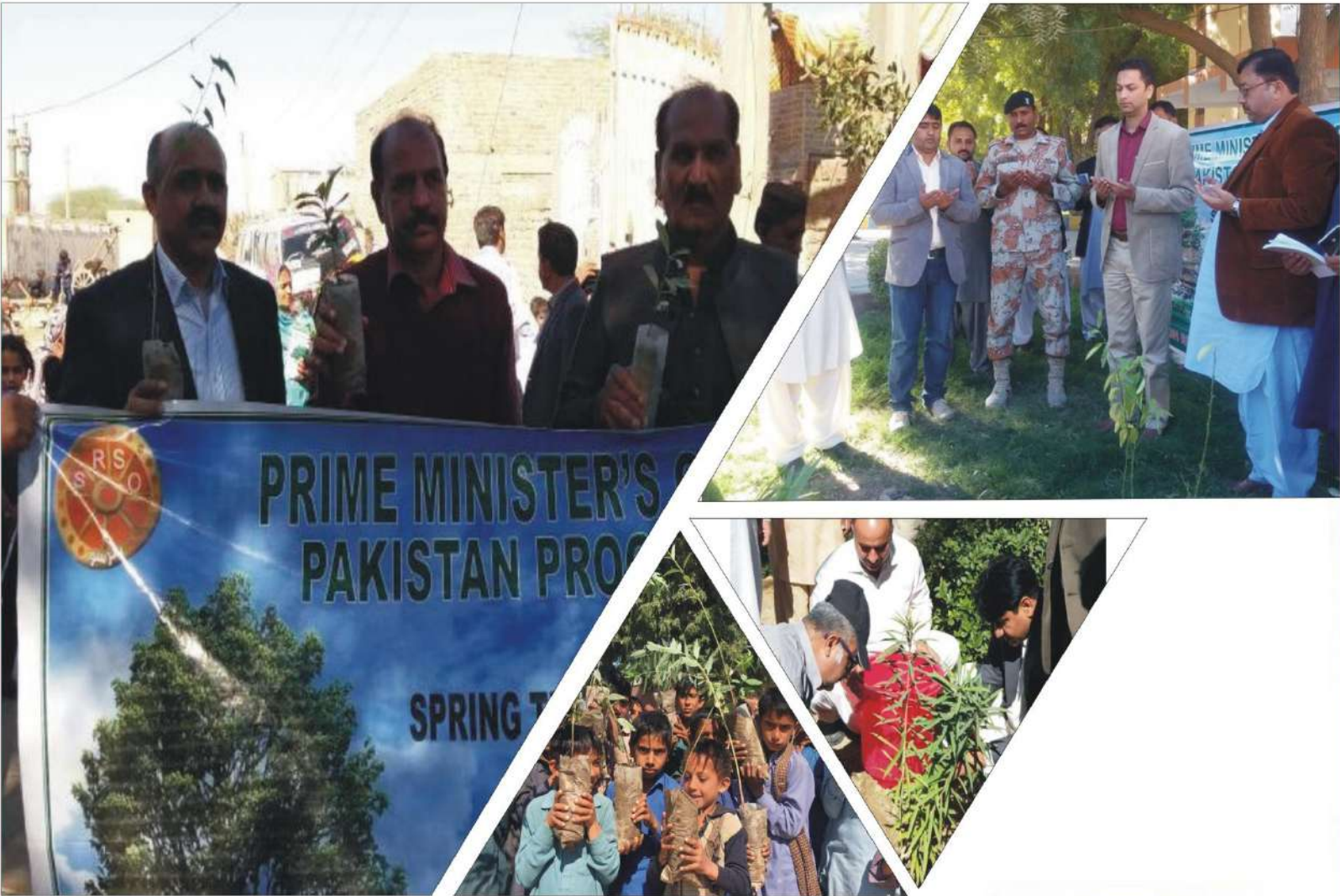




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PRIME MINISTER'S GREEN PAKISTAN PROGRAM



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Celebration of National day of Green Pakistan

Preliminary: The Green Pakistan Program was launched in all areas including four provinces and the federating units simultaneously today. In connection with this, it is celebrated as National Green Day on 9th February of every year to increase Pakistan's forest cover from five percent to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change. During Green Pakistan Day around 100 million indigenous species saplings were being planted in collaboration with all stakeholders.

Purpose: Green Pakistan Programme' is to improve forestry and wildlife sectors. Protection and management of wildlife and reclaiming and developing forest areas are the main aspects of the Programme. Preservation and management of forest and wildlife resources of the country need to be adequately developed in line with the best international practices. All relevant federal, provincial ministries, agencies, National and international organizations participated to fulfil the task so that the desired objectives of forests preservation and wildlife protection is achieved by planting the saplings in concern areas.

