



# Newsletter

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SRSO Outreach & Interventions

July - September 2021



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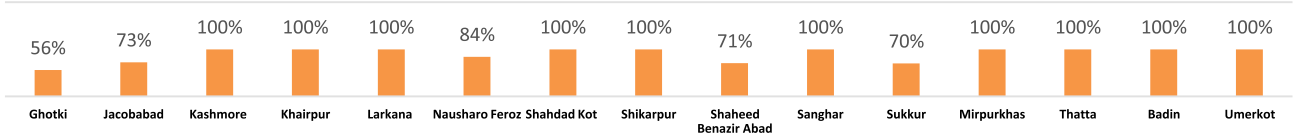


## SRSO CUMULATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 2021

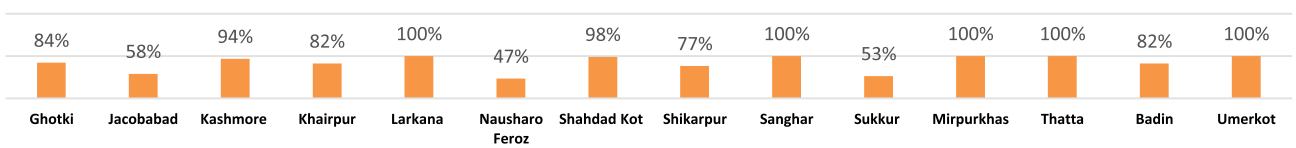
S. No.	Key Performance Indicators	Achievement as of June 2021	Achievement as of September 2021	% increase during Qtr:	
1	No. of Operational Districts	15	15	0%	
2	No. of Union Councils with SRSO presence	722	722	0%	
3	No. of Taluka with SRSO presence	86	86	0%	
4	No. of Villages with SRSO presence	16,140	16,287	1%	
5	No. of Household Organized	1,322,911	1,358,106	3%	
6	VO Formation	13,486	13,632	1%	
7	LSO Formation	558	569	2%	
8	CO- Formation	Female	71,889	73,645	2%
		Male	2,383	2,383	0%
		Mix	40	40	0%
		Total	74,312	76,068	2%
9	CO-Membership	Female	1,267,446	1,319,444	3%
		Male	38,662	38,662	0%
		Total	1,306,108	1,358,106	3%
10	Community Saving (In million)	Female	236.14	236.14	0%
		Male	6.80	6.80	0%
		Total	242.94	242.94	0%
11	Income Generating Grant (IGG) Amount Disbursed (In Million)	483	495	2%	
	No. of IGG Beneficiaries	37,560	37,639	0.2%	
12	Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount disbursed (In Million)-Seed Money	2,680	2,697	1%	
	No. of CIF Beneficiaries	210,273	211,100	4%	
13	Total amount of Microcredit disbursed (In Million)	18,511	19,130	3%	
	No. of Beneficiaries of Micro Credit Programme	810,088	826,999	2%	
14	No of Community members trained in vocational skill Training	87,006	88,631	2%	
15	No of Community members trained	371,804	376,428	1%	
16	Community Members trained as TBAs	4,777	4,777	0%	
17	Micro Health Insurance (Clients)	898,080	949,586	6%	
	Community Members Insured in Micro Health Insurance (Head Count)	673,250	673,250	0%	
18	No. of Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)	27,066	27,121	0.02%	
	Total amount of CPIs (In Millions)	1,624	1,647	1%	
	Total Beneficiary Households	291,612	296,535	2%	
19	No of Low Cost Houses	23,679	24,185	2%	
20	No of Poultry layers distributed	20,921	24,900	19%	
21	No of trees Planted	857,540	858,562	0.1%	



