



NEWSLETTER

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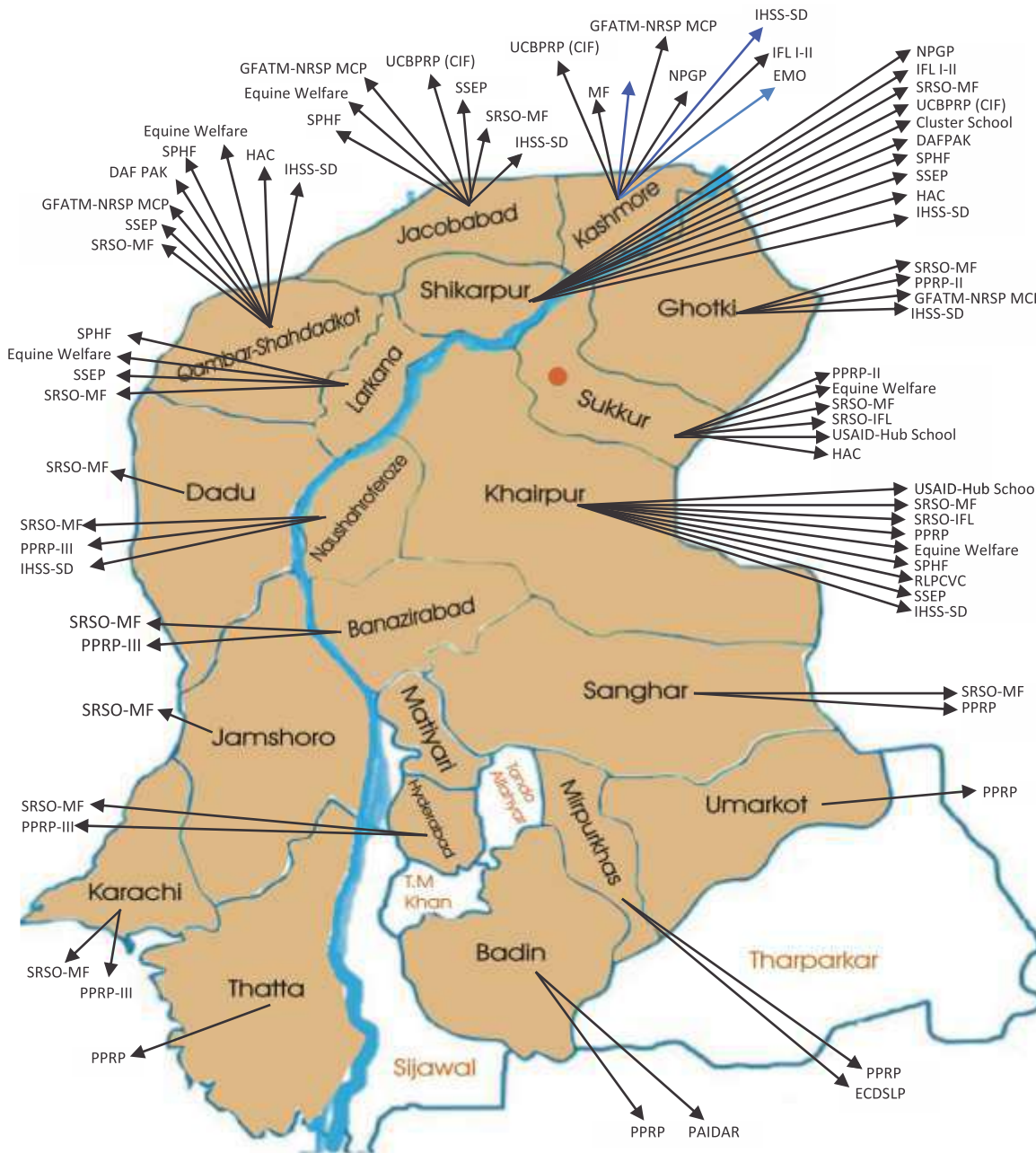
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SINDH RURAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATION (SRISO) OPERATIONAL AREAS



ON GOING PROJECTS

PPRP (Phase I – II & III)
Peoples’ Poverty Reduction Programme
Funded by: GoS

NPGP
National Poverty Graduation Programme
Funded by: IFAD-GoP

SSEP
Sindh Solar Energy Project
Funded by: GoS

Cluster Schools
Funded by: SEF-GoS

USAID-Hub School (EMO-Schools)
Funded by: USAID-GoS

SPHF
Sindh Peoples Housing for flood Affecteds
Funded by: World Bank -Govt. of Sindh

ECDSL
Empowering Local Stakeholders and Communities for Diversified and Sustainable Livelihoods, and protection against Climate Risks for Vulnerable Communities. 2680
Funded by: MI

UCBPRP (CIF)
Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme
Funded by: GoS

SRISO-Micro Finance
Funded by: SRISO

Interest Free Loan - IFL-II
Under EHSAAAS Programme
Funded by: PPAF

DAFPAK
Delivering Accelerated Family Planning in Pakistan
Funded by: PSI- DFID-RSPN

RLPCVC
Restoring Livelihoods and Protection against climate risks for vulnerable communities
Funded by: Ministry of cooperation & Redevelopment, Germany 2645

GFATM-NRSP MCP
Consolidating Malaria Control Interventions to Reduce Incidence in High Endemic Districts of Pakistan (NFR-III)
Funded by: GFATM & NRSP

PAIDAR
Poverty Elevation and inclusive development across rural Sindh
Funded by: UNIDO

HAC
Humanitarian Aid delivery & consequences
Funded by: PPAF

Equine Welfare Project
Funded by: Brooke Pakistan

IHSS-SD
Integrated Health Systems Strengthening and Service Delivery Activity.
Funded by: JSI-RSPN



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



News Stories

Dissemination Workshop under PPRP-Govt. of Sindh

*Over 400 women leaders, program beneficiaries & other stakeholders attended the event
Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, Minister for Planning & Development, and Energy of Sindh Govt. was the chief guest*



Arts Council Karachi/July 22, 2025

Provincial Minister for Planning & Development, and Energy of Sindh Government Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, has announced that the Sindh Government plans to expand the People's Poverty Reduction Program across the province. Addressing as chief guest in the Dissemination Workshop of People's Poverty Reduction Program-PPRP-I, successfully implemented by SRSO in 6 districts during 2017-2025. The workshop was organized at the Pakistan Arts Council Karachi, Sindh on Tuesday, July 22, 2025. The Minister said that the program, which was a dream of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto, has strengthened by President Asif Ali Zardari's support.

The program is currently operational in 17 districts of Sindh and will be expanded to all 29 districts.



Syed Nasir Hussain Shah highlighted the program's success in empowering women, saying that it is a unique initiative of the Sindh Government and has been made possible by the women

themselves.

Syed Nasir Hussain Shah announced that to economically and socially empower women and help them become self-reliant, the Sindh Government will offer loans of up to Rs 1.5 million. Due to the success of the initiative, on the directives of Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, the scope of the PPRP is being expanded from 17 districts to all 29 districts across the province. This expansion aims to include not only rural but also urban poor and destitute women so they can benefit from this initiative.





Ms. Naheed Shah Durrani, Chairperson of the SRSO Board, presided over the Dissemination Workshop. She said in her address that “PPRP is a flagship program of the Sindh Government, which implemented from 2017 to 2025 to empower women through social mobilization and a community investment fund. It started from six districts of the province, including Khairpur Mir’s, Sanghar, Umerkot, Mirpurkhas, Badin, and Thatta, and it ran under two phases. The third phase of the program is about to start. She said, it became possible with vision and leadership of living legend Shoaib Sultan Khan, who strongly believed that women can bring sustainable change in social development.”

She further said that “70 percent of women were under multidimensional poverty in Sindh, and these women are still vulnerable. We all stakeholders should continue our efforts to support them to achieve the goal of social and economic empowerment of women and reduce poverty on a sustainable basis.



SRSO-CEO Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro also addressed the workshop and highlighted the journey of the program and its key successes and impacts of the program on the lives and livelihoods of rural women through social mobilization, training, and financial inclusion.



Dr. Shireen Mustafa, one of the pioneers of the PPRP, who conceived, planned, and executed the program and accompanied in journey with SRSO and the Sindh Govt. since 2008-9 from Shikarpur and Kashmore districts. She said that PPRP was initiated with an aim

to reduce poverty from rural areas through empowering women, and she is happy to see you as empowered and organized women to achieve this goal.