Green Pakistan Day: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif inaugurated the National Green Programme on National Green Day by planting a tree along with special children at Prime Minister Secretariat in Islamabad on Thursday. This is to mitigate the climate change, as the extensive cutting down of trees has adversely affected the climate. The day is also being celebrated as

“National Green Day” throughout Pakistan, who primarily aims will be planting hundreds of thousands of “indigenous and local” tree species. This is for the first time that such a huge number of indigenous trees are being planted throughout Pakistan. The overall target for spring tree planting campaign has been kept at 257 million trees, majority of which will be local and indigenous tree species. All these activities are being conducted under Prime Minister's Green Pakistan Program.

Green Pakistan Program was conceived for reviving forestry and wildlife sectors in Pakistan alongside mitigating the adverse impacts of climate change.



Sindh Rural Support Organization

Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) is a not for profit organization, registered under section 42 of Companies Ordinance 1984. SRSO is funded by government of Sindh to work in the designated districts of Sindh. This policy has been endorsed by government to achieve the goals of poverty reduction through community empowerment, skills enhancement, capacity building and development of community supported infrastructure projects, and the provision of support for income generation, enterprise development and micro credit. For this purpose SRSO organizes the local communities to develop their managerial and technical capacity. People and the government are supported in forging partnership and inculcating the sense of ownership among the people. SRSO is presently entrusted with the responsibility of fostering a countrywide network of community organizations at the grassroots level in **10 districts** of Sindh and works in the various sub-sectors while applying the participatory development approach of sustainable development.

Sindh Rural Support organization (SRSO) was established in 2003 with a vision of poverty alleviation and women empowerment in rural, remote and marginalized areas in Sindh. In this connection, SRSO lay its foundation by using participatory approach by establishing local community institutions (CO/VO/LSO) of dentitions' women of households.

Objectives:

- The main objective of SRSO is to foster a network of grassroots level organizations in SRSO's program area to enable rural communities to plan, implement and manage developmental activities and programmes for the purpose of ensuring productive employment, alleviation of poverty and improvement in the quality of life.
- To reinforce and compliment Government of Pakistan's policy of poverty alleviation.
- To support and strengthen Government of Sindh's efforts to translate poverty reduction strategies into action

SRSO's Vision:

- The Vision of SRSO is to foster a framework of grassroots institutions in villages located in 425 Union Councils of 9 Districts in Sindh, to harness the potential lying within the communities to help themselves.
- SRSO works to release the potential abilities, skills and knowledge of rural men and women, to enable them to articulate their aspirations and to effectively marshal the resources they need to meet their identified needs. The purpose is poverty alleviation - enabling people to break the cycle of poverty, which begins with lack of opportunity, extends to the well-known miseries of economic and nutritional poverty and leads new generations to endure the same conditions. The process is social mobilization - bringing people together on new terms for a common purpose. The conceptual tools are 'social guidance' (recruiting local men and women who will take on a leadership role), advocacy, capacity building and awareness rising. The programmatic tools are training, support to institutions, micro-credit, infrastructure development, natural resource management and 'productive linkages'.

Climate Change Mitigation:

Green & Clean Sindh Campaign by SRSO-Natural Resource Management Sector- 2015 & 2016

Clean & Green Sindh Campaign has been propelled by SRSO NRM (Natural Resource Management) Sector with the support of district management of SRSO in their operational areas. This joint venture is being carried out through members of CO/VO/LSO.

Importance of Plantation

Without trees, life and natural beauty of environment are zilch so life existence is mainly dependent on the plantation to save the future generation and environment from any big consequence. Trees are very important part of the planet to provide beauty and shade. There are various perspectives of trees in human life such as social, communal, environmental and economic. Below are relevant benefits of trees in rural areas particularly.

- Trees play a vital role in climate change these control temperature.
- Trees are a source of oxygen on the face of the earth.
- Trees are very helpful in the elimination of pollution from the surrounded environments especially carbon dioxide.
- Plantation of trees cleans the air and purifies the water reserves beneath the land.
- Trees are the major source of wood in the rural areas for various life derived purposes.
- Are creating beauty in streets, buildings & homes.
- The tree provides fruits, food, for human, livestock & other living organisms.
- Flowers leaves gel of trees can be used in medicines.
- Trees grow from the top, not from the bottom as is commonly believed

