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Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) Operational Area

VISION

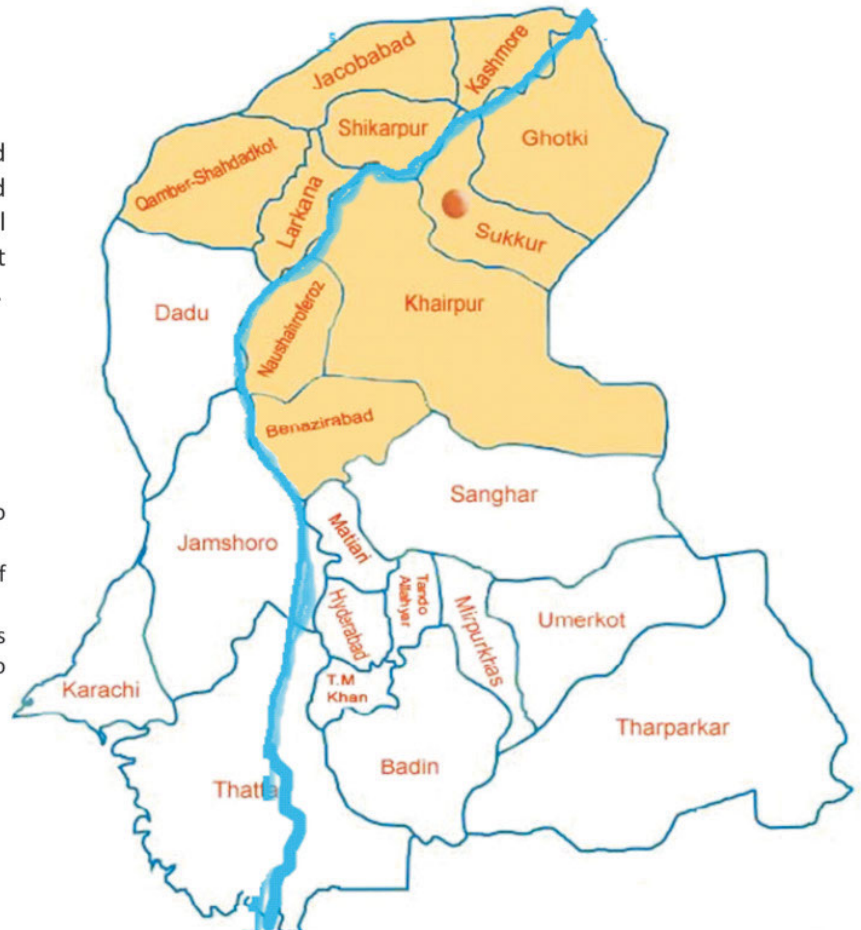
To perceive Socially and Economically empowered Communities especially the marginalized ones and helping create a proactive Community Organizations by attitudinal change by setting free people's Potentials and willingness to alleviate poverty.

