

COVER STORY

EU supported programme launched to fight rural poverty in Balochistan

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OUTREACH #35

THE RURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMMES' SOCIAL MOBILISATION NEWSLETTER

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BALUCHISTAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME (2017-2020)
Provincial Launching Ceremony

November 10, 2017 | Quetta, Pakistan



BRDCEP
 BALUCHISTAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

EXPECTED IMPACT

- 25%** of the targeted poor households see an improvement in their incomes
- 40%** of the households graduate from the lowest (0-11 score) to upper poverty scorecard band levels

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Provincial Minister for Planning and Development (P&D) Dr Hamid Khan Achakzai addressing the launching ceremony of BRDCEP.

The Local Government and Rural Development Department (LG&RDD) of the Government of Balochistan (GoB) collaborated with the Balochistan Rural Support Programme (BRSP), National Rural Support Programme (NRSP) and RSPN to organise the launching ceremony of the € 45 million Balochistan Rural Development and Community Empowerment Programme (BRDCEP) on November 10, 2017 in Quetta.

Supported by the European Union (EU) Delegation to Pakistan, this five-year programme – based on the Rural Support Programmes’ (RSPs) social mobilisation

approach to Community Driven Development (CDD) – focuses on supporting the Balochistan government in reducing the negative impact of economic deprivation, poverty and social inequality, and empowering resilient communities to actively participate in identifying and implementing socio-economic development activities on sustainable basis in partnership with local authorities.

The programme will benefit 1.9 million people in eight districts of the province including Jhal Magsi, Kech, Khuzdar, Qilla Abdullah, Loralai, Pishin, Washuk and Zhob.



Provincial Minister LG&RDD Sardar Ghulam Mustafa Tareen's address.



Provincial Minister for Planning and Development (P&D) Dr Hamid Khan Achakzai was the chief guest of the launching ceremony. Others who addressed the ceremony included Former Chief Minister of Balochistan Dr Abdul Malik Baloch, EU Ambassador His Excellency (H.E.) Mr Jean-François Cautain, Federal Minister for Postal Service Maulana Ameer Zaman, Minister for LG&RDD Sardar Ghulam Mustafa Tareen, Senator Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi, Adviser to Chief Minister on Forests, Wildlife and Livestock Mr Obaidullah Babat, Member Provincial Assembly Mir Jan Muhammad Khan Jamali, Mr Sanallah Baloch, former Federal Minister for Social Welfare, Special Education and Women Development Mrs Zubaida Jalal, and Provincial Secretary P&D Mr Asfandiyar Kakar. They shared their views about the programme and commended EU, BRSP, NRSP and RSPN for initiating and supporting CDD programmes to reduce poverty in the province.

Chairman RSPN Mr Shoaib Sultan Khan, CEO RSPN Ms Shandana Khan, CEO BRSP Mr Nadir Gul Barech, CEO NRSP Dr Rashid Bajwa, and Deputy Team Leader Human Dynamics (Technical Assistance Partner for BRDCEP) Mr William Pitkin also presented on different components and aspects of BRDCEP.

Dr Hamid Achakzai said that the P&D Department worked very closely with EU and partners during the development of BRDCEP, its framework and interventions, which would transform the lives of rural communities. "The provincial government is committed to facilitate and support the implementation of all pro-poor programmes," he said.

H.E. Mr Jean-François Cautain said that core components of the BRDCEP included bottom-up approach and formulation of development policy framework which the Balochistan government and other stakeholders would use to contribute to reducing poverty in the province. He also mentioned that the ownership of the programme by the Balochistan government and politicians of the province was particularly encouraging.

Earlier in his opening remarks, Mr Shoib Sultan Khan shared with audience the history of RSPs and explained how the three-tiered social mobilisation approach to CDD evolved and impacted millions of people in Pakistan and other regional countries. Mr Khan also mentioned that currently EU is the only donor who has faith in involving communities in their own development.

Country Director World Bank visits RSPN



CD World Bank Mr Patchamuthu Illangovan conversing with Chairman RSPN Mr Shoaib Sultan Khan at our head office.

On November 1, 2017, Country Director World Bank Pakistan Mr. Patchamuthu Illangovan visited the head office of RSPN and interacted with Chairman RSPN Mr Shoaib Sultan Khan and officials of RSPN and RSPs including CEO National Rural Support Programme (NRSP) Dr Rashid Bajwa, COO RSPN Mr Khaleel Ahmed Tetlay, CEO Ghazi Brotha Taraqiati Idara (GBTI) Malik Fateh Khan and others. The Chairman and COO RSPN

gave presentations on the RSPs' Social Mobilisation approach to Community Driven Development and how this approach has successfully enabled organised communities to break the shackles of poverty and transform their lives through self-help initiatives.

Mr Illangovan was very impressed by the impact of RSPs' work across Pakistan and successful replication of Social Mobilisation approach in regional countries.

OUR SOCIAL MOBILISATION OUTREACH*

420,849

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS (49% WOMEN ONLY COs)

7,197,942

ORGANISED HOUSEHOLDS

7,414,282

COMMUNITY ORGANISATION MEMBERS (52% WOMEN MEMBERSHIP)

138

DISTRICTS INCLUDING ALL FATA/FRS WITH RSP PRESENCE

4,115

RURAL UNION COUNCILS WITH RSP PRESENCE

21,754

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS (63% WOMEN ONLY VOs) FEDERATED IN

1,559

LOCAL SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS (604 WOMEN ONLY LSOs)

