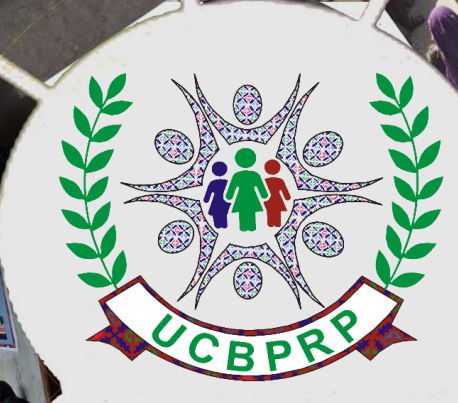






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Abstract: Monthly Progress of Achievements' carried out in 6 Projected Districts (Khairpur, Umer Kot, Badin, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, and Thatta)






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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 Programme Network
 - SMT Social Mobilisation Team
 - DM District Manager
 - TC Training Coordinator
 - Avg Average
 - RSPN Rural Support Programme Network
 - MEC Monitoring & Evaluation Cell
 - UC Union Council
 - DPR Daily Progress Report
 - MPR Monthly Progress Report
 - FM Field Monitors
 - DC District Coordinator (PSC)
 - WDD Women Development Department
 - CIF Community Investment Fund
 - IGG Income Generating Grant
 - PI Programme Introduction
 - CMST Community Managed Skills Training
 - TNA Training Need Assessment
 - MIP Micro-Investment Plan
 - MERO Monitoring Evaluation & Research officer
 - SM Social Mobilisation
 - S.O Social Organizer
 - UI Unit In charge
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Executive Summary


This description execution is a monthly progress report of the month of December-2017 undertakings of UCBPRP Programme in 6 Districts with the financial Assistance of GoS Government of Sindh (GoS) to implement UCBPRP, namely Khairpur, Sanghar, Umer Kot, Badin, Mirpurkhas and Thatta of Sindh. The GoS has provided the financial sustenance to SRSO by ratifying the decree to assuage the poverty by harnessing the potential of penniless rural women with participatory approach of programme through organizing the rural women in these districts into COs and then federating these women COs into Village Organizations' (VOs) and Local Support Organization (LSO).

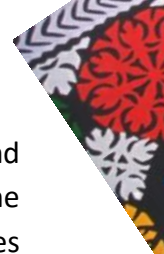

During this Month there many activities were carried on in projected areas: PSC census Survey, Social Mobilisation (CO/VO/LSO formation), CMST (Community Management Skills training Programme), and Vocational Training Programme for the youth of the rural community to empower the society with their skills. The main purpose of the training was to augment the skillful knowledge to community to run their community institution, to reduce the poverty strategy and building new solutions for existing problems within their households, building skills and to enhance the capabilities of the participants in planning and managing their inner developmental activities to empower the community that can self-generate their income generating sources through different skills and to utilize the available local resources at community level as well. It provides the participants an opportunity to build their capacities to break the vicious cycle of poverty by undertaking the poverty reduction and income generating activities on their own according to the community needs.

E-UCBPRP is a multi-sector, poverty and women-targeted programme. The programme includes social mobilisation as its key strategy to implement the five main programme activities. The activities include : (I) Community Investment Fund (CIF) - small loans and income generating grants; (ii) Micro Health Insurance (MHI); (iii) Vocational Training Programme (VTP); (iv) Low Cost Housing Schemes. The programme is designed in a way that it includes different activities catered to different bands of the poor.

UCBPRP has been remarkably successful achievements- in just 3 months by successfully completing psc census survey through CAPI (Android) having a huge data bank of every beneficiary on a software through proper GIS tracking of the HHs, RV, Tehsils, and Districts'. Until today SRSO has surveyed 950,338 Households and SRSO has mobilized **14,000** women into **1143** Cos and **10** VOs. This represents a household coverage in the districts of UCBPRP. More than 95% of the poor households will be organized - this is particularly important to overcome social exclusion within the community.

The rural women into these projected areas have shown their keen interest to uplift their living standard by conducting monthly meeting, doing exercise of saving and operate their organization for development of human and society to alienate the poverty at household level by generating new sources of income at HHs level therefore all women are familiar with the objectives behind the formation of VOs and COs, and therefore participate actively in every exercise carried on through UCBPRP Programme. In all the Cos and VOs office holders were selected in consultation with the





community members in a democratic way which is also a sign of self-governing learning and ownership of UCBPRP by the community. Another encouraging sign of the democratic process is the Participation of the members in UCBPRP activities in the identification of the programme activities for their VOs and COs.


The Poverty Scorecard (PSC) is proving its usefulness and effectiveness in identifying and targeting Programme activities to the poorest segment of society. During this month the PSC validation exercise was done by PIU-MER to validate the PSC data and GPS location, out of 16 UCs all HHs are valid and have existence in community with exact GPs coordinates’.



Fostered Community has also maintained the updated record and doing the practice of saving which is a positive sign of project during their initial phase because the organized community is self-aware regarding recording the documentation and Record keeping has significantly a good sign followed by the community in UCBPRP Programme in last two months. All fostered COs and VOs had their required registers and books available at the time of the formation, and all CO and VO records were fully maintained updated until the end of the month. This exercise of record keeping by community and Social Mobilisation teams is attributed to the continued process of follow-up and guidance with dedication and commitment by projected teams of SRSO. This shows continuity in SRSO’s efforts to inculcate transparency and accountability within the COs.

CMST-The Community Management Skill Training (CMST) is a 3 days training programme Community Institutions presidents and managers of Community Organization (CO) to enhance the mobilisation, self-identification and for leading the community from front to be a role model for the mobilizing and strengthening their capacities to identify their problems and problem solving approach through a creative and unite thinking style with an aggregate approach at at their own level.

A large cadre of rural men and women will be trained through a wide array of vocational trades and skills: a total of **52** rural women have been trained in 3 trades at Khairpur District by establishing **Vocational Field Training Centers** at community level through IMSD (Institute of Management and Skills Development-a subsidiary of SRSO for Improving the skills of community members, especially the poor, through vocational training skills will help contribute towards labor force participation, but the most important factor is connecting the training skills with the needs of the market. Initially, only trainees are women and the majority of them are trained in traditional skills like handicraft and dress making (80%), and Stitching (20%). The training portfolio for the women needs to be diversified. After this training, the trainees will be able to do the job by using their skills acquired through training, mostly will capable of starting self-employment initiatives and the rest of them have achieved employment in the market.

District Managers of EUCBRP during whole month holds different meetings, dialogues with higher authorities of Government Line departments about detailed briefing about PSC household survey completed and surveying is carried on in their districts’ and also seek assistance in PSC Refusal areas’ where there is high security and due to high sensitivity they need be got permission for these areas and successfully got it. Special detailed briefing Meetings were held during this month by TL-EUCBRP MR. Ghulam Rasool Samejo with higher district Management Commissioner and deputy






Commissioner of districts which was started from District Sanghar, where, TL conducted important meeting about Office establishment at Election commission Building on rent and he successfully granted it and also seek the cooperation and positive response during this whole Programme, this process was mainly also followed in other districts. These meetings were in detailed briefed about E-UCBPRP Current Progress and future interventions outcomes at the community level.