MISSION

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

OBJECTIVES

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



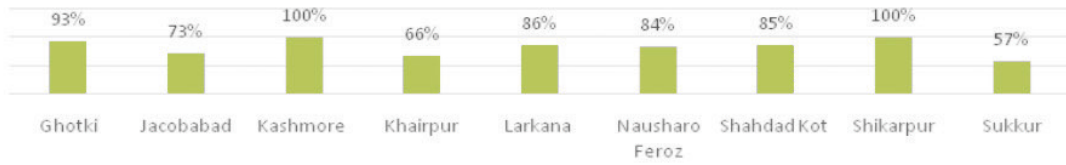


SRSO Cumulative Achievement as of June 2015

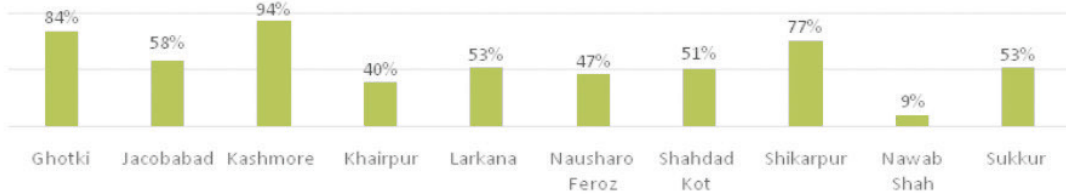
S.#	Key Performance Indicators	Achievement as of Mar-2015	Achievement as of June-2015	% increase during Qtr	
1	No. of Operational Districts	10	10		
2	No. of Union Councils with SRSO presence	379	380	0.3%	
3	No. of Taluka with SRSO presence	48	48	-	
4	No. of villages with SRSO presence	12,614	12,614	-	
5	No. of Household Organized	595,481	596,980	0.3%	
6	VO Formation	7,351	7,357	0.1%	
7	LSO Formation	128	128	-	
8	CO- Formation	Female	34,861	34,947	0.2%
		Male	2,383	2,383	-
		Mix	40	40	-
		Total	37,284	37,370	0.2%
9	CO-Membership	Female	556,819	558,318	0.3%
		Male	38,662	38,662	-
		Total	595,481	596,980	0.3%
10	Community Saving (Rs. In million)	Female	110.61	110.68	0.1%
		Male	6.80	6.80	-
		Mix	117.41	117.48	0.1%
11	Income Generating Grant (IGG) Amount Disbursed (Rs. In Million)	82.93	82.93	-	
12	No. of IGG Beneficiaries	7,608	7,608	-	
13	Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount disbursed (Rs. In Million)	1,059.08	1,064.64	0.5%	
14	No. of CIF Beneficiaries	101,383	101,702	0.3%	
15	Total amount of Microcredit disbursed (Rs. In Million)	6,223.89	6,929.05	11%	
16	No. of Beneficiaries of Micro Credit Programme	371,118	403,584	9%	
17	No of Community members trained in vocational skill Training	53,323	53,323	-	
18	No of Community members trained	248,588	249,295	0.3%	
19	Community Members trained as TBAs	4,777	4,777	-	
20	Micro Health Insurance (Clients)	356,777	387,999	9%	
21	Community Members Insured in Micro Health Insurance (Head Count)	619,197	619,197	-	
22	No. of Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)	39,874	39,928	0.1%	
23	Total amount of CPIs (Rs. In Million)	2,654	2,670	0.6%	
24	Total Beneficiary Households	233,203	234,500	0.6%	



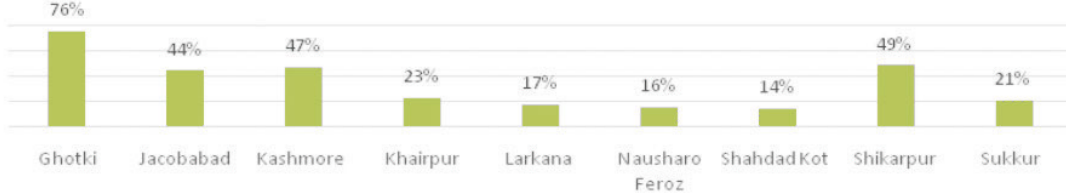
DISTRICT WISE UNION COUNCIL COVERAGE AS OF JUNE 2015



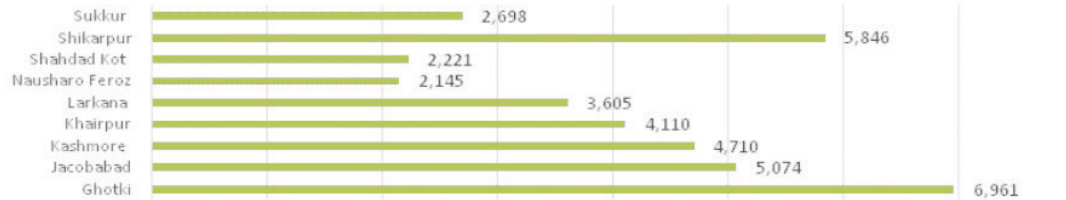
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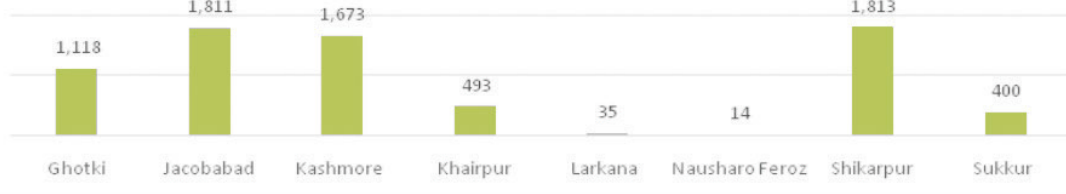
DISTRICT WISE HOUSEHOLD COVERAGE AS OF JUNE 2015



