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Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party Mr Bilawal Bhutto Zardari launched the expansion of the Government of Sindh's Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme (UCBPRP) to six more districts of Sindh, in a ceremony held in Sukkur on January 8, 2018. The Programme will work with the poorest rural women of Khairpur, Sanghar, Mirpur Khas, Thatta, Badin and Umerkot. The UCBPRP will be implemented by RSPN's member Rural Support Programme (RSP): Sindh Rural Support Organisation (SRSO). With the total budget of Rs 4.9 billion, the programme will benefit 716,523 households.

UCBPRP's components include the formation of 39,808 women only Community Organisations (COs), provision of Community Investment Fund (CIF) to each women organisation, vocational training to 32,244 persons, 8,599 units under low cost housing scheme and income generating grants to 30,708 poorest women.

Working across Sindh's villages through VO's, the UCBPRP is the largest government funded poverty reduction programme in any province. Previously, the UCBPRP has successfully empowered the rural women to break the shackles of poverty in four districts of Shikarpur, Kashmore, Jacobabad and Tharparkar.

Chief Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah, Former Chief Minister Sindh Syed Qaim Ali Shah, President PPP's Women Wing Ms Faryal Talpur, Leader of Opposition

in the National Assembly Syed Khursheed Shah, Syeda Nafeesa Shah, Provincial Minister for Information Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, Chairman Sindh Planning & Development Board Mr Muhammad Waseem, Chairman SRSO and RSPN Mr Shoaib Sultan Khan, CEO RSPN Ms Shandana Khan, CEO NRSP and Director SRSO Dr Rashid Bajwa, CEO SRSO Mr Dittal Kalhoro, leading politicians, government officials, community members and media persons attended the launch event.

The UCBPRP is aimed at targeting the poor through the process of social mobilisation, harnessing their potential and enabling them to build productive assets, reduce vulnerabilities and improve by and large, the condition of their villages or settlements.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman PPP, Mr Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said that the Sindh government had not only carried out legislation for the empowerment of women but also launched several programmes for financial stability of the womenfolk. He said that local social bodies, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and charity organisations could play an important role in organising people at local level, besides resolving local issues. He underlined that the Sindh government has provided an environment where NGOs and social organisations are working closely with the Government of Sindh. Syed Murad Ali Shah, Syed Qaim Ali Shah, Ms Faryal Talpur, and Mr Shoaib Sultan Khan also addressed the ceremony among others.

PROGRAMME FOR IMPROVED NUTRITION IN SINDH (PINS)

CM Sindh inaugurates Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh



Chief Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah speaks at the launch of the Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh on January 30, 2018, while other dignitaries share the stage.

The Chief Minister of Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah launched the European Union's (EU) funded Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh (PINS) in a ceremony arranged on January 30 in Karachi. Initiated in close collaboration with the Government of Sindh's multi-sectoral Accelerated Action Plan for Reduction of Stunting and Malnutrition (AAP), the Programme's primary focus is to sustainably improve the nutritional status of children under five years and of pregnant and lactating women (PLW). PINS will be implemented in ten districts of Sindh, i.e. Shikarpur, Thatta, Kambar Shahdadkot, Larkana, Dadu, Jamshoro, Matiari, Sajawal, Tando Allahyar and Tando Muhammad Khan.

This four-year Programme would specifically focus on building the capacities of the Government of Sindh for an effective implementation of its multi-sectoral nutrition policy while providing direct assistance to significantly and rapidly reducing malnutrition in rural Sindh. PINS will work with the Community Institutions fostered under the EU supported Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS) Programme.

The Chief Minister thanked the European Union for supporting Sindh government's efforts to deal with the challenges of malnutrition through PINS. He expressed the government's commitment to continue working with EU and other donors for community uplift programmes in the future. PINS will be implemented by Rural

Support Programmes Network, National Rural Support Programme (NRSP), Sindh Rural Support Organisation (SRSO) and Thardeep Rural Development Programme (TRDP), with Action Against Hunger (ACF) and Conseil Santé as Programme partners.

EU's Ambassador His Excellency Mr Jean-François Cautain, while referring to other EU programmes on nutrition and poverty reduction in the province including SUCCESS Programme, said, "The EU's support to fight malnutrition in Sindh is one component. It is important to combine different interventions and enhance coordination with the Sindh government to maximise the impact of EU supported programmes in Sindh."

Coordinator to Chief Minister Sindh on Nutrition Mir Hussain Ali said that over the four years of its interventions, the € 68 million programme will focus on capacity building of the Government of Sindh and other stakeholders on nutrition-related policy and strategy development. Chairman Sindh Planning & Development Board Mr Muhammad Waseem also thanked EU for extending support to fight malnutrition in Sindh.

Chairman RSPN Mr Shoaib Sultan Khan in his vote of thanks, appreciated the support of EU to the programme. He said that to make an intervention a success and ensure that impact is long lasting, engaging organised communities, who are a social pillar of the state, is crucial as they are the only one who can reach out to every household.

OUR SOCIAL MOBILISATION OUTREACH*

425,588

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS (50% WOMEN ONLY COs)

7,278,782

ORGANISED HOUSEHOLDS

7,554,714

COMMUNITY ORGANISATION MEMBERS (52% WOMEN MEMBERSHIP)

145

DISTRICTS INCLUDING ALL FATA/FRS WITH RSP PRESENCE

4,255

RURAL UNION COUNCILS WITH RSP PRESENCE

22,617

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS (64% WOMEN ONLY VOs) FEDERATED IN

1,631

LOCAL SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS (503 WOMEN ONLY LSOs)

