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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 Mobilization 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
-	CMST	Community Managed Skills Training
-	TNA	Training Need Assessment
-	MIP	Micro-Investment Plan
-	MERO	Monitoring Evaluation & Research officer
-	SM	Social Mobilization
-	S.O	Social Organizer
-	UI	Unit In charge
-	MAC	Managerial Activist Conference
-	VMST	VO Management & Skills Training
-	LCHS	Low Cost Housing Scheme
-	VTP	Vocational Training Programme
-	CBK	Community Book Keeper
-	CRP	Community Resource Person

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1. Executive Summary

This month report depicts the District level Project launching ceremonies in projected districts of Badin & Mirpurkhas with the support of political, administrative and social pillars collaboratively the support of PMU-GoS UCBPRP and other stakeholders.

Social Mobilization: This involves managing surveyed rural communities into organizations of the poor at the community level on Parra, village and union council level. In order to accomplish this, SRSO conducted "Poverty Score Card" exercise in projected union councils in 6 districts to help identify the poor and the poorest. Fostering the women into CO/VO has been at peak in the six districts areas and the rural women of these areas have shown their keen interest to uplift their living standard by formation of community/Village organization, Selection of honest and dedicated community institution leaders, 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 officeholders 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.

This description execution is a monthly progress report of the month of March-2018 undertakings of UCBPRP Programme in 6 Districts with the financial Assistance of GoS Government of Sindh (GoS). During this Month, the Social Mobilisation progress from inception until 31st March 2018, a total of **39,928** households organized and fostered into Community organization a total of **2,383** in a month with a cumulative of **5,942** from the inception of Programme and after the maturity of Community organizations (COs') these were further federated into village organizations' (VO), a total of **226** VOS formed in month and cumulative figure is **406**. Furthermore, the managerial, capacity building and getting many boosted trainings of these community women they are further federated into last tiers of Social Mobilization that is Local Support Organization in which this month a total of **4** LSOs were formed and cumulatively **5**. After maturity of the Community/Village Organizations, that have developed their managerial and governance systems as they undertake more and more development activities. Their institutional maturity and their ability to influence government and other stakeholders have been built over time. The clustering of Village Organizations (VOs) leads to the formation of Local Support Organizations (LSOs) which represent the second generation social mobilization".

Beside the social mobilization, many other activities were carried out in projected areas: CMST (Community Management Skills Training Programme), VO management and Planning Training, CIF Appraisals' and monitoring training, and many other managerial trainings for community organizations' (CO/VO/LSO) office bearers were held to train and uplift these Cis. Managerial Activist Conference (MAC) of community leaders and activists that are willing to uplift the community from poverty and have a spirit to work under the community institution platform (CO/VO/LSO) with the technical

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assistance of SRSO. In month, the VO leaders Training Vo management and Planning training (VMST) was also arranged at District Offices along with three days training on CIF appraisals and monitoring training. In Khairpur CRPs were identified, interviewed and their three days CRPs Capacity building training was also conducted with the assistance of IMSD.

Vocational Training Programme which is job oriented was started in all districts: Khairpur, Sanghar, Badin, Umer Kot, Mirpurkhas and Thatta for the youth of the rural community to empower the society with their skills that they possess just need to polish their skills and have a systematic training process by trained trainers' with their profession which can be a source of income generation at household level.

A large cadre of rural men and women will be trained through a wide array of vocational trades and skills: a total of **247** rural women have been certified and trained in different trades at Khairpur, Sanghar, Badin, Umerkot and Thatta, also **560** has been enrolled in different trades in District by establishing Vocational 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 (90%), and Stitching (10%). 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.

During This Month the CIF (Community Investment Funds) cheques were distributed among the rural and poor community in all districts Khairpur, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Thatta, Umer kot and Badin against their Micro Investment Plan (MIP) as per their need and investment plan. Managerial Activist Conferences' were held in Khairpur, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Badin, Umer Kot and Thatta. The main purpose of the MAC was to create linkages of Community Institution women and leaders with GoS, Sindh government line departments' officials, Non-Government Officials and other stakeholders to raise their voice and get linked with them. Community investment Fund cheques were also distributed among **1,531** beneficiaries in 6 districts: Khairpur, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Umer kot, Thatta and Badin. Income generation grant cheques were also distributed among **141** beneficiaries.

Community Institution's record keeping is the first and basic need, therefore the literate female is the main assets of these community organizations. therefore the 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 the community and Social Mobilization teams is attributed to the continued process of follow-up and guidance with dedication and commitment by projected teams of

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SRSO. This shows continuity in SRSO's efforts to inculcate transparency and accountability within the COs.

District Managers of EUCBRP during whole month holds different meetings, dialogues with higher authorities of Government Line departments about detailed briefing about UCBPRP Programme and also seek assistance in Programme for Community development to alleviate the poverty. Special detailed briefing Meetings were held during this month by TL-EUCBPRP MR. Ghulam Rasool Samejo with higher district Management Commissioner and deputy Commissioner of districts of projected districts' to seek the cooperation and positive response during implementation of this Programme. These meetings were in detailed briefed about E-UCBPRP Current Progress and future interventions outcomes at the community level.