DISTRICT WISE BREAK UP OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION (COS) AS OF JUNE 2015

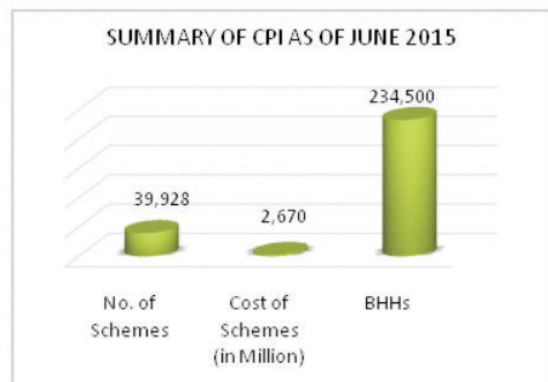
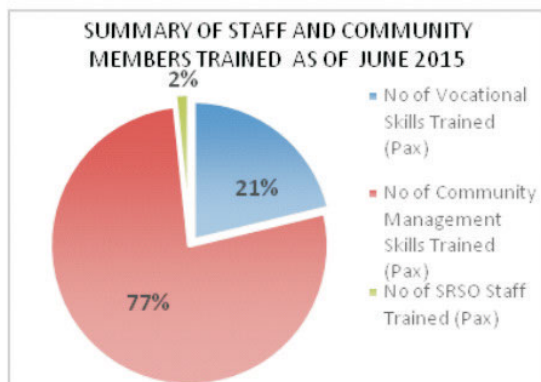
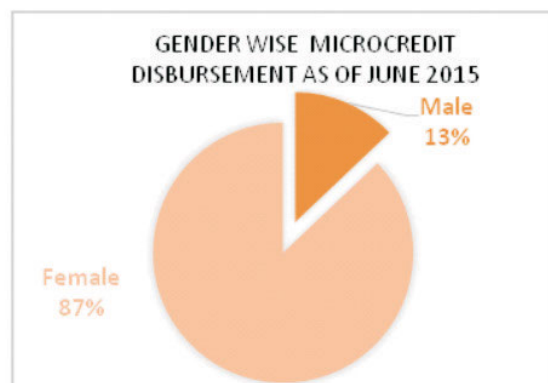
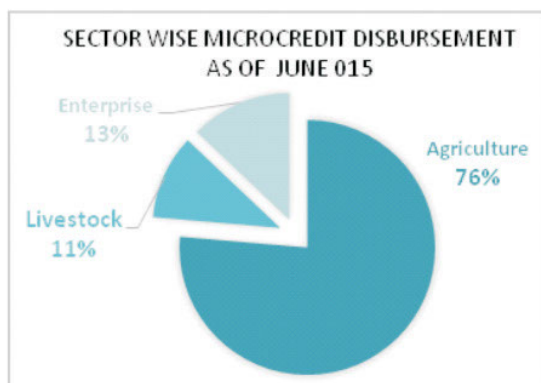
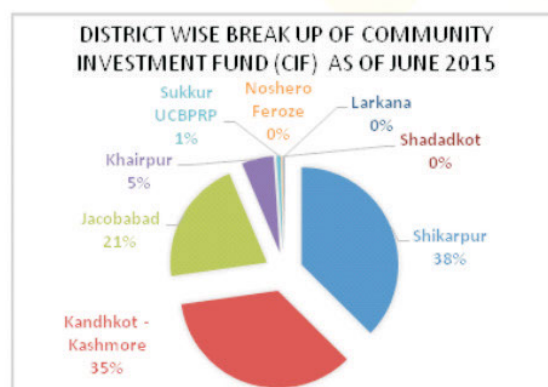
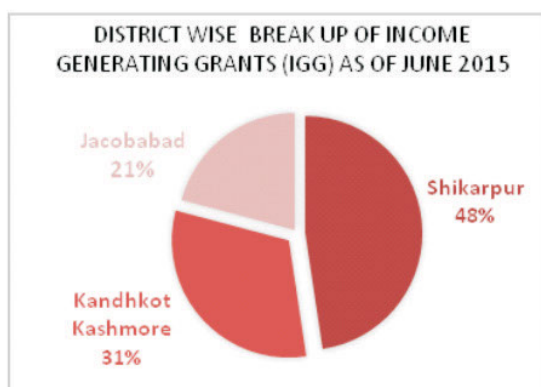
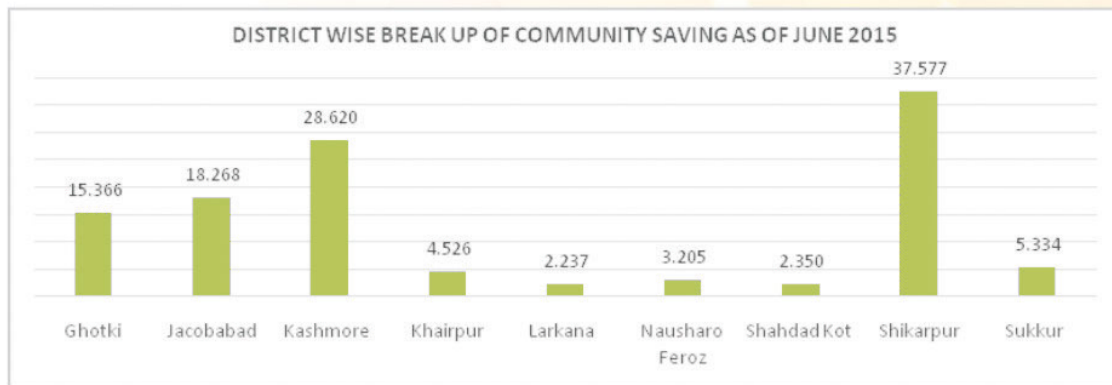


