the Android app application and did on going monitoring.

Media Coverage:

Different Media channels (Electronic) and Print media were apart of PSC in awareness and community driven seminars for proper data collection from all the corners of projected areas. Media Channels also given enumeration coverage transparency and quality of data in different districts and civil society and other stakeholders appreciated this step.

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Office Setup

E-UCBPRP Offices has initiated to establish at the prime location of concern districts and three offices setup has been finalized and further are In process.

Picture Gallery:

Meeting with Government Officials & Elective Representatives



Meeting with District Chairman Mr. Mir Anwar Khan Talpur



Meeting with District Chairman Mr. Khadim Hussain Rind



Gallery-District Sanghar



Post Monitoring by DM-Sanghar Mr. Khadim Shar



Post Monitoring by DM & PSC coordinator Sanghar



Post verification of data by PSC Coordinator Sanghar



On the spot verification of data by DM- Sanghar



Post verification of data by PSC Field Monitor Sanghar



Post verification of data by PSC Supervisor Sanghar

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Training and Progress Review Meeting of District Sanghar



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Gallery-Umer Kot District



Process Monitoring by DM & PSC Coordinator UK



A Meeting by DM-Umer Kot with Civil Society



Process Monitoring by HO-MIS & PSC Field Monitor UK



Process Monitoring by PSC coordinator Umer Kot



Marking and Data Verification by HO-MIS, DM & PSC Coordinator Umer Kot



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Gallery-Thatta District



DM Thatta Mr. Bansi Malhi Busy in Process Monitoring

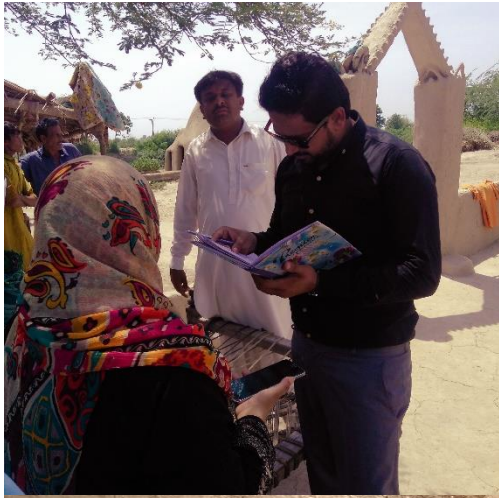


MER Manager Mr. Naveed Memon Busy in Process Monitoring



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Gallery-Badin District



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PSC Progress Review Meeting



E-UCBPRP team Leader, DM and PSC Coordinator Thatta Conducting Progress Review Meeting with PSC Field



Enumerators Orientation Training at Thatta

Enumerators Receiving Enumeration Cheque



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Staff OTW Glances



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