Mr. Sajjad Abbasi Secretary Planning and Development Dept. GoS also addressed the participants and appreciated efforts to empower rural women for reducing poverty on sustainable basis. He said, P&D and SRSO are going to implement 3rd phase of PPRP in 4 districts.

Before speeches and presentations, a documentary titled “A Journey of PPRP from 2009 to 2025” was showed as premier. Documentary, covers the journey of Peoples’ Poverty Reduction Program initiated by Sindh Government with SRSO as women-led social mobilization and community driven

development and its key success and impacts. Member of the Sindh Assembly and Public Accounts Committee, Qasim Siraj Soomro, Nawab Khan Wassan, Chairman Planning and Development Board, Najam Ahmed Shah, and Secretary Planning and Development-GoS, and other senior govt. officials, SRSO board members, and media also attended the event.

The event witnessed active participation of over 400 women from program districts of Sindh to celebrate their success. The women leaders of formed community institutions and beneficiaries of various program interventions shared their inspiring success stories.

Dr. Ayoub Shaikh (Political/Cultural Analyst) and Zubair Soomro (Writer/Poet and Manager-SRSO IMSD) moderated the workshop.



SRSO sets stalls

Handmade crafts of rural women and SRSO publications stalls were established by SRSO - Sartyoon Sang Crafts Enterprise and SRSO-Communications- MER Unit during The Dissemination Workshop of People's Poverty Reduction Program-#PPRP jointly organized by Sindh Government and SRSO - Sindh Rural Support Organization at Arts Council Karachi on July 22, 2025.

It aimed to showcase hand-made crafts of rural women artisans supported by SRSO-CED and SRSO work through #SRSO Publications to all stakeholders and participants of the event.





Women Leaders share their insight-full stories

The selected women leaders of formed community institutions (COs/VOs/LSOs) and beneficiaries of various program interventions like; Income Generating Grants, Community Investment Fund, Enterprise Development Fund, Business Development Groups, Low Cost Housing, Vocational Training, etc., shared their inspiring success stories, learning and views about the PPRP, Govt. of Sindh and SRSO.

- Mehnaz Mahar, LSO leader (Shikarpur)
- Irshad Khattoon, LSO Leader (Kashmore)
- Noor Bano, Entrepreneur (Khairpur Mir's)
- Zakia, Entrepreneur/BDG Leader (Badin)
- Shabana Khaskhali LSO Leader (Thatta)
- Narumal, Entrepreneur/BDG Leader Mirpurkhas)
- Kastori Bai LSO Leader/Entrepreneur (Umerkot)
- Rani Malokhani LSO Leader (Sanghar)
- Afroz Khattoon LSO Leader (Kamber-Shahdadkot)



SRSO marks more than 100 celebration events on Independence Day



Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) celebrated Pakistan's 78th Independence Day August 14, 2025 with national spirit and pride to dedicate to heroes of freedom movement and recently MARQA-E-HAQ. Over 100 celebrating events were organized throughout August month 1 to, 31 2025 in all 15 out-reached districts at different levels, and engaged all segments of society and state like; community institutions, govt. line departments, district administration, elected

representatives, CSOs, media, schools and others.

During events, different activities were conducted especially community discussion, songs, speeches, tabloos, cake cutting, national anthem, flag hoisting, solidarity walks and plants distribution. SRSO team members also actively participated various celebration ceremonies organized by district administration, CSOs and educational institutions.

Key highlights of the celebrations

- ✓ On the Pakistan's Independence Day August 14, celebrations were started with hoisting the flag, national anthem and prays at district and head office Sukkur. CEO-SRSO addressed the ceremony with team and their family members.
- ✓ Over 100 celebration events were organized from August 1 to 31, 2025 in 15 out-reached districts under various projects and attended all major stakeholders especially

communities/women.

- ✓ The celebration events were attended by key stakeholders especially Commissioner Larkano division, Deputy Commissioner Shikarpur, Kashmore and Kamber-Shahdadkot and District Council Chairman Kamber-Shahdadkot and appreciated SRSO spirit.



- ✓ SRSO-managed Community Cluster and EMO Schools in Shikarpur, Kashmore@Kandhkot, Sukkur and Khairpur Mir's districts organized celebrations and students performed and attended by large number of parents, community members, and education department.
- ✓ Over 35 celebration events were organized in communities in partnership with PPAF under IFL Programme funded by GOP with high patriotism throughout month in 32 Union Councils of targeted Shikarpur & Kashmore districts.
- ✓ SRSO-fostered Community Institutions especially Local Support Organizations (LSOs) actively participated

in all events and played vital role in the making successful celebration.

- ✓ Over 5,000 trees were planted as major part of each celebration event to dedicate sustainable environmental future. Participants planted trees at event venues to support SRSO's efforts to achieve goal of #GreenSindh and #GreenPakistan.
- ✓ SRSO-Administration decorated the SRSO Complex Sukkur with national flag and lights on the night of August 14 and all parts were decorated to dedicate to heroes of Pakistan's independence movement.



Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) in Partnership with PPAF under Govt. of Pakistan supported Interest Free Loan (IFL) Programme celebrated 78th Independence Day with rural communities throughout month in both districts Shikarpur and Kashmore @Kandhkot. Under the celebrations, 35 various events were organized in 32 union councils of both districts.

The events brought together community women, children, youth, elders, local leaders and stakeholders from district administration, line departments and elected representatives to honor the sacrifices made for the creation of Pakistan and to reinforce the spirit of national unity. Especially, Taluka administration of 3 talukas Kandhkot, Kashmore and Tangwani also attended the events to celebrate independence with rural women. They appreciated SRSO and communities patriotism to Pakistan.

SRSO-fostered community institutions especially Local Support Organizations (LSOs) were engaged and played active role in the organizing events.

Plantation drive was the major part of all celebrating events and guests, SRSO team distributed trees among community members and planted trees at venues to promote environmental awareness, symbolizing growth, hope, and sustainability to achieve goal of #GreenPakistan and #GreenSindh.





Media Engagement

A delegation of prominent journalists from Karachi visited SRSO



August 1, 2 & 3, 2025/ Larkano, Khairpur Mir's & Sukkur

A 13-member delegation of prominent journalists from Karachi representing electronic, digital, and print media arrived at Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) for a three-day learning visit on August 1, 2 & 3, 2025 in Larkano, Khairpur Mir's and Sukkur. It aimed to explore and document the transformational impact of women-led community institutions, community development and sustainable livelihoods initiatives in rural areas under People's Poverty Reduction Program-PPRP funded by Sindh Government. CEO-SRSO Muhammad Dittal

Dialogue with Empowered Rural Women

On the 1st and 2nd day of visit, delegation participated in interactive community dialogue with women leaders & program beneficiaries in Larkano and Khairpur Mir's districts. SRSO-fostered Local Support Organization (LSO) Mohen Jo Daro, under the European Union & Sindh Govt. funded SUCCESS Programme (2016–2022) at Village Belhargi, Taluka Dokri, and LSO UC Atta Mohd Hami at Naro Dhoro Taluka Kotdiji (Khairpur) held dialogues.

The events witnessed participation of over 400 organized women including program beneficiaries, and local community members at both dialogues. Meanwhile, 30 program beneficiaries shared their inspiring success stories on how Sindh Govt's support had positively impacted their lives and livelihoods, empowering them socially and economically.

During the dialogue, women leaders Benazir and Nasreen of LSO Mohan Jo Daro, and Preen and Salma Malik President LSO Atta Mohd Hami presented the profiles of their UCs and LSOs and showcased its data and achievements across various sectors such as vocational training, community infrastructure,

Kalhoru joined the visit and facilitated the delegation.

During 3 day visit, delegation members participated in community dialogues, interacted directly to women leaders and entrepreneurs, observed development initiatives, covered/documented inspiring stories, enterprises and crafts, explored historical and tourists places including SRSO complex and Sartyoon Sang and enjoyed Sufi music. They learnt about SRSO, PPRP and other Sindh Govt. supported initiatives to empower rural women, reduce poverty and foster community development.

the Community Investment Fund (CIF), enterprise development, crafts enterprise, and micro-health insurance etc. The LSO leaders also highlighted self-help initiatives promoting girls' education, CNIC/B-form registrations, health and hygiene awareness, campaigns against child marriages, and VAW. Efforts in plantation drives and the establishment of kitchen gardens (KGs) were also shared.

They also shared update two other initiatives i.e. Sindh People's Housing For Flood Affectees (SPHF) and Sindh Solar Energy Project (SSEP) of Sindh Government implemented by SRSO in their UC.