In district launching ceremonies different political, administrative and social pillar people and community participated in the event. The CEO SRSO Officials briefly highlighted the SRSO Introduction, the success storied documentaries of community and Provincial launching ceremony video. The CEO-SRSO welcomed all the esteemed and distinguished guests during launching Programmes along with TL-EUCBPRP and from GoS-PDD Mr. Pervaiz Chandio, also participated in Badin and Mirpurkhas Launching ceremonies along with GoS-Chairman District Councils, Local MPAs and different organization officials also take part in this event.

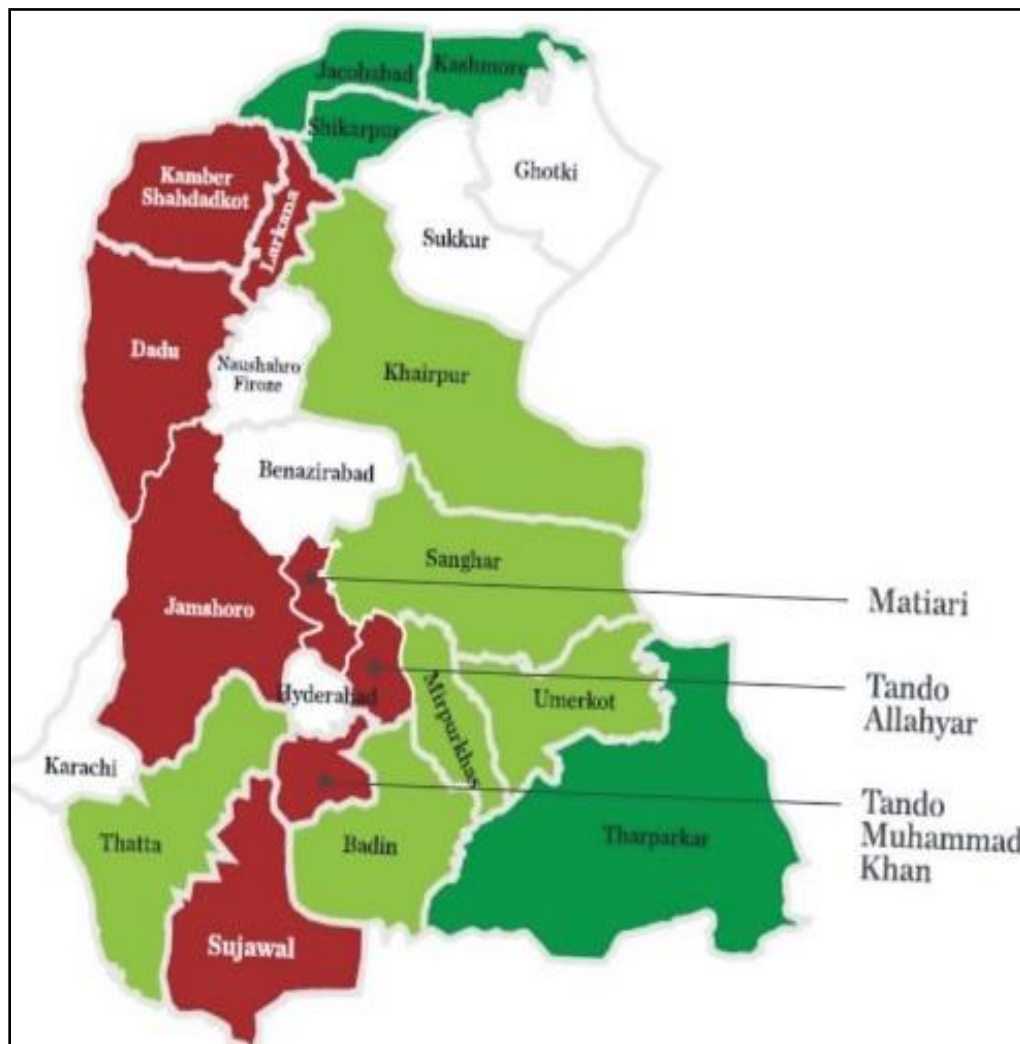
In Badin the chief guest of the launching ceremony of Program was Mr. Ismail Rahu (MPA PPP), ADC-I, Chairman District Council. GoS-Official, Women Development Department Incharge, GoS-P&DD Mr. Pervaiz Chandio also participated in the event.

In first week of this month, the 6 District consolidated Planning & Progress Review meeting was held at SRSO Badin Office. This meeting was chaired by CEO-SRSO and TL-EUCBPRP. In which, all the field teams including Social Mobilisers shared their progress challenges and shared their next month planning as per PC-1 Targets. CEO-SRSO & 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.

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

The community development and women empowerment is only possible with household approach by strengthening the community and households at initial unit of administration which is Union council level, so Government of Sindh has further extended the Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme (UCBPRP) which 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 Mobilization this involves organizing rural communities into "organizations' of the poor" at the

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community, village and union council level. This structured approach entails organizing rural communities into 'organizations' of the people' at the Mohallah (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 organizing 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 microloans, income-generating grants, and creating employment opportunities by training youth in technical skills and engaging the trained Pax into different industries for jobs perspective.

The Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme (UCBPRP) is based on the three tiers social mobilization approach to alleviate the poverty through uplifting their living standard by realizing and unleashing the real potential of the rural community by empowering the women who are the real driving force of generating new economic resources for the household. SRSO being an implementing organization of this Programme from the starting of the UCBPRP from 2009 which has driven their real hallmark and depicts the real success of Programme by 50% graduation of intervened community through different interventions of UCBPRP Programme mainly through CIF. SRSO has firm belief that each rural poor household has their own innate potential to improve its condition, however, the household faces constraints that do not allow it to realize the potential. If these rural people especially rural women are organized in order to enable them to have a collective thinking and actions for the development of society and act upon their consensus decision to alleviate the poverty that is existing among their households' collectively think and act upon their development. Therefore UCBPRP is based on Social Mobilization approach which consists of the organizing of communities in rural into three tiers community institutions'. At the first tier, these communities are organized into Community Organizations (COs) which are organizations' at the neighborhood or Mohallah level.

These COs consist of membership from 15 to 25 households on average. COs ordinarily carry out activities such as household level development planning, training, savings, and credit. At the second tier, the COs federate at the village level into a Village Organization (VO). Membership of the VO normally consists of two nominated members from each CO in the village the activities of the VO are to work on development activities which run across the village such as community infrastructure, partnerships with local government and other agencies, and on issues which affect the entire village. At the third tier, VOs federate at the Union Council level to form a Local Support Organization (LSO).

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This EUCBPRP is Designed especially for those new Households to the poorest community for their development as other districts women have changed themselves, this Project also serves as a step to change their lives by uplifting their living standard through small initiatives and resource for those who don't engage in their rural women for as a financing source for their household regularly or those who would like to consider new source for income generation or new tools for overcoming upcoming inflation waves for survival. GoS and SRSO hope that community value this material and can apply its content to community development work so you, too, can come up with the money for your next initiative.

This apex organization consists of membership from the VOs in the entire union council and is responsible for coordinating with its membership base to construct a development agenda for its members. It is also responsible for networking and developing linkages with external organizations' such as local government, donors, NGOs and the private sector for the purpose of achieving its development agenda. The potential can be harnessed if the poor households are mobilized to foster their own network of organizations' at Mohallah (Community Organizations – COs), village (Village Organizations – VOs) and union council levels (Local Support Organizations – LSOs).

Once the women from poor households are organized, they prepare Micro Investment Plans (MIPs) wherein they highlight the potential income generating activities that they can undertake on their own, the constraints they face and how these constraints can be removed. SRSO provide Community Investment Fund (CIF) to these organizations' so that they can provide small loans to CO members for the implementation of MIPs for income generation. While COs focus on income generating activities, VOs focus more on broader issues that affect the whole village, e.g. education, health, infrastructure, etc.

District Launching Ceremony of UCBPRP Programme

Following the Provincial Inaugural ceremony of the expansion of UC-based Poverty Reduction Programme (UCBPRP), there were two events of district launching ceremony held in Thatta and Sanghar, in which the Political and administrative pillars officials attended the event as a chief esteemed guest.

In Mirpurkhas the Project was launched by: Chairman District Council, and in Badin by Ismail Rahou MPA Pakistan Peoples Party, announcing the expansion of the Government of Sindh's Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme (UCBPRP) in concern districts and expected results as per assigned by PC-1 by P&DD of Sindh. The Programme will work with the poorest rural women of Khairpur, Sanghar, Mirpur Khas, Thatta, Badin and Umer Kot. The UCBPRP will be implemented by Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) with the total budget of Rs 4.9 billion, the Programme will benefit 716523 households mainly in these districts with 68 Union Councils in Badin and 55 in Mirpurkhas rural union Councils. The UCBPRP's components include the formation of 39808 women's organizations', provision of Community Investment Fund (CIF) to each women organization, vocational training to 32244 persons, 8599 units under low cost housing scheme and income generating grants to 30708 poorest women.

Working across Sindh's villages through women's village organizations', the UCBPRP is the largest government funded poverty reduction Programme in any province. Previously, the UCBPRP has successfully empowered the rural women to break the shackles of poverty in four districts of Shikarpur, Kashmore, Jacobabad and Tharparkar. The new phase of UCBPRP is aimed at targeting the poor through the process of social mobilization, harnessing their potential and enabling them to build productive assets, reduce vulnerabilities and improve by and large, the condition of their village or locality.

The Programmes in districts were formally started with the recitation of Holy Quran and Programme intro was given by TL-EUCBPRP about EUCBPRP Programme in both districts but in Thatta the CEO-SRSO also briefly shared the working philosophy of SRSO and there tiers social mobilization and working with

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rural women to harness their potential to alleviate the poverty from households. Also say warmly welcome to all guests and thanks note with an introductory speech about SRSO, RSP journey and especially how the Union Council Based Poverty reduction has achieved milestone at community level due to which today we have got EUCBPRP first 100% anti-poverty rural women Programme which is proved a key of success for these 6 lacs families that has graduated successfully with the interventions of UCBPRP Programme.