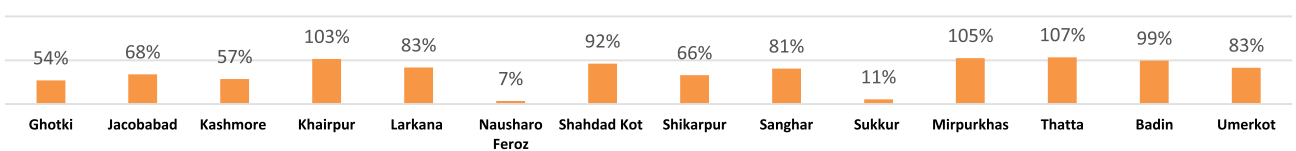
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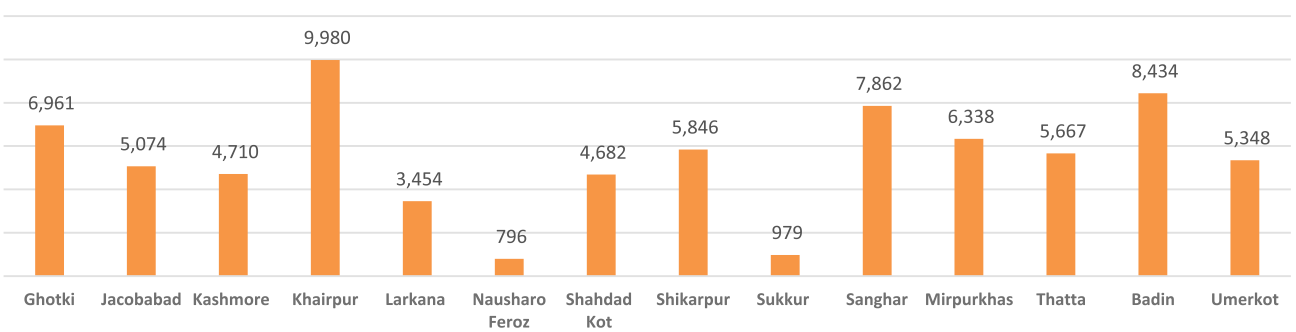
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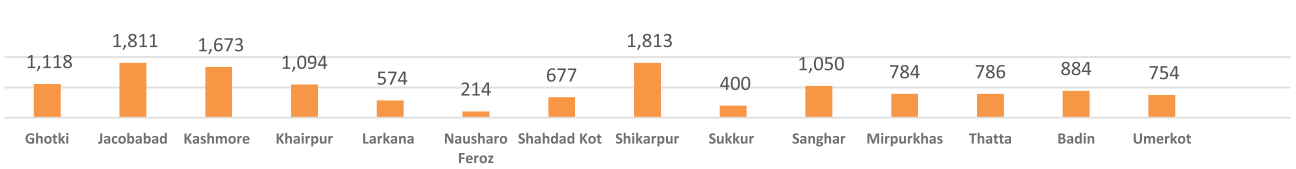
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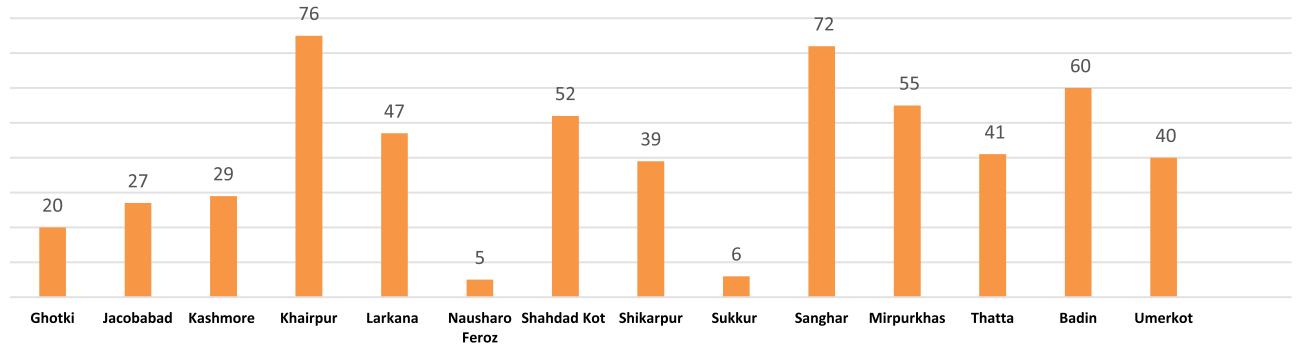
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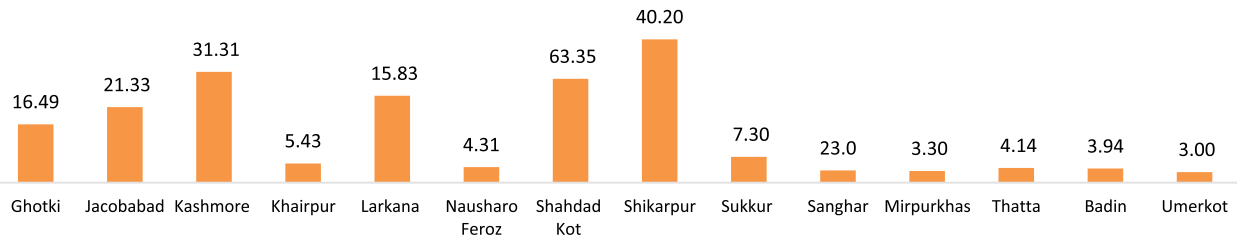


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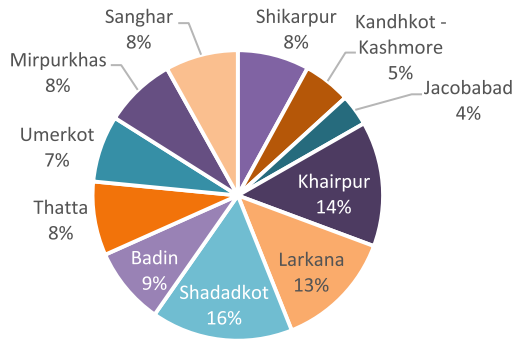




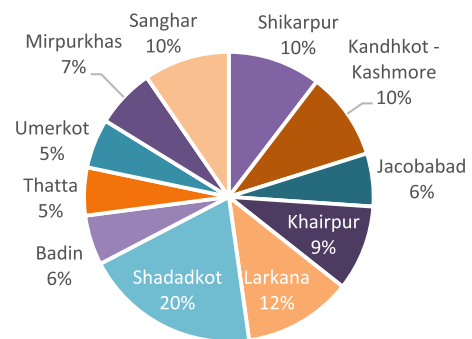
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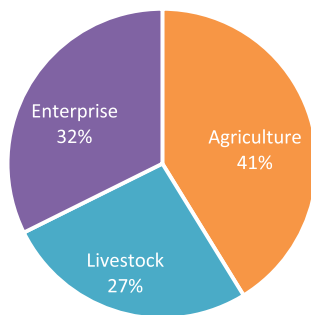
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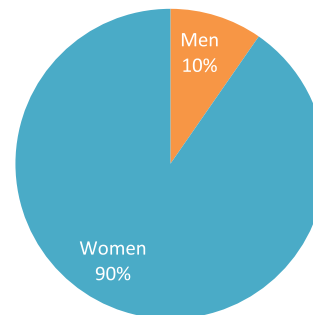
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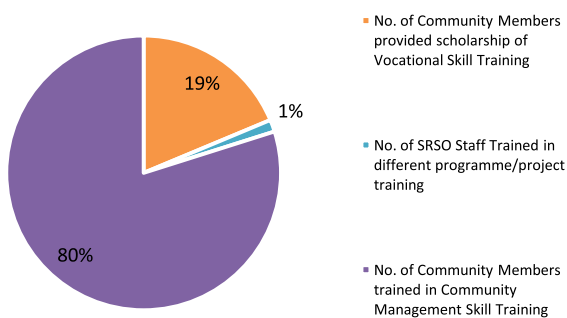
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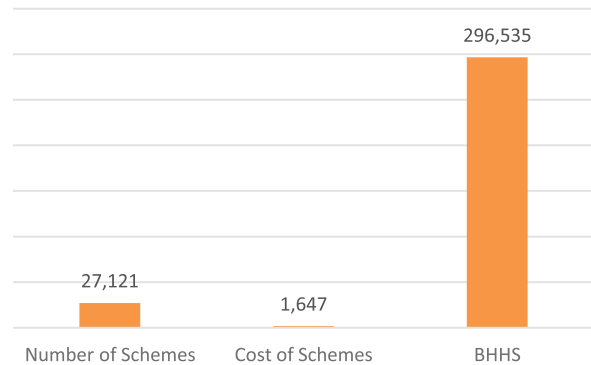
**GENDER WISE MICROCREDIT DISBURSMENT AS OF SEPTEMBER 2021**