During the end of this month, the 6 District consolidated Planning & Progress Review meeting was held at Sanghar District In which, all the field teams including Social Mobilisers shared their progress challenges and shared their next month planning as per PC-1 Targets. TL-EUCBPRP appreciated the achievements' of Field teams and encouraged to go forward with the same movement by maintaining quality work and SoPs. In this meeting, all district Managers, M&E officers, HRD Officers and concern district all staff participated in the meeting. The meeting was chaired by TL-EUCBPRP Mr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo. All DMs shared their District Progress and next month planning of targets achievements. M&E officers shared the PSC progress and covering the refusal's plan'. Overall this meeting was a detailed review of all districts achievements' against the set targets. In last the Next PPM venue was decided and encouragement of Staff with the ending note was ended that the Achievements' can be achieved through dedication, commitment and become an aspirant to work in the community and you are working for a noble cause to alleviate the poverty from destitute households.

Basic Orientation of Staff training was held at SRSO head Office, in which 30 participants' including all field staff participated. This training is manually comprised of RSP Approach, Three Tiers Social Mobilisation and other field relevant components were covered. 2 days were held for field visit exposure of UCBPRP 1st Phase success stories of LSO/LSON achievements' and another day at SUCCESS project where they observed how activities are carried out and in last day the certificates' were distributed among all participants'.



Introduction

Organization Profile

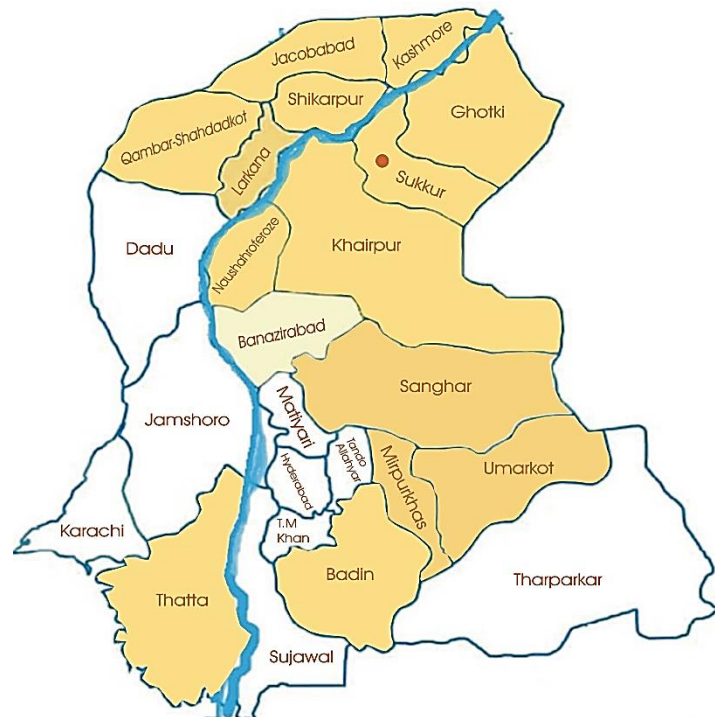
Sindh Rural Support Organization is undertaking to stamp out the poverty from unprivileged impoverished meager rural households at household level with differed not community driven the development of community institutions by harnessing people potential for human development, to increase human capabilities and the level of choices at the household level.

SRSO, being an RSP was accredited in 2003 by Govt. of Sindh under a mandate of poverty reduction in rural areas of Sindh. Registered under Section 42 of the Companies Ordinance 1984 as not-for-profit Organization, SRSO is currently present in 15 districts, namely Sukkur, Khairpur, Sanghar, Ghotki, Naushero Faros, Shaheed Benazir Abad, Shikarpur, Jacobabad, Larkana, Kashmore-Kandhkot, Qambar-Shadadkot, Umer Kot, Badin, Mirpurkhas, and Thatta.

The thematic Focus of SRSO is to achieve the goals through community-driven development with the community institutions platform ripping the orthodox customs of women, rural development with the empowerment of women, skills enhancement, capacity building and development of community supported infrastructure projects, and the provision of support for income generation, enterprise development and micro-credit.

SRSO is achieving a big milestone of poverty reduction through community driven development (CDD), on a community platform with women empowerment, skills enhancement, capacity building and development of community supported infrastructure projects, and the provision of support for income generation, enterprise development and micro credit. For this purpose, SRSO organizes the local communities into three tier community institutions (CO/VO/LSO) to develop their managerial and technical capacity. Human development of rural People and the government is supported in forging a partnership and inculcating the sense of ownership among the people.

SRSO is presently entrusted with the responsibility of fostering a countrywide network of community organizations at the grassroots level in 15 districts of Sindh and works in the various sub-sectors while applying the participatory development approach of sustainable development.



VISION

To perceive Socially and Economically empowered Communities especially the marginalized ones and helping create a proactive Community Organizations by attitudinal change by setting free people's Potentials and willingness to alleviate poverty.

MISSION

To meet the challenge of battering poverty and help the poor to get above the poverty line and have a standard life.
To help marginalized rural people harness their potential to bring about change in their quality of life on a self-help basis.

OBJECTIVES

- To unleash people's potential and willingness to alleviate poverty in Sindh
- To reinforce and compliment Government of Pakistan's policy of Poverty Alleviation
- To support and strengthen Government of Sindh's efforts to translate Poverty reduction strategies into actions

SRSO's mandate is to alleviate poverty by harnessing people's potential lying within the communities to help themselves and undertake development activities. The goal of SRSO is to improve quality of life of rural poor in Sindh. To achieve this goal, SRSO attempts to harness peoples' potential through a social mobilization process which has been designed on the core assumption that people have tremendous potential and willingness to improve their quality of life.

At the heart of the social mobilization approach, lies the credence that every individual, be they poor or rich, man or woman, has the aptitude and perspective to carry out activities for their own assistance and for that of their own families. SRSO's three-tiered social mobilization strategy helps to identify poor households and bring them into an 'organized fold' through their membership of Community Organizations (COs), Village Organizations (VOs) and local Support Organization (LSO).



Above subjected policy has been endorsed by the government to achieve the goals of poverty reduction through community empowerment, women development, skills enhancement, capacity building, community training, vocational training and development of community supported infrastructure projects, and the provision of support for income generation, enterprise development and microcredit.

E-UCBPRP (Expansion Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme)

The Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme (UCBPRP) is a 1st Union Council (UC) based Poverty Reduction model of Pakistan and that was a big community development initiative to poverty reduction at the rural and unprivileged community of rural Sindh by Government of Sindh. This was an initiative of Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) and the Government of Sindh for the alleviation of poverty through participatory approach at the household level. The programme has successfully completed the 1st phase with golden words of success stories and poverty graduation among the rural community in projected areas which are a real witness to the success of the programme.



Later the European Union also replicated the same model and extended this programme into 8




districts of Sindh with a programme titled as SUCCESS. This programme has been designed to alleviate the poverty of targeted communities of the poorest in rural Sindh. In the year 2016-17 GoS has included the UCBPRP for further 6 districts in Annual Development plan which was started in June-2017 in districts: Khairpur, Sanghar, Umer Kot, Mirpurkhas, Badin and Thatta with a financial assistance of 4.9 Billion by Government of Sindh.