On the sidelines, rural women artisans and entrepreneurs supported under PPRP-GoS showcased their products and crafts at display stalls. The visiting media delegation engaged with the entrepreneurs, captured visuals of their businesses, and conducted interviews to highlight their inspiring journeys of resilience, innovation, empowerment, and poverty reduction.





Dialogue with Women Leaders of 8 Districts

August 3, 2025, on the final day of a 3-day immersive learning visit, a 13-member delegation of leading journalists from Karachi concluded their engagement with the SRSO witnessing firsthand the transformational empowerment of rural women under the People's Poverty Reduction Program (PPRP) funded by Sindh Government.

The concluding session was marked by a powerful interactive dialogue at the SRSO Complex, Sukkur, where over 100 women leaders from community institutions across eight districts; Shikarpur, Jacobabad, Kashmore, Larkano, Kamber-Shahdadkot, Khairpur, Sukkur, and Ghotki gathered to share their inspiring success stories.

Women leaders narrated their journeys of transformation, highlighting the role of women-led community-driven initiatives in overcoming poverty, building livelihoods, and

asserting their roles in household and community decision-making. The journalists engaged directly with these leaders, posing questions, discussing the challenges faced, and exploring the wider impact of their work on families, communities, and society at large.

The visiting journalists expressed deep appreciation for the resilience, empowerment and leadership of the women. They acknowledged the unique opportunity to connect with the "real change-makers of Sindh" and praised SRSO for facilitating this direct exposure to grassroots transformation.

"These women are not just changing their lives, they are reshaping entire communities. We are honored to hear their voices. This experience has been both humbling & enlightening" Said senior environmental journalist Shabina Fraz



Experience Sharing by Women Leaders

On the final day of a 3- day learning visit, a 13 member delegation of leading journalists from Karachi, Sindh concluded their engagement with women leaders of community institutions through interactive dialogue. Over 100 women leaders from eight districts; Shikarpur, Jacobabad, Kashmore @Kandhkot, Larkano, Kamber-Shahdadkot, Khairpur Mir's,

Sukkur, and Ghotki participated to share their inspiring success stories.

The key women leaders and entrepreneurs who shared their success stories and key interventions and achievements of the community intuitions and journalists engaged with them regarding challenges during their inspiring journey.





Explore Historical and Tourist Sites

During the 3-day immersive learning visit, 13-member delegation of leading journalists from Karachi, Sindh also explored historical and tourist places like; Mohen Jo Daro, Mehrano, Faiz Mahl, and Sukkur barrage/River Indus. On the last of the visit, they visited SRSO Complex especially Sartyoon

Sang Crafts Enterprise outlet to observe hand-made crats of rural artisans supported by SRSO through business development groups, enhance their skills in innovation, & marketing for increasing income.



Media delegation members were awarded

A 13-member delegation of prominent journalists from Karachi, Sindh visited the Sindh Rural Support Organization from August 1 to 3, 2025, to witness the empowerment of rural women in Larkano, Khairpur Mir's and Sukkur under the People's Poverty Reduction Program (PPRP), funded by the Sindh Government. The purpose of the visit was to explore and document the transformational impact of women-led community development initiatives in reducing poverty and promoting sustainable empowerment of rural women.

During the concluding session held with women leaders of community institutions, SRSO presented memorial shields as a token of appreciation to the esteemed visiting journalists. The shields were distributed by CEO-SRSO Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, recognizing the journalists' commitment to highlighting stories of rural resilience and change.

Delegation was comprised on the following journalists from various print, digital and electronic media.

- 1- Shabinah Fraz (An environmental journalist working with BBC Urdu, The Thirdpole and Express Tribune).
- 2- Shazia Hassan (Reporter Daily Dawn Karachi)
- 3- Shumaila Khan (Chief Reporter Nukta Pakistan & worked with BBC)
- 4- Shazia Arshad (Reporter/ News associate producer Aaj News Karachi)
- 5- Taban Zaffar (Executive Producer ARY News Karachi)
- 6- Waleed Ahmed (Geo News Reporter Karachi).
- 7- Saadia Ubaid Khan (Online/ digital journalist)
- 8- Fouzia Jamil (freelance journalist and Program Coordinator at Green Media Initiatives)
- 9- Lubna Jerar Naqvi (IFJ Pakistan Coordinator and Trainer)
- 10- Mariya Ismail (Reporter Daily Awami Awaz, Karachi)
- 11- Noreen Shams (A multimedia journalist, digital and broadcast media)
- 12- Summaiya Khursheed (An environmental journalist based in Karachi).
- 13- Qazi Asif (Senior journalist & Media trainer)





Key Impacts of SRSO Interventions as of September, 2025



15
Operation Districts



86
Presence in Talukas



722
Presence in Union Councils



29,899
Presence in Villages



1,436,849
Households organized



79,843
Community Organizations (COs) formed



14,002
Village Organizations (VOs) formed



657
Local Support Organizations (LSOs) formed



67,188
Poor households received Income Generating Grants
PKR 947.35 Million



318,675
Households benefitted with Community Investment Fund
PKR 5,833.10 Million



1,127,949
Micro credit beneficiaries & disbursed
33,358 Million



28,882
Community Physical Infrastructure Schemes completed



1,163,300
Households insured under Micro Health Insurance cover



115,381
Community members trained in technical and vocational training



255,069
Houses constructed & handed over to poor households



1009,798
Trees planted and managed by community



25,500
Poultry layers distributed among poor households



111,144
Kitchen Gardening Established



6,005
Organized rural women artisans in 308 Business Development Groups



14,163
Children are enrolled in SRSO-managed community schools



412,969
Members of community institutions (CIs) trained in managerial skills training



SRSO CUMULATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 2025

S. No.	Key Performance Indicators	Achievement as of June 2025	Achievement as of September 2025	% increase during Qtr:	
1	No. of Operational Districts	15	15	-	
2	No. of Union Councils with SRSO presence	722	722	-	
3	No. of Taluka with SRSO presence	86	86	-	
4	No. of Villages with SRSO presence	29,899	29,899	-	
5	No. of Household Organized	1,432,291	1,436,849	0.3%	
6	VO Formation	13,993	14,002	0.1%	
7	LSO Formation	632	657	4%	
8	CO- Formation	Female	79,742	79,843	0.13%
9	CO-Membership	Female	1,432,291	1,436,849	0.3%
10	Income Generating Grant (IGG) Amount Disbursed (In Million)	944.43	947.35	0.3%	
11	No. of IGG Beneficiaries	66,988	67,188	0.3%	
12	No. of Un conditional cash grant Beneficiaries	2,037	2,037	-	
13	Amount Disbursed in Million	71	71	-	
14	No. of Un conditional cash grant Beneficiaries person with Disable (PWD)	600	600	-	
15	Amount Disbursed in Millions	9	9	-	
16	Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount disbursed (In Million)-Seed Money	5,704.04	5,833.10	2%	
17	No. of CIF Beneficiaries	314,131	318,675	1%	
18	Total amount of Microcredit disbursed (In Million)	32,431	33,358	3%	
19	No. of Beneficiaries of Micro Credit Programmed	1,114,467	1,127,949	1%	
20	No. of Community members trained in vocational skill Training	115,280	115,381	0.1%	
21	No. of Community members trained in Managerial skill training	411,677	412,969	0.31%	
22	Community members trained in TBAs	4,807	4,807	-	
23	Micro Health Insurance (Clients)	1,163,300	1,163,300	-	
24	No. of Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)	28,882	28,882	-	
25	Total amount of CPIs (In Millions)	3,367	3,367	-	
26	Total Beneficiary Households	445,518	445,518	-	
27	Total Houses Constructed	214,017	255,069	19%	
	<i>No. of Low-Cost Houses Constructed</i>	<i>34,657</i>	<i>34,657</i>	<i>-</i>	
	<i>No. of Houses constructed under SFEHRP funded by SPHF</i>	<i>179,360</i>	<i>220,412</i>	<i>23%</i>	
28	No. of Poultry layers distributed	25,500	25,500	-	
29	No. of trees Planted	984,198	1,009,798	3%	
30	No. of BDGs members/artisan women	6,005	6,005	-	
31	No. of artisan trained in different skills	3,648	3,648	6%	
32	No. of Schools	40	40	-	
33	No. of students enrolled under SRSO Education component	14,929	14,163	-	



Key Highlights

25 Entrepreneurs received Rs. 27.8 million under UNIDO-PAIDAR

Badin/ September 9, 2025: Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO), under the UNIDO-PAIDAR project funded by European Union organized an event to distribute Microenterprise Development Grant cheques of Rs. 27.8 million amount among 25 entrepreneurs for various enterprises at Badin. This grant empowers micro-entrepreneurs to revive businesses, create jobs, and foster sustainable livelihoods.