**SUMMARY OF STAFF & COMMUNITY MEMBERS TRAINED AS OF SEPTEMBER 2021**



**SUMMARY OF CPI AS OF SEPTEMBER 2021**





S. No.	Districts		Geographical Coverage				
			Total No. of area in the District	# of SRSO intervened area as of June 2021	# of SRSO intervened area as of Sept: 2021	% increase during Qtr:	% of total area coverage as of Sept: 2021
1	Ghotki	Union Council	66	37	37	-	56%
		Village	2,464	2,080	2,080	-	84%
		Household	223,706	120,767	120,767	-	54%
2	Jacobabad	Union Council	40	29	29	-	73%
		Village	3,110	1,811	1,811	-	58%
		Household	125,341	84,893	84,893	-	68%
3	Kashmore - Kandhkot	Union Council	37	37	37	-	100%
		Village	1,786	1,673	1,673	-	94%
		Household	140,872	80,345	80,345	-	57%
4	Khairpur	Union Council	88	88	88	-	100%
		Village	1,327	1,044	1,094	5%	82%
		Household	186,893	174,599	182,461	2%	98%
5	Larkana	Union Council	47	47	47	-	100%
		Village	567	574	574	-	100%
		Household	88,997	74,135	74,135	-	83%
6	Naushahro Feroz	Union Council	51	43	43	-	84%
		Village	2,192	1,028	1,028	-	47%
		Household	212,073	14,325	14,325	-	7%
7	Qamber - Shahdadkot	Union Council	52	52	52	-	100%
		Village	688	678	678	-	99%
		Household	110,103	101,747	101,747	-	92%
8	Shikarpur	Union Council	50	50	50	-	100%
		Village	2,414	1,848	1,848	-	77%
		Household	155,902	102,306	102,306	-	66%
9	Sukkur	Union Council	37	26	26	-	70%
		Village	1,664	881	881	-	53%
		Household	135,906	14,429	14,429	-	11%
10	Shaheed Benazir Abad	Union Council	51	36	36	-	71%
		Village	4,104	362	362	-	9%
		Household	210,984	-	-	-	-
11	Sanghar	Union Council	73	73	73	-	100%
		Village	1,022	1,049	1,050	-	100%
		Household	144,766	144,940	145,386	0.3%	100%
12	Mirpurkhas	Union Council	55	55	55	-	100%
		Village	783	784	784	-	100%
		Household	108,625	105,632	108,676	3%	100%
13	Thatta	Union Council	41	41	41	-	100%
		Village	675	731	786	8%	100%
		Household	93,533	84,811	93,268	10%	99.7%
14	Badin	Union Council	68	68	68	-	100%
		Village	1073	847	884	4%	82%
		Household	148,784	132,761	144,760	9%	97%
15	Umerkot	Union Council	40	40	40	-	100%
		Village	690	751	754	-	100%
		Household	89,606	83,304	90,609	9%	100%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>Union Council</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>91%</b>
		<b>Village</b>	<b>24,559</b>	<b>16,141</b>	<b>16,287</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>66%</b>
		<b>Household</b>	<b>2,176,181</b>	<b>1,322,911</b>	<b>1,358,107</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>62%</b>



S. No	District	Institution Formation of Community Community Organizations (COs) Village Organization (VOs) Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	Organized Coverage		
			# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of June 2021	# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of September 2021	% increase during Qtr:
1	Ghotki	Community Organizations (COs)	6,961	6,961	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,118	1,118	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	20	20	-
2	Jacobabad	Community Organizations (COs)	5,074	5,074	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,811	1,811	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	27	27	-
3	Kandhkot- Kashmore	Community Organizations (COs)	4,710	4,710	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,673	1,673	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	29	29	-
4	Khairpur	Community Organizations (COs)	9,890	9,970	1%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,044	1,094	5%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	76	76	-
5	Larkana	Community Organizations (COs)	3,454	3,454	1%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	574	574	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	47	47	-
6	Naushahroferoz	Community Organizations (COs)	796	796	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	214	214	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	5	5	-
7	Qamber - Shahdadkot	Community Organizations (COs)	4,682	4,682	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	677	677	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	52	52	-
8	Shikarpur	Community Organizations (COs)	5,846	5,846	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,813	1,813	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	39	39	-
9	Sukkur	Community Organizations (COs)	979	979	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	400	400	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	6	6	-
10	Sanghar	Community Organizations (COs)	7,854	7,861	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,049	1,050	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	70	72	3%
11	Mirpurkhas	Community Organizations (COs)	6,273	6,333	1%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	784	784	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	55	55	-
12	Thatta	Community Organizations (COs)	5,262	5,656	7%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	731	786	8%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	36	41	14%
13	Badin	Community Organizations (COs)	7,994	8,408	5%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	847	884	4%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	56	60	7%
14	Umerkot	Community Organizations (COs)	5,124	5,338	4%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	751	754	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	40	40	8%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>Community Organizations (COs)</b>	<b>74,312</b>	<b>76,068</b>	<b>2%</b>
		<b>Village Organizations (VOs)</b>	<b>13,282</b>	<b>13,632</b>	<b>1%</b>
		<b>Local Support Organizations (LSOs)</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>1%</b>