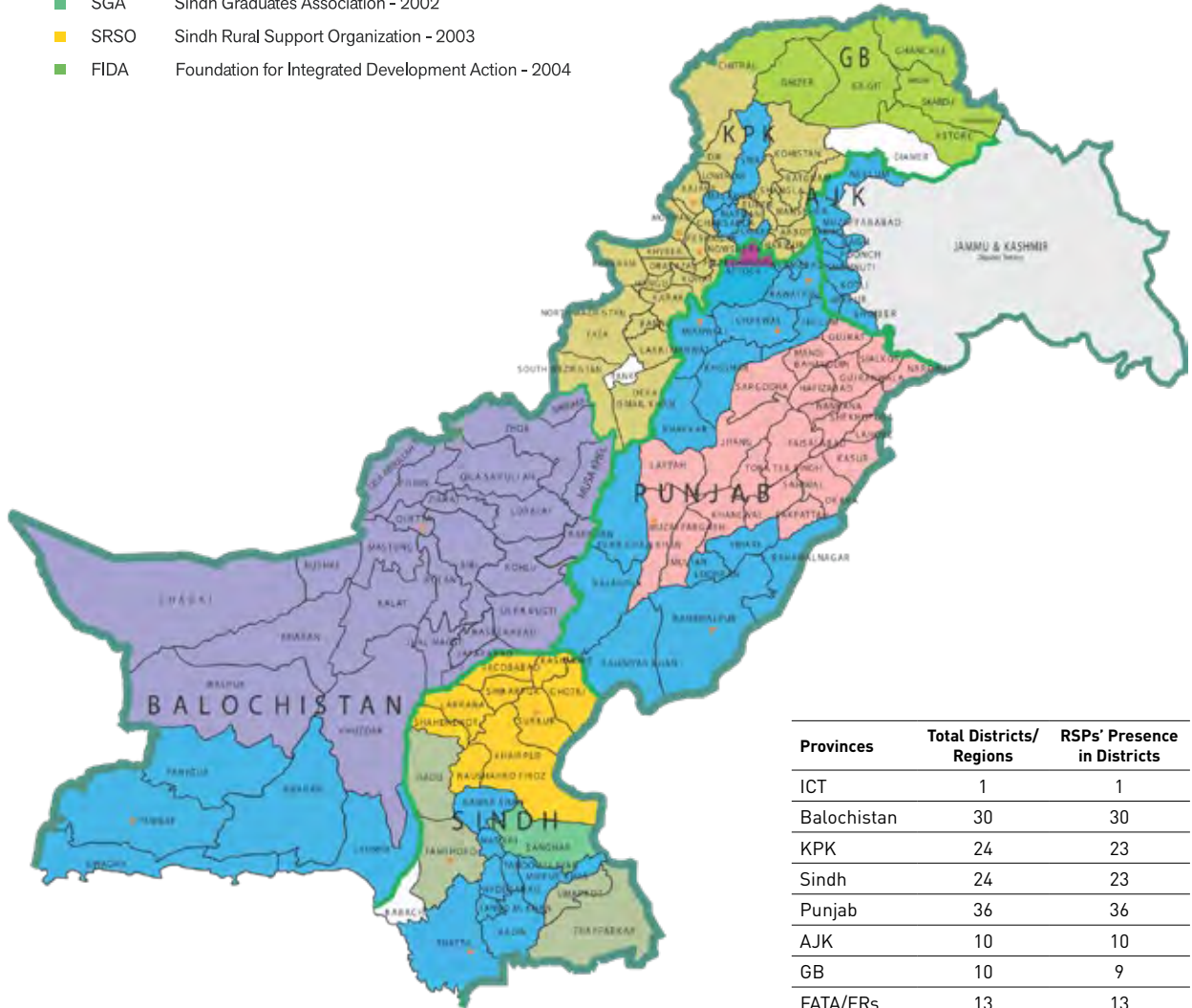
List of Local Support Organisation (LSOs) as of December 31, 2017

		Province/Administrative Units					Total	
		AJ&K	Balochistan	GB	KP incl, FATA/FRs	Punjab (Incl. ICT)		Sindh
1	Aga Khan RSP	-	-	60	19	-	-	79
2	Balochistan RSP	-	81	-	-	-	-	81
7	Ghazi Barotha Taraqiati Idara	-	-	-	6	10	-	16
3	National RSP	127	82	-	49	395	129	782
4	Punjab RSP	-	-	-	-	224	-	224
9	Sindh Graduate Association	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
8	Sindh Rural Support Organisation	-	-	-	-	-	177	177
5	Sarhad RSP	-	-	-	182	-	-	182
6	Thardeep Rural Development Programme	-	-	-	-	-	89	89
	Total	127	163	60	256	629	396	1,631

*DATA AS OF DECEMBER 31, 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	Total Districts/ Regions	RSPs' Presence in Districts
ICT	1	1
Balochistan	30	30
KPK	24	23
Sindh	24	23
Punjab	36	36
AJK	10	10
GB	10	9
FATA/FRs	13	13
Total	148	145

RSPs are present in 145 districts including 13 FATA/FR Agencies.