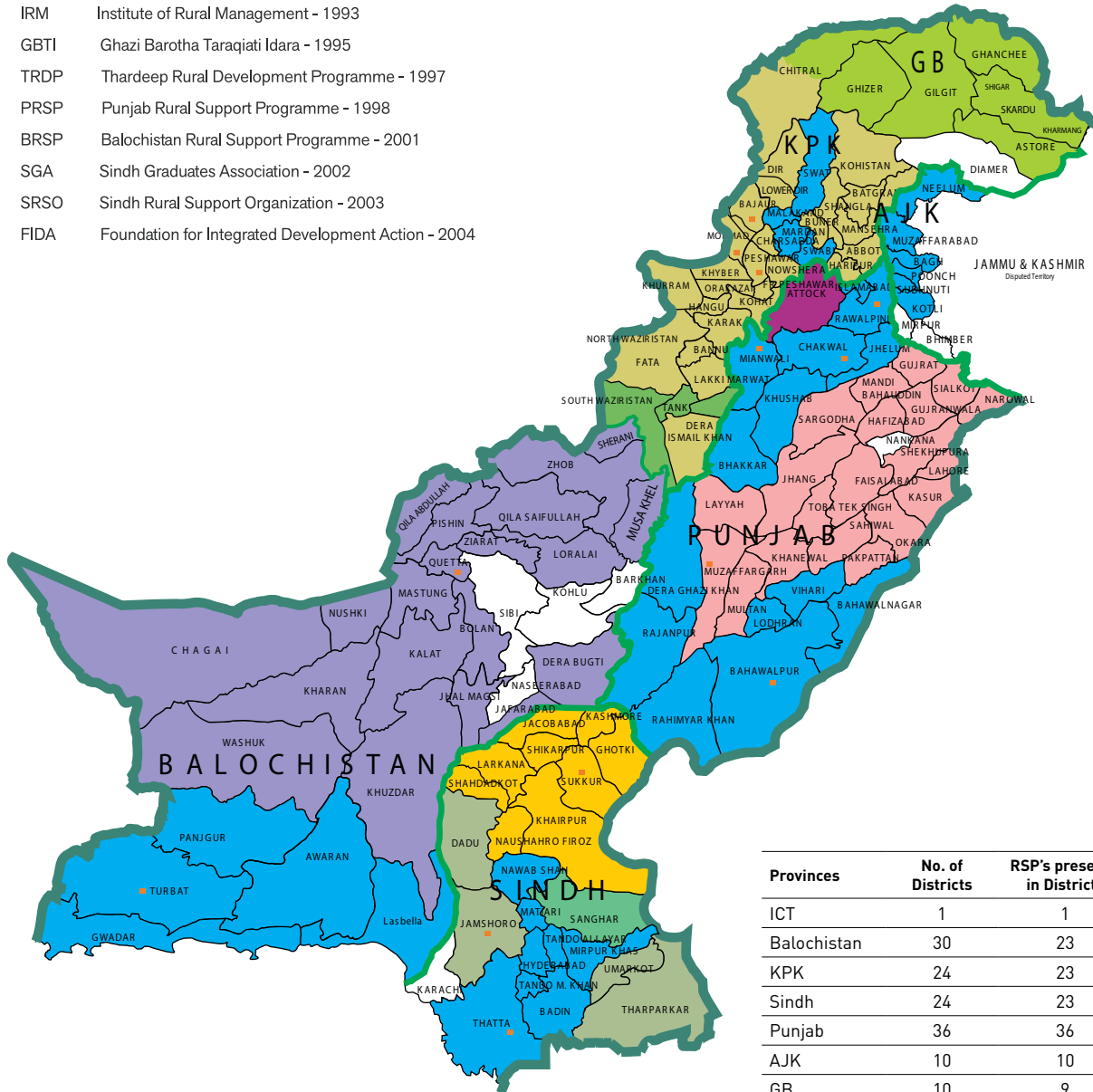
List of Local Support Organisation (LSOs) as of September 30, 2017

		Province/Administrative Units					Total	
		AJ&K	Balochistan	GB	KP	Punjab		Sindh
1	Aga Khan RSP	-	-	60	19	-	-	79
2	Balochistan RSP	-	81	-	-	-	-	81
3	Ghazi Barotha Tarqiyati Idara	-	-	-	6	10	-	16
4	National RSP	127	82	-	48	393	120	770
5	Punjab RSP	-	-	-	-	202	-	202
6	Sindh Graduate Association	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
7	Sindh Rural Support Organisation	-	-	-	-	-	159	159
8	Sarhad RSP	-	-	-	175	-	-	175
9	Thardeep Rural Development Programme	-	-	-	-	-	76	76
	Total	127	163	60	248	605	356	1,559

*DATA AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

The Outreach of the Rural Support Programmes Across Pakistan

- AKRSP Aga Khan Rural Support Programme - 1982
- SRSP Sarhad Rural Support Programme - 1989
- NRSP National Rural Support Programme - 1992
- IRM Institute of Rural Management - 1993
- GBTI Ghazi Barotha Taraqiati Idara - 1995
- TRDP Thardeep Rural Development Programme - 1997
- PRSP Punjab Rural Support Programme - 1998
- BRSP Balochistan Rural Support Programme - 2001
- SGA Sindh Graduates Association - 2002
- SRSO Sindh Rural Support Organization - 2003
- FIDA Foundation for Integrated Development Action - 2004



Provinces	No. of Districts	RSP's presence in Districts
ICT	1	1
Balochistan	30	23
KPK	24	23
Sindh	24	23
Punjab	36	36
AJK	10	10
GB	10	9
FATA/FRs	13	13
Total	148	138

RSPs are present in 138 districts including 13 FATA/FR Agencies.



Rural Support Programmes (RSPs) in Pakistan, Cumulative Progress as of September 2017

INDICATORS	AJKRSP+	AKRSP	BRSP	GBTI	NRSP	PRSP	SGA	SRSO	SRSP	TRDP	TOTAL	
# of RSP working districts/areas**	8	10	18	3	60	21	1	9	35	4	138	
# of rural union councils with RSP presence*	136	119	214	22	2,267	767	13	377	669	167	4,115	
# of organised households	102,320	106,657	225,187	38,015	3,150,588	1,464,875	16,500	725,501	1,022,585	345,714	7,197,942	
# of Local Support Organisations (LSOs)	-	79	81	16	770	202	1	159	175	76	1,559	
# of Community Organisations (COs) formed	Women COs	1,577	2,188	4,387	1,890	89,910	38,907	410	40,009	13,800	15,049	208,127
	Men COs	2,138	3,010	10,032	1,436	88,215	51,666	450	4,159	29,060	5,927	196,093
	Mix COs	1,035	-	58	-	13,472	-	-	40	-	2,024	16,629
	Total	4,750	5,198	14,477	3,326	191,597	90,573	860	44,208	42,860	23,000	420,849
# of CO members	Women	44,063	86,511	68,958	31,194	1,740,885	629,038	10,845	686,839	284,633	248,032	3,830,998
	Men	58,257	128,310	158,806	26,508	1,409,703	868,086	11,348	38,662	738,198	145,406	3,583,284
	Total	102,320	214,821	227,764	57,702	3,150,588	1,497,124	22,193	725,501	1,022,831	393,438	7,414,282
Amount of savings of COs (Rs. Million)	Women	24.1	145.0	4.4	6	236.5	63.47	-	127.0	78.0	86.2	770.2
	Men	11.9	389.0	13.4	5	1,307.9	65.52	1.0	7.0	160.0	123.2	2,083.4
	Total	35.9	534.0	17.8	10.0	1,544.4	129.0	1.0	134.0	238.0	209.5	2,853.6
# of community members trained in managerial skills (CMST/LMST/etc.)	Women	10,954	20,322	235,921	3,048	339,601	180,303	4,830	199,705	129,770	167,257	1,291,711
	Men	6,385	16,049	256,068	2,818	248,671	379,777	4,830	11,937	196,612	71,147	1,194,294
	Total	17,339	36,371	491,989	5,866	588,272	560,080	9,660	211,642	326,382	238,404	2,486,005
# of individuals trained in technical & vocational skills	Women	-	55,457	823	11,500	529,423	292,285	-	50,766	54,984	13,026	1,008,264
	Men	-	27,345	3,413	3,851	572,362	239,143	-	3,253	73,591	2,222	925,180
	Total	-	82,802	4,236	15,351	1,101,785	531,428	-	54,019	128,575	15,248	1,933,444
Community Investment Fund (CIF)	# of LSOs managing CIF	6	12	9	4	278	2	-	50	-	6	367
	# of VOs managing CIF	-	-	161	13	97	34	-	3,800	320	738	5,163
	CIF Women Borrowers	-	1,331	454	241	79,786	4,200	-	102,531	46,702	17,911	253,156
	CIF Men Borrowers	547	848	772	7	14,102	769	-	-	-	-	17,045
	Total # of CIF borrowers	547	2,179	1,226	248	93,888	4,969	-	102,531	46,702	17,911	270,201
	Total amount of CIF disbursed (Rs. million)	16	16	25	3	1,651	82.68	-	1,073.94	513.00	251.36	3,632
Amount of micro-credit disbursement (Rs. Million)	Women	79	195	79	1,440	88,583	7,605.07	-	9,284.90	501.00	5,417.00	113,184
	Men	59	833	35	120	64,239	9,741.05	-	1,185.21	260.00	5,494.00	81,965
	Total	138	1,028	113	1,560	152,822	17,346	-	10,470	761	10,911	195,150
# of loans	Women	4,764	74,813	4,045	69,534	4,121,391	451,497	-	489,580	43,173	370,088	5,628,885
	Men	3,217	546,311	1,470	7,968	3,185,092	592,929	-	62,772	23,031	290,896	4,713,686
	Total	7,981	621,124	5,515	77,502	7,306,483	1,044,426	-	552,352	66,204	660,984	10,342,571
# of health micro insurance schemes	Women	-	74,813	-	57,979	1,688,287	-	-	549,909	5,834	166,233	2,543,055
	Men	-	546,311	-	9,193	2,459,428	-	-	42,492	21,566	139,671	3,218,661
	Total	-	621,124	-	67,172	4,147,715	-	-	592,401	27,400	305,904	5,761,716
# of PPI/CPI schemes completed	1,637	4,333	1,802	792	34,644	6,433	16	39,956	9,711	64,053	163,377	
# of beneficiary households of completed CPIs	100,347	402,629	152,355	28,140	1,505,217	674,798	-	239,667	2,012,666	315,678	5,431,497	
Total cost of completed CPIs (Rs. Million)	636	4,395	1,237.11	427	9,861	1,675	20	2,679	9,257	1,753.0	31,940	
# of community schools established	Girls	355	867	142	4	545	144	25	9	88	113	2,292
	Girls	11,370	2,900	4,583	812	9,852	4,023	3,526	873	2,182	1,947	42,068
	Boys	9,922	7,375	9,080	634	10,537	3,489	5,110	848	3,046	707	50,748
# of students enrolled	Total	21,292	10,275	13,663	1,446	20,389	7,512	8,636	1,721	5,228	2,654	92,816
	Women	-	-	994	-	22,888	-	-	-	4,646	-	28,528
	Men	-	-	-	-	2,494	-	-	-	722	-	3,216
# of adults graduated in adult literacy	Total	-	-	994	-	25,382	-	-	-	5,368	-	31,744
	Women	31	1,243	2,912	95	3,153	8,442	410	4,777	1,066	982	23,111
	Men	-	-	1,304	-	-	1,770	-	-	467	675	4,216
# of traditional birth attendants / health workers trained	Total	31	1,243	4,216	95	3,153	10,212	410	4,777	1,533	1,657	27,327