SRSO-PAIDAR Project Coordinator Mr. Naimatullah Sawand presented an organizational overview and PAIDAR project objectives. In addition, the complete process of enterprises selection process, how they will utilize this grant effectively, adopt modern business techniques. Farooque Siddiqui Provincial Coordinator congratulated all the selected beneficiaries and emphasized that “this is the turning point of your life; now it is your responsibility to grow your businesses.”

Later two success stories entrepreneurs shared their journey of this grant.

Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Khoso, Additional Director Social Welfare Deptt-Badin, also addressed the gathering. He extended and remarked, “You are the future now, and the success of this initiative depends on how far you take your businesses. I am

grateful to UNIDO-PAIDAR for providing the people and youth of Badin with this golden opportunity to move forward in life.” Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Assistant Commissioner Badin, shared his appreciation and congratulated the beneficiaries. He remarked that he was pleased to see organizations like SRSO and UNIDO working together to create opportunities for youth. He acknowledged that such initiatives are vital in shaping a strong base for entrepreneurship and sustainable livelihoods in the district.

The chief guest Mr. Badar ul Islam National Program Coordinator UNIDO emphasized the how PAIDAR Program is contributing for poverty alleviation with GoS and other stakeholders. He shared about the PAIDAR project benefits, upcoming events under program.

In his closing remarks, CEO-SRSO Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro thanked all the dignitaries, UNIDO representatives, government officials, and the community members for their valuable presence. He highlighted that such collaborations create long-term impacts, not only empowering individuals but also contributing towards economic development and social upliftment.



Inauguration of BRIT-Women's Garment Unit

Mirpurkhas/ July 1, 2025: A significant milestone in the journey of women's economic empowerment was achieved in District Mirpurkhas, as the BRIT Female Garment Unit was formally inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Rasheed Masood, accompanied by Mr. Anwar Khaskheli, Deputy Director of the Social Welfare Department. This initiative falls under the People's Poverty Reduction Program (PPRP), funded by the Government of Sindh and implemented by the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) through the Enterprise Development Fund (EDF).

The BRIT Garment Unit, located in Mirpurkhas, is a women-led microenterprise supported by an interest-free loan of PKR 2 million. The loan was provided to four deserving and skilled women entrepreneurs, selected through a merit-based and transparent process. The unit aims to promote self-reliance and income generation through garment production, stitching, and tailoring, thereby creating employment opportunities for local women.

During the inauguration ceremony, DC Rasheed Masood commended the initiative, stating:

"This is not merely the opening of a garment unit, but a

powerful reflection of how communities can drive development. It is an example of turning potential into productivity. I highly appreciate SRSO's role and the Government of Sindh's vision for enabling such platforms for women."

This day stands as a symbol of progress under the PPRP, showcasing the potential of collaborative development between government institutions, the social welfare department, and deserving communities for sustainable and inclusive economic growth.





Provision of safe drinking water through community efforts.

Mirpurkhas/September 25, 2025: Sindh Rural Support Organization under the Malteser International & BMZ-funded project Empowering Local Stakeholders and Communities for Diversified and Sustainable Livelihoods, and Protection against Climate Risks for Vulnerable Communities in District Mirpurkhas, Sindh are taking charge of their development journey with strong ownership and vision. With the support of the Joint Development Committee (JDC) and training in Participatory Learning and Action (PLA) methods, local women and men have identified their most pressing needs and initiated practical solutions to address them. Two new PLA schemes are now in progress. In Village Kot Mir Jan Mohammad UC Roshanabad, Taluka Jhuddo. The community-led efforts have paved the way for the provision of 20,000 liters of safe drinking water daily through a solar submersible pump for 470 households reducing the hardship of walking 1.5 km to fetch clean water. In Village Dhani Bux UC Bakhur, the lining of a 510 ft watercourse is underway to reduce seepage, improve irrigation efficiency, prevent

waterlogging, and ultimately increase crop yields. Both schemes reflect the power of collective action designed, prioritized, and implemented by the people themselves with JDC's facilitation.

Once completed, these initiatives will not only ease daily struggles but also strengthen long-term resilience, lower maintenance costs, and enhance sustainable livelihoods. These are inspiring examples of how community ownership and partnerships turn local challenges into lasting opportunities.



NADRA Sukkur conducts awareness session

Sukkur/ September 19, 2025: NADRA Sukkur conducted an awareness session with SRSO staff at the SRSO Complex, Sukkur, to highlight its digital registration services through the PakID Digital App. More than 100 staff members participated in the session. CEO-SRSO, Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, warmly welcomed the NADRA Sukkur team and thanked them for organizing such an important session with SRSO staff. Mr. Naeem Iqbal, Deputy Director NADRA Sukkur, briefed the participants about NADRA's role in ensuring the identity of citizens and enhancing access to digital services, particularly through the PakID Digital App. He highlighted the key services related to identity documents, their importance, and the registration process available at district, taluka, and UC-level registration centers, as well as through mobile vans, bikers, and digital platforms.

He appreciated SRSO's outreach and social mobilization expertise, particularly in remote rural areas and among women, emphasizing that SRSO can play an effective role in raising awareness and improving access to NADRA's registration services. He also expressed NADRA's willingness to collaborate with SRSO in this regard.



SRSO Board Audit Committee organized a session

Sukkur/ August 21, 2025: SRSO Board Audit Committee organized a one-day sensitization session titled "Together Towards Better Governance" at the SRSO Complex, Sukkur. The session was facilitated by two senior board members of Audit Committee, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Abro and Mr. Shafique Ahmed Khoso, who led an interactive dialogue with the senior management team.

Discussions focused on the importance of a strong internal audit mechanism as a cornerstone of good governance, transparency, and accountability towards stakeholders. The session was attended by CEO-SRSO, along with General Managers, Regional General Managers, District Managers, and Sector Heads, reflecting the organization's commitment to strengthening governance practices.





The renowned social scientist, Dr. Shireen Mustafa talks with SRSO team

The renowned social scientist, Dr. Shireen Mustafa visited SRSO, met CEO SRSO Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, SPHF and interacted with SRSO team of Sindh Peoples' Housing For Flood Affectees funded by Sindh Govt. at SRSO Complex Sukkur. She delivered a comprehensive session on social mobilization and its role in empowering marginalized communities with participants of SPHF project staff training on social mobilization & project safeguards.

She emphasized team to get in-depth knowledge and enhance skills about development, especially participatory community development and working with vulnerable communities and social groups to empower and build their lives and livelihoods. She admired the SPHF initiative of Sindh govt. for providing a resilient shelter to all people of Sindh without any discrimination and combating with future calamities.



Kicked off 08 weeks Training session with young entrepreneurs

Sukkur/ September, 13, 2025: Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) in collaboration with Sukkur IBA University launched an 8-week training session for 56 young entrepreneurs under the PPRP-II. The training, financially supported by the Government of Sindh, is being conducted for Sukkur and Ghotki districts youths. This initiative aims to empower young entrepreneurs with the skills and knowledge needed to establish and grow innovative businesses, contributing to the economic development of the region. The selected trainees underwent a rigorous selection process, which included submitting applications with detailed business plans, shortlisting by a joint committee of SRSO and IBA staff,

and interviews to assess the feasibility and innovation of their business ideas. Mr. Aumir Abbas Mangi, RGM SRSO, welcomed the participants and introduced SRSO's outreach programs and the training's objectives. He informed the trainees that successful entrepreneurs would be eligible for interest-free loans based on their business plans. Dr. Altaf Hussain Samo, Director of the Training Resource Center at IBA Sukkur, led the training session, facilitating a brainstorming exercise on business ideas. Dr. Raheela also conducted a session on entrepreneurship, its types, and the enabling environment in Pakistan.





Inauguration of the first SRSO-Community Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Center

Khairpur Mir's September 3, 2025: The inauguration ceremony marked a significant milestone with the opening of the first SRSO-Community Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Center, at Thari Mirwaah established under the Restoration of Livelihoods and Protection against Climate Risks project, funded by BMZ and Malteser International for District Khairpur, Sindh.

The ceremony was graced by CEO SRSO, Mr. Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, who attended as the Chief Guest and formally inaugurated the DRR Center along women community leaders. During the event, the DRR Center along with its emergency stock, furniture, and office equipment was officially handed over to the community. The inauguration was attended by LSO leaders, RGM Sukkur, Team Leader SPHF, Senior DM Khairpur, Project Coordinator HO-MI BMZ Projects, and the local unit team of SRSO, who visited the center and assured that all quality standards in construction and equipping had been maintained.