DISTRICT WISE BREAK UP OF VILLAGE ORGANIZATION (VOS) FORMATION AS OF JUNE 2015



DISTRICT WISE BREAK UP OF LSOS AS OF JUNE 2015







Union Council Coverage

S. No	District	Total No. of UCs in the District	# of SRSO intervened UCs as of Mar, 2015	# of SRSO intervened UCs as of June, 2015	% increase during Qtr	% of total UC coverage as of June, 2015
1	Ghotki	40	37	37	-	93%
2	Jacobabad	40	29	29	-	73%
3	Kashmore	37	37	37	-	100%
4	Khairpur	76	50	50	-	66%
5	Larkana	44	38	38	-	86%
6	Naushahro Feroz	51	42	43	2%	84%
7	Shahdad Kot	40	34	34	-	85%
8	Shikarpur	50	50	50	-	100%
9	Sukkur	46	26	26	-	57%
10	Nawab Shah	51	36	36	-	71%
	TOTAL	475	379	380	0.3%	80%

Village Coverage

S. No	District	Total No. Of villages in SRSO UCs	# of SRSO intervened village as of Mar, 2015	# of SRSO intervened village as of June, 2015	% increase during Qtr	% of Village coverage
1	Ghotki	2,464	2,080	2,080	-	84%
2	Jacobabad	3,110	1,811	1,811	-	58%
3	Kashmore	1,786	1,673	1,673	-	94%
4	Khairpur	3,254	1,296	1,296	-	40%
5	Larkana	1,590	842	842	-	53%
6	Naushahro Feroz	2,192	1,028	1,028	-	47%
7	Shahdad Kot	1,561	793	793	-	51%
8	Shikarpur	2,414	1,848	1,848	-	77%
9	Sukkur	1,664	881	881	-	53%
10	Nawab shah	4,104	362	362	-	9%
	TOTAL	20,035	12,614	12,614	-	52%

Household Coverage

S. No	District	Total No. of HHs in SRSO Districts	# of HHs Organized as of Mar, 2015	# of HHs Organized as of June, 2015	% increase during Qtr	% of Household coverage
1	Ghotki	159,314	120,767	120,767	-	76%
2	Jacobabad	191,633	84,893	84,893	-	44%
3	Kashmore	170,421	80,345	80,345	-	47%
4	Khairpur	305,137	68,694	68,694	-	23%
5	Larkana	217,208	37,589	37,589	-	17%
6	Naushahro Feroz	219,772	33,655	35,154	4%	16%
7	Shahdad Kot	211,612	29,475	29,475	-	14%
8	Shikarpur	210,530	102,306	102,306	-	49%
9	Sukkur	183,500	37,757	37,757	-	21%
	TOTAL	1,869,127	595,481	596,980	0.3%	32%