CEO SRSO also narrated and cited a report source of CIF Impact Assessment Study by SUKKUR-IBA University, as per report "According to poverty score card these Programmes would help 100% households below poverty line to graduate above their existing band and 40% beyond poverty line. According to recent evaluation carried out by Sukkur IBA-ORIC department by taking a random sample from 50,000 beneficiaries of UCBPRP in Shikarpur, Kashmore and Jacobabad districts 90% of the beneficiaries in bottom band of PSC graduated to higher bands and 68% above poverty line.

In Badin, In the ceremony, Government officials, Political leaders and social representatives participated in inauguration of EUCBPRP i.e. honorable Chief Guest Mr. Mohammad Ismail Rahu MPA, Dr. Ali Nawaz Bhoot ADC-I special Guest, Mr. Parvez Chandio Director UCBPRP-PMU, Mr. Abdul Ghafar Khoso Deputy Director of Social welfare department, Mr. Mohammad Dittal Kalhoru SRSO-CEO, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Abro member of SRSO-Board of Director, Dr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo Team Leader-EUCBPRP, Ms. Ruqiya Naz IMSD- SRSO Manager & Mr. Naimatullah Sawand Monitoring and Evaluation officer from PIU, representatives of Local Support Organizations (LSOs) from District Kashmore at Kandh kot and Shikarpur, other NGOs representative, Media team, and organized COs of District Badin. LSOs representatives from Shikarpur and Kashmore expressed their experience and struggles.

SRSO official shared background history of UCBPRP program and implementation with great outcomes and way forward of EUCBPRP implementation along with objects.

In Badin, Pakistan Peoples' Party (PPP) MPA Mr. Ismail Rahou in Badin District and chairman District Council Mirpurkhas said on the occasion, this Programme is the vision of Shaheed Muhtrama Benazir Bhutto who also keen to empower rural women and respect them in the society. As per Programme they highlighted the role of women in the society which is compromised and also remain a victim now should be addressed and empowered this Programme with their community institutions and will write their success stories and women empowerment throughout their life, and they said that being the first woman prime minister of the Muslim World, Benazir did her best for the self-respect of womenfolk in Pakistani society. He said PPP would continue to support any institution which came forward with the cause of empowering women of the low-income group. He hoped that the SRSO Programme would reach each and every district of Sindh. "By making joint efforts, we and you can eliminate poverty from society," he said,

Video Documentary of Sukkur Launching Ceremony:

After UCBPRP intro, there was a documentary time, which was shown to all audiences and guests of UCBPRP provincial launching ceremony was arranged at SRSO Complex Sukkur by Chairman PPP Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and Chief Minister Sindh Sayed Murad Ali Shah.

Community Speakers (Their stories in their own words with struggles which end with success and a vision)



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LSO Bukhari Chairperson Ms. Meerzadi from union council Rasool Bux Chachar and other LSO representatives i.e. Ms. Aisha LSO- Roshni addressed to the audiences. They shared the portfolio of Community Investment Fund (CIF) along with its effective utilizations. They shared the challenges which occurred during organizing the village and LSO organizations that how they have been demoralized by people as such initiative could not be implemented but goal of project illuminated new ray of women empowerment, poverty reduction and village development made them determined.

SRSO has given them new opportunity as they could contribute their vital role in poverty reduction, education, health and development. Before presence of SRSO, they were sparing life without any mean and never thought women could do anything. When they understand UCBPRP programme, they started working to improve their way of life, reduction of unemployment through sources of income generation, children mortality, girls' education and health precaution

issues. In rural areas, Business Development Group have been formed as rural women could do business by producing cultural Art and have been promoted by linking with market to receive their respective due amount of product. Being representative of LSOs, they randomly monitor in above head and timely address them in fortnightly and monthly meeting as well as have explicit information of CIF/IFL portfolio and strategy of revolving. These all changes occurred because SRSO did believe on them and they will ever thankful of SRSO and Government of Sindh who took such great initiatives for rural women. We are expecting you people could bring changes like us and many same hurdles will come on your way, but your determination will protect from any distraction. We all are wishing that you people could improve your life, and support your family for sparing better life. Thanks”.

Mr. Parvez Ahmed addressed to the audience,” this is honour for me that such incredible well designed project has been started in six Districts of Sindh province which will support most destitute and marginalized community through provision of difference intervention under head of income generation, skills development training, low cost housing schemes. With inner core of heart, I am congratulating District Badin in inauguration of UCBPRP programme. This programme will support community to graduate from below poverty line. It will be a bit surprise for you people, the implementer of this programme belongs from your Districts who successfully brought changes at upper Sindh. The presentation and sharing of Local Support Organizations (LSOs) representatives from Shikarpur and Kashmore who have participated in this program; are sharing the fact that occurred in their life but their determination, sincerity and devotion never stopped them from doing work which has now changed their area and life. I am expecting more fruitful results from District Badin comparison the changes of upper Sindh. I am highly thankful to make me part of this program and appreciated SRSO efforts to keep things transparent and result oriented.