The DRR Center builds upon the project's strong foundation in

Disaster Risk Management (DRM). Under the BMZ–Malteser International initiative, 20 Master Trainers have been trained and are now actively working across five union councils. Through trickle-down training sessions, they have reached 267 community institution leaders, significantly strengthening disaster preparedness and resilience at the grassroots level. This success represents the dedicated efforts of the BMZ project team, with technical assistance from PITD and regional management.



Managerial Activist Conference to empower women

Sukkur/ August 25, 2025: The Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) has organized a Managerial Activist Conference (MAC) under People's Poverty Reduction Program funded by Sindh government to empower women in the rural areas of Sukkur. The conference was held in the village Lal Khan Kalwar UC Nidapur taluka Pano Aqil and was attended by over 150 women from various organizations.

The conference aimed to provide a platform for women to share their experiences and discuss issues related to education, health, and economic empowerment. The Assistant Commissioner of Pano Aqil, Rida Zehra Talpur, was the chief guest at the conference.

During the conference, 18 women were awarded sewing machines after completing a training program in tailoring. The SRSO has been working in 37 union councils in Sukkur and has provided various forms of support to women, including microfinance loans, training, and support for low-cost housing and agriculture.

The women leaders of community institutions and beneficiaries shared their experiences, learning and impacts

and expressed gratitude to SRSO and Sindh Govt. for providing them with the opportunity to acquire new skills and become financially independent. The Assistant Commissioner praised SRSO for its efforts to empower women and promote their social and economic development.

The conference concluded with the distribution of certificates and sewing machines to the women who completed the training program.



SRSO-IMSD conducted Training of Trainers

SRSO Complex Sukkur / August 19-21, 2025: The SRSO-Institute of Management Skill Development (IMSD) organized a Training of Trainers (TOT) on LSO Book Keeping and Financial Management for the People's Poverty Reduction Program (PPRP) teams of Sukkur and Ghotki districts at the SRSO Head Office, Sukkur.

A total of 20 participants attended the training, with 10 participants from each district, including HRDOs, PO/APO Trainers, CIF Professionals, and Senior MER staff.

The training was facilitated by the Manager, SRSO-IMSD, who engaged participants through interactive methodologies,

focusing on practical approaches for organizing effective Book Keeping and Financial Management trainings for office bearers of formed Local Support Organizations (LSOs) under PPRP-GoS.





Senior development expert Mr. Khaleel Tetlay visits community-led initiatives

30 and 31 July 2025: Senior Development Expert Mr. Khaleel Tetlay visited District Thatto and Mirpurkhas along with Sr. MER Manager of SRSO, Mr. Naveed Ishaque visit was marked by productive engagements and insightful discussions with team, women community institutions leaders and entrepreneurs.

He conducted a sessions at both venues and attended by 24 staff members from Thatta and Badin and 15 from Mirpurkhas, Umerkot and Sanghar districts In this session, Mr. Tetlay elaborated on the historical context and philosophy behind the Rural Support Programmes, linking it to the legacy of visionary leaders like Shoaib Sultan Khan and Akhtar Hameed Khan. He

discussed how their pioneering work laid the foundation for community-driven development models in Pakistan. Mr. Tetlay emphasized that the spirit of social mobilization is rooted in trust, empowerment, and sustained capacity building of poor communities.

Later on, in district Thatto he visited ongoing Enterprise Development Fund (EDF) handicraft businesses and Business Development Group (BDG) livestock initiatives and in Mirpurkhas, visited Sky and Brit Garment Unit by skilled men and women by BDGs through received 3 and 2 million interest free loan of EDF of Sindh Government.



Distribution of 200 improved cook stoves

Thatta & Mirpurkhas/ July 12 & 13, 2025: SRSO, in collaboration with Revive Environment, carried out the distribution of 200 improved Cook Stoves (ICS) in Thatto and Mirpurkhas districts of Sindh. In Thatto, 100 stoves were handed over in Union Council Banbhore, targeting three rural villages: Dadu Jokhio, Muhammad Hashim Mirbhar, and Siddique Jat. Meanwhile, in Mirpurkhas, 100 stoves in Union Council Khuda Bux-2, Jhudo District, Mirpurkhas. The event targeted the rural villages of Gorham Bhatti, Juman Kapri, and Chando Bheel. Before distribution, an orientation session on proper use and care of the stoves was also conducted with targeting beneficiaries in both districts.

This initiative aimed to introduce eco-friendly cooking solutions to reduce the excessive use of firewood, a common but harmful practice in rural communities. Traditional cooking methods not only lead to deforestation but also cause serious health problems due to indoor air pollution, especially affecting women and children.

The improved cook stoves are designed to consume less fuel, produce less smoke, and cook food more efficiently. During the distribution, local households—particularly women—welcomed the initiative, acknowledging that it would save time spent on collecting firewood and reduce the smoke that fills their kitchens. The community appreciated this step towards sustainable living and cleaner energy use.



10 Animal shelters construction in the most flood-affected UC Ahori

Mirpurkhas/ July 8, 2025: Animal shelters after devastating floods in Taluka Jhuddo have been constructed to rebuild livelihoods of the #SindhFloods2022-affected households under the project of Empowering local stakeholders and communities for diversified and sustainable livelihoods and protection against climate risks for vulnerable communities in district Mirpurkhas of Sindh, supported by Malteser International-BMZ, implemented by SRSO.

The 2022 and 2024 floods in Taluka Jhuddo brought immense hardship, particularly to animal owners. The original mud and

bamboo animal shelters were destroyed, leading to the tragic deaths of many livestock, including goats and buffalo. Animals were left exposed to the elements, struggling in the floodwaters under the open sky, causing significant distress to their owners.





SRSO Achievements as of September 2025

Sectoral Outreach Data

Community Physical Infrastructure (CPIs)

S. No.	Types of CPI Schemes	Achievement as of September 2025		
		No. of Schemes	Cost of Schemes (In Millions)	BHHs
	Total of CPI Schemes	28,882	3,367	445,518
1	Sanitation	15,958	199.89	87,738
2	Street Pavement & Sanitation	74	220.41	13,443
3	Irrigation Chanel Under MI	10	4.57	41,292
4	PLA Schemes under MI	36	8.07	1,877
5	Rehabilitation of Animal Shelters	183	28.50	183
6	Rehabilitation of small Market Transition point Road (KM)	8	9.46	1,440
7	Rehabilitation of Protection Bund (KM)	2	1.24	2,935
8	Drinking Water Supply Schemes (DWSS)	9,541	351.35	52,641
9	Earth Filling Schemes (SFERP)	1,416	1,625	93,132
10	Low Cost Village Improvement Schemes (LCVI)	72	127.09	7,248
11	Communication	1,018	474.77	95,044
12	Irrigation	474	196.68	14,314
13	IAUP	1	2.09	75
14	Water Filter Plants by GoS	40	23.58	28,570
15	Street Lighting on solar system	18	13.3	1,040
16	School Renovation/Construction	31	80.93	4,546

*CPI figures include all core, relief and recovery projects

Institute of Management and Skill Development (IMSD)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of June 2025	Achievement as of September 2025	% increase during Qtr:
1	No. of Community Members provided scholarship for Vocational Skill Training	111,403	115,381	0.1%
2	No. of Community Members trained in Community Management Skill Training	410,666	412,969	0.31%
3	No. of SRSO Staff Trained in different programme/project training	6,973	7,527	8%

Low-Cost Housing (LCH)

S. No.	Housing Schemes	No of Houses	Cost of Houses (In Millions)	BHHs
1	No. of Low-Cost Houses constructed (2007-2017)	17,928	1,140.29	17,928
2	No. of Low-Cost Houses constructed under PRRP I & II	16,041	1,674.40	16,041
3	No. of Low-Cost Houses constructed under Benazir Housing Cell	490	113.63	490
4	No. of Low-Cost Houses constructed under Sindhi Association of North America (SANA)	52	15.6	52
5	No. of Low-Cost Houses constructed under ENGRO-Low-cost Houses	146	47.7	146
6	No. of Houses constructed under SFEHRP funded by SPHF	220,412		220,412

Micro Health Insurance (MHI)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of June 2025	Achievement as of September 2025
1	No. of Community Members provided Micro Health Insurance Cover	1,163,300	1,163,300
2	No. of Community Members Treated through MHI	19,540	19,851
3	Amount of claims availed by Community (In Million)	276	307