Community Institutions at Grassroots Level

S. No	District	Total Number of COs (Male + Female Mix) as of Mar 15	Total Number of COs (Male + Female Mix) as of June 15	% increase during Qtr
1	Ghotki	6,961	6,961	-
2	Jacobabad	5,074	5,074	-
3	Kashmore	4,710	4,710	-
4	Khairpur	4,110	4,110	-
5	Larkana	3,605	3,605	-
6	Naushahro Feroz	2,059	2,145	4%
7	Shahdad Kot	2,221	2,221	-
8	Shikarpur	5,846	5,846	-
9	Sukkur	2,698	2,698	-
TOTAL		37,284	37,370	0.2%

Community Institutions at Village and Union Council Level

S. No	District	Total No. of VOs formed as of Mar,15	Total No. of VOs formed as of Jun,15	% increase during Qtr	Total No. of LSOs Formed as of Mar,15	Total No. of LSOs Formed as of Jun,15	% increase during Qtr
1	Ghotki	1,118	1,118	-	12	12	-
2	Jacobabad	1,811	1,811	-	26	26	-
3	Kashmore	1,673	1,673	-	29	29	-
4	Khairpur	493	493	-	18	18	-
5	Larkana	35	35	-	-	-	-
8	Shikarpur	1,813	1,813	-	37	37	-
9	Sukkur	400	400	-	6	6	-
10	N. Feroz	8	14	75%	-	-	-
TOTAL		7,351	7,357	0.1%	128	128	-

Community Saving

Sr.#	District	Community Saving as of Mar 2015 (Rs. In Million)	Community Saving as of June 2015 (Rs. In Million)	% increase during Qtr
1	Ghotki	15.37	15.37	-
2	Jacobabad	18.27	18.27	-
3	Kashmore	28.62	28.62	-
4	Khairpur	4.53	4.53	-
5	Larkana	2.24	2.24	-
6	Naushahro Feroz	3.13	3.20	2%
7	Shahdad Kot	2.35	2.35	-
8	Shikarpur	37.58	37.58	-
9	Sukkur	5.33	5.33	-
TOTAL		117.41	117.48	0.1%

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

S.no	Districts	as of Mar 2015		as of June 2015		% increase during Qtr
		# of Benf:	Amount disbursed (Rs. In Million)	# of Benf:	Amount disbursed (Rs. In Million)	
1	Shikarpur	3,717	39.50	3,717	39.50	-
2	Kandhkot - Kashmore	2,543	26.13	2,543	26.13	-
3	Jacobabad	1,348	17.31	1,348	17.31	-
4	Total IGG Disbursed (Rs. In Million)	7,608	82.94	7,608	82.94	-



Community Investment Fund (CIF)

S. No	Districts	as of Mar 2015		as of June 2015		% increase during Qtr
		# of Benf:	Amount disbursed (Rs. In Million)	# of Benf:	Amount disbursed (Rs. In Million)	
1	Shikarpur	40,239	396.51	40,239	396.51	-
2	Kandhkot - Kashmore	35,863	374.07	35,863	374.07	-
3	Jacobabad	18,052	220.87	18,371	226.43	3%
4	Khairpur	6,044	56.44	6,044	56.44	-
5	Sukkur UCPRP	513	7.05	513	7.05	-
6	Noshero Feroze	370	1.85	370	1.85	-
7	Larkana	236	1.98	236	1.98	-
8	Shahdadkot	66	0.33	66	0.33	-
9	Total CIF Disbursed (Rs. In Million)	101,383	1,059.08	101,702	1,064.64	3%

Micro Finance (MF)

S.no	Districts	Amount disbursed as of March 2015	Amount disbursed as of June 2015	% increase during Qtr
1	Total Amount of Micro Credit Disbursement (Rs. In Million)	6,223.89	6,929.05	11%
	Men	782.696	817.813	4%
	Women	5,441.20	6,111.24	12%
2	No. of Loans	371,118	403,584	9%
	Male	49,279	50,618	3%
	Female	321,839	352,966	10%
3	Sectoral Disbursement (Rs. In Million)	6,223.89	6,929.05	11%
	Agriculture	4,679.97	5,291.16	13%
	Livestock	740.791	743.701	0.40%
	Enterprise	803.131	894.193	11%

Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)