### Community Saving

S. No.	District	Community Saving June 2021 (In Millions)	as of	Community Saving as of September 2021 (In Millions)	% increase during Qtr:
1	Ghotki	16.49		16.49	0%
2	Jacobabad	21.33		21.33	0%
3	Kashmore - Kandhkot	31.31		31.31	0%
4	Khairpur	5.43		5.43	0%
5	Larkana	15.83		15.83	0%
6	Naushahro Feroz	4.31		4.31	0%
7	Qamber - Shahdadkot	63.35		63.35	0%
8	Shikarpur	40.20		40.20	0%
9	Sukkur	7.30		7.30	0%
10	Sanghar	23.0		23.0	0%
11	Mirpurkhas	3.30		3.30	0%
12	Thatta	4.14		4.14	0%
13	Badin	3.94		3.94	0%
14	Umerkot	3.00		3.00	0%
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>242.94</b>		<b>242.94</b>	<b>-</b>

### Income Generating Grants (IGG) (Women Beneficiaries 100%)

S. No.	Districts	# of Benef:	as of June 2021		# of Benef:	as of September 2021		% increase during Qtr
			Amount disbursed (In Millions)	Amount disbursed (In Millions)				
1	Shikarpur	3,717	39.50	39.50	3,717	39.50	-	
2	Kashmore - Kandhkot	2,543	26.13	26.13	2,543	26.13	-	
3	Jacobabad	1,348	17.31	17.31	1,348	17.31	-	
4	Khairpur	4,767	68.9	68.9	4,771	69.0	0.1%	
5	Larkana	5,920	60.0	60.0	5,920	65.8	10%	
6	Qamber Shahdadkot	5,402	72.2	72.2	5,402	78.0	8%	
7	Badin	3,062	42.7	42.7	3,062	42.7	-	
8	Thatta	2,719	40.7	40.7	2,719	40.7	-	
9	Umerkot	2,504	36.6	36.6	2,514	36.7	0.3%	
10	Mirpurkhas	2,721	39.2	39.2	2,721	39.2	-	
11	Sanghar	3,095	40.02	40.02	3,095	40.02	-	
	<b>Total IGG Disbursed</b>	<b>37,798</b>	<b>483.28</b>	<b>483.28</b>	<b>38,227</b>	<b>495.20</b>	<b>2%</b>	

### Community Investment Fund (CIF)

Districts	As of June 2021				As of September 2021			
	Beneficiaries	Seed Money	Beneficiaries	Revolved	Beneficiaries	Seed Money	Beneficiaries	Revolved
Shikarpur	40,239	396.51	-	-	40,239	396.51	-	-
Kandhkot - Kashmore	35,863	374.07	-	-	35,863	374.07	-	-
Jacobabad	18,371	226.43	-	-	18,371	226.43	-	-
Khairpur	17,506	245.01	7,016	102.04	17,590	246.27	8,225	103.94
Sukkur	513	7.05	-	-	513	7.05	-	-
Noshero Feroze	370	1.85	-	-	370	1.85	-	-
Larkana	15,182	241.59	10,648	183.18	15,216	243.71	12,553	219.89
Shadadkot	24,286	377.41	16,606	283.43	24,916	389.65	20,446	359.84
Badin	12,232	157.55	3,206	42.66	12,232	157.55	4,188	56.26
Thatta	8,151	121.27	4,870	78.01	8,230	122.69	5,134	82.21
Umerkot	10,365	142.12	4,346	56.09	10,365	142.12	5,082	68.73
Mirpurkhas	11,729	168.26	4,741	64.96	11,729	168.26	6,095	84.91
Sanghar	15,466	221.13	9,583	130.10	15,466	221.13	10,526	145.32
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>210,273</b>	<b>2,680</b>	<b>61,016</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>211,100</b>	<b>2,697</b>	<b>72,249</b>	<b>1,121</b>
	<b>Total Beneficiaries (271,289) Total Amount in Million (3,621)</b>				<b>Total Beneficiaries (283,349) Total Amount in Million (3,818)</b>			

### Micro Finance (MF)

S. No.	Amount disbursed as of September 2021
1	<b>Total Amount of Micro Credit Disbursement (in (Milion))</b>
	Men
	Women
2	No. of Loans
	Male
	Female
3	<b>Sectoral Disbursement</b>
	Agriculture
	Livestock
	Enterprise



### Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)

S. No.	Types of CPI Schemes	Achievement as of September 2021		
		No. of Schemes	Cost of Schemes (In Millions)	BHHs
	<b>Total of CPI Schemes</b>	<b>27,121</b>	<b>1,647</b>	<b>296,535</b>
1	Sanitation	15,958	199.89	87,738
2	Street Pavement & Sanitation	74	220.41	13,443
3	Drinking Water Supply Schemes (DWSS)	9,541	351.35	52,641
4	Low Cost Village Improvement Schemes (LCVI)	72	127.09	7,248
5	Communication	915	434.37	87,101
6	Irrigation	473	195.78	14,234
7	IAUP	1	2.09	75
8	Water Filter Plants by GoS	40	23.58	28,570
9	Street Lighting on solar system	16	11.54	939
10	Schools Renovation/Construction	31	80.93	4,546

### Low Cost Housing (LCH)

S. No.	Housing Schemes	No of Houses	Cost of Houses (In Millions)	BHHs
	<b>Total of Housing Schemes</b>	<b>24,185</b>	<b>16,579</b>	<b>24,185</b>
11	Low Cost Housing Scheme (2007-2021)	23,695	16,465	23,695
12	Benazir Housing Cell	490	113.63	490

### Human Resource Development (HRD)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of June 2021	Achievement as of September 2021	% increase during Qtr:
1	No. of Community Members provided scholarship for Vocational Skill Training	87,006	88,631	2
2	No. of Community Members trained in Community Management Skill Training	371,804	376,428	1%
3	No. of SRSO Staff Trained in different programme/project training	6,594	6,594	-

### Micro Health Insurance (MHI)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of June 2021	Achievement as of Sept: 2021	% increase during Qtr:
1	No. of Community Members provided Micro Health Insurance Cover	898,080	949,586	6
2	No. of Community Members Treated through MHI	23,809	23,943	1
	Men	4,381	4,395	0.3
	Women	19,428	19,548	1
3	Amount of claims availed by Community (In Million)	226.82	230.44	2