Note: ** The 138 include 125 districts, 7 Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) and 6 Frontier Regions (FRs). Punjab RSP after restructuring in mid 2011, closed its operation in four districts, Chiniot, Nankana Sahib, DG Khan and Rajanpur.

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* The total figure for districts/areas and union councils excludes 33 overlapping districts (presence of multiple RSP) and 636 overlapping union councils

+ Data pertaining to AJKRSP updated as at March 2013. AKRSP updated SM outreach data of newly formed districts of Shigar, Kharmang and Nagar after separating numbers reported in previously affiliated districts.

Overall 44 UCs coverage increased during reporting period ie Jul-Sep 2017

> All RSPs started reporting separately the gender segregated progress of community members trained in managerial skills, individuals trained in vocational & technical skills and CIF beneficiary members.

§ NRSP, SRSO and TRDP aligned the SM outreach progress of SUCCESS programme with regular reporting to RSPN. Moreover, NRSP started reporting separately the data of Sujawal district as previously it was included in Thatta district, along-with reporting the outreach in Bhimber and Mirpur districts.

Rural Support Programmes (RSPs) in Pakistan, District-wise RSPs Coverage/Outreach as of September 2017

S. No.	Name of District	Total rural and Peri-Urban UCs in the District	Union Councils Having RSPs Presence			Total rural HHs in the District (1998 Census/ SUCCESS Poverty Scorecard Census 2016 in eight programme districts)	Households Organised				Community Organisations Formed			# of LSOs as of Sep. 2017	RSP
			# as of June 2017	# as of Sep. 2017	% coverage as of Sep. 2017		# as of June 2017	# as of Sep. 2017	% increase during Qtr	% coverage as of Sep. 2017	# as of June 2017	# as of Sep. 2017	% increase during Qtr		
ISLAMABAD															
1	ICT	13	13	13	100.0	43,884	30,057	30,404	1.2	69.3	1,727	1,727	-	5	NRSP
1	Sub Total	13	13	13	100.0	43,884	30,057	30,404	1.2	69.3	1,727	1,727	-	5	
BALUCHISTAN															
1	Awaran	12	12	12	100.0	22,144	11,089	11,179	0.8	50.5	669	669	-	5	NRSP
2	Barkhan	8	-	-	-	13,787	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Bolan	27	1	1	3.7	35,003	2,434	2,434	-	7.0	109	109	-	1	BRSP
4	Chaqhi	10	-	-	-	13,570	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Dera Bugti	12	2	2	16.7	27,337	1,033	1,033	-	3.8	79	79	-	1	BRSP
6	Gawadar	21	21	21	100.0	41,000	36,326	36,326	-	88.6	1,909	1,909	-	14	NRSP
7	Harnai	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Jhal Magsi	9	9	9	100.0	16,184	16,567	16,567	-	102.4	1,069	1,069	-	9	BRSP
9	Jaffarabad	46	29	29	63.0	52,664	8,739	8,739	-	16.6	163	163	-	3	BRSP
10	Kallat	18	15	15	83.3	31,396	28,829	28,829	-	91.8	1,870	1,870	-	-	BRSP
11	Kech / Turbat	43	43	43	100.0	70,164	49,149	49,149	-	70.0	2,250	2,253	0.1	28	NRSP
12	Kharan	7	7	7	100.0	14,328	15,739	15,739	-	109.8	942	942	-	7	BRSP
13	Khuzdar	35	28	28	80.0	60,032	41,119	41,119	-	68.5	2,564	2,564	-	14	BRSP
14	Killa Abdullah	25	2	2	8.0	44,863	5,644	5,644	-	12.6	372	372	-	2	BRSP
15	Killa Saifullah	15	13	13	86.7	28,796	19,117	19,117	-	66.4	1,220	1,220	-	-	BRSP
16	Kohlu	8	-	-	-	15,156	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Lasbella	28	28	28	100.0	41,000	37,641	38,270	1.7	93.3	2,285	2,354	3.0	20	NRSP
18	Loralai	23	23	23	100.0	39,770	11,404	11,404	-	28.7	1,014	1,014	-	19	BRSP
19	Mastung	13	13	13	100.0	18,831	18,831	18,831	-	100.0	1,389	1,389	-	4	BRSP
20	Musa Khel	10	-	-	-	19,126	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Naseerabad	24	-	-	-	34,981	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Noshki	10	1	1	10.0	13,570	60	60	-	0.4	4	4	-	-	BRSP
23	Panjoor	22	22	22	100.0	35,703	23,844	23,844	-	66.8	1,341	1,368	2.0	15	NRSP
24	Pishin	38	35	35	92.1	55,654	24,321	24,321	-	43.7	1,594	1,594	-	10	BRSP
25	Quetta	47	5	5	10.6	25,232	2,274	2,402	5.6	9.5	137	188	37.2	-	BRSP
26	Sherani	7	7	7	100.0	10,608	2,520	2,520	-	23.8	118	118	-	-	BRSP
27	Sibi	11	-	-	-	19,815	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Washuk	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BRSP
29	Zhob	21	21	21	100.0	21,118	25,840	25,840	-	122.4	1,732	1,732	-	11	BRSP
30	Ziarat	10	3	3	30.0	4,609	588	588	-	12.8	50	50	-	-	BRSP
23	Sub Total	579	340	340	58.7	826,441	383,108	383,955	0.2	46.5	22,880	23,030	0.7	163	
KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA (KPK)															
1	Abbottabad	54	51	51	94.4	115,585	60,176	61,096	1.5	52.9	2,129	2,169	1.9	15	SRSP
2	Bannu	49	3	3	6.1	65,010	580	580	-	0.9	25	25	-	-	SRSP
3	Battagram	20	20	20	100.0	46,053	36,501	36,501	-	79.3	1,502	1,502	-	10	SRSP
4	Buner	27	2	2	7.4	56,591	534	534	-	0.9	30	30	-	-	NRSP