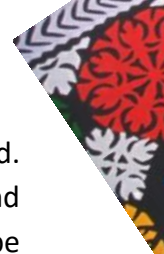

The primary objective of UCBPRP is improving the quality of life of the rural communities, especially that of the poorest of the poor by an identification tool of Poverty Scorecard (PSC) Survey which was an android based with a Software that collects the data and GPS coordinates for tracking purposes by writing all the details in the survey to provide technical assistance through this programme to alleviate the poverty. Later, the heart of all activities through the main conceptual package of Social Mobilization starts in these communities that have been identified for future programme interventions. The process of Social Mobilisation this involves organizing rural communities into "organizations' of the poor" at the community, village and union council level. This structured approach entails organizing rural communities into 'organizations' of the people' at the muhalla (neighborhood) level into Community Organizations' (Cos) and then into a federation of these COs to Village Organizations' (VOs) at the village level. These VOs are then federated at the union council level into Local Support organizations' (LSOs). These organizations are formed and owned by local communities, and undertake a wide array of development activities such as village-level community Investment Fund (CIF), income-generating Grant (IGG) initiatives, VTPs and social sector Programmes, with the technical support of the GoS. UCBPRP in Sindh has some unique features.

First, the programme is focused on women, and the poor and poorest households, identified through a Poverty Score Card (PSC) survey. Second, the programme is the first ever major project of the GoS that is being implemented through community participation. Third, the programme is highly intensive in its development packages and coverage and is concentrated at the union council level. Last but not least, the programme very quickly covered the programme union councils by organising communities: most of its targeted activities have been implemented within only 6 months i.e. PSC survey has completed successfully which was a huge task. UCBPRP aimed to remove common hurdles faced by the poor that weaken their social capital: it seeks to create economic/productive assets through a self-help methodology by providing access to community managed micro loans, income generating grants, and creating employment opportunities by training youth in technical skills and engaging the trained pax into different industries for jobs perspective.

EUCBPRP

E-UCBPRP is the hall mark of SRSO, which has successfully harnessed the people of deprived and under deprived areas: Shikarpur, Kandh kot @ Kashmore and Jacobabad community and developed a strong community based strengthening system that has empowered the rural women to contribute their part in decision making under the GoS funded UCBPRP Programme with three tiers social mobilisation approach with a participatory interaction of community by covering every single household. Now the success of this Programme has been depicting the backbone of local women






success as a role model is illiterate and belonging to a poor family and low economy household. However, the community before UCBPRP Programme was divided by income inequality and geographic disparities that are an increasing source of concern, and which were likely to be potentially destabilizing the society but after UCBPRP this disparity has vanished and all are living as one humanity and helping each other to get success and wipe out the poverty for their future generation. These divisions were particularly pronounced in the resources access which has been addressed by providing them shelter in VRP (Village Rehabilitation Project) after flood and BHC (Benazir Housing cell Scheme, Paving streets, Renovation of Health facilities', managing the closed primary schools and bringing different useful interventions which bring a real change in the community. This was possible due to strengthening the community institutions and capacity building of local women and empowering them through vocational skills training.

Actions speak louder than words and UCBPRP Programme implemented by Sindh Rural Support Organization is one which has stood the test of time. However, at the heart of our story of evolution remain our rural community – the core enduring advantage that continues to uplift the deprived rural women to become a dynamic, aspirant, diamond for other community that will glisten the many other women lives and community institutions' (CO/VO/LSO) apart from serving best for the unprivileged community. The UCBPRP tenure, – where SRSO delivered the best deliverables' at community level by giving them intentions to first time think about yourself and community opportunity to be part of the growing and progressing nation to survive and remain fit in the society because rural women have innate potential just need to organize and manage them at platform of many with distinguished capabilities and a will to succeed.

The primary objective of E-UCBPRP is improving the quality of life of the rural communities, especially that of the poorest of the poor, through the conceptual package of Social Mobilization. E-UCBPRP is the replica of previous proven experience of successful implementation and interventions of 1st phase of UCBPRP into three northern districts: Shikarpur, Kashmore & Kandh Kot and Jacobabad.

The Programme of E-UCBPRP will also be the hallmark of the performance of Sindh Government in terms of service delivery to the poor to the poorest rural community through Social Mobilization and Income Generation interventions. The prime accomplishments that will be achieved in Program are achieving of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Social Sector Improvement by accessing of rural and poor to the poorest community at social capitals: Human Capital, Social Capital, Financial Capital and physical capital by ameliorating multiple indicators in Sindh which are ultimate results of this Program. This extended phase of E-UCBPRP will be executed to mend the social and economic prominence of the community in the 6 districts- Khairpur, Umer Kot, Sanghar, Badin, Thatta, and Mirpurkhas on a fast track basis with the total cost of Rs 4.9billion.



Poverty Score Card (PSC) Survey

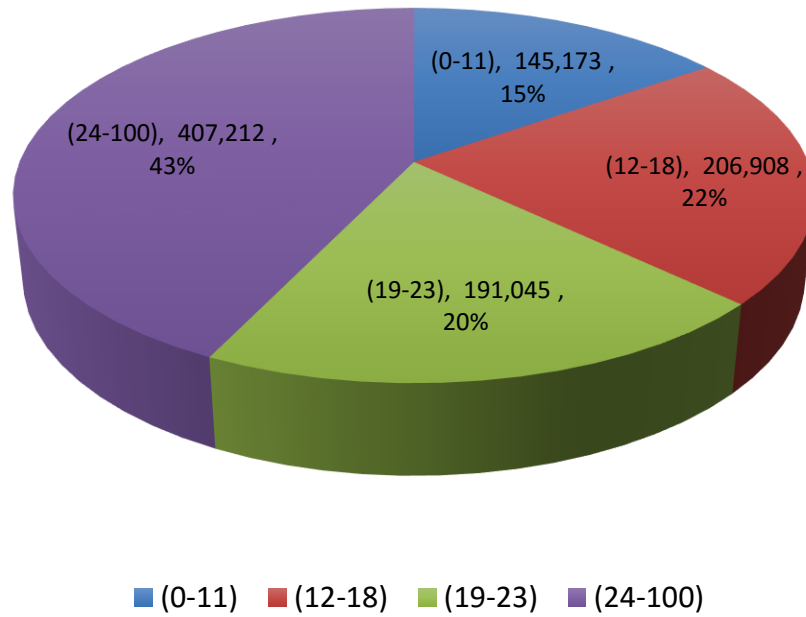
The foundation of UCBPRP lies on its unique rational of identifying the poorest of the poor; thus to focus the development activities for the overwhelmingly marginalized group. SRSO has taken the initiative of Poverty Scorecard (PSC) to identify its target group. The PSC is a tool for measuring levels 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.

PSC is single page form consisting of 13 questions that are related to issues such as facilities present in the household (a type of toilet, drinking water supply, etc.) and the assets owned by the household (land, livestock, etc.), including other indicators which are physically verifiable. The 13 questions can be combined in a particular way and its combination has the ability to accurately assign a household a poverty score, ranging from 0 to 100(with 0 being extremely poor and 100 being non-poor). In the UCBPRP, the PSC scores have been categorized in the four poverty bands:

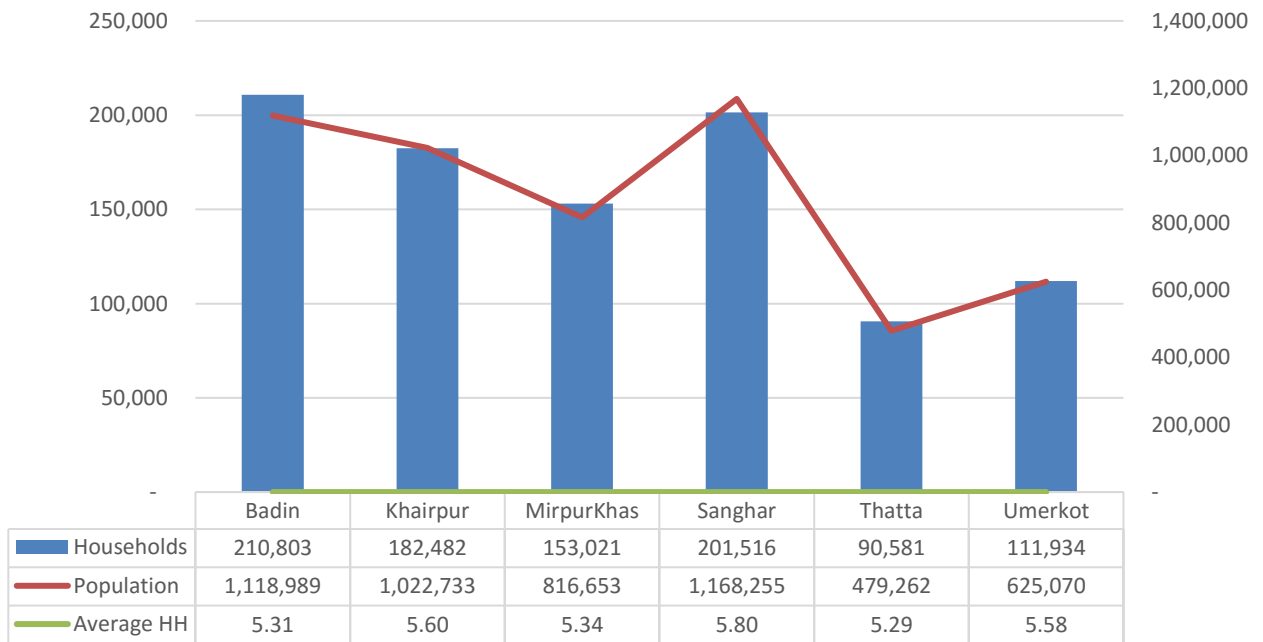
PSC Results and their Analysis

S. No	District	# of UCs to be surveyed	# of UCs Completed	Target Households	# of Households surveyed	% Households surveyed
1	Khairpur	59	59	181,288	182,482	101%
2	Sanghar	71	73	252,997	201,516	80%
3	Mirpurkhas	55	55	147,907	153,021	103%
4	Badin	68	68	209,919	210,803	100%
5	Thatta	33	33	96,883	90,581	93%
6	Umerkot	35	35	134,611	111,934	83%
Grand Total		321	323	1,023,605	950,338	93%

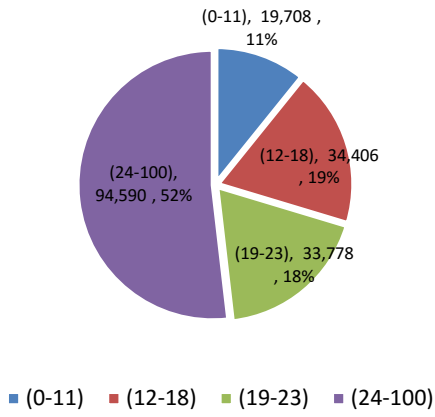
District	0-11	12-18	19-23	24-100	Total	0-11 %	12-18 %	19-23 %	24-100 %
Khairpur	19,708	34,406	33,778	94,590	182,482	10.8%	18.9%	18.5%	51.8%
Sanghar	26,888	43,283	38,314	93,031	201,516	13.3%	21.5%	19.0%	46.2%
Mirpur Khas	25,749	34,562	31,418	61,292	153,021	16.8%	22.6%	20.5%	40.1%
Badin	38,557	47,266	46,380	78,600	210,803	18.3%	22.4%	22.0%	37.3%
Thatta	13,757	18,681	18,315	39,828	90,581	15.2%	20.6%	20.2%	44.0%
Umerkot	20,513	28,710	22,840	39,871	111,934	18.3%	25.6%	20.4%	35.6%
Grand Total	145,173	206,908	191,045	407,212	950,338	15.3%	21.8%	20.1%	42.8%