**Peoples Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP)**

District Khairpur, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas, Umerkot, Badin &amp; Thatta

(April 2017-June 2023)

Project Activities	Unit	Programme Targets	Cumulative Achievement as of Sept: 2021	%
Poverty Scorecard Census	UC	365	365	100%
Households Census	Household	1,176,633	1,103,772	94%
Population Census	Person	5,279,012	5,279,012	100%
Number of HHs organized	Household	772,297	765,160	99%
Formation of Community Organizations (CO)	CO	44,560	43,566	98%
Formation of Village Organization (VO)	VO	5,570	5,352	96%
Formation of Local Support Organizations (LSO)	LSO	365	343	94%
Capacity Building of CO bearers	Person	89,120	79,341	89%
Capacity Building of VO bearers	Person	33,420	26,750	80%
Capacity Building of LSO bearers	Person	2,196	1,739	79%
No of Beneficiaries trained in Vocational and Technical Skills	Person	36,092	28,870	80%
No of Households given CIF	Household	137,492	75,759	55%
No of Households given IGG	Household	34,372	18,836	55%
Formation of Business Development Groups (BDGs)	No	500	187	37%
No of Low Cost Housing Scheme	Number	9,623	8,258	86%

**Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS)**

District Larkana &amp; Kambar-Shahdadkot

(February 2016- June 2022)

Project Activities	Unit	Programme Targets	Cumulative Achievement as of Sept: 2021	%
Poverty Scorecard Census	UC	99	99	100%
Households Census	Household	267,823	267,823	100%
Population Census	Person	1,939,008	1,939,008	100%
Number of HHs organized	Household	187,476	175,883	94%
Formation of Community Organizations (CO)	CO	8,375	8,136	97%
Formation of Village Organization (VO)	VO	1,280	1,251	98%
Formation of Local Support Organizations (LSO)	LSO	99	99	100%
CMST of COs office bearers	Person	18,385	16,262	89%
LMST of VOs office bearers	Person	2,816	2,849	100%
LMST of LSOs office bearers	Person	891	544	61%
Activists workshops for office bearers of LSO / VO / CO	Event	252	125	50%
CRP Training on CIF and CAT (VO based CRPs)	Person	990	891	71%
Training of Bookkeeper/Accountant	Person	764	636	51%
No of Beneficiaries Trained in Vocational and Technical Skills	Person	14,600	7,413	51%
No. of Households Given IGG	Household	18,994	11,156	59%
No. of Households Given CIF	Household	41,785	40,132	96%
No of beneficiaries insured in Micro Health Insurance Programme	Person	47,894	46,836	98%
No of CPI Schemes Initiated	Number	949	746	79%
No CPI Schemes Completed	Number	949	569	76%



## Launching ceremony of Expanded Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program Chairman Pakistan Peoples' Party Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and Syed Murad Ali Shah Chief Minister Sindh were the chief guests

Ghotki/September 01, 2021

In continuation of serving the poorest to the poor rural community, the grand launching ceremony of the community development program of poverty reduction model at Union council based with the financial assistance of Government of Sindh has been successfully launched at Sports Complex Ghotki. Chairman Pakistan Peoples' Party Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and Syed Murad Ali Shah Chief Minister Sindh were the chief guests of the ceremony.

Mr. Nisar Ahmed Khurro President PPP-Sindh, National Assembly Members; Mr. Muhammad Bux Khan Mahar, Mr. Khalid Ahmed Khan Lund, Provincial Ministers; Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, Mr. Abdul Bari Pitafi, Mr. Jam Khan Shoro, Mr. Mukesh Chawala, Senator Jam Mahtab Khan Dahar, MPA Sardar Shahyar Khan Shar, Secretary Planning, (P&DD) and Program Coordinator, PPRP-P&DD - GoS, and other senior officials and media persons have also participated in the ceremony. Above 4,000 organized rural women attended the ceremony, where they expressed the journey of life hardships' and how this program's interventions in other districts have changed the lives of rural women in terms of Income Generating Activities.

The program was formally started with a welcome note by PPP-MNA Mr. Muhammad Bux Khan Mahar, he said, "We warmly welcome the Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Chief Minister, other guests, and women for participation in the program. He also paid thanks to SRSO and Sindh Government to initiate this program in Ghotki. He extended his full support and best wishes from their side to SRSO in the implementation."

Later on, Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro CEO-SRSO briefed about the SRSO, its outreach in Sindh, and key features of the PPRP. He said, "SRSO is implementing successfully this program

since 2017 in 6 districts and now it has been expanded to both districts Ghotki and Sukkur. He further added, "SRSO thankful of Sindh Government for generous and continuous support for empowering rural women and reducing the poverty in rural areas."

Later the event proceeded with the speeches of CM-Sindh Mr. Murad Ali Shah, Mr. Nisar Ahmed Khurro (President PPP-Sindh), and Mr. Nasir Hussain Shah (Provincial Minister-GoS) and PPP senior leaders. While speaking at the occasion, Chairman PPP said "Sindh Government believes in serving people and he wanted to facilitate them without any discrimination. Headed that "This is one of my most favorite Programmes of Sindh Government because that Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme would also empower the women economically..". He further added that the Sindh government has launched this program with Rs.6 billion funding to improve the quality and livelihood of the poorest to the poor households of Sindh, especially of Ghotki and Sukkur districts.

Syed Murad Ali Shah Chief Minister Sindh along with Chairman Pakistan People's Party Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari also visited artisan women's stall and distributed checks for providing interest-free loans to women for starting a business and building a house during the launching Ceremony.

On this occasion, 18 Women leaders of the Community Institutions (CO/VO/LSO) and program beneficiaries from 13 districts of Sindh briefed about their CIs and shared successful stories, best experiences, learning, and views regarding women empowerment, community development, and poverty reduction.