Ecological and Environmental Value

- Trees contribute to their environment by providing oxygen, improving air quality, climate amelioration, conserving water, preserving soil, and supporting wildlife. During the process of photosynthesis, trees take in carbon dioxide and produce the oxygen we breathe. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, "One acre of forest absorbs six tons of carbon dioxide and puts out four tons of oxygen. This is enough to meet the annual needs of 18 people." Trees, shrubs, and turf also filter the air by removing dust and absorbing other pollutants like carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen dioxide. After trees intercept unhealthy particles, rain washes them to the ground

Social Impact

- Trees are an important part of every community. Our streets, parks, playgrounds and backyards are lined with trees that create a peaceful, aesthetically pleasing environment. Trees increase our quality of life by bringing natural elements and wildlife habitats into urban

settings. We gather under the cool shade they provide during outdoor activities with family and friend

PLANTATION PROGRESS AS ON 31st December 2016

DISTRICT	Phase-wise Plantation			TOTAL
	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	
LARKANA	50,200		12,500	62,700
SHIKARPUR	76,500	72,000	25,100	173,600
K.KOT KASHMORE	12,500	16,000		28,500
JACCOBABAD	12,900	40,500	37,000	90,400
SUKKUR	1,300	41,800	29,500	72,600
KHAIRPUR	54,000	12,500	12,700	79,200
N.SHERO FEROZ			12,500	12,500
QAMBAR			16,000	21,000
GHOTKI			12,200	12,200
Sub-Total	207,400	182,800	157,500	552,700
Plantation under Projects & Core program	HelpAge Intl.	Landless Haries Program	Fruit Plants	
Lemon			2,000	2,000
No. of Plants	50,000	5,000	15,000	70,000
Grand Total				644,700

Campaign Message: Each one plant one. By means of planting a tree, we give life to everything in surroundings.

Campaign Slogan/Tag: lend a hand to plant a tree

Progress of National Day-Green Pakistan in SRSO Operational Areas

<i>s.no</i>	<i>Name Of District</i>	<i>No of Saplings planted</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>Shikarpur</i>	<i>5,000</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>Jacobabad</i>	<i>5,000</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>Kashmore@Kandh Kot</i>	<i>5,000</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>Larkana</i>	<i>7,500</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>Kamber-Shadad Kot</i>	<i>7,500</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>Sukkur</i>	<i>5,000</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>Ghotki</i>	<i>5,000</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>Khairpur</i>	<i>5,000</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>Noushero-Feroze</i>	<i>5,000</i>
<i>Total</i>		<i>50,000</i>

Acknowledgment:

SRSO is very thankful to Forest Department of GoS who cooperated and provided the plants to SRSO team throughout its operational districts.

We are also Thankful to District Government (Deputy Commissioners and his teams) for extending full cooperation to the SRSO for celebrating this National day-Green Pakistan with huge participation of them.

We are here to say also thanks last but not least thanks for officials of Local Government and Social Welfare Department and other community stake holders who joined us for celebrating this day for a noble cause.

Thanks to all organized community and Community level Institutes'' (Co/VO/LSO) for taking whole heartedly participation with spirit and enthusiasm, also took the responsibility of caring and watering the plants.

Efforts' of the team of SRSO are highly appreciable and recognizable who performed this achievement with devotion of time and dedication at their concern areas.

Celebration of Green Pakistan-National day in SRSO Outreach Areas

Overview: SRSO launched National Day-Green Pakistan campaign in its all operational areas. SRSO in collaboration with federal governments' initiative to improve the forest and to combat the climate changes through Green Pakistan Programme (GPP) was formally launched on February 09, 2017, all across the SRSO operational Areas. Chief Executive Officer, Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro planted saplings on the occasion of Prime Minister's Green Pakistan Programme in Sukkur community by its organization in nine districts of the northern Sindh with the collaboration of district government, Forest department, and Social Welfare department, Village Organizations, Community Organizations and LSOs. While planting a tree, CEO Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro launched the initiative, adding that would have a positive impact on region's overall atmosphere, as climate change has adversely impacted on our lives and poor rural community has affected a lot due to not having trees in their homes and villages. In connection with this, he added that celebrating a green day at the national level would defiantly change the region's fate and especially rural areas atmosphere which has been increased due to tree cutting from forests. Furthermore, an awareness walk was held along with SRSO organised community and community institutes' office bearers and members to highlight the importance of a greener environment and to convey the message that it will help to adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change in Pakistan, as the country is highly vulnerable to the phenomenon, which was led by CEO Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro and in other regions by SRSO officials and community.