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

Indicators	AJKRSP+	AKRSP	BRSP	GBTI	NRSP	PRSP	SGA	SRSO	SRSP	TRDP	Total	
# of RSP working districts/areas**	8	10	25	3	60	21	1	14	35	4	145	
# of rural union councils with RSP presence*	136	119	215	22	2,288	786	13	642	669	167	4,255	
# of organised households	102,320	106,657	225,873	38,015	3,182,224	1,469,598	16,500	750,716	1,032,582	354,297	7,278,782	
# of Local Support Organisations (LSOs)	-	79	81	16	782	224	1	177	182	89	1,631	
# of Vilage Organisations (VOs)	-	-	2,264	81	9,061	3,352	-	8,386	2,554	2,011	27,709	
# of Community Organisations (COs) formed	Women COs	1,577	2,188	4,810	1,890	90,913	38,981	410	41,364	13,945	15,049	211,127
	Men COs	2,138	3,010	9,827	1,436	89,199	51,971	450	4,159	29,257	6,136	197,583
	Mix COs	1,035	-	58	-	13,623	-	-	40	-	2,122	16,878
	Total	4,750	5,198	14,695	3,326	193,735	90,952	860	45,563	43,202	23,307	425,588
# of CO members	Women	44,063	86,511	68,958	31,194	1,812,865	633,140	10,845	712,054	289,026	276,159	3,964,815
	Men	58,257	128,310	158,806	26,508	1,432,452	873,080	11,348	38,662	743,556	118,920	3,589,899
	Total	102,320	214,821	227,764	57,702	3,245,317	1,506,220	22,193	750,716	1,032,582	395,079	7,554,714
Amount of savings of COs (Rs. Million)	Women	24.1	145.0	4.4	6	236	63	-	127.7	79	86	771
	Men	11.9	389.0	13.4	5	1,307	65	1.0	7	162	123	2,085
	Total	35.9	534.0	17.8	10.0	1,544	129	1.0	134.7	241	209	2,857
# of community members trained in managerial skills (CMST/LMST/etc.)	Women	10,954	20,322	235,921	3,116	369,359	183,633	4,830	200,950	135,116	168,324	1,332,525
	Men	6,385	16,049	256,068	2,988	266,971	383,721	4,830	11,937	205,566	71,147	1,225,662
	Total	17,339	36,371	491,989	6,104	636,330	567,354	9,660	212,887	340,682	239,471	2,558,187
# of community members trained in vocational and technical skills	Women	-	55,457	823	11,500	537,193	292,285	-	50,938	55,712	13,247	1,017,155
	Men	-	27,345	3,413	3,851	582,275	239,143	-	3,253	78,540	2,222	940,042
	Total	-	82,802	4,236	15,351	1,119,468	531,428	-	54,191	134,252	15,469	1,957,197
Community Investment Fund (CIF)	# of LSOs managing CIF	6	12	14	6	278	2	-	52	-	18	388
	# of VOs managing CIF	-	-	285	9	97	34	-	3,820	327	738	5,310
	CIF Men Borrowers	547	848	797	7	14,559	803	-	-	-	-	17,561
	CIF Women Borrowers	-	1,331	467	379	82,537	4,312	-	106,926	47,433	20,053	263,438
	# of CIF borrowers	547	2,179	1,264	386	97,096	5,115	-	106,926	47,433	20,053	280,999
	Total amount of CIF disbursed (Rs. million)	16	16	26	5	1,715	85	-	1,135	523.00	283	3,805
Amount of micro-credit disbursement (Rs. Million)	Women	79	195	88	1,564	94,357	7,864	-	9,841	514.00	5,417	119,920
	Men	59	833	44	162	67,337	10,000	-	1,227	260.00	5,494	85,416
	Total	138	1,028	132	1,726	161,695	17,864	-	11,068	774	10,911	205,336
# of micro-credit loans	Women	4,764	74,813	4,436	74,637	4,294,832	462,476	-	510,474	44,143	370,088	5,840,663
	Men	3,217	546,311	1,845	8,230	3,255,109	603,815	-	64,092	23,061	290,896	4,796,576
	Total	7,981	621,124	6,281	82,867	7,549,941	1,066,291	-	574,566	67,204	660,984	10,637,239
# of health micro insurance schemes	Women	-	74,813	-	61,891	1,826,777	-	-	558,169	5,834	172,736	2,700,220
	Men	-	546,311	-	9,541	2,490,186	-	-	42,492	21,566	139,671	3,249,767
	Total	-	621,124	-	71,432	4,316,963	-	-	600,661	27,400	312,407	5,949,987
# of population insured	Women	-	74,813	-	61,891	3,045,752	-	-	362,763	35,004	242,509	3,822,732
	Men	-	546,311	-	9,541	3,911,734	-	-	257,360	129,396	152,109	5,006,451
	Total	-	621,124	-	71,432	6,957,486	-	-	620,123	164,400	394,618	8,829,183
# of PPI/CPI schemes completed	1,637	4,333	1,802	792	35,437	6,433	16	39,965	9,840	64,053	164,308	
# of beneficiary households of completed CPIs	100,347	402,629	152,355	28,140	1,525,192	674,798	-	240,582	2,016,166	315,678	5,455,887	
Total cost of completed CPIs (Rs. Million)	636	4,395	1,237.11	427	10,173	1,675	20	2,683	9,399	1,753.0	32,398	
# of community schools established	355	867	142	4	545	144	25	9	88	113	2,292	
# of students enrolled	Girls	11,370	2,900	4,583	812	9,852	4,023	3,526	1,037	2,182	1,947	42,232
	Boys	9,922	7,375	9,080	634	10,537	3,489	5,110	1,634	3,046	707	51,534
	Total	21,292	10,275	13,663	1,446	20,389	7,512	8,636	2,671	5,228	2,654	93,766
# of adults graduated in adult literacy	Women	-	20,000	994	-	22,888	-	-	-	4,646	-	48,528
	Men	-	-	-	-	2,494	-	-	-	722	-	3,216
	Total	-	20,000	994	-	25,382	-	-	-	5,368	-	51,744
# of traditional birth attendants / health workers trained	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
	Total	31	1,243	4,216	95	3,153	10,212	410	4,777	1,533	1,657	27,327