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Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Abro member of SRSO-Board of Director," I am thankful of honourable Guest, stakeholders, media and community. Its honour for me to be part of this organization. Respected CEO and Dr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo have well defined the background history and struggle of this programme which was initiated in year of 2009. Behind everything, there is huge struggle to reform something for betterment. The three tiers of mobilization that is main component to sensitize community and raise awareness. People have great experience, skills and capacity. They need guidelines to bring things in a systematic way. The unity of these small organizations could approach individually each house and address problems at gross root level. They know the solution which can be sustainable and they need the opportunity that SRSO is providing them with collaboration of Sindh Government. LSOs representatives from Shikarpur and Kashmore shared their experience and struggles that how many hurdles occurred to stop them but when sensitization takes place, no one can stop to do things for betterment. We are expecting District Badin could do hard work and their small organizations of COs, VO and LSOs could support their community and will work with SRSO in poverty alleviation. Thanks".

Ismail Rahu MPA-PPP

SRSO officials CEO Mohammad Dittal kalhoro, Dr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo, Government officials, media, social sectors and community participants; I am feeling immense pleasure to participated in this event. This is pure of humanity and SRSO is continuously doing since came in existence which is transparent in front of we people. These social sector really play a great role. Being a part of political pillars, we do not have such circles as social sector have established. They did hard work which has experience them to approach each household at individually. They have gone through difference experience and learned from their practice to designed more effectiveness programme for betterment of community. There is dire need of such programme in each district of Sindh to support most marginalized people. They are sensitizing community and bring them under one umbrella and they could easy solve the problem and established strategy for doing something better for their respective area. Government could not approach as social sector successfully did and brought great results. I am congratulating SRSO, Sindh Government and District Badin for launching of such great programme which purely addressed the goal and object of poverty reduction. This is the dream of my beloved and martyred Leader Shaheed Benazir Bhutto to empower the rural women of Sindh economically and financially through these type of Projects. Leader, Benazir Bhutto always contributed her role in public welfare activities and women empowerment throughout her life, and remained the first woman prime minister of the Muslim World, she did best for the self-respect of women folk in Pakistani society. The incident that snatched leader from me and the people of Pakistan as well as lost a great politician. She initiated many programmes for rural community like Income Support Programme (BISP) and vocational skills development centers. PPP will keep going to support Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) for empowering women of the low-income group without any discrimination. Such programmes need to be launched in all Districts of Sindh province.



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In the end of the speech he appreciated the efforts of the district team SRSO for organizing such a wonderful program and also appreciated the rural women who have participated in this program.

In Mirpurkhas District Launching ceremony the guests told that, Mir Ali Raza Talpur (Chairman town committee -Sindhri), Mr Mir Ali Raza Talpur said that I am thankful to SRSO team for inviting me in this launching ceremony. It's really wonderful initiative of SRSO/Sindh Government that they are working for the root cause of poverty reduction with the women. We understand that women can bring the change either educating children or by supporting male in income generating activities at household level only. I am quite happy to hear about the activities that have been done on community level and looking forward about the impact of activities.

Mr. Zahid Hussain Memon (Deputy Commissioner MPs)

Mr Zahid hussain expressed his feelings about SRSO and UCBPRP and said that that i am very thankful to SRSO for providing me such a wonderful chance to meet with large numbers of rural women. He also appreciated the efforts of SRSO that their program is 100% related to rural women to reduce the poverty by empowering women through social mobilization, enhancing their skills and enable them to create opportunities for generating income. He further said that I really appreciate the working style of SRSO; they are 100% working in transparent way before the intervention they have surveyed all household door to door and then started working. No doubt our mostly rural area falls in poverty and there is need to implement these types of project which enable women on sustainable for long term. This project should be publicized on huge level and would request media persons to promote and highlight this project in their newspapers.



IV. Mr. Mir Anwar Khan Talpur (Chairman District Council MPs)



Mr. Mir Anwar said that I am happy to see the participation of rural women in this Program under the one Umbrella; it means you have the spirit of doing something for the betterment of us and Sindh. It is a fact and we know that development is not possible without the participation of women. We can change the world only by giving education because It seems like a ray of sun and I do hope that the vision of Shaheed Muhtarma Benazir Bhutto will come true. EUCBPRP is the program of Pakistan People' Party /Sindh Government, reducing poverty is the key theme of PPP Manifesto, we intend to reduce poverty in the rural areas and we are working for this cause but it would not be achieved successfully without your corporation. At last I would like to pay special thanks and appreciate the efforts of SRSO management and teams

that they are working in hard rural areas for the development of rural women



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Social Mobilization-

Programme Introduction (PI) of EUCBPRP

OTW (Orientation Training Workshop for Programme Implementation staff), one day exposure visit was arranged by IMSD in Khairpur district where the first Step of Programme Activity was reviewed. The Programme introduction was organized by Khairpur District Team in which OTW Pax, District project staff, IMSD Officials and TL-EUCBPRP Participated along with 200 community participants'.

The Programme Introduction session was conducted TL-EUCBPRP, he initiated the session by doing brain storming of rural women with participation approach that what is poverty and where it lye? And what are the main causes of poverty and how can it be alleviated from rural areas. He vividly define them that what SRSO has bring for you, he told them SRSO has brought a Programme with the financial assistance of Government of Sindh, so we will not do any work that is government or government institutions' and departments' are doing we are only here for you just a bridge for GoS intervention to household level because Government could not reach out at every household level.