4	Buner (OL)	27	21	21	77.8	56,591	29,903	31,818	6.4	56.2	1,327	1,327	-	9	SRSP
5	Charsadda	49	27	27	55.1	102,361	13,046	13,046	-	12.7	795	796	0.1	2	NRSP
5	Charsadda (OL)	49	47	47	95.9	102,361	38,112	38,112	-	37.2	1,658	1,658	-	6	SRSP
6	Chitral	24	24	24	100.0	36,879	34,914	35,394	1.4	96.0	1,680	1,780	6.0	19	AKRSP
6	Chitral (OL)	24	24	24	100.0	70,500	70,502	71,683	1.7	101.7	2,540	2,591	2.0	14	SRSP
7	Dir Upper	32	32	32	100.0	93,500	92,770	92,770	-	99.2	3,371	3,371	-	8	SRSP
8	Dir Lower	41	41	41	100.0	73,626	54,197	55,700	2.8	75.7	2,511	2,579	2.7	3	SRSP
9	D.I.Khan	47	4	4	8.5	99,528	1,125	1,125	-	1.1	47	47	-	-	SRSP
10	Hangu	19	19	19	100.0	24,536	14,204	14,204	-	57.9	505	505	-	-	SRSP
11	Haripur	45	4	4	8.9	94,383	7,648	7,648	-	8.1	780	780	-	3	GBTI

Legend: OL (Overlapping)

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11	Haripur (OL)	45	2	2	4.4	94,383	5,039	5,039	-	5.3	325	325	-	-	NRSP
11	Haripur (OL)	45	45	45	100.0	94,383	46,443	46,484	0.1	49.3	1,584	1,586	0.1	25	SRSP
12	Karak	21	21	21	100.0	40,734	49,483	49,483	-	121.5	1,997	1,997	-	4	SRSP
13	Kohat	32	32	32	100.0	55,911	69,685	69,910	0.3	125.0	3,129	3,143	0.4	3	SRSP
14	Kohistan	38	38	38	100.0	74,041	36,610	36,610	-	49.4	2,375	2,375	-	6	SRSP
15	Lakki Marwat	33	22	22	66.7	48,700	1,535	1,535	-	3.2	57	57	-	-	SRSP
16	Malakand P.A	36	36	36	100.0	45,731	34,497	35,309	2.4	77.2	2,123	2,131	0.4	13	NRSP
16	Malakand P.A (OL)	28	28	28	100.0	45,731	40,005	41,964	4.9	91.8	1,630	1,656	1.6	5	SRSP
17	Mansehra	59	55	55	93.2	167,833	110,566	110,566	-	65.9	3,865	3,865	-	16	SRSP
18	Mardan	75	51	51	68.0	141,386	63,450	63,450	-	44.9	4,310	4,310	-	14	NRSP
18	Mardan (OL)	75	20	20	26.7	141,386	42,732	42,732	-	30.2	1,838	1,838	-	10	SRSP
19	Nowshera (OL)	48	9	9	18.8	84,851	9,293	9,385	1.0	11.1	502	502	-	3	NRSP
19	Nowshera	48	10	10	20.8	84,851	19,857	19,857	-	23.4	857	857	-	6	SRSP
20	Peshawar	67	17	17	25.4	132,070	17,651	17,651	-	13.4	961	961	-	6	SRSP
21	Shangla	28	28	28	100.0	53,994	61,144	65,474	7.1	121.3	3,211	3,237	0.8	8	SRSP
22	Swabi	55	6	6	10.9	112,083	9,883	9,883	-	8.8	854	854	-	3	GBTI
22	Swabi (OL)	55	39	39	70.9	112,083	41,817	45,229	8.2	40.4	2,496	2,529	1.3	15	NRSP
23	Swat	65	25	25	38.5	125,377	8,071	8,071	-	6.4	436	436	-	1	NRSP
23	Swat (OL)	67	67	67	100.0	125,377	79,797	82,343	3.2	65.7	3,945	3,951	0.2	12	SRSP
24	Tank	16	-	-	-	22,411	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Sub Total	980	723	723	73.8	1,913,174	1,201,770	1,221,186	1.6	63.8	55,395	55,770	0.7	239	
SINDH															
1	Badin	46	79	79	171.7	195,500	192,915	195,717	1.5	100.1	7,705	7,730	0.3	22	NRSP
2	Dadu	66	58	66	100.0	170,339	83,293	100,112	20.2	58.8	4,465	6,417	43.7	16	TRDP
3	Ghotki	46	37	37	80.4	158,489	120,767	120,767	-	76.2	6,961	6,961	-	20	SRSO
4	Hyderabad	37	12	12	32.4	128,856	11,979	11,979	-	9.3	725	725	-	-	NRSP
5	Jacobabad	40	29	29	72.5	90,682	84,893	84,893	-	93.6	5,074	5,074	-	26	SRSO
6	Jamshoro	30	27	30	100.0	78,177	32,289	37,157	15.1	47.5	1,916	2,216	15.7	11	TRDP
7	Karachi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Kashmore	37	37	37	100.0	110,969	80,345	80,345	-	72.4	4,710	4,710	-	29	SRSO
9	Khairpur	76	50	56	73.7	208,270	68,694	68,694	-	33.0	4,110	4,110	-	18	SRSO
10	Larkana	47	46	47	100.0	121,019	88,164	93,756	6.3	77.5	6,009	6,322	5.2	9	SRSO
11	Matiari	30	21	23	76.7	78,032	28,459	30,406	6.8	39.0	1,770	1,770	-	17	NRSP
12	Mirpur Khas	41	55	60	146.3	111,973	107,284	107,284	-	95.8	5,326	5,326	-	15	NRSP
13	Naushero Feroz	51	43	43	84.3	164,715	42,852	42,852	-	26.0	2,585	2,585	-	2	SRSO
14	Nawabshah	51	27	27	52.9	141,671	3,092	3,092	-	2.2	564	564	-	-	NRSP
15	Shahdad Kot	52	49	52	100.0	146,804	83,729	93,947	12.2	64.0	5,362	5,890	9.8	12	SRSO
16	Sanghar	55	13	13	23.6	209,191	16,500	16,500	-	7.9	860	860	-	1	SGA
17	Shikarpur	51	50	50	98.0	122,340	102,306	102,306	-	83.6	5,846	5,846	-	37	SRSO
18	Sujawal	37	29	32	86.5	99,860	47,701	47,701	-	47.8	1,929	2,238	16.0	22	NRSP
19	Sukkur	46	26	26	56.5	78,458	37,941	37,941	-	48.4	2,710	2,710	-	6	SRSO
20	Tando Allahyar	26	20	21	80.8	82,586	31,168	33,634	7.9	40.7	1,673	1,708	2.1	17	NRSP
21	Tando Muhammad Khan	28	23	23	82.1	72,938	32,134	33,658	4.7	46.1	1,632	1,841	12.8	15	NRSP
22	Tharparkar	44	44	44	100.0	159,486	160,365	160,365	-	100.6	11,516	11,516	-	44	TRDP
23	Thattha	26	39	42	161.5	123,000	61,031	63,261	3.7	51.4	3,770	3,770	-	12	NRSP
24	Umer Kot (OL)	27	13	13	48.1	202,554	4,672	4,672	-	2.3	228	228	-	-	NRSP
24	Umer Kot	27	27	27	100.0	106,515	48,080	48,080	-	45.1	2,851	2,851	-	5	TRDP
23	Sub Total	990	841	876	88.5	2,959,870	1,570,653	1,619,119	3.1	54.7	90,297	93,968	4.1	356	
PUNJAB															
1	Attock	65	12	12	18.5	164,849	20,484	20,484	-	12.4	1,692	1,692	-	10	GBTI
1	Attock (OL)	65	62	62	95.4	164,849	75,130	75,703	0.8	45.9	4,499	4,591	2.0	26	NRSP