S.#	Types of CPI Schemes	Achievement as of June 2015		
		No. of Schemes	Cost of Schemes (Rs. In Million)	BHHs
	Total of CPI Schemes	39,928	2,670	234,500
1	Housing	13,504	1368.46	13,504
2	Sanitation	15,952	196.89	86,995
3	Street Pavement & Sanitation	44	209.07	9,022
4	Drinking Water Supply Schemes (DWSS)	9,517	344.00	47,727
5	Low Cost Village Improvement Schemes (LCVI)	72	127.09	7,248
6	Communication	338	184.76	24,942
7	Irrigation	427	180.33	11,828
8	IAUP	1	2.09	75
9	Water Filter Plants by GoS	40	23.58	28,570
10	Street Lighting on solar system	5	5.00	301
11	Schools Renovation/Construction	28	29.00	4,288

* CPI figures include all core, relief and recovery projects



Human Resource Development (HRD)

Sr.#	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of Mar-2015	Achievement as of June-2015	% increase during Qtr
1	No. of Community Members provided scholarship for Vocational Skill Training	53,323	53,323	-
2	No. of Community Members trained in Community Management Skill Training	195,265	195,972	0.4%
3	No. of SRSO Staff Trained in different programme/project training	4,377	4,436	1%

Micro Health Insurance (MHI)

Sr.#	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of Mar-2015	Achievement as of June-2015	% increase during Qtr
1	No. of Community Members provided Micro Health Insurance Cover	356,777	387,999	9%
2	No. of Community Members Treated through MHI	7,219	7,254	0.5%
		Men	2,740	2,740
	Women	4,479	4,514	1%
3	Amount of claims availed by Community (Rs. In Million)	92.88	93.32	0.5%

Completed Projects (Jan: to June 2015)

UCBPRP Project Jacobabad: Project funded by Government of Sindh, initiated in June 2010 and Completed on June 2015. Total Project Cost was 952.22 Million.



SRSO had been Organized 84,893 households into 5,074 COs, clustered into 1,811 VOs and federated into 26 LSOs. IGG and CIF has been given to 1,361 and 18,371 households. 5,811 participants have trained in vocational skills training. 15,231 CO, 10,852 VO & 90 LSO members trained in management and CIF record keeping trainings.

Livelihood Improvement Project: Project funded by RSPN, initiated in March 2015 and Completed on June 2015. Total Project Cost was 1.8 Million.



SRSO has executed a livelihood project in which the ultra-poor women of Union Council Sherwah district Jacobabad has been provided the cross breed heifers in order to improve their livelihood through livestock management. In this regard, 30 poor women have been transferred heifers and also imparted training on livestock management, milk and meat production.

Dairy Value Chain Project (Phase I): Project funded by PPAF, initiated in April 2014 and Completed on June 2015. Total Project Cost was 14.27 Million.



The project implemented in 6 Union councils of district Jacobabad. 500 beneficiaries of livestock holders were identified. 50 CIGs formed and provided trainings to project beneficiaries on dairy best practices in livestock production management, milk meat production & value addition. 6,900 livestock insured during project tenure.

Disaster Risk Reduction Project: Project funded by HelpAge International/Cordaid. This project initiated in August 2014 and Completed on April 2015. Total Project Cost was 9.78Million.



Project implemented in district Jacobabad primarily aims at mitigating impacts of major risks faced by communities in Jacobabad due to floods caused by monsoon and changes in the climate patterns of the area. SRSO increased the resilience of 31 vulnerable communities to withstand the impact and consequences of future flood disasters through inclusive DRR and climate change adaptation.

Equine Welfare Project (2014-15): Equine Welfare Project funded by Brooke Pakistan, Project initiated in April 2014 and Completed on March 2015. Total Project Cost was 10.01 Million.



SRSO CMVC team provided 21,133 emergency treatments deworming and vaccination to needy equine community based and contact point in city. SRSO provided 791 Grooming kits, 13 fixed water Trough, 17 Portable water trough, 8 Shed / Shelter constructed and 11 water hand pumps to equine community members.

Initiated Projects (Jan: to June 2015)

Dairy Value Chain Project (Phase II): Dairy Value Chain Project Jacobabad funded by PPAF, initiated in April 2015. Total Project Cost was 14.79 Million.



The Project is planned for development of the livestock & its management to produce more milk & meat, with the principal objectives of strengthening livestock development through trainings, introducing latest technologies, & investment of micro-credit and undertaking development activities, aimed at raising livestock productivity and alleviating poverty by income generation.

Equine Welfare Project (2015-16): Equine Welfare Project funded by Brooke Pakistan, Project initiated in April 2015. Total Project Cost was 10.59 Million.