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## Business Development Groups (BDGs) signed an agreement with UN-ITC-GRASP for matching grants

Karachi/September 10, 2021

SRSO successful entrepreneur women Business Development Groups have been awarded GRASP-ITC Matching Grant for Strengthening their ongoing Small-Scale Agribusinesses. In pursuance of this, an agreement ceremony was held by ITC, where CEO SRSO, BDGs leaders, SRSO staff, and ITC-GRASP team members attended the ceremony.

The five Business Development Groups (BDGs) of Khairpur and two BDGs of Thatta districts have awarded the matching grant under Growth for Rural Advancement and Sustainable Progress (GRASP). Indeed, the grants will serve the purposes of sustainability and value addition in their existing businesses by using market information and technology with 100% rural women participation. These BDGs have already successfully run their businesses under the Govt. of Sindh-funded Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program (PPRP).

According to this agreement, these BDGs will expand their established enterprises i.e. vegetable farming, calf/goat fattening, and calf farming, and achieve the goals of New jobs and increased income for women and men farmers, Measurable improvement in the business environment, Improved



productivity, sustainable production by using technology with higher quality market information and agricultural services by higher value-added to expand their products in significant improvement in women's economic empowerment.

## Technical Vocational and Skill Training (TVST) component of the EU-funded SUCCESS Programme organized Help Desk with SMEDA-GOP for BDGs Leaders

Larkana/September 23, 2021

The Technical Vocational and Skill Training (TVST) component of the EU-funded SUCCESS Programme organized an event as Help Desk at District Office Larkana. The objective was to open a trade channel with SUCCESS formed Business Development Groups (BDGs) leaders, and entrepreneurs about Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority - SMEDA, Premier institution of the Government of Pakistan under Ministry of Industries & Production. Regional Business Coordinator SMEDA, Mr. Ahsan Ali Abro gave his valuable participation. He briefed the BDG members about the possible alternatives for business growth even after the SUCCESS programme they can continue to grow their enterprise independently with the SMEDA's guidelines. He enlightens the BDG leaders, entrepreneurs regarding different programmes of SMEDA. Currently, three main Programmes are organized in SMEDA i.e., SMEDA 1 window, industrial stitching unit, and Kamyab Jawan with entrepreneurs of different villages.

The BDG members of Larkana district actively participated in

the workshop. The SUCCESS programme has given BDG's sufficient market exposure that now they can decide best outreach for their business. The Business Coordinator SMEDA was delighted to experience the passion of BDG's. He selected and registered 26 potential BDG's for business and vocational trades future deals.



## Ex-Chief Economist of the Pakistan Dr. Parvez Tahir visited the SRSO interventions under EU funded SUCCESS Programme

Kamber-Shahdadt/ August 26, 2021

Member of Board of Directors-Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN), & Ex-Chief Economist Dr. Parvez Tahir visited community institutions (CIs) of district Kamber-Shahdadt. He gave his valuable contribution in the meeting of Village Organization (VO) Sojro in Union Council Gathar. He was briefed about the development programs in UC and self-initiative taken by Community members. The VO representatives shared their previous conditions, which include their hardships and deprived state and how they have improved with the EU-funded SUCCESS programme. Dr. Parvez heard their miseries with keen interest and recognized their untiring efforts. After that, he inaugurated the Brick Pavement scheme

constructed under the EU Funded SUCCESS Programme and VO Leaders shared the implementation process of the scheme. He also planted a tree with his own hands.

Moreover, He visited ongoing training of LSO - Community Bookkeepers (CBK) arranged at the District Office of Kamber-Shahdadt. He interacted with the participants, appreciated their interest and confidence and asked about their way forward. He was cherished with the females were confidently sharing their stories with him. then He applauded the efforts, active participation, and spirit of the Community Institutions (CIs) for bringing unending cycle of positive change in their lives and society.



## CEO-SRSO along with Dr. Pervez Tahir (Member-BoD-RSPN) conducted a dialogue with NPGP-GoP beneficiaries

Kashmore-Kandhkot - August 24, 2021

Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO-SRSO) along with Dr. Pervez Tahir (Member Board of Directors - Rural Support Programmes Network) visited village Murk Bhaiyo, UC Aakhero, Taluka Kandhkot, District Kashmore @Kandhkot. They conducted an in-depth dialogue with Leaders of Community Institutions and beneficiaries of the NPGP/Ehsas Program. LSO representatives and Women beneficiaries of NPGP shared different phases of their life. From being poor to being able afford all the necessities of life. They shared the stories of their lives and their development of business/livelihood.

Dr. Parvez appreciated the efforts of women Leaders and SRSO

with PPAF and GOP under NPGP. He added, "I am in the development sector for the last 40 years and supported Mr. Shoaib Sultan's vision for empowering rural communities and his vision became true by the formation and strengthening of Community Institutions through Social Mobilization." With delighted expression, the esteemed guest also visited the distribution point and witnessed the distribution of productive assets under the Govt. of Pakistan-supported National Poverty Graduation Program, where assets were handed over to selected ultra-poor households. He was happy to witness the needy household benefiting from the financial support.





## Community Institutions celebrated Pakistan Independence Day

Kamber-Shahdaskot - August 14, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) and Community Institutions celebrate Pakistan Independence Day, 14 August each year with high national spirit and zeal in order to tribute founders of Pakistan and their sacrifices.

Local Support Organization LSO, Maqсад Khushali organized an Activist Workshop at Village Shahpur Sikandarabad, UC Tharo Wadho, Taluka Mirokhan to celebrate Independence Day with their fellow women.

Ms. Shama Perveen (Director Women Development Department-GoS), Mr. Tahir Korejo (Forest Officer), Mr. Ayaz Ali (Media Representative) and SRSO team and more than 70 members of community institutions participated. The activities of the celebration included experience sharing, where rural females presented their life story to the valuable guests. After that, cake-cutting ceremony was held where our guests actively participated. At the end plants

were distributed among the participants to support and dedicate clean green Pakistan. The ceremony was ended with the slogan of PAKISTAN ZINDABAD.