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			# as of June 2017	# as of Sep. 2017	% coverage as of Sep. 2017		# as of June 2017	# as of Sep. 2017	% increase during Qtr	% coverage as of Sep. 2017	# as of June 2017	# as of Sep. 2017	% increase during Qtr		
2	Bahawalnagar	101	95	95	94.1	275,000	234,524	234,524	-	85.3	16,713	16,713	-	61	NRSP
3	Bahawalpur	97	79	79	81.4	315,000	292,730	292,730	-	92.9	19,670	19,670	-	61	NRSP
4	Bhakkar	42	38	38	90.5	195,000	162,572	162,572	-	83.4	11,302	11,302	-	35	NRSP
5	Chakwal	68	68	68	100.0	88,816	70,915	70,915	-	79.8	3,875	3,875	-	23	NRSP
6	Chiniot (OL)	42	33	33	78.6	88,816	4,640	4,640	-	5.2	402	402	-	-	NRSP
6	Chiniot*	42	-	-	-	81,625	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	PRSP
7	D G Khan	55	51	51	92.7	315,000	291,182	291,182	-	92.4	12,791	12,818	0.2	30	NRSP
7	D G Khan (OL)*	55	-	-	-	208,270	20,260	20,260	-	9.7	1,302	1,302	-	-	PRSP
8	Faisalabad	79	79	79	100.0	121,639	76,196	76,650	0.6	63.0	5,224	5,266	0.8	8	PRSP
9	Gujranwala (OL)	97	59	59	60.8	208,270	3,509	3,509	-	1.7	325	325	-	-	NRSP
9	Gujranwala	97	62	62	63.9	47,026	64,348	64,348	-	136.8	3,582	3,582	-	1	PRSP
10	Gujrat	87	36	37	42.5	111,973	62,372	62,781	0.7	56.1	4,063	4,101	0.9	12	PRSP
11	Hafiz Abad (OL)*	40	31	31	77.5	164,715	8,536	8,536	-	5.2	771	771	-	-	NRSP
11	Hafiz Abad	40	16	19	47.5	164,715	38,537	38,537	-	23.4	2,441	2,441	-	8	PRSP
12	Jhang	79	21	23	29.1	141,671	35,466	35,876	1.2	25.3	2,574	2,610	1.4	7	PRSP
13	Jhelum	50	35	35	70.0	128,408	50,655	51,172	1.0	39.9	2,580	2,593	0.5	4	NRSP
14	Kasur	89	14	14	15.7	122,340	14,750	14,887	0.9	12.2	1,180	1,192	1.0	-	PRSP
15	Khanewal (OL)	98	70	70	71.4	78,458	17,775	17,775	-	22.7	1,662	1,662	-	-	NRSP
15	Khanewal	98	22	22	22.4	122,340	37,084	37,084	-	30.3	2,374	2,374	-	7	PRSP
16	Khushab	49	44	44	89.8	165,000	148,171	148,171	-	89.8	8,550	8,603	0.6	42	NRSP
17	Lahore	31	31	31	100.0	39,648	51,382	51,656	0.5	130.3	3,735	3,761	0.7	12	PRSP
18	Layyah (OL)	44	16	16	36.4	159,486	13,927	13,927	-	8.7	810	810	-	1	NRSP
18	Layyah	44	29	29	65.9	159,486	142,014	142,014	-	89.0	9,489	9,489	-	11	PRSP
19	Lodhran	70	70	70	100.0	202,554	46,705	46,705	-	23.1	3,886	3,886	-	-	NRSP
19	Lodhran (OL)	70	10	12	17.1	202,554	14,642	15,407	5.2	7.6	1,043	1,094	4.9	7	PRSP
20	Mandi Bahauddin (OL)	65	46	46	70.8	106,515	4,976	5,403	8.6	5.1	317	347	9.5	-	NRSP
20	Mandi Bahauddin	65	54	56	86.2	106,515	48,584	48,584	-	45.6	3,273	3,273	-	10	PRSP
21	Mianwali	53	48	48	90.6	120,486	112,158	114,704	2.3	95.2	6,942	7,038	1.4	32	NRSP
22	Multan (OL)	69	58	58	84.1	261,678	17,654	17,654	-	6.7	1,958	1,958	-	-	NRSP
22	Multan	69	22	22	31.9	261,678	35,212	35,212	-	13.5	2,382	2,382	-	1	PRSP
23	Muzaffargarh (OL)	93	24	24	25.8	317,647	12,687	15,072	18.8	4.7	837	838	0.1	2	NRSP
23	Muzaffargarh	93	24	24	25.8	317,647	163,079	163,079	-	51.3	10,120	10,120	-	7	PRSP
24	Nanakana Sahib*	65	-	-	-	187,137	695	695	-	0.4	45	45	-	-	PRSP
25	Narowal	74	61	62	83.8	150,406	143,949	144,901	0.7	96.3	7,188	7,253	0.9	21	PRSP
26	Okara	111	32	33	29.7	270,191	49,562	50,175	1.2	18.6	3,342	3,382	1.2	8	PRSP
27	Pakpattan (OL)	63	54	54	85.7	174,888	12,295	12,295	-	7.0	1,486	1,486	-	-	NRSP
27	Pakpattan	63	24	24	38.1	174,888	33,533	33,533	-	19.2	2,301	2,301	-	9	PRSP
28	Rahim Yar Khan	103	58	58	56.3	338,677	97,332	97,332	-	28.7	8,817	8,817	-	3	NRSP
29	Rajanpur	44	42	42	95.5	133,182	127,689	129,329	1.3	97.1	9,543	9,586	0.5	25	NRSP
29	Rajanpur (OL)*	44	-	-	-	133,182	18,650	18,650	-	14.0	1,218	1,218	-	-	PRSP
30	Rawalpindi	62	62	62	100.0	256,911	119,034	119,574	0.5	46.5	6,724	6,736	0.2	38	NRSP
31	Sahiwal (OL)	83	52	52	62.7	227,413	12,414	12,414	-	5.5	1,201	1,201	-	-	NRSP
31	Sahiwal	83	39	39	47.0	227,413	60,925	60,925	-	26.8	3,966	3,966	-	15	PRSP
32	Sargodha (OL)	132	123	123	93.2	303,958	22,913	22,913	-	7.5	2,065	2,065	-	2	NRSP
32	Sargodha	132	57	57	43.2	303,958	61,198	61,198	-	20.1	4,003	4,003	-	9	PRSP
33	Sheikhpura	91	10	12	13.2	207,805	32,534	32,802	0.8	15.8	2,267	2,292	1.1	6	PRSP
34	Sialkot	94	88	88	93.6	275,204	203,501	204,463	0.5	74.3	9,545	9,611	0.7	34	PRSP
35	Toba Tek Singh (OL)	79	61	61	77.2	187,555	13,594	13,594	-	7.2	1,545	1,545	-	-	NRSP
35	Toba Tek Singh	79	22	22	27.8	187,555	51,158	51,158	-	27.3	3,515	3,515	-	9	PRSP
36	Vehari	87	80	80	92.0	257,583	39,089	39,089	-	15.2	3,149	3,149	-	3	NRSP
36	Sub Total	2,651	1,855	1,864	70.3	6,900,570	3,492,921	3,506,793	0.4	50.8	224,284	225,052	0.3	600	