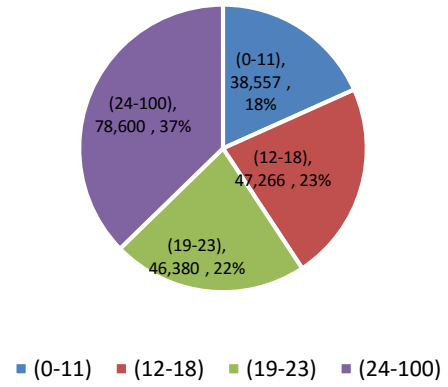
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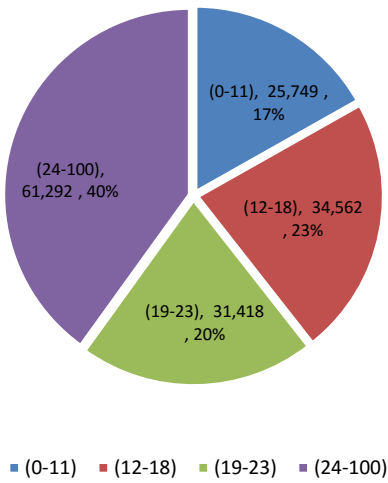
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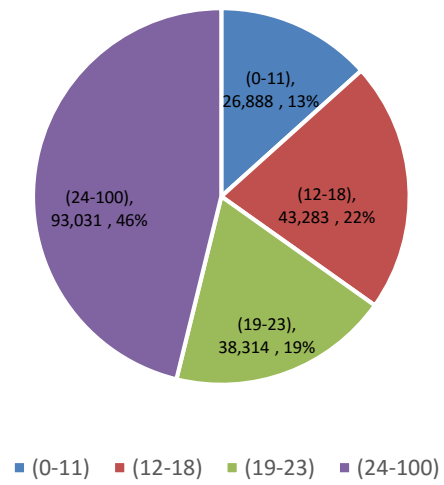
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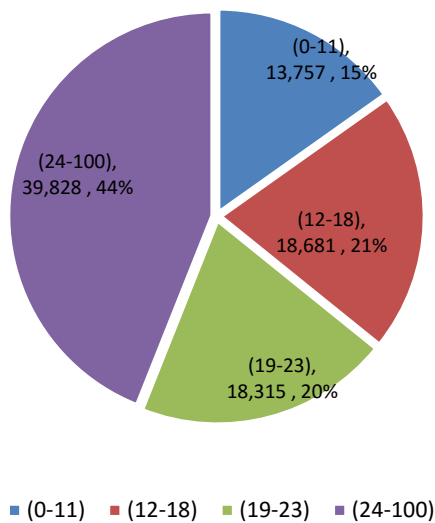
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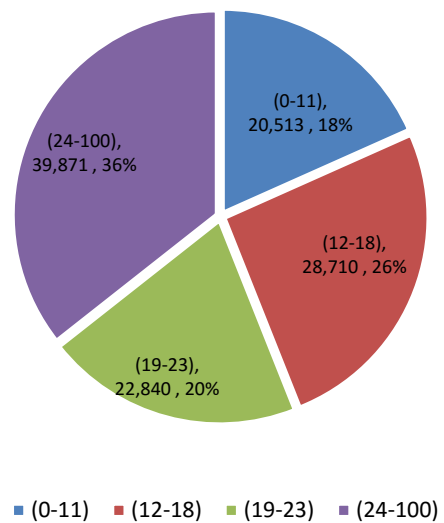
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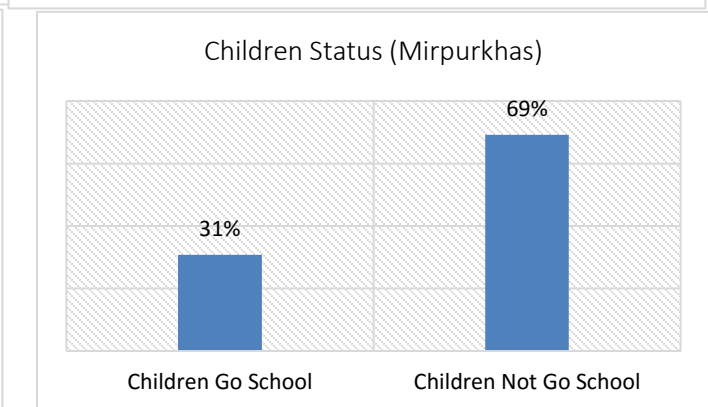
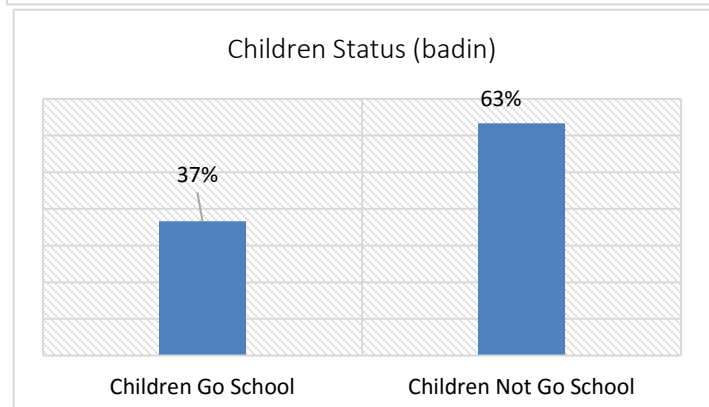
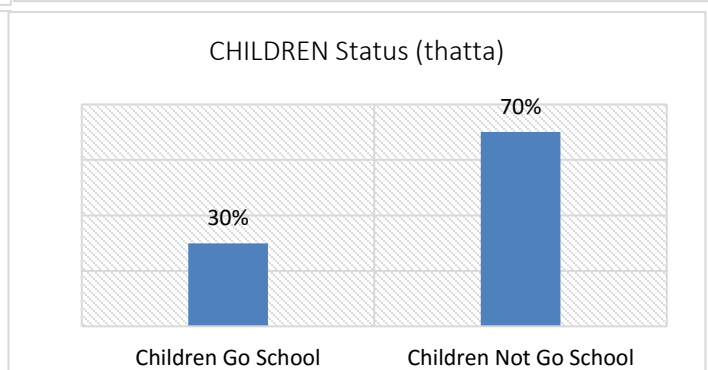
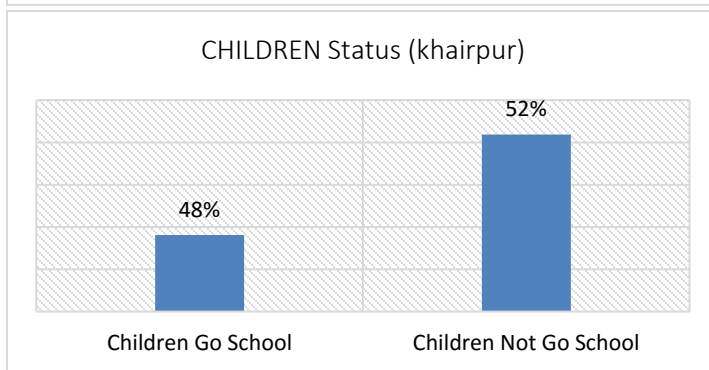
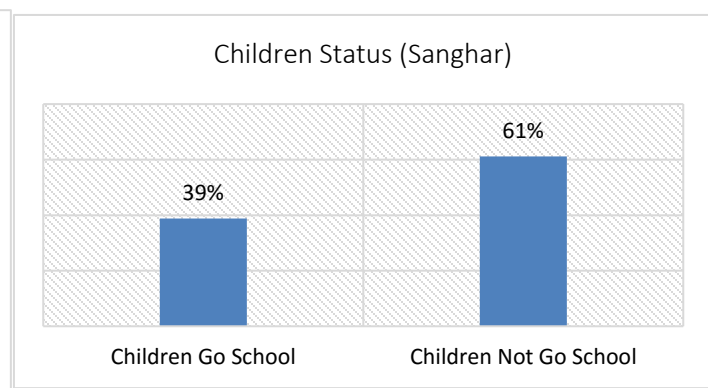
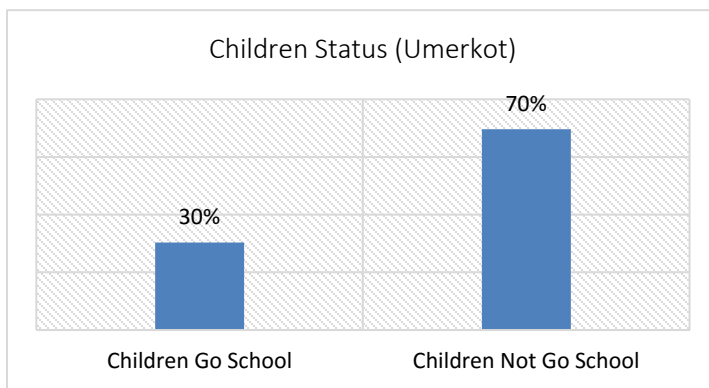
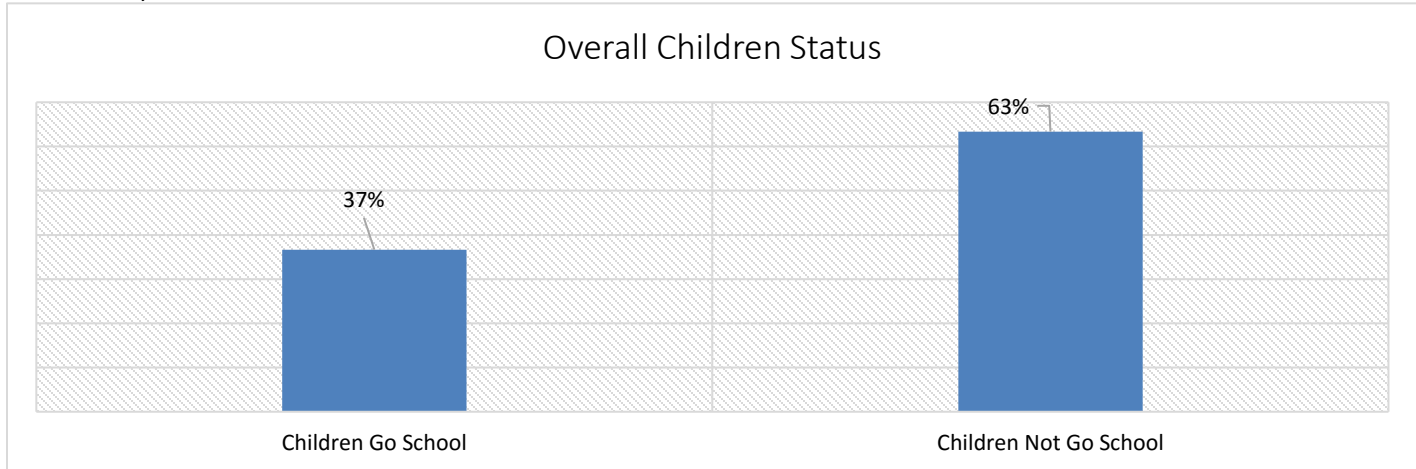
Analysis of Poverty:

1- Gender Status (Male and Female Ratio) District Wise



School and Out of School Children Status in Surveyed House holds

From PSC it is clearly mentioned that mostly children are out of school due to many factors out of which main is the poverty that they can bear the expenses or due to not having school building in their village or there is non-active school. But mostly it was found that due to poverty certain ratio of children have also dropped their study due to poverty. Following is the main district wise analysis of School and out of school Children (5 to 16 Years) Status:



COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT SKILLS TRAINING (CMST)

Capacity building of community organizations' members is the core of UCBPRP programme, this intervention helped the SRSO team to implement programme activities smoothly. The primary objective of the program is to invest in human capacities for harnessing the competence of local people. Also, the process of social mobilisation believes in the potential and strength of community, therefore, it does focus on the capacity building of the targeted communities. In Projected districts, capacity building Programmes were designed in a simple training module through which sessions are delivered in local languages and the pictorial material is used for proper understanding of participants. After the formation of "organization of poor", UCBPRP's objective is to invest in human capacities for harnessing the potential and strengths of local people; therefore, it emphasizes on capacity building of CO and VO members in leadership skills, organizational and management skills, record keeping and Community Investment Fund (CIF) & Income Generating Grant (IGG) .

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

The Training aims to enhance the knowledge, skill, and capabilities of the participants in planning and managing their developmental activities and to utilize the available local resources as well. It provides the participants an opportunity to build their capacities to break the vicious cycle of poverty By undertaking the poverty reduction and income generating activities on their own according to the community needs.

Objectives

It is designed for the Activist of Community Organizations with the objective to enable them to understand and learn:

- The philosophy of Participatory Development
- The Principles and Practices in Rural Development
- How to conduct CO meeting
- How to record the CO meeting
- Develop their interpersonal skills
- How to establish effective productive linkages with Government and Private Organizations

Methodology



The combination of methods including interactive lectures, role plays, group discussions, pictorial handouts, review technique, brain storming, case studies, practical exercises, exposure visits and group work makes the training course distinctive.

Vocational Training Programme (VTP)

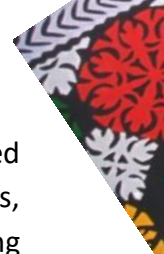

EUCBPRP main component is the vocational training programme for the youth of rural communities having innate potential efforts in capacity building in rural areas focus on what young people need in order to be able to set up and run their own businesses, including labor work, intergenerational and many other, successfully and autonomously. Skills training is essential to enhance the capacities of community members to become more productive and to make the best use of their existing or new resources, Based on the MIPs, Over the years, and in response to community demands, SRSO has provided various types of training and over 5100 persons have taken part in and benefited from these training from UCBPRP project.

Addressing the education and training gaps of young rural people is becoming even more important as population pressures grow and land becomes scarce due to un employment. This means that young people will need the skills to adopt sustainable working environment with the opening of vocational training field centers for rural women in 1st phase on different trades: applique work, stitching and advance tailoring to access opportunities for the rural community. This training highlights the need to extend and enhance rural education and training systems, with a focus on matching knowledge and skills with the demands of labor markets in Sindh to get more employment.

District Khairpur Field team has opened two vocational field training centers, access to knowledge represents one of the greatest hurdles for rural youth, especially for girls who often have lower literacy levels than boys, are more restricted in terms of movement, and are overwhelmed by the household workload. To overcome these difficulties, SRSO is pursuing different strategies, such as the creation of rural women stitching and tailoring with applique mainly handmade work expertise, and the training of advisers on the creation and running of small businesses that can generate income sources in the household level. SRSO has also designed different kinds of short- and long-cycle vocational training, apprenticeships, and skill upgrading Programmes at field training centers at the community level in order to enable rural youth to set up their own business or successfully join the labor market.

This Vocational Training Programme is mainly covering the targeted women to uplift the living standard of rural Households' to alleviate the poverty through creation of new income generating source at community level at their door step having full access of knowledge and skills to become a useful citizen of the society and can participate in the development of house and society.

The project successfully contributed to the development of rural activities, creating employment and creating an income generating source for the family to uplift their living standard. Based on 1st phase



of UCBPRP VTP, the good results of the UCBPRP has been initiated to scale up the activities designed to improve rural people's access to business development services, appropriate technology and skills, and financial services as a new income generating source. The programme also focuses on engaging rural women and young girls in micro-enterprises, for example through training activities which target young girls with the aim of supporting them in developing promising economic initiatives in the hand made products.


UCBPRP targets organized women offspring/their family member which is young rural women and men, who lack technical skills and access to financing for income-generating activities and want to bring change among their families with their consensus.

UCBPRP is addressing the, increased youth unemployment in a national concern, and highlights the importance of engaging young people in the modernization of the agricultural and rural non-farm sectors. The focus of the project is, therefore, to enable young people to find employment in the rural labor market by piloting new approaches to improve young women and men's professional skills and supporting them in setting up their own enterprises.

Three tiers Social Mobilisation

Social mobilisation is the first step in eradicating some of the hurdles that poorest face. This includes organizing the women from the poor households based on PSC (Poverty Score Card) results and form Community Organizations (COs). The representatives of these COs federate into another group called Village Organizations (VOs). In the case of the Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme (UCBPRP), it caters towards removing common hurdles such as lack of assets, credit, technical skills and inability to afford health-care, which ultimately prevent the poorest from climbing up the poverty ladder. The representatives of these COs federate into another group called Village Organizations (VOs). SRSO has implemented the UCBPRP using the social mobilisation approach to organise rural communities in order to provide the poorest with essential products, while at the same time building their capacities to plan and work as a whole. As an unparalleled step, SRSO has decided to focus only on women in the households and to organise them into women's COs & VOs. Therefore as an added precaution, SRSO has ensured that the chief beneficiaries of the UCBPRP are truly the most deserving in each of the target poor households, i.e. the women.

The main objective of these household level organizing into CO/VO/LSO and their social change for uplifting and alleviating the poverty, so the UCBPRP is to dominant the significant change in social and economic dimensions of the lives of the poor women and how the social mobilisation process amalgamated with the intense package of developmental interventions of Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Program has supported them in improving their lives and livelihoods. Each intervention in this Project elaborates livelihood activities before and after the intervention and it gives the holistic account of how the beneficiaries achieved these socio-economic results during the process of becoming change agents throughout these years. Furthermore, each case study in the document presents the detailed process and the gains and costs of social mobilisation.



Activity	Districts						Total
	Khairpur	Sanghar	Umer Kot	Mirpur Khas	Badin	Thatta	
CO Formation	624	124	45	168	91	91	1143
CMST	742	86	28	53	60	52	1021
VO Formation	5	4		1			10
VTP	52	0					52

2nd Progress Planning & Review Meeting of EUCBPRP at SRSO Office Sanghar



2nd PPM of E-UCBPRP Programme funded by GoS was organized at SRSO district Office Sanghar, on dated 30th December 2017. The Meeting was chaired by Team Leader (TL) EUCBPRP Mr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo. ALL District Managers, M&E Officers, PIU Staff and other field staff participated in the meeting. The meeting was formally started with the recitation of Holy Quran by a



participant. The Meeting Welcome note was given by TL-EUCBPRP and agenda of the meeting was shared with all participants. Later, the Action Points to the previous meeting were shared and asked to concern responsible persons for action status that are taken. Following this, the DM-Umer Kot Mr. Ahmed Khan Soomro started sharing the Progress of Project. In connection to this, all DMs shared their progress of districts and following detail meeting agendas were discussed. At last, the MER Sector progress and findings were shared by M&E Professional of field team findings in Progress and Process following at community level.