He added, the Pakistan is also suffering with high poverty rate but poverty is existing worldwide, we cannot say that any province of Country has no poverty but in Pakistan Actual poverty is existing at Rural areas and especially at the household level; only a mother knows when her children are hungry, out of school, ill, and without shoes. So, if poverty is at the household level then actions have to be taken at the household level. However, despite doing great deal of work, all these hundreds of government departments do not, and cannot, reach out to the household level where actual poverty exists and is being experienced 24 hours a day. Therefore, Government of Sindh has brought a revolutionary Programme for you people but there are three conditions that are compulsory to alleviate the poverty because it is the real witness of your success. Whereas, which are 1: foster themselves into three social mobilization, 2nd choose honest and dedicated community institutions leaders that can give you time and run the institute with willingness and commitment and 3rd is the exercise of saving at household and CO level because these things have set a remarkable milestone in alleviation of poverty in northern areas of Pakistan and In Sindh also. Furthermore, he said that after the success of the first UCBPRP in two district namely Shikarpur & Kashmore@Kandhkot, where thousands of the people were mobilized and graduated at poverty level with same this Programme. The realization and success of Programme has brought this Programme for you people also. Keeping in view the eye witness of poverty alleviation at Household level, GoS supported the setting up of SRSO to expand the Programme in more Six districts of Sindh, namely Khairpur, Sanghar, Mirpur Khan, Umer Kot, Badin, & Thatta.

Later, the Rural show their willingness that there are ready to do for their future generation and for their families and they have skills to do more to alleviate the poverty but need your guidance and assistance. While asking examples that what they possess that can alleviate the poverty, they said that they have minimal resources at household level: small ruminants or a share in cattle/buffalos, knitting/stitching skills, etc. These can be small piece of land, some livestock, some skills, family members, or some small savings.

Women shown their keen interest that they have many skills which are underutilized due to not having resources and potential to do but slightly need to polish and improve the management of the resources of the poor households through which there source of income generation can increase because the money is main source of alleviation of poverty and if money came into house then it automatically turn the living standard of poor. They quoted several potentials i.e. Vocational Trainings for their daughters and sons, vocational trainings for themselves i.e. Tailoring, Stitching, hand embroidery, applique and beautician.

The gathered community women and men agreed upon a single point of having some resources, and that their management can be improved. In last all community women speaks about their poverty and shown keen interest to work with SRSO and foster themselves into CO/VO/LSO.

Community Organization (CO), VO & LSO Formation Activity Social Mobilization is mainly to mobilize the community about a big idea that is going to hearten them for their development and uplift their living standard

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through a successful experience of organizing themselves into community level institutions: CO/VO/LSO. SRSO in last UCBPRP Phase has been proven experience that when community owned organizations' are financially and socially viable initiatives that can play a pivotal role in the process of social transformation. Because this will create a social awareness and thinking pattern change through which a cumulative thinking and realizing their potential will be ignite and work automatically being a self-reliant and own initiatives for development of society. As part of the UCBPRP Programme, Community Organizations' (COs), Village Organizations' (VOs) and Local Support Organizations' (LSOs) will be formed to create local level domination organizations owned and operated by the community especially rural women.

Now the SMTs are going into village and after conducting the Programme introduction briefly tell them about the importance of CO/VO/LSO, whereas the community has also told that how these organizations will help you in future that these organizations' are expected to play an important role in identifying problems and offering solutions, with the help of the government and other development stakeholders at community level through this platform for community driven development.

As SRSO is playing a vital role between GoS and Community so the Core activity of all interventions is the Social mobilization approach in UCBPRP to identify the poor in order to enable them to participate directly in decisions that affect their lives and prospects. The concept is to build capacities of people to organize, manage their own organizations'. In this Programme of UCBPRP SRSO social Mobilization teams provide technical and social guidance and financial assistance to the rural poor based on a standard three-tiered social mobilization approach for alleviation of poverty which is the basic mandate of this Programme. The social mobilization approach, it mainly depend on trust of poor women that this will be a social change agent by they possess the skills that can be utilized very well just need to polish their skills and have an innate potential to help themselves, that they can better manage their limited resources if they organize themselves into their own institutions (CO/VO/LSO). Once people are organized into properly functioning institutions of their own, they find the platform to harness their potentials, address their problems and fulfil their needs. When such institutions of the people are fostered at the neighborhood, village and union council levels, they become a vehicle through which all kinds of community development initiatives can be effectively implemented. These institutions serve as the primary partners in fulfilling the nation's development agenda by extending outreach to the household level across the country, for it is at the household level that poverty is experienced on a daily basis.

Above all importance is briefly discussed before formation of CO at Community level and SRSO is conducting this activity with a niche approach of completing the UC wise and after maturity these Cos are federated into VOs where the Cos managers and President join the VO at village level. Furthermore, as Community Organizations' (COs) are the foundation of the three-tiered institutional network. The CO is a neighborhood level institution comprising of 10-25 member households. COs are federated into Village Organizations' (VOs) for planning and coordination at the village level.