## Inauguration of Low-Cost Houses constructed under the GoS funded People's Poverty Reduction Program

Umerkot/July 24 & September 09, 2021

Managerial Activist Conference (MAC) was organized under the Government of Sindh funded Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program at Village Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur in Taluka Kunri district Umerkot. Nawab Muhammad Taimur Talpur (Provincial Minister for Information Science and Technology department, Sindh) was the chief guest. Dr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo (RGM-SRSO) Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Kachelo (DSP Kunri), Women activists and leaders of VOs and COs participated in the

event. Nawab Taimur Talpur inaugurated and visited the newly constructed Low-Cost Houses (LCHs) at VO Nawab Yousuf Talpur, these low cost houses were constructed with the support of the Govt. of Sindh.

2nd an inauguration event of low cost houses by carrying out a Conference (Managerial Activist Conference) at Village Rana Jagir UC Haj Mian Shah, Taluka & District Umerkot. Rana Hamir Singh Sodho (MPA Sindh) and Mr. Mohammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO SRSO) were the chief guests of the event. Dr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo (RGM-SRSO), Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Khoso (ED Sami Foundation), Mr. Mir Hassan Arisar (DM CSSP Umerkot), Mr. Kanaya Lal (Chairman STLF), and above 150 women of different community institutions participated in the event.

Rana Hamir Singh Sodho along with CEO-SRSO inaugurated the constructed Low-Cost House (LCH) at Village Rana Jagir where 18 LCH have been constructed by SRSO under the Govt. of Sindh funded program and distributed 45, Community Investment Fund (CIF) cheques among the organized women. Later on, different women leaders and activists of different community institutions shared their success stories have brought through PPRP.



Mr. Mohammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO SRSO) shared the SRSO and PPRP philosophy and work with the support of the Government of Sindh. He appreciated the efforts of organized women, which are playing a vital role in community development and poverty reduction in rural areas. Rana Hamir Singh Sodho (MPA Sindh) appreciated the work of SRSO and the Government of Sindh. He added that” women can

bring the positive changes when we economically empower them. SRSO with the support of the Government of Sindh is implementing a good program while he also said that, he would request CM Sindh for increasing the number of Low-Cost Houses for District Umerkot.” During the MAC total of 18 Low-Cost Houses Cheques(Total amount 180000).



## Interest-Free Loans and Grant Cheques Distribution Ceremony under the Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program-Govt. of Sindh at Sukkur

Sukkur/September 24, 2021

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) district Sukkur organized Managerial Activist Conference (MAC) under the Peoples 'Poverty Reduction Program funded by the Government of Sindh at Tamachani Taluka New Sukkur. Ex-Member of Provincial Assembly-Sindh Haji Anwar Ali Khan Mahar and Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro (CEO SRSO) were the chief guests of the events. Meanwhile, other key persons Mr. Ameer Ahmed Mahar District President PPP, Mr. Asif Ali (CFO-SRSO), Dr. Ghulam Rasool Samejo (RGM-SRSO), and more than

130 organized women of different villages and Community Institutions participated in the program. District Manager SRSO welcomed the guests and participants, and Dr. Ghulam Rasool briefed them about the PPRP program and its key interventions. On this occasion, representatives of formed Community Institutions shared the activities and presentation. Community investment Fund (CIF-Interest Free Loans) Cheques were distributed among the selected beneficiaries.





## Deputy Commissioner Thatta Participated in Disaster Risk Reduction Capacity Building Training

Thatta/September 20, 21 & 22, 2021

SRSO under a Project “Building resilient communities by connecting disaster and emergency responses to sustainable development”, funded by the Swedish international development cooperation agency (SIDA) with Partnership with ACF organized the Community Capacity Building training for strengthening resilience at the community level. The purposes of the training was capacity building and strengthening resilience against natural calamities 30 Community Resource Persons & Local Support Organization members. from the

targeted disaster-prone Union Councils of the districts participated in the training.

On last day, Mr. Ghazanfar Ali Qadri (Deputy Commissioner), Mr. Khuda Bux Behrani (Deputy Directory–Social Welfare Department) district Thatta and Mr. Sijad Kandhar (Sr. Project Manager–ACF) Deputy Commissioner appreciated the efforts of the SRSO for addressing DRR issues and challenges with communities



## Sensitization meetings on Senior Citizen Welfare Act 2014 with Members of Provincial Assembly–Sindh under the Promoting Rights of Older People Project

Karachi/August 9, 2021

SRSO has initiated sensitization meetings with MPAs of Sindh on Senior Citizen Welfare Act 2014 in order to sensitize them about act and get support in its effective implementation under the HelpAge International supported Promoting Rights of Older People Project. Provincial Assembly members Ms. Heer Sohu, Ms. Farhat Seemi, Ms. Nida Khuhro, Mr. Munnawar Wassan, and

Ms. Kulsoom Chandio from PPPP, and Mr. Kanwar Naveed Jamil MPA–MQM Pakistan participated in the meeting. They briefed about Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act 2014 and implementation status of the act. All members ensured that they will raise this issue in sessions of assembly regarding the Act.



## Deputy Country Director-Action Against Hunger ACF visited Sindh Rural Support Organization

Mirpurkhas/September 29, 2021

Mr. Zulifqar Mithani Deputy Country Director Action Against Hunger (ACF) along with Mr. Sajad Kandhar (Sr. Project Manager-ACF) visited ongoing activities of SIDA-funded Building Resilient Communities by Connecting Disaster and Emergency Responses to Sustainable Development Project in district Mirpur Khas. He visited village Piyaro Laghari UC Mir Khuda Bux-II Taluka Jhudho Community members shared the corrective measures they taken during the recent rainfall. In last, he extended his full support and appreciated the SRSO team for

implementation of Project in well defined manner.

After the visit, he participated in 3-Days Training on Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) for the members of Local Support Organization and Community Resource Person at Diigri. He distributed the certificates and interacted with participants and got their feedback about the training. He said, "Definitely your learning will support in combating disasters in an effective manner."