In the end, TL-EUCBPRP Mr. Dr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo thanks, all participants for participation and sharing progress. He directed all team that CO/VO formation started on priority basis along with initiative taken by the team regarding introducing of CIF, IGG, VTP initiative at the district level.

Orientation Training Workshop (OTW, #3 Batch)

SRSO-IMSD organized 10 days basic induction training (OTW) of E-UCBPRP field Staff (Field Teams, SMTS, and other concern staff) 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 the household level and working methodology with a chain cycle of different sectors of SRSO to achieve their goals at office and field level.

The 10 days training was comprised of 8 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 prove 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 through some training or orientation workshop and to gain 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 with 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.

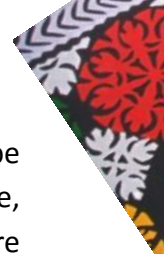

Coordination Meeting with Deputy, Assistant Commissioner and Local Government Officials'

SRSO believes in three social pillars working relationships: Social, Political and administrative. SRSO E-UCBPRP team and team leader are in strong coordination with P&D, GoS-Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Election Commission of Pakistan, Local District Government, commissioners and elected UCs and district Chairman. SRSO DMs briefly shared the E-UCBPRP Objectives, Project Outcomes, and Interventions that will be exercised after the managing and organizing the local poor rural women into three tiers social mobilisation. The Sanghar DM (District Manager) Mr. Khadim Hussain Shar and Ahmed Khan Soomro from District Umer Kot, Shafique Agro, DM-Irshad Mallah and Bansi Malhi DM-Thatta also conducted different coordination meetings with DC, ADC, and Government Line Departments. These meetings were held for future coordination about community and the registration of community institution at Social Welfare department and their linkages with different departments for strengthening the Community institution. All districts teams are now conducting the Meeting with a local government elected officials regarding signature of UC completion certificates that were surveyed during E-UCBPRP Survey.

PSC Validation Activity:

This exercise is comprised of the in-house evaluation study, based on the analysis of primary data collected through using android base system using poverty scorecard in randomly selected revenue village and Union Councils, each from Mirpurkhas, and Thatta Districts of Sindh provinces. The survey






was carried out using trained Monitoring, MIS and PSC field teams of data collection which will be followed by verification, validation, GPS location verification, data entry, Household existence, analysis and report writing. The main objectives of the assessment exercise were to measure quantitatively as well as qualitatively the data collected at Household level accuracy and the existence of the community.

Out of a total 321 union councils where poverty scorecard baseline collected data were available and surveyed households, eight union councils from each district were surveyed and validated using the Post poverty scorecard form along with a customized questionnaire to gauge the collected data at community level specifically by taking GPS in visited settlements, villages and union councils at the catchment area and at the household level data. The households' housing and individual characteristics, consumption patterns, and ownership of durable items specifically the village and settlement existence at ground level was cross verified with the current status in MIS of UCBPRP and PSC MIS. The Revenue village and settlement information were collected by the locally hired enumerators, supervisors, monitors, and union council chairman to cross verify the geographic location of current district.

Furthermore, team move into the sampled field and in the evening they validated that collected data of settlement, Household, Revenue village and Union council with the data existing in PSC EUCBPRP ERP/Software through system generated reports by cross verifying every single Household data in the system. During Field, Tagging, Probing, FGD with community representative of settlements and GPS was generated at ground level. Overall the families/Households were existing in villages in described Revenue villages and union council but GPS was varying due to many concern at the time of data collection: Rainy season, unavailability of cellular signals', unavailability of Internet connection and there were many possibilities' that were faced by enumerators during data collection process. In Thatta, during validation, it was identified that still there are many Settlements that are uncovered and not surveyed during PSC survey. A compare to Mirpurkhas, there was no any single settlements/RV/UC was found that was uncovered/ not surveyed during PSC survey but 1% Households were not validated due to migratory/guest or any other reason not found at ground level but according to the statements of other neighbors' that this family has just shifted. Overall, from this exercise, it was found that there is a small error in GPS coordinates that are varying from one district to another.

General activities of UCBPRP Programme

After the completion of PSC and delimitation and Government census, the Map of Districts has been delimited so our MER Officer Mr. Iftikhar Ahmed Abbasi has formulated a new delimited with UC wise map of District Badin. Following is the detailed map of District Badin.

1. DM-Badin Mr. Irshad Mallah conducted Coordination meeting with DC Mr.Shahzad Tahir Taheem & ADC-II Mr. Abdul Hamed Mughal at District Badin regarding NOC for SRSO implementation and EUCBPRP. Mr.Shahzad Tahir Taheem DC directed ADC-II Mr.Abdul hameed Mughal for issuing NOC to Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) & EUCBPRP program.
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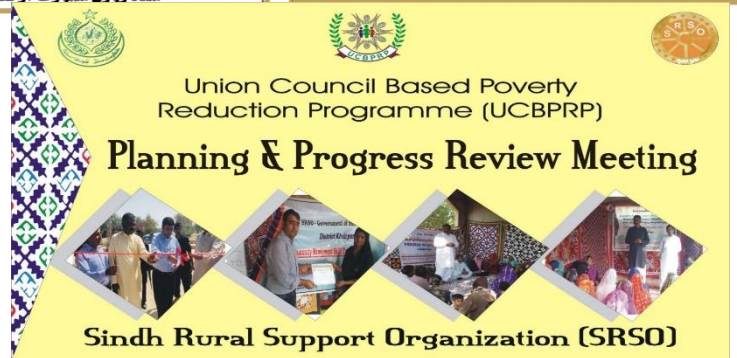
EXPANSION OF UNION COUNCIL BASED POVERTY REDUCTION PROGRAM (EUCBPRP) OPERATIONAL AREA DISTRICT BADIN

2. DM-Badin Mr. Irshad Mallah conducted Coordination Meeting with Mr. Ali Sanghar Halepoto District Chairman. He has been given brief introduction of SRSO and EUCBPRP program for District Badin. He became inspired about program which will really support community to be empower. Moreover, he has been requested time for further detail

3. Coordination meeting conducted with welfare department and they have been given program introduction about EUCBPRP. Moreover, they have been requested for time

to receive a complete introduction about the whole program.

GoS and EUCBPRP Visibility by following the one standard and one identity during UCBPRP Interventions.



SRSO has been successfully launched the 1st UCBPRP logo with the approval of GoS-P&D department.

The rationale of this logo is 1: Wheat leaves are showing the progress of Sindh and Community because the Sindh's mostly income source is agriculture and Sindh's economy is agri-economy, 6 vectors shows the 6 districts with 6 dots which shows the diversified culture, community and diversified challenges to foster them into 3 tiers social Mobilistaion. 3 women shows the two meanings: 3 tiers social Mobilistaion: CO/VO/LSO and Community, SRSO and GoS. The Rile that is filled with 6 vectors shows the real art and handmade work of rural women is the making a beautiful rillie/bed sheet which is the main source of rural women, as this project is totally women based so this shows that we are here for uplifting and empowering the rural women to alleviate the poverty form Households.