Legend: OL (Overlapping)

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			# as of June 2017	# as of Sep. 2017	% coverage as of Sep. 2017		# as of June 2017	# as of Sep. 2017	% increase during Qtr	% coverage as of Sep. 2017	# as of June 2017	# as of Sep. 2017	% increase during Qtr		
AZAD JAMMU AND KASHMIR (AJK)															
1	Bagh (OL)	19	10	10	52.6	46,470	672	672	-	1.4	32	32	-	-	AJKRSP
1	Bagh	19	16	16	84.2	46,470	34,085	34,085	-	73.3	1,887	1,894	0.4	16	NRSP
2	Hattian (OL)	13	10	10	76.9	21,296	16,770	16,770	-	78.7	827	827	-	-	AJKRSP
2	Hattian	13	12	12	92.3	21,296	18,468	18,513	0.2	86.9	826	829	0.4	10	NRSP
3	Kotli (OL)	38	36	36	94.7	67,483	13,807	13,807	-	20.5	566	566	-	-	AJKRSP
3	Kotli	38	28	28	73.7	67,483	42,985	42,985	-	63.7	2,419	2,419	-	22	NRSP
4	Muzaffarabad (OL)	32	26	26	81.3	60,712	45,689	45,689	-	75.3	2,192	2,192	-	-	AJKRSP
4	Muzaffarabad	32	26	26	81.3	60,712	34,614	34,667	0.2	57.1	1,421	1,426	0.4	26	NRSP
5	Neelum (OL)	9	9	9	100.0	15,649	6,722	6,722	-	43.0	267	267	-	-	AJKRSP
5	Neelum	9	7	7	77.8	15,649	11,842	11,842	-	75.7	540	540	-	6	NRSP
6	Poonch (Rawalakot) (OL)	26	12	12	46.2	61,000	4,523	4,523	-	7.4	260	260	-	-	AJKRSP
6	Poonch (Rawalakot)	26	26	26	100.0	61,000	54,137	54,137	-	88.7	2,584	2,597	0.5	26	NRSP
7	Bhimber	18	18	18	100.0	54,333	5,541	5,541	-	10.2	227	227	-	-	AJKRSP
7	Bhimber (OL)	18	-	8	44.4	54,333	-	503	-	0.9	-	34	-	-	NRSP
8	Sudhnoti	13	13	13	100.0	26,849	17,585	17,585	-	65.5	990	990	-	12	NRSP
9	Mirpur	22	15	15	68.2	40,208	8,596	8,596	-	21.4	379	379	-	-	AJKRSP
9	Mirpur (OL)	18	-	1	5.6	40,208	-	14	-	0.0	-	1	-	-	NRSP
10	Forward Kahuta	9	9	9	100.0	18,651	13,883	14,184	2.2	76.0	841	841	-	9	NRSP
10	Sub Total	199	180	180	90.5	412,651	329,919	330,835	0.3	80.2	16,258	16,321	0.4	127	
GILGIT-BALTISTAN (GB)															
1	Astore	8	8	8	100.0	8,103	7,489	7,489	-	92.4	333	333	-	4	AKRSP
2	Diamir	9	-	-	-	16,572	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Ghanche	14	14	14	100.0	13,229	10,674	10,850	1.6	82.0	469	469	-	7	AKRSP
4	Ghizer	16	16	16	100.0	13,392	8,369	8,387	0.2	62.6	561	561	-	14	AKRSP
5	Gilgit	10	10	10	100.0	17,721	5,919	6,200	4.7	35.0	434	439	1.2	6	AKRSP
6	Hunza	8	8	8	100.0	5,919	6,860	6,860	-	115.9	240	261	8.8	9	AKRSP
7	Nagar	7	7	7	100.0	6,860	14,406	14,406	-	210.0	254	254	-	4	AKRSP
8	Skardu	14	14	14	100.0	16,256	5,566	6,036	8.4	37.1	579	585	1.0	10	AKRSP
9	Shigar	10	10	10	100.0	5,750	5,385	5,650	4.9	98.3	274	276	0.7	4	AKRSP
10	Kharmang	8	8	8	100.0	6,201	5,385	5,385	-	86.8	240	240	-	2	AKRSP
9	Sub Total	104	95	95	91.3	110,003	70,053	71,263	1.7	64.8	3,384	3,418	1.0	60	
FEDERALLY ADMINISTERED TRIBAL AREA (FATA)/Frontier Regions (FRs)															
1	Bajaur Agency	37	3	3	8.1	65,410	10,183	10,183	-	15.6	398	398	-	2	SRSP
2	Khyber Agency	28	3	3	10.7	55,225	920	1,869	103.2	3.4	40	130	225.0	-	SRSP
3	Kurram Agency	23	3	3	13.0	42,293	5,120	6,115	19.4	14.5	160	229	43.1	5	SRSP
4	Mohmand Agency	21	3	3	14.3	37,161	4,345	4,345	-	11.7	143	143	-	-	SRSP
5	North Waziristan Agency	22	3	3	13.6	39,697	1,314	2,483	89.0	6.3	72	139	93.1	-	SRSP
6	Orakzai Agency	15	3	3	20.0	25,618	1,400	2,358	68.4	9.2	22	107	386.4	-	SRSP
7	South Waziristan Agency	29	3	3	10.3	50,570	4,426	5,296	19.7	10.5	234	301	28.6	-	SRSP
8	T.A.Adj Lakkai Marwat Distt	1	-	-	-	932	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	SRSP
9	T.A.Adj Bannu Distt	1	-	-	-	2,041	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	SRSP
10	T.A..Adj D.I.Khan Distt	3	-	-	-	5,492	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	SRSP
11	T.A.Adj Kohat Distt	5	-	-	-	9,511	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	SRSP
12	T.A.Adj Peshawar Distt	3	3	3	100.0	6,118	1,738	1,738	-	28.4	116	116	-	2	SRSP
13	T.A.Adj Tank Distt	2	-	-	-	3,581	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	SRSP
13	Sub Total	190	24	24	12.6	343,650	29,446	34,387	16.8	10.0	1,185	1,563	31.9	9	
138	G. Total	5,706	4,071	4,115	72.1	13,510,243	7,107,927	7,197,942	1.3	53.3	415,410	420,849	1.3	1,559	