While planting the sapling, Sr. Manager NRM Nisar Ahmed Pathan said that his organization would plant over 50,000 saplings of different rural areas with the support of its organized communities during Green Pakistan Programme. In Shikarpur, SRSO District Shikarpur team organized an event in which notable and distinguished guests: Deputy Commissioner Sayed Hassan Raza, Deputy Superintendent of Rangers Manzoor Ahmed participated in event. Moreover, an awareness Programme for trees also organized by Local Support Organization (LSO Murk) at Village Organization Chand Goath. In Jacobabad, the Green Pakistan spring plantation was campaign was launched by SRSO DM-Jacobabad Mr. Manzoor Ahmed Jalbani at LSO level along with organised community in which over 150 female community members, UC chairmen, Vice chairman District Council Jacobabad, deputy director Social Welfare Department, District Forest officer and District team of SRSO participated. In Noshehroferoze, the Climate Change and Green Pakistan Program kick off by SRSO with collaboration of District forest department Naushahro feroz in which 2000 plants distributed. In Qambar Shahdadkot, Over one thousand plants were distributed by SRSO where different stakeholders including Mukhtiyarkar and head masters and large number of community members were present on the occasion.

Shikarpur District: It is a district in the Sindh province of Pakistan. The city of Shikarpur is the capital; there are four (04) Sub-Divisions Lakhi Ghulam Shah, Garhi Yasin, Khanpur and Shikarpur itself. It is spread over an area of 2,640 km², according to the census of 1998 Shikarpur had population of 1,170,864 of which 23.51% were urban.

SRSO has been working in all areas of Shikarpur districts through different interventions that has impacted a lot on community: Women Empowerment, Skilled trainings, Housing construction, Micro-Credit, CIF (Community Investment Fund) a Programme of GoS UCBPRP and many other interventions that has boosted the community living standard, this has been possible through a participatory mobilisation three tiers approach by managing and organizing the rural poor women at this community level platform by selecting their own leaders and three steps of boosting: Saving, learning new arts and crafts, linkages with government and non-government institutes' and women empowerment. SRSO has also never left alone the community during natural disasters during flood or heavy rain and launched its flood relief work later rehabilitation also through VRP (Village Rehabilitation Programme)

In this regards, SRSO has following Managed households in Shikarpur District

District	# of Tehsil Presence	# of Households Organized	# of Community Organizations formed	# of Village Organizations formed	# of Local Support Organizations formed	Number of Institutions with at least 50% female membership
Shikarpur	4	102,306	5,846	1,813	37	100% female members

Green Pakistan Campaign at Shikarpur District:

SRSO, also believes in community empowerment and changing their living standard, but as now climate change issue has been raised worldwide so NRM (Natural Resource Management) sector of SRSO since September 2015 has started Green Sindh Campaign every year in all operational areas of SRSO plants sapling is planted to mitigate the risk and hazards of climate change to community. In collaboration of Green Pakistan Campaign-National day 09th Feb 2017, SRSO Shikarpur District also launched and successfully planted the targeted 5000 saplings of plants in all administrative areas of Shikarpur district. SRSO district Shikarpur arranged a community event for this day in which the Deputy Commissioner Shikarpur Syed Hassan Raza has inaugurated "Green Pakistan Campaign" by planting a tree and other DSR Rangers Shikarpur Manzoor Ahmed and Assistant Commissioner Shikarpur Syed Arbab Shah were also planted the samples. Speaking on the occasion, DC Hassan Raza said that planting trees are most important to change the atmosphere.

Picture Gallery (District Shikarpur)



Plantation by GSR Mr. Manzoor Ahmed District Superintendent of Rangers



Plantation by Syed Hasan Raza Deputy Commissioner Shikarpur & Mr. Arbab Ali Shah Assistant Commissioner Sukkur



PM Green Pakistan Plantation by Manzoor Ahmed (District Superintendent of Rangers Shikarpur), Syed Hassan Raza (Deputy Commissioner Shikarpur), Mr. Arbab Ali Shah (Assistant Commissioner Shikarpur) Agha Waheed (Deputy Director Social Welfare Department Shikarpur, & D SRSO Mr. Abdul Latif Soomro

District Jacobabad: Jacobabad District is a district in the province of Sindh, Pakistan. It is located in the north of Sindh, by the provincial boundary with Balochistan. Its headquarters is the town of Jacobabad, which was founded by General John Jacob in 1847. The district lies between 27° - 55' to 28° - 29' north latitudes and 68° - 00' to 69° - 44' east longitudes. It is bounded by Dera Ghazi Khan District of the Punjab province in the north-east and by Sibi/Nasirabad district of Balochistan province in the north. The total area of the district is 5,278 square kilometers. Jacobabad has a hot desert climate (Köppen climate classification *BWh*) with extremely hot summers and mild winters. The highest recorded temperature is 52.8 °C (127.0 °F), and the lowest recorded temperature is -3.9 °C (25.0 °F). Rainfall is low, and mainly occurs in the monsoon season (July–September).