Meeting with EU & UN-FAO Delegation

European Union (EU) and UN-FAO Delegation visited in Village Choudhry Sultan, and Village Anwar Arain. Where Mr. Jamal Shoro Team Leader Success Project and District Manager Shafique Agro Participated the main Objective of the delegation was dialogue with ILTS Benefecries.

Mr. Jamal Shoro Introduced SRSO and EUCBPRP Project Interventions, The inhabitants of village warmly welcomed the SRSO team and acknowledged regarding carpet coverage / 100 percent PSC in their village.

EU mission appreciated & expected that integrated actives of SRSO & FAO will bring a positive change in the community. Later on, meeting conducted with Deputy Commissioner Mirpur Khas.

1.1 : Meeting With Vocational Training Institute

The Vocational Trainings Program (VTP) is the major component of Expansion of union council based Poverty Reduction Program (EUCBPRP) which is designed for the members of the household falling in Poverty score 0-18 according to PSC survey report. The vocational Training will be given to 32,244 participants (Male and Female) in six Districts Mirpurkhas, Badin, thatta, Sanghar, Umerkot and khairpur Miras on different trades that lead to self or external employment to facilitate them for improving their incomes.

Dr.Ghulam Rasool Samejo briefed about SRSO and EUCBPRP Project, including outreach of SRSO, working areas and Social Mobilization approach. Further Mr. Chandar Parkash said that in Mirpur khas there are two Vocational Training Institutes working one is in Mirpurkhas city and other in Taluka Digri in which following trade's/services can be provided.

- Electrician/Alternative Energy Sources includes,
 - ✓ General Electrician.
 - ✓ UPS/Solar
 - ✓ Home appliance general fitter.
- Plumbing. Mobile Repair Driving Auto Mechanics
- Puncher Shop. Carpenter Tailoring/ Advance Tailoring.
- Poultry Forming/ Live Stock/Hospitality

Mr. Chandar Parkash further elaborated that for female separated classes can be arranged in following trades.

- Tailoring and dress making., Hand Embroidery, Machine Embroidery
- Beautician.Cooking.,Computers.

The Normal Duration of above Mentioned courses is six month but he said that it can be converted in to 2 months on demand of SRSO. For the purpose of converting course in two months, the application will be written to Reginal Director Vocational Training Institution, The region is comprised of Mirpur Khas, Umerkot, and Sanghar Districts, therefore, they can support SRSO at sanghar district as well.in addition to this, he further said that he can support SRSO by arranging the services of some private Institutions in trades which are not being offered by Vocational training Institutions like Artificial Insemination (AI).

At the end of meeting Dr.Ghulam Rasool Samejo paid thanks to Mr., Chandar Parkash and hope that in January 2018 initiative for two trades will be taken in Mirpurkhas (one Male and One Female) and same as in Umerkot district.

Annexure: Photos:



CMST Training



Program Introduction



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CO Formation



EU and UN-FAO Delegation



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Meeting with Vocational Training Institute



Meeting with Hunar Foundation



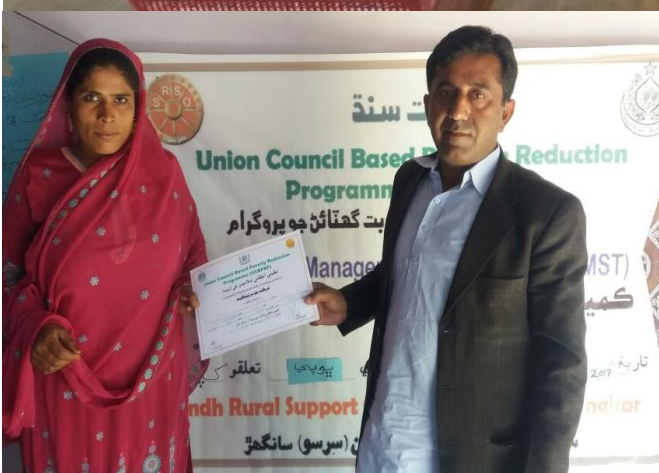
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CO Formation

General Progress of District Sanghar

- Had a meeting with district president PPP Mr. Ali Hassan Hingorjo regarding the project activities.
- Meeting conducted with Mr. Shahid Ahmed Thaheem-MPA/Chairman STEVETA for the same purpose as above.
- Provided the project monthly report to Deputy Commissioner Sanghar.
- DC Sanghar and ADC II Sanghar and DDSW invited for Sartyoon Sang exhibition.
- DM Visited the Sanghar Institute of Science and Technology Sanghar and Khipro branch.
- DM conducted meeting with Managers of Sindh bank Ltd Khipro and FMFB branch Shahdadpur and U Micro Finance bank Shahdadpur.
- Union council Chairman UC Wali Muhammad Kerio visited the district Office.
- Madam Ruqia Visited the district office and conducted the CMST session and PI.
- Sr. Manager Niaz Ahmed Hingoro joined the CMST and deliver the session.
- MER person collected the PSC UC completion certificates from UC chairman.



General Progress



DM Khairpur Mr. Abdul Latif Soomro conducted meeting with IMSD officials for VTP and CMST training.

Identification of Vocation Training center at District Khairpur



With the effective dialogue to NLC have received the proposal and finalized the trades which will plan to launch in coming month the other center having name Shafqat vocational training center located in Tehsil Kingri which also be in plan to finalize the dialogue with effective coordination

PI Dialogue with Community OTW staff paid an exposure visit in khairur district where, TL-



EUCBPRP Mr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo conducted Program Introduction with community) at Village Mang Tagar UC Hajna Shah under Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme (UCBPRP). Mr. Zahid Karim Shar (Chief Financial Officer SRSO), Dr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo (TL UCBPRP), Mr. Niaz Hingoro (Sr. Manager IMSD), Mr. SalemUllah Solangi (UC Chairman), Mr. Mubarak Khan

Tagar (UC Vice Chairman), Mr. Abdul Majid Tagar (UC Councilor), Ms. Gul Khatoon (UC Lady Councilor) and more than 200 women and 50 men participated on December 16, 2017.

Coordination with Government Department

SRSO District Khairpur made effective coordination with government departments to



engage and keep them onboard regarding EUCBPRP activities, this is the resultant to receive the facilitation from livestock and fisheries department release the letter to SRSO district Khairpur for given the provision of veterinary doctors to each tehsil who will take sessions in community trainings regarding livestock awareness.

To: The District Manager
Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO)
Khairpur

SUBJECT: Provision of Veterinary Doctors to take awareness sessions for Community Trainings at CO and VO level.

Reference to letter SRSO/EUCBPRP/District/Khp-11 on dated December 15, 2017. Kindly find inclose here with the list of Veterinary Doctors / Officers for participation in awareness session for community during community awareness trainings at CO and VO levels at different talukas including Khairpur, King, Gambat, Sobhodero and Katsi.

S.No	Name Veterinary Doctors / Officers	Taluka	Cell Number
01	Dr. Nazeer Ahmed	Khairpur	0300 2770022
02	Dr. Abdullah Dhalet	Kingri	0301 3689056
03	Dr. Zafar Mankhand	Gambat	0300 2870815
04	Dr. Barkat Ali Lakho	Sobhodero	0300 3189608
05	Dr. Sanatullah Soomro	Katsi	0300 8344438

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The Executive Director Animal Husbandry Sindh Hyderabad for kind information.
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Weekly Progress Meeting of District Khairpur SMT





Exposure Field Visit