Rural Support Programmes (RSPs) in Pakistan, District-wise RSPs Coverage/Outreach as of December 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 VOs as of Dec. 2017	# of LSOs as of Dec. 2017	RSP
			# as of Sep. 2017	# as of Dec. 2017	% coverage as of Dec. 2017		# as of Sep. 2017	# as of Dec. 2017	% increase during Qtr	% coverage as of Dec. 2017	# as of Sep. 2017	# as of Dec. 2017	% increase during Qtr			
ISLAMABAD																
1	ICT	13	13	13	100.0	43,884	30,404	30,903	1.6	70.4	1,727	1,727	-	55.0	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	11,179	11,179	-	50.5	669	671	0.3	72.0	5	NRSP
2	Barkhan	8	-	-	-	13,787	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69	-	BRSP
3	Bolan	27	1	1	3.7	35,003	2,434	2,434	-	7.0	109	109	-	7	1	BRSP
4	Chaqhi	10	-	-	-	13,570	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BRSP
5	Dera Bugti	12	2	2	16.7	27,337	1,033	1,719	66.4	6.3	79	128	62.0	35	1	BRSP
6	Gawadar	21	21	21	100.0	41,000	36,326	36,326	-	88.6	1,909	1,909	-	138.0	14	NRSP
7	Harnai	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BRSP
8	Jhal Magsi	10	9	10	100.0	16,184	16,567	16,567	-	102.4	1,069	1,069	-	310	9	BRSP
9	Jaffarabad	46	29	29	63.0	52,664	8,739	8,739	-	16.6	163	163	-	234	3	BRSP
10	Kallat	18	15	15	83.3	31,396	28,829	28,829	-	91.8	1,870	1,870	-	36	-	BRSP
11	Kech / Turbat	43	43	43	100.0	70,164	49,149	49,149	-	70.0	2,253	2,264	0.5	176.0	28	NRSP
12	Kharan	7	7	7	100.0	14,328	15,739	15,739	-	109.8	942	943	0.1	115	7	BRSP
13	Khuzdar	35	28	28	80.0	60,032	41,119	41,119	-	68.5	2,564	2,564	-	389	14	BRSP
14	Killa Abdullah	25	2	2	8.0	44,863	5,644	5,644	-	12.6	372	535	43.8	90	2	BRSP
15	Killa Saifullah	15	13	13	86.7	28,796	19,117	19,117	-	66.4	1,220	1,225	0.4	163	-	BRSP
16	Kohlu	8	-	-	-	15,156	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BRSP
17	Lasbella	28	28	28	100.0	41,000	38,270	40,380	5.5	98.5	2,354	2,483	5.5	311.0	20	NRSP
18	Loralai	23	23	23	100.0	39,770	11,404	11,404	-	28.7	1,014	1,014	-	253	19	BRSP
19	Mastung	13	13	13	100.0	18,831	18,831	18,831	-	100.0	1,389	1,389	-	92	4	BRSP
20	Musa Khel	10	-	-	-	19,126	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BRSP
21	Naseerabad	24	-	-	-	34,981	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BRSP
22	Noshki	10	1	1	10.0	13,570	60	60	-	0.4	4	4	-	-	-	BRSP
23	Panjgoor	22	22	22	100.0	35,703	23,844	23,844	-	66.8	1,368	1,369	0.1	170.0	15	NRSP
24	Pishin	38	35	35	92.1	55,654	24,321	24,321	-	43.7	1,594	1,594	-	172	10	BRSP
25	Quetta	47	5	5	10.6	25,232	2,402	2,402	-	9.5	188	188	-	8	-	BRSP
26	Sherani	7	7	7	100.0	10,608	2,520	2,520	-	23.8	118	118	-	-	-	BRSP
27	Sibi	11	-	-	-	19,815	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BRSP
28	Washuk	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BRSP
29	Zhob	21	21	21	100.0	21,118	25,840	25,840	-	122.4	1,732	1,732	-	291	11	BRSP
30	Ziarat	10	3	3	30.0	4,609	588	588	-	-	50	50	-	-	-	BRSP
30	Sub Total	580	340	341	58.8	826,441	383,955	386,751	0.7	46.8	23,030	23,391	1.6	3,131	163	
KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA (KPK)																
1	Abbottabad	54	51	51	94.4	115,585	61,096	61,130	0.1	52.9	2,169	2,171	0.1	156	16	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	1,505	0.2	118	10	SRSP
4	Buner	27	2	2	7.4	56,591	534	534	-	0.9	30	30	-	6.0	-	NRSP
4	Buner (OL)	27	21	21	77.8	56,591	31,818	31,818	-	56.2	1,327	1,363	2.7	142	9	SRSP
5	Charsadda	49	27	27	55.1	102,361	13,046	13,046	-	12.7	796	804	1.0	6.0	2	NRSP
5	Charsadda (OL)	49	47	47	95.9	102,361	38,112	39,380	3.3	38.5	1,658	1,658	-	47	6	SRSP
6	Chitral	24	24	24	100.0	36,879	35,394	35,394	-	96.0	1,780	1,780	-	-	19	AKRSP
6	Chitral (OL)	24	24	24	100.0	70,500	71,683	71,783	0.1	101.8	2,591	2,592	0.0	150	14	SRSP
7	Dir Upper	32	32	32	100.0	93,500	92,770	92,883	0.1	99.3	3,371	3,377	0.2	148	8	SRSP
8	Dir Lower	41	41	41	100.0	73,626	55,700	60,828	9.2	82.6	2,579	2,579	-	50	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	-	14.0	3	GBTI

Legend: OL (Overlapping)

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22	Noshki	10	1	1	10.0	13,570	60	60	-	0.4	4	4	-	-	-	BRSP
23	Panjgoor	22	22	22	100.0	35,703	23,844	23,844	-	66.8	1,368	1,369	0.1	170.0	15	NRSP
24	Pishin	38	35	35	92.1	55,654	24,321	24,321	-	43.7	1,594	1,594	-	172	10	BRSP
25	Quetta	47	5	5	10.6	25,232	2,402	2,402	-	9.5	188	188	-	8	-	BRSP
26	Sherani	7	7	7	100.0	10,608	2,520	2,520	-	23.8	118	118	-	-	-	BRSP
27	Sibi	11	-	-	-	19,815	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BRSP
28	Washuk	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BRSP
29	Zhob	21	21	21	100.0	21,118	25,840	25,840	-	122.4	1,732	1,732	-	291	11	BRSP
30	Ziarat	10	3	3	30.0	4,609	588	588	-	-	50	50	-	-	-	BRSP
30	Sub Total	580	340	341	58.8	826,441	383,955	386,751	0.7	46.8	23,030	23,391	1.6	3,131	163	
KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA (KPK)																
1	Abbottabad	54	51	51	94.4	115,585	61,096	61,130	0.1	52.9	2,169	2,171	0.1	156	16	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	1,505	0.2	118	10	SRSP
4	Buner (OL)	27	2	2	7.4	56,591	534	534	-	0.9	30	30	-	6.0	-	NRSP
4	Buner (OL)	27	21	21	77.8	56,591	31,818	31,818	-	56.2	1,327	1,363	2.7	142	9	SRSP
5	Charsadda	49	27	27	55.1	102,361	13,046	13,046	-	12.7	796	804	1.0	6.0	2	NRSP
5	Charsadda (OL)	49	47	47	95.9	102,361	38,112	39,380	3.3	38.5	1,658	1,658	-	47	6	SRSP
6	Chitral	24	24	24	100.0	36,879	35,394	35,394	-	96.0	1,780	1,780	-	-	19	AKRSP
6	Chitral (OL)	24	24	24	100.0	70,500	71,683	71,783	0.1	101.8	2,591	2,592	0.0	150	14	SRSP
7	Dir Upper	32	32	32	100.0	93,500	92,770	92,883	0.1	99.3	3,371	3,377	0.2	148	8	SRSP
8	Dir Lower	41	41	41	100.0	73,626	55,700	60,828	9.2	82.6	2,579	2,579	-	50	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	-	14.0	3	GBTI
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	46,484	46,556	0.2	49.3	1,586	1,590	0.3	268	25	SRSP
12	Karak	21	21	21	100.0	40,734	49,483	49,483	-	121.5	1,997	1,997	-	62	4	SRSP
13	Kohat	32	32	32	100.0	55,911	69,910	69,973	0.1	125.2	3,143	3,147	0.1	27	4	SRSP
14	Kohistan	38	38	38	100.0	74,041	36,610	36,610	-	49.4	2,375	2,564	8.0	68	8	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	35,309	36,019	2.0	78.8	2,131	2,172	1.9	67.0	13	NRSP
16	Malakand P.A (OL)	28	28	28	100.0	45,731	41,964	42,369	1.0	92.6	1,656	1,672	1.0	148	6	SRSP
17	Mansehra	59	55	55	93.2	167,833	110,566	110,566	-	65.9	3,865	3,865	-	283	16	SRSP
18	Mardan	75	51	54	72.0	141,386	63,450	63,450	-	44.9	4,310	4,318	0.2	77.0	14	NRSP
18	Mardan (OL)	75	20	20	26.7	141,386	42,732	43,493	1.8	30.8	1,838	1,838	-	229	10	SRSP
19	Nowshera (OL)	48	9	10	20.8	84,851	9,385	9,444	0.6	11.1	502	506	0.8	36.0	3	NRSP
19	Nowshera	48	10	10	20.8	84,851	19,857	20,349	2.5	24.0	857	857	-	47	6	SRSP
20	Peshawar	67	17	17	25.4	132,070	17,651	17,651	-	13.4	961	961	-	45	7	SRSP
21	Shangla	28	28	28	100.0	53,994	65,474	65,561	0.1	121.4	3,237	3,241	0.1	157	8	SRSP
22	Swabi	55	6	6	10.9	112,083	9,883	9,883	-	8.8	854	854	-	31.0	3	GBTI