Capacity Building Trainings of CO/VO (CMST/VMST)

In UCBPRP the VMS/CMST is designed for presidents and managers of Community Organizations for the purpose of mobilizing and strengthening their capacities to identify their problems and decide priorities at their own. The event is organized when COS and VOs formally started conducting meetings monthly and at least two months they have conducted meetings and practiced saving exercise at household level. This 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 at their own according to the community needs

CRPs Training for Conducting CMSTs at community level

CRPs' are the main pillar of social mobilization to carry forward the Social mobilization activity and can assist the Community in comprehension. District Khairpur identified the 26 CRPS and conducted the interview to measure the Level of their minds and capacity to perform in front of community, so 21 passed the interview and selected as a CRP as a Trainer for CMST.

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In this regards, IMSD Organized TWO days ToT for CRPs' as trainer in which following Things were covered to fully equip them about poverty and alleviation.

1st day 4 hours were dedicated about introduction of SRSO, GoS funded UCBPRP Programme in detail.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND (CIF) and IGG STARTED

Under the UCBPRP Programme Funded by GoS, the first round of Community Investment Fund (CIF) was distributed in the newly fostered Village Organizations' (VOs) from Sanghar and Khairpur during the visit of CEO-SRSO, Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro in Mirpurkhas ,Sanghar,Badin and TL-EUCBPRP In Khairpur. CIF is one of the main components of the Government of Sindh Funded Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme, and is targeted at the women from poor and poorest households. A capital grant is provided by the SRSO VOs or Local Support organizations' (LSOs), and is used by those community institutions (CIs) as a revolving fund. The poverty score of the household, obtained through the Poverty Score Card (PSC) survey, is used to identify the eligible households to ensure that only the poor and poorest households (with Poverty Score 0-18) access CIF capital and start income generating activities. During the visits, subjected officials also met with the leaders of CIs who gave brief overview about the progress made by their respective CIs for local development. Community leaders said that the women feel empowered and important after forming their own organizations'. Talking about the priorities of the CO/VOs they said, "Capacity building of women and making them more aware about various social and health issues is the CIs priority area". While discussing the challenges at Sanghar, community leaders said that "the locals were not ready to mobilize initially, but persistent persuasion helped the communities realize the importance of coming together and saving money." Many women also shared their stories about the ways savings have helped them in their times of need. While talking to the organized women community members CEO SRSO said, "I am very happy to hear your stories and you have proved that you can solve your local development issues and help reduce poverty at household level once you are organized."

Managerial Activist Conference (MAC)

SRSO district Offices organized MAC (Managerial Activist Conferences') for the organized Households, Community Institutions office bearers and Community resource Persons, Volunteer, activist to highlight the village level issues and collectively find out the solution with the assistance of three pillars officials : Political, Administrative and social officials'. The conference will be a bridge to have a result oriented interaction within political, government, & social pillars to create the platform for these organized rural women and their community institutions (CO/VO/LSO), the conference will be a social change agent for social pillar to be aware the all government and non-government stakeholders that will assist the community. Whereas, this type of conference provides the basic opportunity to collectively identify the social and administrative issues that creating hurdles to alleviate the poverty on village level. Furthermore, this conference is a way to try to get attention and closer coordination with all stakeholders for community driven development with the technical assistance of SRSO.

The workshops were attended by community members, District Government officials, Women Development, Assistant Deputy Commissioners', Social Welfare departments, Local Government members, and Different stakeholders' officials. The day was dedicated to highlight the importance of women mainstreaming in development and presenting first women empowering Programme as role model for active and equitable rural development to alleviate the poverty at household level with self-assistance and belief with new sources and ideas and willingness to work through the community institutions' platform with a cumulative development of society also.200 women community activists and leaders from 50 villages participated in the workshops in three districts: Khairpur, Sanghar and Thatta. Women leaders of COs and VOs made presentation about the process of social mobilization and institutional development in their communities and also highlighted that many of them have begun to take small self-help initiatives for their own development. All the Administrative and Political pillars speakers told the community that with a collective approach you can reduce the poverty from your homes and SRSO is brought this Programme for you and said that this rural women gathering is the most encouraged by the women who have fostered themselves into community institutions' (CO/VO/LSO) and have made huge change within such a short time in their village. Furthermore, they also appreciated the women's keen interest in improving education and health. District and Local Government officials added that their administration will provide full support to the rural women for their development. Through the CO/VO/LSO social mechanism, the

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government line departments have an opportunity to extend their outreach and that he will encourage the departments to work closely with SRSO and the women's of COs/VOs/LSOs. In Last, all rural women speakers highlighted various self-help and awareness interventions on promotion of health, hygiene and education which can brought a big change with the technical assistance of some government and non-government departments and they also emphasized the un organized women that there is a dire need for fostering and strengthening community institutions so that the social pillar is enabled to complement government's political and administrative pillars.