The Project objective is to improve the working equine welfare situation by encouraging community participation and Formation of Equine welfare group. Community meetings/sessions for awareness on Basic Equine Management Practices (BMPs) to be conducted in project area. Emergency Veterinary treatment services will be provided for ensuring the provision of quality medicines to CMVCs (Community Mobile Veterinary Clinics) for the treatment of equine animals.



HIGHLIGHTS

- With financial support by RSPN, SRSO distributed thirty cross breed heifers amongst the ultra and vulnerable poor women. In this regard, a ceremony was organized on 30-June-2015 at village Abdul Rehman Sarki of District Jacobabad. Dr. Sohrab Khan Sarki honored the ceremony as chief guest.

It is important to mention that prior to this distribution, the identified beneficiaries were imparted the training on livestock management specifically on cross breed heifers in contemporary environment of Jacobabad. These heifers are insured for one year period with medical support. While talking to the crowd of women Dr. Sohrab Khan Sarki applauded the work of SRSO, he further said that this was supposed to be done by GoS, but we are happy to see that SRSO doing so. Dr. Sarki also encouraged the poor women to come forward and play their significant role to promote education in all villages, mainly for girls' education. He assured the women for his consistent support for future endeavors.



- Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan Chairman SRSO made a visit on 30 May 2015 in district Jacobabad. Conducted an interactive dialogue with LSO Murk of Union Council Sherwah Taluka Thull. Ms. Firdous LSO chairperson given brief presentation on the achievements of LSO in various fields and future planning specially for LSO networking. Chairman SRSO highly praised the efforts of LSO members and suggested them to work out for linkages with different institutions of Govt & Non-Govt. Chairman categorically urged the organized women to promote regular meetings and savings at the household level, which is the only way to alleviate extreme poverty in rural areas.

- Ms. Angela Kearney UNICEF country representative, Mr. Mohammad Tahir Watto DC Ghotki and other UNICEF Officers along with officials from different line departments visited the three different villages under CRFA project in UC Beriri on 29-June-2015. The visitors prioritized the visit of different schemes i.e. safe play grounds, computer lab and community library. After the visit of all schemes, the visitors notably praised the indispensable role of rural women in these gross root level interventions and additionally commented that the unity which the rural women have shown is the sheer result of gross root level institutions/organizations of the people.



- Ms. Atiya Tabassum Bhutto (Advisor for USAID SRP) visited the community elementary cluster school Garhi Sahib Khan on 03-June-2015 in district Shikarpur. She conducted assessment of basic classes, and found the students talented and student resulted more than the expectations. She also made a visit at summer talent hunt program and interacted with teachers and delivered a meaningful speech on the importance of teaching in contemporary situation. USAID SRP is willing to work with SRSO in order to work for OSCs, establishment of libraries and provision of supplementary teaching materials in schools being operated by SRSO.

- Under CRFA project, on dated April 06, 2015, the Chief Field Officer Ms. Nargis from UNICEF visited the safe playground at village Jaan Mohammad Dahar Uion Council Bago Daho District Ghotki. Conducted meeting with respective CRFA beneficiaries and obtained their feedback on project interventions/activities. She expressed meaningful words for women's efforts.



- The provincial World Bank education specialist Ms. Ambreen held a meeting with education team of SRSO on 11 May 2015 at Head Office Sukkur. The purpose of this meeting was to showcase efforts of SRSO for the education of children of remotest areas in different districts. After the meeting, it was proposed to work with SRSO for SMC funds and specific budget for recreational activities in schools.

- Ms. Nafees Akber Ahmed, the Chemonics representative a USA development organization, visited in LSO Itehad on April 06, 2015 at district Jacobabad. The purpose of her visit was to carry out a research on the subject of social and economic issues prevalent in rural communities and also collect information regarding resources and solutions that the local communities have in order to address those issues. Ms. Nafees Ahmed, collected the exact required information on the both issues & resources and further categorized it to determine the most appropriate intervention to be done by the USAID/Chemonics under the socio-economic issues context in the district. After the short course of research work, Ms. Nafees remarked that the role of rural women for poverty reduction is simply amazing through their grassroots level institutions. She further said that the contributions of VOs/LSOs for rural development in different fields like health, education, employment opportunities and capacity building of youth merits scrupulous regards. Ms. Nafees also held a comprehensive meeting with Mr. Shahzaman Khuhro, the deputy commissioner Jacobabad and other stakeholders on the socio-economic and political issues of the district. She enormously discussed the means and strategies that the local govt is using to address those issues on exceptional basis. She also focused the resources or other support that the local govt is lacking to be provided in order to deal with those issues more effectively.