## Chief Operating Officer (COO) RSPN Mr. Khaleel Tetlay visits SUCCESS Programme and PPRP-GoS

Kamber-Shahdadt & Khairpur/ August 11 & 12, 2021

Mr. Khaleel Tetlay (COO RSPN) visited EU-funded SUCCESS and PINS Programmes supported interventions at district Kamber-Shahdadt and GoS funded PPRP programme at district Khairpur where he conducted a meeting with beneficiaries. In Shahdadt he visited the Community Fishpond of LSO Suhni Warah where LSO Executive Body presented the progress and shared the detail of community Fishpond.

Second day, he participated in different activities at Khairpur. He visited small scale businesses, met with entrepreneur women and members of women-led community institutions.

During his interaction with organized women, he said that, "in a short period, rural women have gained access to and control over economic resources that is now contributing to their empowerment in terms of financial, social and economical capital. They are actively linking up with local public service departments, district administration, and running and managing a whole array of micro-enterprises. One community leader said: "We were invisible, we were in the dark. With the support of the Government of Sindh & European Union we have seen the light."





## Deputy Commissioner Shikarpur-Dr. Kashif Khuhro led joint delegation visits PINS-ER-II and III interventions and meets CIs and Programme beneficiaries

Shikarpur/July13, 2021

Deputy Commissioner of Shikarpur Dr. Kashif Khuhro along with AC Lakhi Mr. Asif Raza Chandio Dr. Aashiq Shaikh (DHO-Shikarpur) and Action Against Hunger (ACF) Team visited various outreach activities in Shikarpur district and OTP site of the BHU Jamhra in Taluka Lakhi under European Union funded Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh. PPHI team was also part of the joint delegation.

District Manager-Shikarpur Mr. Zaheer Ahmed facilitated and briefed the delegation about the SRSO and PINS interventions and LSO "Awaz" and LSO network "Khushal" tolled about their

work. Dr. Kashif witnessed PINS-II and PINS-III interventions and have detail discussions with community leaders. DC appreciated the efforts of SRSO to address the malnutrition challenges in the district. SRSO is implementing European Union funded Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh's nutrition-specific component PINS II & PINS III Project with the coloration of RSPN in Larkana, Kamber-Shahdadkot, and Shikarpur districts. Its aim is to improve nutrition of children under five and of pregnant and lactating women.



## BBC Covers a Success Story of SRSO trained Artisan

Larkana/July 27, 2021

Samreen Solangi lives in Haji Lal Bakhsh Sheikh Village near Mohan Jo Daro Larkana. The slippery clay jewelry and coins make items in the style of sculptures and stamps. The centuries-old culture of Mohan, which replicates the materials obtained from the scrap, is the source of income for some families. There is a girl in the same family who is bringing this clay skill into

innovation and turning it into gold. SRSO has provided her skill training under the ongoing EU-funded SUCCESS Programme and as well as promoting her business through providing different opportunities. This story was developed by Riaz Sohail and Muhammad Nabil, published, and telecast by BBC Urdu on July 27, 2021



## PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS



Stall Visit during Launching Ceremony of Expanded Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program-Govt. of Sindh



Community Leaders addressing during Launching Ceremony of Expanded Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program-Govt. of Sindh



Cheque Distribution during Launching Ceremony of Expanded Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program-Govt. of Sindh



Distinguished Guests addressing during Launching Ceremony of Expanded Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program-Govt. of Sindh



On September 13 & 14, 2021 at Badin, two days advocacy, and networking training workshop was organized for LSOs and CRPs under ACF-SIDA funded Project. Total 29 participants (9 women and 20 men) attended the training workshop from the targeted disaster-prone 10 Union Councils of the district. Mr. Agha Shah Nawaz Khan Deputy Commissioner Badin and Mr. Sijad Kandhar Sr. Project Manager-ACF also visited the training and distributed the certificates among the participants. Senior development professional Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Baloch was the facilitator of the training.



05 day-long training event of Master Trainers on Adult Literacy was organized on August 24, 2021 at Larkana under the Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills component of the SUCCESS Programme funded by the European Union, with the Collaboration of JICA AQAL & Directorate of Literacy and Non-Formal Education, School & Literacy Department Government of Sindh. 15 Master Trainers, who will further rollout training of teachers in district Larkana and Kamber-Shahdadkot, attended the event.



Government of Sindh, Planning and Development Department, Monitoring and Evaluation Cell Team visits Peoples' Poverty Reduction Program interventions in Khairpur, Ghotki & Sanghar districts on August 23 and 26, 2021. They visited targeted UCs, monitored interventions, met formered Community Institutions and SRSO team members.

SRSO Education sector has initiated Intra-departmental Capacity Building Workshop Series for teachers and School Management staff of SAS-SRSO Managed Schools. One-day capacity building workshop on lesson planning has been conducted by SRSO Head Office Education Team at district Kandhkot - Kashmore and Shikarpur on Sep 8th, 2021 and Sep 11th, 2021 respectively. A total of 28 participants (13 from district Kandhkot - Kashmore and 15 from district Shikarpur) including District project officers of both districts, Education Promoters, Head teachers and School coordinators of community cluster schools have attended the workshops.



SRSO in collaboration with Directorate General Health Services, Vector-Borne Diseases (VED) Sindh has successfully conducted the 3-days training on "Uncomplicated Malaria Case Management, Rapid Diagnostic Test, and Information System for Private Clinic's Doctors and Dispensers" under the GFATM

A sensitization meeting was held with Mr. Muhamad Ismail Rahoo Provincial Minister-Agriculture Govt. of Sindh on Sindh Senior Citizens Welfare Act 2014 under HelpAge supported the Promoting Rights of Older People Project on July 29, 2021 at Karachi.



Funded Malaria Project on July 27, 28 and 29, 2021 @ Larkana. Dr. Saleem Akhtar Shaikh (Deputy District Health Officer-DHIS/MIS) facilitated the Doctors and Mr. Ali Asghar Shaikh (Malaria Superintendent (VBD's) District Health Office Larkana) facilitated the Dispensers.