Experience sharing and learning visit to Tajikistan



Dr Hamid Achakzai, Dr Abdul Malik and Mr Khaleel Ahmed Tetlay presenting the RSPN shield to H.E. Mr Tariq Soomro, Ambassador of Pakistan to Tajikistan.

A 19-member delegation comprising former Chief Minister Balochistan Dr Abdul Malik, Dr Hamid Khan Achakzai, Minister Planning & Development Balochistan, Sardar Ghulam Mustafa Khan Tareen, Minister Local Government Balochistan, and officials from the Government of Balochistan, BRSP, NRSP and RSPN undertook an experience sharing and learning visit to Tajikistan from October 10 to 18, 2017. They visited different programme areas of the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) — Mountain Societies Development Support Programme (MSDSP) in rural areas of Tajikistan. The visit started with having a meeting at AKF-MSDSP office in Dushanbe, Tajikistan where Mr Yodgor Faizov, Chief

Executive Officer AKF Tajikistan, welcomed the delegates and gave a detailed presentation on Tajikistan and AKF work. He informed the participants that Tajikistan is a landlocked country in Central Asia that borders Afghanistan in the South, China in the East, Kyrgyzstan in the North, and Uzbekistan in the West and Northwest.

The Embassy of Pakistan in Tajikistan hosted a dinner in the honour of the Pakistani delegation, which was also attended by the representatives of the European Union (EU) Delegation in Tajikistan. His Excellency (H.E.) Mr Tariq Soomro, the Ambassador of Pakistan to Tajikistan, welcomed the delegation and expressed his support during their stay in Tajikistan. After the dinner, gifts and



Group photo of the visiting delegates.



After the visit programme briefing outside Chai Khana Rahat, Dushanbe.

shields from Pakistan were presented to the Ambassador and his team members by the senior officials of the Pakistani delegation.

The delegation also held meetings with the District Governor of Aini district, visited the district office of AKF/MSDSP in Istravshan where AKF/MSDP is working since 2010, and visited a Village Organisation (VO) in Shononn village where they met with VO members. Women groups in Shononn are working on dairy milk collection and processing project.

The delegation also visited water supply project in VO Shohon. After this meeting the delegation travelled to Isfara district and held a joint meeting with the Deputy District Governor, Union Council Chairman, and VO President. The Deputy District Governor Ms Zumera gave a presentation on her district and development being

undertaken there. The delegation also met with the Deputy District Governor of Isfara district. The delegation also attended the Harvest Festival in Konibodom. The community presented their national songs, poetry, and performed their traditional Tajiki dance to welcome the delegation. The next destination of the delegation was district Faizobod, where they met with the representatives of Social Union Councils for the Development of Village in presence of Deputy Governor of District Ms Nooria. President of SUDVO (LSO) Mr Yousuf Faizabad welcomed the delegation and gave a presentation. The delegation also held a meeting with Ms Nooria at her office.

On the last day of the visit, a 'Thank You' dinner was hosted by RSPN, NRSP, and BRSP, which was attended by senior officials of AKF/MSDSP Tajikistan, Pakistan's Ambassador to Tajikistan, and Head of EU in Tajikistan.



Dr Hamid Achakzai, Dr Abdul Malik and Sardar Mustafa Tareen presenting a shield to District Governor Aini.



Meeting with members of VO Shohon.



Local women celebrate harvest festival.

Creating synergies: 51 JDCs notified in SUCCESS districts

The notification of Joint Development Committees (JDCs) lays the foundation of a very important feature of the Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS) Programme, which is a deliberate effort to enhance the access of women's institutions to the local government, line departments and related entities. 51 JDCs have been notified at district and taluka level in all eight districts of SUCCESS, i.e. Qamber Shahdadkot, Larkana, Dadu, Jamshoro, Matiari, Sujawal, Tando Allahyar and Tando Muhammad Khan. This approach is instrumental for three reasons; to avoid duplication of efforts, to ensure sustainability and operationalise continuity in the efforts of social mobilisation, and to promote collaborative, demand driven local development.

The key objective of a JDC is to create synergies between the Community Institutions (CO/ VO/ LSO) formed under SUCCESS, local administration/departments and externally supported development investment in the programme districts in the planning of SUCCESS interventions. Deputy Commissioners are chairing the District Joint Development Committee (JDC), and the Assistant Commissioners of the respective talukas are chairing the Taluka Joint Development Committee (JDC). Each JDC consists of 3 Local Support Organisation (LSO)

members and representatives of various government departments, local elected bodies, and a representative of the Rural Support Programme partner working in the district. Each committee is supposed to conduct their meetings every six months. In this regard, first meetings of 2 taluka JDCs were conducted in Sujawal in the month of December 2017. During these initial meetings, LSO members shared their Village Development Plans (VDP), and the progress made on them. First meetings of other JDCs will be conducted soon in the coming months.



Workshop on M&E framework and socioeconomic baseline approaches for BRDCEP staff



RSPN organised a five-day training workshop for the officials of Government of Balochistan (GoB), Balochistan Rural Support Programme (BRSP) and National Rural Support Programme (NRSP) from November 27, 2017 to December 1, 2017 in Quetta.

The training focused on honing participants' skills on monitoring & evaluation framework and socioeconomic baseline approaches and methodologies, to enable them to support the effective implementation of the

European Union (EU) funded five-year Balochistan Rural Development & Community Empowerment Programme (BRDCEP).