SRSO is also working in Jacobabad since its inception, and has intervened in community through different projects and programmes along with relief and rehabilitation work during natural disasters'. SRO working philosophy is totally depended on managing and organizing rural community through three tiers social mobilisation by fostering community level institutes''. Following is the detailed profile of SRSO working by managing and organizing households.

District	# of Tehsils Presence	# of Households Organized	# of Community Organizations formed	# of Village Organizations formed	# of Local Support Organizations formed	Number of Institutions with at least 50% female membership
Jacobabad	3	84,893	5,074	1,811	26	100% female members

Green Pakistan Campaign-National Day in District Jacobabad: SRSO Jacobabad team has successfully launched a campaign named as clean and green Sindh campaign last year 2016 to increase the tree plantation community to combat the climate changes as it is hot area of Sindh. Now in collaboration and parallel to Green Pakistan Campaign, Jacobabad District Team extensively and successfully planted the targeted saplings in all areas of Jacobabad community with assistance of Deputy Commission, UC chairman and many notable and distinguished people participated and join hand to hand with team with the assistance of Community level institutes' (CO/VO/LSO). SRSO District Jacobabad celebrated the day by organizing different community level conferences about the importance of tree plantation. How to combat the climate change and how to mitigate the health hazards due to climate change. 150 female community members, 05 UC chairmen, Vice chairman District Council Jacobabad, deputy director Social Welfare Department, District Forest officer and media persons actively participated and vowed to spread campaign in the nook and corner of the District.

District Jacobabad



Plantation by: Divisional Forest Officer Mr. Kashif Hussain Laghari



Plantation by: Vice Chairman District Council Mr. Muhammad Ismail Khoso



Deputy Director Social Welfare Department Aapa Zuhra Khoso, DM-SRSO Mr. Manzoor Ahmed Jalbani & Team

Kashmore@ Kandh Kot District: It is a district of the province of Sindh, Pakistan. The capital city is Kandhkot which has a population of District Kashmore 1,206,772.^[2] Kashmor District is subdivided into three tehsils:

- Kandhkot
- Kashmore
- Tangwani

SRSO is also working in this district for the community betterment with the social mobilistaion approach by intervene through different programmes and projects with assistance of many international, national donor and GoS and GoP funding. Largely, a big UC based Model Programme has been implemented since 2009 with the Assistance of GoS named UCBPRP (Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme).

Following are the detail view of SRSO social mobilisation three tiers approach under the umbrella of Community level Institutes' that has organised the poor rural women.

District	# of Tehsil Presence	# of Households Organized	# of Community Organizations formed	# of Village Organizations formed	# of Local Support Organizations formed	Number of Institutions with at least 50% female membership
Kashmore	3	80,345	4,710	1,673	29	100% female members

Green Pakistan Campaign Celebration:

SRSO District Kashmore-Kandhkot team whole heartedly participated and planted the 5000 saplings in different areas of Kashmore and all administrative areas.

District Kashmir-Kandhkot



SRSO District Kandh Kot team and other stake Holders



Plantation by: Managing Director: SISTECH and District Council Member mr. Muhammad Khan Khoso



District Kandh Kot Organised Community Members of CO/VO/LSO



Assistant Commissioner (Taluka Tangwani) Mr. Allah Dino Channa

Kamber-Shadad Kot: Qambar Shahdadkot District is a district of Sindh, Pakistan. District Kamber Shahdadkot, with headquarters at Kamber. The total area of District Kamber Shahdadkot is 1453383 acres. The district is divided into seven talukas: Kamber, Miro Khan, Shahdadkot, Warah, Sija Wal Junejo, Nasirabad and Qubo Saeed Khan. Taluka Kamber has the largest area, 522,462 acres. District Council Kamber Shahdadkot has 52 union councils, two municipal committees and seven town committees. 1: Qambar 2:Shahdadkot
3:Warah 4:Miro Khan 5: Nasirabad 6:Qubo Saeed Khan
7:Sajawal

The district has a variety of features with its vast plains, agriculture land, the mighty mountain range of Kirthar and a number of wetlands including Hamal, Drigh and Langh lakes. The Kirthar extends southward for almost 300 km from the Mula River in east-central Balochistan to Cape Muari (Monze) west of Karachi on the Arabian Sea. Kirthar, in Sindhi means 'milk-cream', which is contrary to the environment of the place. It is a range of limestone hills and mountains which is referred to as Hallar by the old writers, but it is commonly known as Kirthar today.