UNFAO Visit at Umer Kot District

On dated 7th March, 2018, the Environmental & Social Safeguards Mission from UNFAO Rome Office and UNFAO Sindh Office visited SRSO EUCBPRP coverage area district Umerkot at village Walidad Palli UC Walidad Palli. The mission members" were Ms. Alessandra Cristina Gage, international Consultants, Green Climate Change/ Environmental & Social Safeguards. Ms. Junko Nakai, Mr. Durani environmental consultant, Ms. Munainza and Zohra Gender Specialist and Mumtaz Mangi and Shabana FAO Hyderabad



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Cumulative Monthly Achievement of EUCBPRP Districts as of March 2018

Month Of March Progress V/S Achievement																
S.#	Month of February Achievements'	Sanghar		Mirpur Khas		Umer Kot		Thatta		Badin		Khairpur		Gross Total Progress		
		Plan	Achievement	Plan	Achievement	Plan	Achievement	Plan	Achievement	Plan	Achievement	Plan	Achievement	Total Plan	Total Achievement	% Achievement
1	CO Formation	263	460	278	274	167	228	139	309	278	412	334	700	1459	2,383	163%
2	HHs Organized	4750	8,238	5000	3,922	3000	3,839	2500	5,544	5000	6,466	6000	11,919	26250	39,928	152%
3	CMST (Pax)	500	706	600	296	300	145	300	249	600	613	500	682	2800	2,691	96%
4	VO Formation	38	52	30	26	25	15	23	36	0	46	35	51	151	226	150%
5	MAC (Participants')	250	460	250	-	200	409	200	502	250	644	350	422	1500	2,437	162%
6	VTP Trainees Completed Training	113	55	100	92	75	32	75	-	0	-	75	68	438	247	56%
7	No. Of CIF Beneficiaries Received	500	535	500	71	250	86	250	119	0	118	500	602	2000	1,531	77%
8	No. Of IGG Beneficiaries Received	50	32	25	10	25	13	25	4	25	45	50	37	200	141	71%
9	LSO Formation	1	1	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	3	3	4		0%
10	VMST	40	68	40	62	30	-	30	-	40	39	45	48	225	217	96%
11	CIF Appraisal & Monitoring Training	40	68	40	-	30	-	30	-	40	33	45	50	225	151	67%
12	District Level Project Launching ceremony	0	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	0	1	1	-	4	2	50%
13	CIF Book Keeping & Co Accounts & Auditing Training	15	-	20	-	20	-	15	-	20	-	23		113	0	0%
14	Book Keeper/CRP Honorarium	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	2		2	0	0%
15	LCHS	0		0	-	0	-	0		0		0		0	-	#DIV/0!
16	Enterprise Development / BDG/ Market Survey	0		0	-	0	-	0		0		0		0	-	#DIV/0!

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Cumulative Achievement of EUCBPRP Districts as of March 2018

S.no	Program Activities	As of January 2018	As of February 2018	As of March 2018	Total
1	CO Formation	2,464	1,095	2,383	5,942
2	HHs Organized	37,393	18,869	39,928	96,190
3	Saving	2,805,329	1,695,650	3,992,800	8,493,779
4	CMST	2,427	1,712	2,691	6,830
5	VO Formation	83	97	226	406
6	VTP Trainees (Enrolment)	206	347	501	501
7	VTP (Graduated)	215	-	247	462
8	MAC	1,366	2,960	2,437	6,763
9	No. Of CIF Appraisals Filled		1,329	1,607	2,936
10	No. Of CIF Beneficiaries' Received	318	815	1,531	2,664
11	CIF Amount Disbursed	3,934,000	9,820,500	18,578,000	32,332,500
12	No. of IGG Appraisals filled		201	460	661
13	No. Of IGG beneficiaries' Received	17	31	141	189
14	IGG Amount Disbursed	182,000	299,500	1,666,000	2,147,500
15	VMST	30	84	217	331
16	CIF Appraisals and Monitoring Training			151	190
17	VO Accounts process	-	32	84	116
18	VO Accounts Opened		5	13	18
19	LSO Formation	1	-	4	5
20	District Launching Ceremony			2	2
21	CRP Enrolled			15	15
22	CRP Graduated			12	12

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Month of April Procurement Plan-2018

Programme Activities	Sanghar	Mirpurkhas	Umer kot	Thatta	Badin	Khairpur
CO Formation	250	250	150	125	250	200
HHs Organsied	4500	4500	2700	2250	4,500	3600
CMST	400	300	200	175	400	400
VO Formation	20	18	15	10	20	25
VTP Training	100	75	75	75	100	75
MAC	75	75	75	75	75	75
No. Of CIF Beneficiaries' Received	600	50	400	400	600	600
No. Of IGG beneficiaries' Received	100	50	50	50	100	100
VO Management & Planning Training	50	50	38	38	50	50
LSO Formation	1	1	0	0	3	3
CIF Appraisal & Monitoring Training	50	50	38	38	50	50
District Level Project Launching ceremony	0	0	0	0	1	1
CIF Book Keeping & Co Accounts & Auditing Training	25	25	13	13	25	25
Book Keeper/CRP Honorarium	0	0	0	0	-	0
LCHS	10	0	0	0	-	10
LMST	0	0	0	0	-	0
LSO Members Financial and Management Book Keeping Training	0	0	0	0	-	0