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22	Swabi (OL)	55	39	42	76.4	112,083	45,229	46,922	3.7	41.9	2,529	2,613	3.3	72.0	16	NRSP
23	Swat	65	25	25	38.5	125,377	8,071	8,071	-	6.4	436	436	-	6.0	1	NRSP
23	Swat (OL)	67	67	67	100.0	125,377	82,343	82,941	0.7	66.2	3,951	3,975	0.6	361	13	SRSP
24	Tank	16	-	-	-	22,411	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Sub Total	980	723	729	74.4	1,913,174	1,221,186	1,232,769	0.9	64.4	55,770	56,204	0.8	2,821	247	
SINDH																
1	Badin	79	79	79	100.0	208,709	195,717	196,152	0.2	94.0	7,730	7,764	0.4	328	22	NRSP
1	Badin (OL)	79	-	68	86.1	208,709	-	1,355	-	0.6	-	107	-	-	-	SRSO
2	Dadu	66	66	66	100.0	170,339	100,112	104,398	4.3	61.3	6,417	6,417	-	465	23	TRDP
3	Ghotki	46	37	37	80.4	158,489	120,767	120,767	-	76.2	6,961	6,961	-	1,118	20	SRSO
4	Hyderabad	37	12	12	32.4	128,856	11,979	11,979	-	9.3	725	725	-	497	-	NRSP
5	Jacobabad	40	29	29	72.5	90,682	84,893	84,893	-	93.6	5,074	5,074	-	1,811	26	SRSO
6	Jamshoro	30	30	30	100.0	78,177	37,157	41,454	11.6	53.0	2,216	2,523	13.9	246	17	TRDP
7	Karachi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Kashmore	37	37	37	100.0	110,969	80,345	80,345	-	72.4	4,710	4,710	-	1,673	29	SRSO
9	Khairpur	76	56	59	77.6	208,270	68,694	68,694	-	33.0	4,110	4,110	-	493	18	SRSO
10	Larkana	47	47	47	100.0	121,019	93,756	98,993	5.6	81.8	6,322	6,590	4.2	396	18	SRSO
11	Matiari	30	23	26	86.7	78,032	30,406	37,143	22.2	47.6	1,770	1,974	11.5	191	22	NRSP
12	Mirpur Khas	60	60	60	100.0	153,016	107,284	107,284	-	70.1	5,326	5,326	-	252	15	NRSP
12	Mirpur Khas (OL)	60	-	55	91.7	153,016	-	3,073	-	2.0	-	196	-	-	-	SRSO
13	Naushero Feroz	51	43	43	84.3	164,715	42,852	42,852	-	26.0	2,585	2,585	-	214	2	SRSO
14	Nawabshah	51	27	27	52.9	141,671	3,092	3,092	-	2.2	564	564	-	-	-	NRSP
15	Shahdad Kot	52	52	52	100.0	146,804	93,947	104,563	11.3	71.2	5,890	6,402	8.7	468	21	SRSO
16	Sanghar	73	13	13	17.8	196,788	16,500	16,500	-	8.4	860	860	-	-	1	SGA
16	Sanghar (OL)	73	-	71	97.3	196,788	-	2,229	-	1.1	-	124	-	-	-	SRSO
17	Shikarpur	51	50	50	98.0	122,340	102,306	102,306	-	83.6	5,846	5,846	-	1,813	37	SRSO
18	Sujawal	37	32	36	97.3	99,860	47,701	50,804	6.5	50.9	2,238	2,582	15.4	299	23	NRSP
19	Sukkur	46	26	26	56.5	78,458	37,941	37,941	-	48.4	2,710	2,710	-	400	6	SRSO
20	Tando Allahyar	26	21	22	84.6	82,586	33,634	39,405	17.2	47.7	1,708	1,997	16.9	179	20	NRSP
21	Tando M.K	28	23	27	96.4	72,938	33,658	35,796	6.4	49.1	1,841	1,965	6.7	234	15	NRSP
22	Tharparkar	44	44	44	100.0	159,486	160,365	160,365	-	100.6	11,516	11,516	-	1,104	44	TRDP
23	Thattha	42	42	42	100.0	123,000	63,261	63,790	0.8	51.9	3,770	3,770	-	109	12	NRSP
23	Thattha (OL)	42	-	33	78.6	123,000	-	1,711	-	1.4	-	91	-	-	-	SRSO
24	Umer Kot (OL)	35	13	13	37.1	202,554	4,672	4,672	-	2.3	228	228	-	-	-	NRSP
24	Umer Kot (OL)	35	-	35	100.0	202,554	-	994	-	0.5	-	57	-	-	-	SRSO
24	Umer Kot	35	27	27	77.1	202,554	48,080	48,080	-	23.7	2,851	2,851	-	196	5	TRDP
23	Sub Total	1,126	876	990	87.9	3,220,758	1,619,119	1,671,630	3.2	51.9	93,968	96,625	2.8	12,486	396	
PUNJAB																
1	Attock	65	12	12	18.5	164,849	20,484	20,484	-	12.4	1,692	1,692	-	36.0	10	GBTI
1	Attock (OL)	65	62	62	95.4	164,849	75,703	79,943	5.6	48.5	4,591	4,848	5.6	194.0	26	NRSP
2	Bahawalnagar	101	95	95	94.1	275,000	234,524	234,524	-	85.3	16,713	16,713	-	906.0	63	NRSP
3	Bahawalpur	97	79	79	81.4	315,000	292,730	292,730	-	92.9	19,670	19,670	-	866.0	61	NRSP
4	Bhakkar	42	38	38	90.5	195,000	162,572	162,572	-	83.4	11,302	11,315	0.1	273.0	35	NRSP
5	Chakwal	68	68	68	100.0	88,816	70,915	70,915	-	79.8	3,875	3,935	1.5	149.0	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	12,818	12,875	0.4	798.0	30	NRSP
7	D G Khan (OL)*	55	-	-	-	208,270	20,260	20,260	-	9.7	1,302	1,302	-	-	-	PRSP