SRSO has also intervened in this district time by time with different project and programmes for community betterment and alleviating the poverty by providing assistance within scarce resources to warfare against a vicious circle of poverty by polishing their innate potential. Currently SRSO is implementing a Mega Programme of SUCCESS (Sindh Union Council Community Economic Strengthen) Programme Funded by European Union under the Umbrella of Rural Support Network. Sindh Union Council & Community Economic Strengthening Support Programme (SUCCESS) aims at reducing poverty in 216 deprived union councils by empowering women and poor rural communities. SRSO has also organised the poor rural community with three tiers of social mobilisation by fostering community level institutes' by selecting their own leaders. Following is the detail view of Managed and organised household by fostering into community level institutes.

District	Activities	Total
Kambar- Qamber- Shahdadkot	Total # of Tehsils	7
	Total # of Rural Union Councils (UCs)	52
	# of Households PSC Surveyed	184,140
	# of Households Organized	133,017
	# of Community Organizations (COs)	6,651
	# of Village Organizations (VOs)	665
	CO Members Trained in Management Skills	15,963

Green Pakistan Campaign:SRSO District Kamber-Shadad Kot also celebrated this day with the collaboration of Government Forest Departments and other Government concern departments.

District Qambar-Shahdadkot



Plant distribution in a Community School



Session on Importance of Plantation at Kamber-Shadad Kot



Group Photo of Plantation with Organised Community along with SRSO DM Mr. Asad Ali Jatoy and Team

Larkana District:Larkana District is a district of Sindh province of Pakistan . It is also locally called Larkano. The Larkana formerly known as 'Chandka', Larkana is located on the south bank of "Ghar canal", about 40 miles (64 km) south of the town Shikarpur, and 36 miles (58 km) north east of Mehar.[4]

The district of Larkana is administratively subdivided into the following talukas:[2]

1:Dokri 2:Bakrani 3:Larkana 4: Ratodero

Larkana is a monsoon climatic region. Summer is extremely hot as temperature reaches at 53 °C and winter is a little cool as temperature drops to –2 °C. On May 26, 2010 the mercury hit at record 53.4 °C becoming the hottest city in the country's history.

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Following is the detail view of Managed and organised household by fostering into community level institutes.

District	Activities	Total
Larkana	Total # of Tehsils	4
	Total # of Rural Union Councils (UCs)	47
	# of Households PSC Surveyed	177,637
	# of Households Organized	120,227
	# of Community Organizations (COs)	6,011
	# of Village Organizations (VOs)	601

Green Pakistan Campaign

SRSO District Larkana also celebrated this day with the collaboration of Government Forest Departments and other Government concern departments.

District Larkana



Plant Distribution by DM-SRSO Mr. Hamid Ali Magsi



School Children with plants at community school Larkana



Larkana SRSO-SUCCESS Team with Plants

District Khairpur



LSO Tando-Masti (Khairpur) Chairperson planting a plant



School children and community with plants



Plantation by CEO-SRSO Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro

Tree
Plantation
by SRSO
sector
Head NRM-
Mr. Nisar
Ahmed
Pathan



CO/VO/LSO members of
organized Community with
Plants at Tando-masti



District Sukkur



CO/VO/LSO community with SRSO Team



LSO Roshan Abad Sukkur Office Bearers and members



Organized Community with Plants



CEO-SRSO delivering session on tree plantation



A walk of Organsied Community Institutes on tree plantation Importance

District Ghotki



Media Talk by a School Kids at Community School Ghotki



A walk by organized Community and notable persons



A rally on tree plantation by Senior Citizens and Community



School Kids with plants



Walk at Ghotki by Organised Community

District Noushahro Feroze



Jail Superintendent with SRSO Team at Noushero Feroze



Police Officer planting a sapling



A view of Green Pakistan Celebration at Noushero-feroze District



A walk by Notable Citizens and Organised Community members

Tree Plantation by honorable distinguished guests



Tree Plantation by EU Ambassador
H.E. Jean François Cautain



Tree Plantation by Mrs. Sonia Cautain



Tree Plantation by Secretary Social Department Dr.
Sheeren Mustafa Narejo



Tree Plantation by
CEO RSPN Ms. Shandana Khan



Tree Plantation by Ms. Nargisa (Chief Field Officer)
& COO RSPN Mr. Khalil Ahmed Tetlay



Tree Plantation by EU Ambassador
H.E. Jean François Cautain

Tree Plantation
by
Ms. Angila
Kearny (UNICEF)



Plantation by SRSO Organised Community



Plantation Awareness Walk by SRSO Managed & Organised Community



Media Coverage of National Day-Green Pakistan



100m trees to be planted under GPP

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The federal government's initiative to improve the forest cover of Pakistan through Green Pakistan Programme (GPP) was formally launched on February 06, 2017, all across the country. The Punjab Forest Department also launched the programme by planting 1,00,000 saplings cover an area of 250 acres across 19 districts of the province.