- Under SRSO-HAI project, a transit walk was organized on international health day in district Jacobabad. In this event, the representatives from 50 older people organizations (OPAs) were participated. The purpose of this walk was to create awareness among the ordinary masses regarding the needs and rights of older people and disseminate the message regarding the role and respect of older peoples in our society. The event was additionally aimed to seek support from Govt and other social welfare institutions regarding the provision of facilities for the older people living in harder conditions.

- Under SRSO-PPAF-IFL project, Mr. Mujahid Hussain (Senior Manager-PPAF) on 17 June 2015 participated in IFL cheque distribution ceremony took place in village Mazhar Chachar Union Council Kamo Shaheed Taluka Ubauro District Ghotki. Through this ceremony 130 poor women were given individual beneficiary cheques in order to start any reasonable livelihood.



- Under LEP-II no cost extension, a closing ceremony was organized at Technical Training Center (TTC) in order to provide the certificates to the trained persons who got vocational training under advance mobile repairing trade from TTC Daharki. During the ceremony 17 trained persons were given certificates that have successfully completed the training course.

- A cheque distribution ceremony under PM-IFL project was organized in LSO Awaz Union Council Mongrani District Shikarpur on 12 June 2015. Mr. Waheed Ahmed Shujra (Deputy Director-SWD) and Mr. Agha Waheed Ali Pathan (D.O-SWD) was the honorable guests of the event/ceremony. 16 poor women were given individual beneficiary cheques to improve their livelihood.





- The Chief Executive Officer, SRSO visited the village Mahmood Panhwar UC Shabirabad Taluka Khanpur District Shikarpur on 08 July 2015. The purpose of CEO's visit was to meet and interact with those 30 households who have been identified as affected with a disease (footprint- a Pir's Course) which is reported to be 80 years ago and consistently found in many generations by now. The CEO discussed with them regarding their specialty and the skills they have to perform any work with. Further CEO directed the respective SMT to collect the data/information of all households affected with disease, and also directed the district team to propose any adequate support possibly extended to them on exceptional basis.



- Craft Enterprise Development (CED) sector of SRSO organized a Sartiyoan Sang craft exhibition in Hyderabad from 5-7 June 2015, in order to promote traditional hand-made products of rural poor women of northern districts of Sindh. The commissioner Hyderabad Mr. Asif Haider Shah graced the event as chief guest and inaugurated the exhibition formally. The commissioner took huge interest in different products. He also commended the marvelous role & efforts of rural women. He also appreciated SRSO for arranging such exhibition in Hyderabad to link the work of rural women with all parts of Sindh, which is a good initiative. During the inauguration of the exhibition Mr. Mohammad Dittal Kalhoro CEO-SRSO, Ms. Rukhsana Riaz Ali Sr. Manager-GAD was accompanied of the commissioner. While CEO-SRSO briefly shared the purpose and benefits of such events for rural women as this plays significant role in the livelihood of the rural women. Through this type of events women have opportunity to grab the more and more opportunities to enhance their existing livelihood with maximum efforts.

- Under BBSYDP a certificate distribution ceremony was held on 09 April 2015 at DC office Shikarpur. In that ceremony a 50 male and female trained youth participants were given certificates for training, they have duly attended and completed successfully. The distribution ceremony was organized by SRSO-Institute of Management Skill Development (IMSD).



- SRSO Social Services Sector started coaching classes from June-2015 to improve the academic capabilities of Govt. Primary School Teachers and desired persons from youth in districts Shikarpur and Kashmore. The purpose of these coaching classes is to develop the different skills in teachers for effective teaching and create ability in youth to appear and qualify any competitive tests.

- A delegation from Brooke-UK visited at different locations where the various activities were being carried out under SRSO-Brooke project on 09-June-2015 in District Sukkur. The purpose of delegation's visit was to see the implementation methodology and effectiveness of the intervention in field, followed by the community feedback on intervention being done with them. Delegation interacted with SRSO-Brooke communities and discussed various aspects and crucial activities carried out with saddlers, equine owners and other community members. After thorough discussion, the visitors appreciated the progress made under the project and the procedures adopted during the course of work with equine communities in field.