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8	Faisalabad	82	79	82	100.0	121,639	76,650	76,975	0.4	63.3	5,266	5,296	0.6	140.0	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	-	14.0	-	PRSP
10	Gujrat	87	37	37	42.5	111,973	62,781	63,252	0.8	56.5	4,101	4,145	1.1	205.0	13	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	19	21	52.5	164,715	38,537	38,537	-	23.4	2,441	2,441	-	95.0	9	PRSP
12	Jhang	79	23	35	44.3	141,671	35,876	36,308	1.2	25.6	2,610	2,649	1.5	98.0	7	PRSP
13	Jhelum	50	35	37	74.0	128,408	51,172	52,103	1.8	40.6	2,593	2,655	2.4	77.0	4	NRSP
14	Kasur	89	14	14	15.7	122,340	14,887	14,968	0.5	12.2	1,192	1,200	0.7	48.0	-	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	-	80.0	11	PRSP
16	Khushab	49	44	44	89.8	165,000	148,171	148,171	-	89.8	8,603	8,791	2.2	165.0	42	NRSP
17	Lahore	31	31	31	100.0	39,648	51,656	51,950	0.6	131.0	3,761	3,788	0.7	144.0	12	PRSP
18	Layyah (OL)	44	16	16	36.4	159,486	13,927	13,927	-	8.7	810	810	-	41.0	1	NRSP
18	Layyah	44	29	29	65.9	159,486	142,014	142,014	-	89.0	9,489	9,489	-	140.0	12	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	12	12	17.1	202,554	15,407	15,915	3.3	7.9	1,094	1,128	3.1	81.0	9	PRSP
20	M. Bahauddin (OL)	65	46	46	70.8	106,515	5,403	5,733	6.1	5.4	347	368	6.1	7.0	-	NRSP
20	Mandi Bahauddin	65	56	56	86.2	106,515	48,584	48,584	-	45.6	3,273	3,273	-	93.0	12	PRSP
21	Mianwali	53	48	48	90.6	120,486	114,704	115,471	0.7	95.8	7,038	7,079	0.6	167.0	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	-	14.0	1	PRSP
23	Muzaffargarh (OL)	93	24	24	25.8	317,647	15,072	15,072	-	4.7	838	838	-	37.0	2	NRSP
23	Muzaffargarh	93	24	24	25.8	317,647	163,079	163,079	-	51.3	10,120	10,120	-	121.0	8	PRSP
24	Nanakana Sahib*	65	-	-	-	187,137	695	695	-	0.4	45	45	-	-	-	PRSP
25	Narowal	74	62	63	85.1	150,406	144,901	145,801	0.6	96.9	7,253	7,318	0.9	561.0	23	PRSP
26	Okara	111	33	33	29.7	270,191	50,175	50,726	1.1	18.8	3,382	3,418	1.1	124.0	10	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	-	104.0	10	PRSP
28	Rahim Yar Khan	103	58	58	56.3	338,677	97,332	97,332	-	28.7	8,817	8,817	-	49.0	3	NRSP
29	Rajanpur	44	42	42	95.5	133,182	129,329	129,558	0.2	97.3	9,586	9,600	0.1	454.0	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	119,574	120,755	1.0	47.0	6,736	6,817	1.2	392.0	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	-	201.0	18	PRSP
32	Sargodha (OL)	132	123	123	93.2	303,958	22,913	22,913	-	7.5	2,065	2,065	-	9.0	2	NRSP
32	Sargodha	132	57	57	43.2	303,958	61,198	61,198	-	20.1	4,003	4,003	-	105.0	9	PRSP
33	Sheikhupura	91	12	13	14.3	207,805	32,802	33,144	1.0	15.9	2,292	2,324	1.4	112.0	6	PRSP
34	Sialkot	94	88	88	93.6	275,204	204,463	205,282	0.4	74.6	9,611	9,675	0.7	759.0	36	PRSP
35	T.T.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	-	113.0	10	PRSP
36	Vehari	87	80	80	92.0	257,583	39,089	39,089	-	15.2	3,149	3,149	-	49.0	3	NRSP
36	Sub Total	2,654	1,864	1,883	70.9	6,900,570	3,506,793	3,519,194	0.4	51.0	225,052	226,225	0.5	8,021.0	624	
AZAD JAMMU AND KASHMIR (AJK)																
1	Bagh	19	16	16	84.2	46,470	34,085	34,085	-	73.3	1,894	1,906	0.6	158.0	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	18,513	18,513	-	86.9	829	829	-	136.0	10	NRSP
3	Kotli (OL)	38	36	36	94.7	67,483	13,807	13,807	-	20.5	566	566	-	-	-	AJKRSP