Micro Finance (MF)

S. No.		Amount disbursed as of June 2025
1	Total Amount of Micro Credit Disbursement (in (Million)	33,358
	Men	2,898
	Women	30,640
2	No. of Loans	1,127,949
	Male	94,769
	Female	1,033,180
3	Sectoral Disbursement	33,358
	Agriculture	8,288
	Livestock	12,339
	Enterprise	12,731

Crafts Enterprise Development (CED)

S. No.	Key Performance Indicators	Achievement as of September 2025
1	No. of Districts with CED presence	13
2	No. of BDGs formed	308
3	No. of BDGs members/artisan women	6,005
4	No. of artisans trained in different skills	3,648
5	No. of new products designed	1075
6	No. of literate artisan women/BDGs members	516
7	No. of Sartyoon Sang Exhibition organized	16
8	No. of exhibition (Participation in others)	193
9	Skill Assessment Test (SAT) of Artisans at BDGs level	256

Education

S. No	Key Performance Indicator	Achievement as of September 2025
1	No. of Districts with Education Programme Presence	04
2	No of established EMO-Hub High Schools (ECE to X)	08
	No. of enrolled students in EMO-Hub Schools	5,639
	No. of Girls enrolled	1,811
	No. of Boys enrolled	3,828
3	No. of established Community Cluster Schools (ECE to X)	19
	No. of enrolled students in Community Cluster Schools	6,952
	No. of Girls enrolled	1,964
	No. of Boys enrolled	4,988
4	No. of Community Managed Schools (ECE to V)	13
	No. of enrolled students in Community Schools	1,572
	No. of Girls enrolled	868
	No. of Boys enrolled	704
	No. of Girls enrolled in SRSO managed School	4,643
	No. of Boys enrolled in SRSO managed School	9,520
	No. of SRSO Managed Schools	40
	Total Enrolled Students	14,163

Natural Resource Management (NRM)

**Achievement
as of September 2025,**

S. No.	Key Performance Indicators	Achievement
1	No. of poultry layer distributed	25,500
2	No. of tree planted	1,009,798
3	No. of kitchen gardening established	111,144
4	No. of kitchen gardening kits distributed	4,880
5	No. of trained farmers in agriculture & Livestock	25,675



Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP) – I

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

(April 2017-June 2025)

S. No.	Project Activities	Unit	Programme Targets	Cumulative Achievement as of September 2025	
					%
1	Poverty Scorecard Census	UC	365	365	100%
2	Households Census	Household	1,176,633	1,103,772	94%
3	Population Census	Person	5,279,012	5,279,012	100%
4	Number of HHs organized	Household	772,297	785,492	100%
5	Formation of Community Organizations (CO)	CO	44,560	44,133	99%
6	Formation of Village Organization (VO)	VO	5,570	5,562	100%
7	Formation of Local Support Organizations (LSO)	LSO	365	365	100%
8	Capacity Building of CO bearers	Person	89,120	83,956	94%
9	Capacity Building of VO bearers	Person	33,417	28,959	87%
10	Capacity Building of LSO bearers	Person	2,196	1,876	85%
11	No. of Beneficiaries trained in Vocational and Technical Skills	Person	36,092	36,984	99%
12	No. of Households given CIF	Household	136,591	136,874	100%
13	No. of Households given IGG	Household	34,372	34,718	100%
14	Formation of Business Development Groups (BDGs)	No	500	404	81%
15	No. of Low Cost Housing Scheme	Number	9,623	9,331	97%

Peoples' Poverty Reduction Programme (PPRP)-II

District Sukkur & Ghotki

(June 2019-June 2026)

S. No.	Project Activities	Unit	Programme Targets	Cumulative Achievement as of June 2025	
					%
1	Poverty Scorecard Census	UC	103	103	100%
2	Households Census	Household	360,620	268,400	74%
3	Population Census	Person	2,019,699	1,721,216	85%
4	Number of HHs organized	Household	188,612	190,732	100%
5	Formation of Community Organizations (CO)	CO	10,480	10,932	100%
6	Formation of Village Organization (VO)	VO	1,753	1,402	77%
7	Formation of Local Support Organizations (LSO)	LSO	103	92	89%
8	Capacity Building of CO bearers	Person	20,960	19,547	90%
9	Capacity Building of VO bearers	Person	7,872	6,533	83%
10	Capacity Building of LSO bearers	Person	618	207	33%
11	No. of Beneficiaries trained in Vocational and Technical Skills	Person	9,000	7,648	85%
12	Village Improvement Plan	No	103	4	4%
13	Kitchen Garden	Person	10,000	6,613	66%
14	No. of Households given CIF	Household	100,000	46,137	46%
15	No. of Households given IGG	Household	10,000	4,274	43%
16	No. of Low Cost Housing Scheme	Number	10,000	3,281	33%

EDF Updates (PPRP I - II)

S. No.	Districts	# of Loans	Agri:	Livestock	Enterprise	EDF	Achievement
							Amount Disbursed (Millions)
1	Umerkot	925	1	3	3	918	115.75
2	Thatta	973	0	1	0	972	121.15
3	Sukkur	944	0	-	-	944	125.96
4	Sanghar	1,598	2	6	5	1,585	187.39
5	Mirpur Khas	1,124	2	5	5	1,112	142.62
6	Khairpur	1,944	1	1	0	1,942	242.51
7	Badin	1,616	0	1	2	1,613	192.97
8.	Ghotki	1,359	0	0	0	1,359	177.32



Key Visitors

Shikarpur/August 23, 2025: A high-level International Fund for Agriculture & Development (IFAD) Project Completion Mission led by Mr. Rab Nawaz, Team Leader conducted a field visit to Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) in district Shikarpur, Sindh. The visit aimed to review the on-ground impact of National Poverty Graduation Programme (NPGP) interventions and interact directly with the programme beneficiaries. During visit, mission conducted various engagements. CEO-SRSO Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro also joined the delegation and facilitated the visit.

Key highlights are as under:

- ✓ During community engagement at village Mehboob Goth, NPGP beneficiaries, including trainees and asset recipients, had gathered to share and showcase their progress and achievements.
- ✓ NPGP trainees displayed their respective trade kits through stalls, offering a glimpse into the skills they had acquired. These included tailoring, embroidery, beauty care, electrician work, CLEW, CRP and more.
- ✓ The mission engaged in meaningful discussions with women



trainees, artisans, and asset recipients. These dialogues revealed impressive stories of economic empowerment, increased income, and improved quality of life post-intervention.

- ✓ The mission proceeded to visit the TVO, a factory business model supported under NPGP. NPGP had funded critical equipment, while the beneficiaries had also contributed through the Community Investment Fund (CIF) loan.
- ✓ IFAD mission visited SRSO-Sartyoon Sang outlet to witness hand-made crafts of rural women artisans and appreciated their crafts and SRSO's promotional and marketing efforts,
- ✓ IFAD mission concluded with a debriefing session held at the SRSO Head Office. Discussions revolved around programme progress, challenges, and future strategies for scalability and sustainability.



Mirpurkhas & Thatto /August 23 & 24, 2025: The distinguished members of the SRSO-Board, Mr. Naseer Memon and Mr. Azar Ayaz, visited the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) intervention areas of Mirpurkhas and Thatto districts, with a special focus on Enterprise Development Fund (EDF)-supported garment units and other interventions under PPRP funded by Sindh Government. The purpose of the visit was to review progress, interact with entrepreneurs, and witness firsthand the transformative impact of PPRP initiatives on women's economic empowerment, and sustainable livelihoods. SRSO-RGM Hyderabad Mr. Khadim Hussain Shar, District Manager Syed Shahanshah (Mirpurkhas) and Tariq Ahmed Kolachi (Thatto) facilitated the board members in visit.

Key highlights of the visit are as under:

- ✓ First day, they visited BRIT Women Garment Unit, Sky Garment Industry and Anil Garment Unit, where the

entrepreneurs warmly received them. Entrepreneurs presented a detailed business profile, highlighting the effective utilization of EDF financing.

- ✓ They also visited the BRIT Women Garment's Display Center, a dedicated facility showcasing finished garments and value-added products. They highly praised initiative for proper marketing.
- ✓ 2nd day, during Thatto visit, they observed a various businesses of the Enterprise Development Fund (EDF) i.e. scrap shop, kiriyana store, and a shoe shop in Union Council Chatto Chand.
- ✓ Later, they held a meeting with the Local Support Organization (LSO) Union Council Banbhore. LSO leaders shared details about their work, achievements, and struggles. Issues like social awareness, education, and community health came under discussion.