According to a press release issued here on Thursday, a ceremony was held at Mandi Purana, Lahore, which was attended by Mani Younis Danish, Minister, Capital Development, Secretary of the Secretariat, Punjab Forests, and Assistant Secretary, Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries Department, Government of the Punjab, and CEO, South Punjab Power Company (SPPC) attended.

For Green Pakistan Programme, the federal government is bearing 50 per cent cost of the project, whereas each province will contribute 50 per cent as a matching grant. Through the programme, 100 million trees will be planted across the country. The programme aims to plant indigenous tree species to conserve and promote the local flora of Punjab.

The species to be planted in different ecological zones include Chir, Euc, Deydar, PA, Bawal, Tiroon, Shala, Vela, Tulsi, Khat, Jam, Bar, Pal, Ashraf, Teak, Neem, Ficus and other species etc. According to Mani Younis Danish, Minister, Punjab, Wildlife & Fisheries Department, Government of the Punjab, through Green Pakistan Programme in Punjab, Rs. 1,200 million have been allocated, through which almost 50 million trees will be planted on 10,000 acres of forest land, across 19 districts in five years.

Furthermore, the department will provide 22.15 million trees to the people on comparatively lower price, which will be easily available at 249 rupee plants. The initiative by Mani Younis Danish, Chief Minister Punjab, to introduce the Green Package, through which farmers will be facilitated in planting trees, will also contribute to the cause. The government will provide 100 per cent funds, whereas the remaining 50 per cent will be provided by farmers.

According to Tahir Hashmi, CEO, SPPC, Green Pakistan Programme will a economic initiative, as it will help to improve the forest cover of Pakistan, leading to the conservation of wildlife. Most importantly, it will help to adjust and mitigate the impacts of climate change in Pakistan, as the country is highly vulnerable to the phenomenon.

South Punjab Power Company (SPPC) and World Bank Fund for Nature (WWF-Pakistan) also collaborated for the event. WWF-Pakistan also helped to engage the students from Government College University (GCU), who participated by planting trees at the event. At Mandi Purana, 7000 trees were planted on 10 acres of land and proved that the initiative will eventually increase the production of forests in Pakistan.

The tree plantation campaign under Green Pakistan Programme will be held from 10th Thursday, in which a total of 20,000 seedlings will be planted at different rural areas of Sahiwal and Okara.

The District Chairman and other local leadership as well as Civil Support Organizations, Village Organizations, students and civil society organizations took part in the Spring Tree Planting Campaign 2017 in collaboration with South Punjab Support Organization (SPSSO).

Senior Manager National Resources Management, Mani Ahsan Pathan while addressing in a school, informed the teachers as well as students about the significance of trees for a better environment. He said that the national tree plantation campaign had been launched following the directions of Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif -18th.

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Religious City of Education and Culture



SRSO launched Green Pakistan campaign in northern Sindh



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SUKKUR: Chief Executive Officer, Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) Muhammad Dital Kalhoro planted saplings on the occasion of Prime Minister's Green Pakistan Programme Campaign by the SRSO in its 09 operational districts with the collaboration of district government, Forest department, Social welfare department, COs, VOs and LSOs members on Thursday. While planting a tree, CEO SRSO hailed the initiative, adding that would have a positive impact on region's overall atmosphere. He added that celebrating a green day at the national level would defiantly change the country's fate. Furthermore, an awareness walk was held to highlight the importance of a greener environment which was led by CEO Muhammad Dital Kalhoro. While planting the sapling, Sr Manager NRM Nisar Ahmed Pathan said that his organization would plant over 50,000 saplings of different rural areas with the support of its organized communities during spring. In Shikarpur, Deputy Commissioner Syeed Hassan Raza, Deputy Supredent of Rangers Manzoor Ahmed participated in an event organized by SRSO Shikarpur. More over an awareness programme for trees also organized by Local Support Organization (LSO Murk) at Village Organization Chand Goath where Deputy Director Social Welfare Agha Waheed, District Forest Officer, Abdul Haleem Buirro, District Manager SRSO Abdul Latif Soomro spoke. In Jaccababad, the Green Pakistan spring plantation campaign was launched under the banner of SRSO Jaccababd where over 150 female community members, UC chairmen, Vice chairman District Council Jacobabad, deputy director Social Welfare Department, District Forest officer participated. In Noshetroferoze, the Climate Change and Green Pakistan Program kick off by SRSO with collaboration of District forest department Naushahro feroz in which 2000 plants distributed. A 500 meter walk too organized in which District Superintendent of Jail Police NaushahroFeroz Sayed Munwar Ali Shah, Divisional Forest officer Nausharo Feroz Mukhtiar Mallah, DDO Social Welfer Depatment Sayed Ali Ahmed Shah, DM SRSO NF Shafique Agro, JRM SRSO Niaz Hingoro, DPO SRSO Nadia Shah, Range forest officer and Large Number of Community and school children participated. In Qambar Shahdadkot, On the occasion, one thousand plants (1000) were distributed by SRSO where different stakeholders including Mukhtyarkar and