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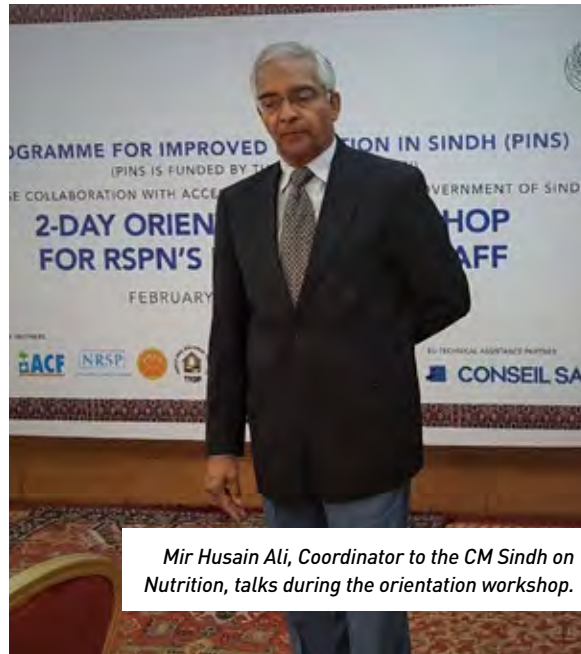
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3	Kotli	38	28	28	73.7	67,483	42,985	42,985	-	63.7	2,419	2,419	-	152.0	22	NRSP
4	Muzaffarabad (OL)	32	26	26	81.3	60,712	45,689	45,689	-	75.3	2,192	2,192	-	-	-	AJKRSP
4	Muzaffarabad	32	26	26	81.3	60,712	34,667	34,667	-	57.1	1,426	1,426	-	314.0	26	NRSP
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	-	52.0	6	NRSP
6	Rawalakot (OL)	26	12	12	46.2	61,000	4,523	4,523	-	7.4	260	260	-	-	-	AJKRSP
6	Rawalakot	26	26	26	100.0	61,000	54,137	54,137	-	88.7	2,597	2,617	0.8	190.0	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	8	44.4	54,333	503	503	-	0.9	34	34	-	-	-	NRSP
8	Sudhnoti	13	13	13	100.0	26,849	17,585	17,585	-	65.5	990	1,019	2.9	53.0	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	1	5.6	40,208	14	14	-	0.0	1	1	-	-	-	NRSP
10	Forward Kahuta	9	9	9	100.0	18,651	14,184	14,358	1.2	77.0	841	841	-	92.0	9	NRSP
10	Sub Total	199	180	180	90.5	412,651	330,835	331,009	0.1	80.2	16,321	16,382	0.4	1,147.0	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	10,850	10,850	-	82.0	469	469	-	-	7	AKRSP
4	Ghizer	16	16	16	100.0	13,392	8,387	8,387	-	62.6	561	561	-	-	14	AKRSP
5	Gilgit	10	10	10	100.0	17,721	6,200	6,200	-	35.0	439	439	-	-	6	AKRSP
6	Hunza	8	8	8	100.0	5,919	6,860	6,860	-	115.9	261	261	-	-	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	6,036	6,036	-	37.1	585	585	-	-	10	AKRSP
9	Shigar	10	10	10	100.0	5,750	5,650	5,650	-	98.3	276	276	-	-	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	71,263	71,263	-	64.8	3,418	3,418	-	-	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	-	24	2	SRSP
2	Khyber Agency	28	3	3	10.7	55,225	1,869	2,143	14.7	3.9	130	139	6.9	-	-	SRSP
3	Kurram Agency	23	3	3	13.0	42,293	6,115	6,275	2.6	14.8	229	248	8.3	24	5	SRSP
4	Mohmand Agency	21	3	3	14.3	37,161	4,345	4,345	-	11.7	143	143	-	-	-	SRSP
5	N.Waziristan Agency	22	3	3	13.6	39,697	2,483	2,537	2.2	6.4	139	144	3.6	-	-	SRSP
6	Orakzai Agency	15	3	3	20.0	25,618	2,358	2,455	4.1	9.6	107	112	4.7	-	-	SRSP
7	S.Waziristan Agency	29	3	3	10.3	50,570	5,296	5,587	5.5	11.0	301	316	5.0	-	-	SRSP
8	T.A.Adj Lakki 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	34,387	35,263	2.5	10.3	1,563	1,616	3.4	48.0	9	
145	G. Total	5,846	4,115	4,255	72.8	13,771,131	7,197,942	7,278,782	1.1	52.9	420,849	425,588	1.1	27,709	1,631	

HIGHLIGHTS

PINS orientation workshop

RSPN organised a two-day orientation workshop for the staff of the European Union supported Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh (PINS) on February 27 and 28, 2018 in Karachi. The workshop introduced the staff to the objectives and implementation strategies of the Programme. Officials of the Government of Sindh working on Accelerated Action Plan for Reduction of Stunting and Malnutrition in Sindh (AAP) were also present at the orientation and were encouraged to provide their feedback to the strategies. Focal persons of partner organisations i.e Action Against Hunger (ACF), Conseil Santé, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and partner Rural Support Programmes (RSPs) were also present and contributed to discussions that took place over the two days.

The RSPN's Expected Result (ER) – 3 component of the Programme includes nutrition sensitive interventions, i.e. Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and Agriculture & Food Security (AFS). The WASH component aims to sensitise and mobilise communities to improve their knowledge and practices with respect to water, sanitation, health and hygiene issues. The Agriculture & Food Security part focuses on sensitising and mobilising target segments about nutrition sensitive agricultural interventions that will help them in meeting their nutrition requirements. For implementation, a Programme Management Unit (PMU) has been



established in Karachi and the team is on track to implement inception phase activities. This also includes developing a Programme Implementation Manual (PIM) for smooth implementation of planned field activities.

BALUCHISTAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME (BRDCEP)

Training on Community Awareness Toolkit



RSPN under European Union supported Balochistan Rural Development and Community Empowerment Programme (BRDCEP) organised a five-day Training of Trainers (TOT) on the use of Community Awareness

Toolkit (CAT) Manual for the staff of partner Rural Support Programmes (RSPs), i.e. Balochistan Rural Support Programme (BRSP) and National Rural Support Programme (NRSP) and officials of the Government of

Balochistan in Quetta from February 19 to 23, 2018. The training focused on orientating participants, 30 in total, on different topics of the CAT manual.

CAT is a guiding document developed by RSPN on cross cutting themes including health, education, mother, neonatal and child health (MNCH), family planning, nutrition, HIV-AIDS, water, sanitation & hygiene (WASH), birth registration, human rights, disaster risk reduction (DRR) and environment protection. CAT improves the capacity, knowledge and understanding of the field staff

for service delivery within the targeted communities.

This inclusive training involved different activities from group work, presentations, and lessons sharing to field experiences. It will help participants to train Community Resource Persons (CRPs), ultimately contributing to awareness raising among rural communities in all eight targeted districts of BRDCEP. Former Parliamentarian and social worker Begum Shamma Perveen Magsi distributed certificates among participants on the last day of the training.