Sukkur/September 12, 2025: A delegation of the Federal Tax Ombudsman (FTO) Government of Pakistan, led by Dr. Asif Mahmood Jah, Federal Tax Ombudsman, visited the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) Complex Sukkur. The purpose of the visit was to learn about SRSO's work, outreach, and efforts in empowering marginalized communities and reducing poverty in rural Sindh.

The Sr. Manager MER shared details of SRSO's flagship initiatives with the Government of Sindh, particularly the People's Poverty Reduction Program (PPRP) and Sindh People's Housing for Flood-Affected Families (SPHF), as well as with the



Government of Pakistan under the National Poverty Graduation Program (NPGP) and the Interest-Free Loan Program.

The delegation members toured various sections of the SRSO Complex, with special interest in the Sartyoon Sang outlet. They greatly admired the handmade crafts produced by rural women artisans organized and supported by SRSO, acknowledging their remarkable skills and SRSO's efforts in promoting and marketing rural crafts for women's social and economic empowerment.



August 8 & 9, 2025: A Delegation which was comprised on Dr. Asma (SDPI GIZ Consultant), Dr. Kamran SDPI, & Muhammad Kamran SDPI visited SRSO-fostered women-led Local Support Organizations (LSOs) in 5 districts i.e. Thatto, Badin, Sanghar, Mirpurkhas and Upmarket.

They visited one LSO in each district i.e. LSO Abad, UC Bijro (Thatto), LSO Roshni, UC Serani, (Badin), LSO Surhan UC Doulatpur (Mirpurkhas), LSO Samaro, UC Samaro (Umerkot) and LSO Dharti UC Syed Sibgatullah Shah (Sanghar) and hold dialogues with women leaders of the community institutions. They met with LSO members to get up date about organization and discuss ongoing initiatives and challenges, Community

interaction on issues related to education, health, and livelihoods and identified need for capacity-building and government scheme and future linkages.

Visitors appreciated their role in community development activities, delegation members also discussing Mumta and BISP program BNFs with other inventions by Cis. They introduced a community-based financial literacy training on mobile digitalization for females, which sparked interest and agreement among the community, the proposed training on mobile digitalization may empower females in the community, enhancing their digital skills and socio-economic opportunities.





Achievements as of September 2025 District-wise Outreach Data

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 2025	June	# of CO/VO/LSO formed as of September 2025	% increase during Qtr:
1	Ghotki	Community Organizations (COs)	6,961		6,961	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,118		1,118	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	43		62	0.5%
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)	10,258		10,258	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,163		1,163	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	87		87	-
5	Larkana	Community Organizations (COs)	3,454		3,454	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	574		574	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	47		47	-
6	Naushahro Feroz	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)	4,086		4,187	2%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	551		560	2%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	25		31	24%
10	Sanghar	Community Organizations (COs)	7,972		7,972	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	1,055		1,055	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	73		73	-
11	Mirpurkhas	Community Organizations (COs)	6,350		6,350	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	793		793	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	56		56	-
12	Thatta	Community Organizations (COs)	5,673		5,673	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	801		801	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	41		41	-
13	Badin	Community Organizations (COs)	8,539		8,539	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	995		995	0.2%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	68		68	-
14	Umerkot	Community Organizations (COs)	5,341		5,341	-
		Village Organizations (VOs)	755		755	-
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	40		40	-
GRAND TOTAL		Community Organizations (COs)	79,742		79,843	0.13%
		Village Organizations (VOs)	13,993		14,002	0.1%
		Local Support Organizations (LSOs)	632		657	4%



S. No.	Districts	Geographical Coverage					
		Total No. of area in the District	# of SRSO intervened area as of June 2025	# of SRSO intervened area as of September 2025	% increase during Qtr:	% of total area coverage as of June 2025	
1	Ghotki	Union Council	66	66	66	-	100%
		Village	2,282	1,255	1,255	-	55%
		Household	162,270	120,767	120,767	-	74%
2	Jacobabad	Union Council	40	29	29	-	73%
		Village	2,478	2,230	2,230	-	90%
		Household	99,944	84,893	84,893	-	85%
3	Kashmore @ Kandhkot	Union Council	37	37	37	-	100%
		Village	2,250	2,025	2,025	-	90%
		Household	142,919	80,345	80,345	-	56%
4	Khairpur	Union Council	88	88	88	-	100%
		Village	3,602	3,314	3,314	-	92%
		Household	266,734	189,253	189,253	-	71%
5	Larkana	Union Council	47	47	47	-	100%
		Village	1,407	1,280	1,280	-	91%
		Household	121,019	74,135	74,135	-	61%
6	Naushahro Feroz	Union Council	51	5	5	-	10%
		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	2,167	1,971	1,971	-	91%
		Household	146,804	101,747	101,747	-	69%
8	Shikarpur	Union Council	50	50	50	-	100%
		Village	2,285	2,056	2,056	-	90%
		Household	133,249	102,306	102,306	-	77%
9	Sukkur	Union Council	37	37	37	-	100%
		Village	1,709	881	881	-	52%
		Household	108,837	68,290	72,839	7%	67%
10	Shaheed Benazir Abad	Union Council	51	34	34	-	67%
		Village	3,537	362	362	-	10%
		Household	210,984	-	-	-	-
11	Sanghar	Union Council	73	73	73	-	100%
		Village	3,192	2,904	2,904	-	91%
		Household	206,774	154,871	154,871	-	75%
12	Mirpurkhas	Union Council	55	55	55	-	100%
		Village	3,070	2,763	2,763	-	90%
		Household	155,159	108,871	108,871	-	70%
13	Thatta	Union Council	41	41	41	-	100%
		Village	2,404	2,163	2,163	-	90%
		Household	133,586	93,675	93,675	-	70%
14	Badin	Union Council	68	68	68	-	100%
		Village	3,936	3,542	3,542	-	90%
		Household	212,535	148,787	148,795	0.01%	70%
15	Umerkot	Union Council	40	40	40	-	100%
		Village	2,362	2,125	2,125	-	90%
		Household	127,965	90,026	90,027	-	71%
GRAND TOTAL		Union Council	796	722	722	-	91%
		Village	38,873	29,899	29,899	-	77%
		Household	2,440,852	1,432,291	1,436,849	0.32%	59%



District wise Disbursement of Income Generating Grants (IGG) (Women Beneficiaries)

S. No.	Districts	as of June 2025		as of September 2025		% increase during Qtr
		# of BNFs:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	# of BNFs:	Amount disbursed (In Millions)	
1	Shikarpur	3,717	39.5	3,717	39.5	-
2	Kashmore @Kandhkot	2,543	26.13	2,543	26.13	-
3	Jacobabad	1,348	17.31	1,348	17.31	-
4	Khairpur	8,249	121.15	8,449	124.13	50%
5	Sukkur	1,432	18.7	1,432	18.7	-
6	Ghotki	2,944	44.17	2,944	44.17	-
7	Larkana	8,581	111.8	8,581	111.8	-
8	Qamber - Shahdadt	11,682	171.9	11,682	171.9	-
9	Badin	6,931	100.64	6,931	100.64	71%
10	Thatta	4,275	64.08	4,275	64.08	15%
11	Umerkot	4,008	59.58	4,008	59.58	8%
12	Mirpurkhas	4,881	73.29	4,881	73.29	44%
13	Sanghar	6,397	96.18	6,397	96.18	27%
Total IGG Disbursed		66,988	944.43	67,188	947.35	18%

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Achievement as of September 2025

S. No.	Districts	# of Beneficiaries	Amount Disbursed (Millions)
1	Un Conditional Grant to Vulunerbale Community-MI-GFFO	1,337	48.13
	District Khairpur	737	26.53
2	Un Conditional Grant to PWD (Person with Disable-MI-GFFO	600	9
	District Mirpurkhas	360	5.40
	District Khairpur	240	3.60
3	Un Conditional Grant to Vulunerbale Community-MI-ADH	700	22.40
	District Khairpur	400	12.80
	District Mirpurkhas	150	4.80
	District Sanghar	150	4.80

District wise Disbursement of Community Investment Fund (CIF) (Women Beneficiaries 100%)