Mr. Asfandiyar Kakar, Secretary Planning & Development - GoB, and Agha Syed Liaqat Ali, MPA and Member of Parliamentary Committee on Planning and Development, attended the concluding ceremony and distributed certificates among participants.

Local development with the local government



Members of VO Subhanallah.

“It was a very encouraging experience for us when we met with the Deputy Commissioner for the first time, as we never thought it possible to reach the ears of our local government before organising into community institutions (CIs). We presented our ideas to resolve our issues pertaining to school facilities,” said Zareena, President of Village Organisation (VO) Subhanallah.

“A couple of months ago, Thardeep Rural Development Programme (TRDP) team approached us under the European Union (EU) funded Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS) Programme to facilitate and organise the rural households into CIs. Resultantly, we formed 14 Community Organisations (CO) in our village Samtani of union council Pir Shahnawaz, district Dadu, and now these small organisations have merged into an apex body at the village level, also known as a Village Organisation (VO), which we have named Subhanallah VO Samtani,” shared members of the village organisation.

Aisha, the Manager of VO Subhanallah, said that the training component of the programme not only enhanced their confidence but they also learnt the importance of record keeping. In the last meeting of their village organisation, they discussed about the missing facilities in their village’s elementary school

for girls, as their children often used to complain about non-availability of water in school. Soon after they decided to meet with Deputy Commissioner and submit their VO resolution for seeking support.

“Our delegation comprising 13 members met with the Deputy Commissioner, discussed issues and submitted an application for a possible solution. We never expected that our meeting would bring any positive outcome but thanks to the Deputy Commissioner, he responded very positively, assigned the Assistant Commissioner and District Education officer to visit the site. On the very next day, both of them visited our school, we held a meeting together with the school management committee, VO and government representatives,” added Aisha.

Together, it was decided that the government would support one water supply facility that would be monitored by VO Subhanallah. The Assistant Commissioner also assured that the other issue of hiring a security guard would soon be resolved after getting approval from the competent authority.

“We had written many times to the school’s office for the provision of required facilities but no action was taken. We are pleased that this has been made possible by the women organisation of our village,” said Ms. Shabiran Pirzada, head mistress of the school.

DAFPAK project started to improve reproductive health services



RSPN has entered into a partnership with Population Services International (PSI) to provide reproductive health services to communities in ten districts of Punjab, Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). Delivering Accelerated Family Planning in Pakistan (DAFPAK) is a four-year project that aims to create an enabling environment for women, girls and men to avail healthy reproductive choices; increase the availability of family planning services and products in uncovered rural areas, and strengthen accountability through

increased transparency and strict monitoring. RSPN has collaborated with the National Rural Support Programme (NRSP), Punjab Rural Support Programme (PRSP), Sindh Rural Support Organisation (SRSO) and Thardeep Rural Development Programme (TRDP) to implement this project in ten districts including Jhang, Toba Tek Singh, Rahim Yar Khan, Bahawalpur, Mardan, Swabi, Shikarpur, Jacobabad, Qambar Shahdadkot and Jamshoro. DAFPAK will target a total of 5.7 million uncovered population to create 433,541 new users of family planning services during the project life.

Over the next four years, DAFPAK will focus on community mobilisation utilising Community Resource Persons (CRP), who will go door-to-door in their catchment areas and refer clients to project Lady Health Visitors (LHVs) for family planning services; provision of family planning services to clients in monthly camps conducted by LHVs along with Social Organisers (SOs); converting users of traditional contraceptive methods to modern contraceptive methods and upscaling of the CRPs' 'Business in a Box', a micro-entrepreneurship venture making the provision of family planning services sustainable.

Rural women celebrate International Day of Rural Women at RSPN

Members of women community institutions fostered by the Rural Support Programmes from across the country visited RSPN office on October 17, 2017, after attending a two-day Rural Women conference in Islamabad. They interacted with Chairman RSPN Mr Shoaib Sultan Khan, CEO RSPN Ms Shandana Khan and other officials and shared their life changing experiences after getting organised into community institutions. Chairman RSPN appreciated the work of organised rural women and said it was the women who have capacity to take a household out of poverty by getting organised and taking collective actions. Together they cut the cake to mark the International Day of Rural Women.



AKF/MSDSP Kyrgyzstan's delegation's visit to RPSN

A four-member delegation from Kyrgyzstan, headed by Mr Arslanbek Miiashev, Executive Director, Aga Khan Foundation/Mountain Societies Development Support Programme (MSDSP) Kyrgyzstan, and comprising other officials from MSDSP visited RSPN office on November 24, 2017. Chief Operating Officer RSPN Mr Khaleel Ahmed Tetlay welcomed the visiting delegates and briefed them about the history of the Rural Support Programmes (RSPs). They were also enlightened about RSPN's work, geographic outreach and how organised communities fostered through RSPs proven three-tiered social mobilisation approach are taking up community driven development agenda across Pakistan. COO RSPN also presented RSPN shield to the visiting delegation.



SRSP launches EU supported project to help FATA IDPs



European Union funded 'Aid to Uprooted People in Pakistan' project launched on November 6, 2017. Additional Chief Secretary Federally Administered Tribal Area (FATA) Mr Sikandar Qayyum formally launched the project at the Governor's House, Peshawar, where relevant government officials and representatives of the Sarhad Rural Support Programme (SRSP), RSPN, and civil society organisations were present.

This five-year project will be executed in all FATA agencies including Khyber, Kurram, Orakzai and North and South Waziristan agencies to facilitate the reintegration of the region's Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) by creating a favourable environment for their return.

Mr Qayyum thanked the European Union and German Embassy for supporting the development of FATA through generous financial and technical assistance and said the government was committed to reforms in the war-torn region.

CEO SRSP Mr Masoodul Mulk said the project had an outlay of € 34 million and that € 27 million of that money would be spent on the community development component to be implemented by SRSP, while € 6 million were allocated for the governance programme to be implemented by the German agency, GIZ.

He said the former part of the programme would concentrate on fostering community institutions, building essential community infrastructure, and livelihood support through the grassroots bottom up

development in five agencies, while the latter would concentrate on governance support for the programmes being implemented in those agencies through German assistance i.e. KfW and GIZ.

Ambassador of the European Union to Pakistan His Excellency Mr Jean-François Cautain and Head of the Economic Cooperation and Development Section at the German embassy Dr Jürgen Zoll, who were also present on the occasion, said the support for FATA reforms would continue.

Chairman RSPN Mr Shoaib Sultan Khan said the community development could fill the gap in the governance system left by the widespread changes in FATA in the last decade.

WHO WE ARE

The Rural Support Programmes Network is the largest development network of Pakistan, with an outreach to over 45 million rural Pakistanis. It consists of 11 member Rural Support Programmes (RSPs) that espouse a common approach to rural development: social mobilisation. Social mobilisation centres around the belief that poor people have an innate potential to help themselves, that they can better manage their limited resources if they organise and are provided technical and financial support. The RSPs provide social guidance, and technical and financial assistance to the rural poor. RSPN is the strategic platform for the RSPs: it provides capacity building support to them, and assists them in policy advocacy and donor linkages.



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