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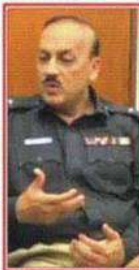
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Tree plantation campaign on Prime Minister's directive started

SUKKUR The tree plantation campaign under "Green Pakistan Programme" started here on Thursday, with school children, to plant saplings at various schools of the Sukkur, Khairpur, Shikarpur, Jacobabad, Kashmore, Kandhkot, Ghotki, Qambar and other districts of the northern Sindh. The District Chairmen and other local leadership as well as Local Support Organizations, Village Organizations, students and civil society organisations took part in the Spring Tree Planting Campaign 2017 in collaboration with Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO). According to Senior Manager, Natural Resources Management, Nisar Ahmed Pathan, in a campaign, a total of 50,000 saplings will be planted at different rural areas of the Sukkur and Khairpur. Earlier, speaking in a school, he informed the teachers as well as students about the importance of trees for a better environment and said that the national tree plantation campaign had been launched following the directions of Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif. The students from Class 1 to 5 showed keen interest in planting the saplings. A total of 100 saplings were planted by the students of various classes who also raised various questions about the impacts of trees on environment.—Agencies

100m trees to be planted under GPP

By **Wahiduzzaman** February 10, 2017

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The federal government's initiative to improve the forest cover of Pakistan through Green Pakistan Programme (GPP) was formally launched on February 06, 2017, all across the country. The Punjab Forest Department also launched the programme by planting 1,00,000 saplings over an area of 136 acres across 19 districts of the province.

According to a press release issued here on Thursday, a ceremony was held at Kandi Forest, Lahore which was attended by Mani Yawar Zaman, Minister, Capt. (Retd) Jafarullah Khan, Secretary, (Shahid Rashid Awan), Additional Secretary, Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries Department, Government of the Punjab, and CEO, South Punjab Forest Company (SPFC) attended.

For Green Pakistan Programme, the federal government is bearing 50 per cent cost of the project, whereas each province will contribute 50 per cent as a matching grant. Through the programme, 100 million trees will be planted across the country. The programme aims to plant indigenous tree species to conserve and promote the local flora of Punjab.

The species to be planted in different ecological areas include Chir, Kail, Droodar, Pils, Parul, Sprouck, Phul, Kiker, Rubina, Kaha, Jand, Ber, Pils, Ahiruc, Toor, Neem, Frash and other species etc. According to Mani Yawar Zaman, Minister, Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries Department, Government of the Punjab, through Green Pakistan Programme in Punjab, Rs. 3,285 million have been allocated, through which almost 5.5 million trees will be planted on 10,000 acres of forest lands, across 13 districts in five years.

Furthermore, the department will provide 20-15 million trees to the people in comparatively lower prices, which will be easily available at 244 sale points. The initiative by Mani (Shahbaz Sharif, Chief Minister Punjab, to introduce the Kissan Package, through which farmers will be facilitated in planting trees, will also contribute to the cause. The government will provide 70 per cent funds, whereas the remaining 30 per cent will be provided by farmers themselves.

According to Tehar Rashid, CEO, SPFC, Green Pakistan Programme will be a successful initiative, as it will help to improve the forest cover of Pakistan, leading to the conservation of wildlife. Most importantly, it will help to adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change in Pakistan, as the country is highly vulnerable to the phenomenon.

South Punjab Forest Company (SPFC) and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Pakistan (WWF-Pakistan) also collaborated for the event. WWF-Pakistan also helped to engage the students from Government College University (GCU), who participated by planting trees at the event. At Kandi Forest, 7000 trees were planted on 10 acres of land and hoped that the initiative will eventually increase the proportion of forests in Pakistan.

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