Training on Programme Implementation Manual



RSPN arranged a five-day Training of Trainers (TOT) on Programme Implementation Manual (PIM) for the key staff of European Union funded Balochistan Rural Development and Community Empowerment Programme (BRDCEP) partner RSPs and the Government of Balochistan from January 26 to 30, 2018 in Quetta. 40 officials from National Rural Support Programme (NRSP), Balochistan Rural Support Programme (BRSP) and departments of Planning & Development, Social Welfare, Women Development Department, Balochistan Rural Development Academy, and Local Government and Rural Development Department of the Government of Balochistan attended the training.

RSPN's Social Mobilisation Specialist and Programme team facilitated the training that helped participants

enhance their knowledge and understanding on implementation of programme activities in all eight targeted districts. The participants were orientated on some major deliverables under BRDCEP, i.e. formation of Community Institutions, management and leadership training, development of village and union council plans, engagement of youth in development process, and capacity building of targeted communities in asserting their rights by holding local authorities accountable. The concluding day saw participation by Mr Atta Ullah Baloch, Secretary Local Government Balochistan, and Mr Inamullah, Director Women Development Department Balochistan. They applauded BRDCEP partners and European Union for supporting rural development and community empowerment in Balochistan.

Covering the uncovered



RSPN and its partner RSPs have touched the lives of 25,610 families through the Delivering Accelerated Family Planning in Pakistan (DAFPAK) programme, the inception phase of which spanned from December 2017 to March 2018. The programme is funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID).

RSPN and Population Services International (PSI) partnered for the DAFPAK programme in December 2017 to tackle the alarmingly high population growth rate, increase the rate of contraceptive prevalence by 50 percent in targeted areas, and curb worrying Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) & Infant Mortality Rate (IMR). The target is to provide coverage to an uncovered population of 5.7 million in next four years, with 433,540 married women of reproductive age being provided knowledge on birth spacing and contraception. The programme aspires to create a friendly environment for young couples to avail birth spacing services, and will be engaging religious and social activists in an effort to invoke positive dialogue on reproductive healthcare.

Ten districts – four from Sindh, four of Punjab and two of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province – are covered under the programme. The families to be covered under the programme reside in far flung areas of the country that the government's Lady Health Workers programme has not currently covered.

Formally launched on March 27, 2018, the programme has trained 1,660 Community Resource Persons (CRPs) to mobilise the communities through group meetings and household visits in the targeted areas. CRPs will support the communities in referring the clients to outreach camps being organised at the doorsteps of the communities under the programme. Social accountability through Village Health Committees (VHCs) is one of the prime activities of the programme to ensure gender equality and eliminate social barriers in availing public health services. The birth spacing services under DAFPAK will bring lasting improvements to the maternal, newborn and child health status in Pakistan.

Government of Sindh launches first ever provincial Poverty Reduction Strategy of Pakistan



European Union (EU) funded Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS) Programme reached a significant milestone in March 2018 with the approval of the Proposed Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS) and its official launch on March 28, 2018 at the Sindh Development Forum (SDF).

The Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS), which is based on and further incorporates the Community Driven Local Development (CDLD) policy is a main output of the Technical Assistance (TA) component under SUCCESS. The TA component undertaken by Ernst & Young (EY) is the 'policy component' of the programme. The Government of Sindh (GoS) leads this component through the governance mechanism of a Strategy Policy and Dialogue Committee (SPDC) established specifically for this purpose. The TA component of SUCCESS was originally set up to focus on the development and implementation of a policy and budget framework for community driven local development within the context of rural development as focused under the SUCCESS Programme. However, at the first meeting of the SPDC in April 2015, the committee requested the EU to assist the GoS in developing and implementing an overall provincial Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS) that would address poverty in both urban and rural Sindh, in addition to the CDLD policy.

Led by the GoS EY, policy development for the PRS was a process of stakeholder consultation, research and investigative work done by the TA team, and continuous discussions with the GoS to develop proposed strategies. On March 16, 2018, the SPDC, under the leadership of the Chairman Planning and Development Board Sindh, approved the Draft Proposed PRS. It was then recommended to the Chief Minister of Sindh for approval.

Ambassador of the EU to Pakistan His Excellency Mr Jean-François Cautain speaking at the PRS launch said, "The community mobilisation approach of SUCCESS has been very successful so far." Therefore, "We have mobilised technical assistance to develop the PRS with the Government of Sindh which is obviously complimenting different other strategies and programmes." Chief Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah then officially launched the PRS, mentioning the government's foundational efforts in poverty reduction through the Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme (UCBPRP), and noted the intention to extend its coverage to all districts of Sindh. In support to the GoS, the focus of the SUCCESS TA component now moves to implementation, where the TA team will now work with the government to develop this further into a roadmap for implementation.

RSPN delegation calls on Prime Minister Abbasi



A delegation of the Rural Support Programmes Network, led by Chairman RSPN Mr Shoaib Sultan Khan called on the Prime Minister of Pakistan His Excellency Mr Shahid Khaqan Abbasi at Prime Minister's Office on January 16, 2018.

The Prime Minister during the meeting said that the government is committed not only to providing every possible support to the poor but also assisting them in skill development and capacity building programmes so that they are enabled to sustain themselves and permanently break the shackles of poverty.

The RSPN/RSPs delegation included Ms Shandana Khan, CEO RSPN, Dr Rashid Bajwa, CEO National Rural Support Programme (NRSP), Mr Masoodul Mulk, CEO Sarhad Rural Support Programme (SRSP), Mr Nadir Gul Barech, CEO Balochistan Rural Support Programme (BRSP), Mr Muhammad Dittal Kalhoro, CEO Sindh Rural Support Organisation (SRSO), and Mr Muzaffaruddin, General Manager Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP).

H.E. Mr Shahid Khaqan Abbasi appreciated the efforts of RSPN and member Rural Support Programmes for poverty reduction in various parts of the country. Recalling the vision of starting the National Rural Support Programme in 1991, he said that the government was taking all possible steps to facilitate poor in skill development and capacity building.

Mr Shoaib Sultan Khan briefed the Prime Minister about the work and outreach of RSPN and member RSPs that

help poor get organised into their own three-tiered community structures and find pathways out of poverty.

He said that the holistic approach followed by RSPN/RSPs, including social mobilisation, capacity building and human resource development, offering micro credit facility, infrastructure development, and provision of technical assistance along with necessary linkages has yielded positive results in various countries of South Asia in poverty reduction and enabling the poor to earn their livelihood on sustainable basis.

Mr Shoaib Sultan Khan said that trained staff and comprehensive network of RSPs across the country could complement government's initiatives to reach out to the poor and support them to exit from the vicious cycle of poverty.

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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