S. No.	Districts	As of June 2025				As of September 2025			
		Beneficiaries	Seed Money	Beneficiaries	Revolved	Beneficiaries	Seed Money	Beneficiaries	Revolved
1	Shikarpur	40,239	396.51	-	-	40,239	396.51	-	-
2	Kandhkot - Kashmore	35,863	374.07	-	-	35,863	374.07	-	-
3	Jacobabad	18,371	226.43	-	-	18,371	226.43	-	-
4	Khairpur	32,149	683.38	62,607	1,241.77	32,149	683.38	62,628	1,242.42
5	Sukkur	15,924	499.97	29,954	972.24	16,901	534.75	33,146	1,084.98
6	Ghotki	25,675	659.40	43,723	1,176.29	29,202	752.36	48,571	1,308.49
7	Naushahro Feroz	370	1.85	-	-	370	1.85	-	-
8	Larkana	16,296	251.42	35,349	655.09	16,296	251.42	35,633	667.16
9	Shahdadt	25,489	402.40	58,156	1,122.36	25,489	402.40	58,748	1,145.61
10	Badin	26,272	582.64	53,085	1,081.18	26,272	582.64	53,085	1,081.18
11	Thatta	16,878	382.38	35,906	784.29	16,918	383.70	37,350	828.14
12	Umerkot	16,058	318.25	38,912	814.73	16,058	318.25	40,366	860.64
13	Mirpurkhas	18,741	406.53	45,567	967.51	18,741	406.13	47,174	1,018.13
14	Sanghar	25,806	519.22	63,782	1,188.15	25,806	519.22	66,917	1,269.11
Grand Total		314,131	5,704.04	467,041	10,003.61	318,675	5,833.10	483,618	10,505.88



Success Stories

Matka Decoration Business: Rural Women Artisans are Reviving Tradition Through Enterprise Development



Village Girhore Sharif, district Mirpurkhas

The Matka Decoration Business in Union Council Girhore Sharif, Taluka Sindhri, District Mirpurkhas, Sindh is a shining example of how traditional skills can evolve into sustainable livelihoods through collective effort and institutional support. Established on October 9, 2020, under the Business Development Group (BDG) model of the People's Poverty Reduction Program (PPRP) funded by the Government of Sindh (GoS) and implemented by the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO), this enterprise has revived the ancient art of pot decoration while empowering rural women artisans.

Six skilled women Nazeeran, Hameeda, Sameena, Hakeema, Shareefa, and Zainab all members of the Jeay Jillani Village Organization (VO) and belonging to poor households (PSC below 23), joined hands to form this BDG. With an interest-free loan of PKR 96,000 from PPRP-GoS and continuous technical guidance from SRSO, they transformed simple clay pots into exquisite decorative crafts.

Their creativity and hard work soon attracted attention from both local and urban markets. Today, the Matka Decoration Business operates its own outlet in the main market of Girhore Sharif, displaying and selling beautifully handcrafted matkas for home décor and traditional ceremonies.

Group Leader Shareefa proudly shared, "SRSO not only provided us with an interest-free loan but also motivated and trained us to expand our traditional craft into a profitable enterprise. We are now independent entrepreneurs, marketing our products at SRSO exhibitions across cities." She added that "The group now earns an average monthly profit of PKR 20,000–25,000, It has also created four employment opportunities, and has fully repaid their loan — operating successfully on a self-help basis."

The Matka Decoration Business stands as a remarkable success story of the SRSO-PPRP-GoS BDG model, proving that small investments, when combined with skill, unity, and opportunity, can uplift rural women, preserve cultural heritage, and build sustainable enterprises.



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As monsoons arrive, livestock shelters stand between survival and ruin for Pakistani farmers



The picture taken on June 17, 2025, shows cattle tied at a climate-resilient shelter built in Thari Mirwah in Pakistan's Khairpur district by the German relief organization Malteser International. (AN photo)

BY: Ismail Dilawar

KHAIRPUR, Pakistan: Three years after floods drowned Rasool Bux's village in Pakistan's southern Sindh province, he still fears every drop of rain. The 52-year-old farmer from Gul Muhammad Sanjrani village in Khairpur worries another deluge could wipe out what little he has rebuilt. His animals are the main source of income for his family of seven. He sells about five kilograms of milk daily to keep the household running.

The 2022 floods were among the worst climate disasters in Pakistan's history, pushing millions into poverty and devastating agricultural regions in the Sindh province. As new monsoon rains lash the province, farmers and experts say protecting livestock, often the only safety net for rural households, must be a national priority.

"We are afraid because of what we saw during the 2022 floods," Bux told Arab News while feeding his two buffaloes and three cows at one of around 200 new climate-resilient shelters built by German relief organization Malteser

International in collaboration with the Sindh government. "Most villagers decided to leave their houses. We are poor people, so we stayed here on the road. Some of our animals perished.

"Then, there were also so many mosquitoes here. The nights were spent in sadness. We didn't have the money to keep our remaining animals under mosquito nets."

Today, the shelters are helping local farmers like Bux recover what the disaster swept away. "These [shelters] are very beneficial to us since we used to have a lot of trouble while gathering our livestock," he said. "Our animals are at peace now."

Livestock is the backbone of rural Pakistan's economy, especially for families who may own no land. According to the Economic Survey of Pakistan issued in June, the sector supports over 8 million rural households, providing about 40 percent of their incomes and around 15 percent of the country's GDP.



In a year when agriculture overall grew by just 0.6 percent, partly due to extreme weather, livestock still contributed 4.7 percent to the sector, the largest share. Sindh, Pakistan's second-largest crop-producing province, is especially vulnerable to floods. Around 930 kilometers of the Indus River snake through the region, making it one of the most flood-prone areas in the country, according to the International Growth Center.

In May, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved around \$1.4 billion in climate financing for Pakistan under its Resilience and Sustainability Facility (RSF), designed to strengthen the country's defenses against future climate shocks and promote sustainable growth. Local groups working on the ground hope the government will channel some of that money toward projects like climate-resilient animal shelters in flood-affected areas like his village.

"The need for animal shelters here is huge," said Muhammad Junaid Soomro, a project engineer at the Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO), which is partnering with Malteser. "Even 300 to 400 such units will fall short of the need we have here on a union council basis." "We are working in five union councils only, while there are 89 union councils in this district," he added, urging the government to prioritize livestock and agriculture in flood-hit areas once the IMF funds become available.

"They [Malteser] have made these shelters with a small amount of available funds. These can be made more climate resilient with the IMF's climate resilient funding," Soomro said.

In a written response to Arab News, the IMF said the RSF financing is meant to back broader policy reforms, not specific projects like livestock shelters. "However, there are a number of ways in which the RSF will help to build climate resilience in Pakistan that will benefit Pakistanis living in flood-prone areas, such as farmers," the IMF's resident representative in Pakistan Mahir Binici said.

He said the RSF supports reforms targeting water management and irrigation infrastructure, aiming to improve reliability and tackle issues like waterlogging, salinization, groundwater depletion and water insecurity. "The RSF's reforms take a whole-of-government approach, with some to be implemented at the provincial level," the IMF representative added, noting that improved coordination between federal and provincial authorities will be key.

"LIVING BANK"

While larger, policy-level shifts are awaited, groups like

Malteser and SRSO are meanwhile focused on immediate fixes, building small, elevated shelters that offer some protection from future flooding. "We felt the need for building these here as the disaster, the flood had devastated our animal shelters as well as our homes in the community," said Kanwal Hussain, a project officer at SRSO. The bamboo, plastic and mud shelters are raised about three feet above ground level, with canopy walls to stop rainwater from pooling and weakening the roof.

"We have built a canopy wall so rainwater does not stay there and damage the roof," Soomro said.

Imdad Hussain Siddiqui, who served as a director of operations at the Provincial Disaster Management Authority of Sindh during the 2022 floods, described livestock as a "living bank" for rural families. "Animals are the sole remaining resource where land and crops are swept away by flooding because they provide rescue, safety and the sole avenue through which families can recover and rebuild their lives," Siddiqui told Arab News. He said the loss of 1.1 million animals during the 2022 floods meant "direct destitution and long-term poverty" for many families.

"Strong infrastructure of livestock will enable such linkages to recover in the near future, permitting economic activity and income-generating opportunities for the affected people," Siddiqui explained.

In 2022, the international NGO German watch ranked Pakistan first on its Climate Risk Index due to extreme weather events including floods, landslides and storms during the intense monsoon season. Pakistan is already in the grip of another punishing monsoon, with over 60 people killed in rain-related incidents in just one week, a reminder that the next flood is never far away. For farmers like Rasool Bux, every storm brings up the memory of what was lost in 2022 — and what could be lost again.

"More such shelters should be built in our village where some people can afford to build them while others cannot," he said.



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