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Journey towards Development



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Acronyms

AFSL	Agriculture Food Security and Livelihood
CDD	Community Driven local Development
CI	Community Institutions
CIF	Community Investment fund
CNIC	Computerized National Identity Card
CO	Community Organisation
CPI	Community Physical Infrastructure
CRP	Community Resource Person
EU	European Union
IGG	Income Generating Grant
JDC	Joint Development Committee
LSO	Local Support Organisation
MHI	Micro Health Insurance
PINS	Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh
RSP	Rural Support Programme
SSP	Senior Superintendent of Police
SUCCEES	Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support
UC	Union Council
VO	Village Organisation
WASH	Water Sanitation and Hygiene
WISE	Water Immunization Sanitation & Education



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Background

The Rural Support Programmes (RSPs) namely National Rural Support Programmes (NRSP), Thardeep Rural Development Programme (TRDP) and Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO) with technical support of Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) are implementing European Union-funded Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS) Programme. Eight district of Sindh namely Matiari, Sujawal, Tando Allahyar, Tando Muhammad Khan, Jamshoro, Dadu, Kamber Shahdadkot and Larkana are included in SUCCESS. The programme aims to stimulate community-driven local development initiatives to reduce poverty through RSPs successfully tested three-tier social mobilisation approach, empowering rural poor women and provide them opportunity to lead the community based intuitions and develop linkages with stake holders for providing better service delivery for sustainable development. For achieving the objectives of SUCCESS programme, RSPs have fostered women-led community institutions that include Community Organisations (COs) at settlement, Village Organisations (VOs) at village and Local Support Organisations (LSOs) at Union Council (UC) levels, poor households have been organised through these institutions and provided them opportunities to become the part of sustainable socio-economic development.

The RSPs and RSPN firmly believed that organised rural women through their mature, vibrant, viable, active and functional community institution can effectively implement the Community Driven Development (CDD) approach and reduce poverty in mentioned districts. Linkages development between Community Institutions (CIs), government line departments and other service providers in the programme areas holds significance. The linkages supported the CIs in two ways;

1. The service delivery at community level is improved through sharing the knowledge and experiences.
2. Learnings and ideas sharing increased the confidence of rural women community leaders which is also constructive step towards sustainable development.

Since the linkages development between community institutions and development partners especially government line departments is the integral part of the SUCCESS programme. “The collaboration with the government departments and local government representatives created through the Joint Development Committee have benefited the community in ensuring the participation of women in development process, providing avenues of moving forward and contributing to community development, and representing community’s needs and plans with stakeholders. The collaborations and linkages are also the source of sharing the experiences and learnings. In this context, RSPN in collaboration with NRSP and government line departments organised a **Dissemination Conference titled Taraqi ka Safar- “Journey towards Development”** in district Tando Muhammad Khan on 7th March 2022. The conference aimed to mark the achievements of rural organised women and the critical role played by them as agents of the social change in the society through their community institutions (COs/VOs/LSOs).

To display the work of organised trained rural women artisans and encourage their efforts, stalls were set in the Conference Hall. The delicate colourful handicrafts validated the artistry of the



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creative rural women and attracted the participants of the conference. The staff of PINS and WISE Programme also set their stalls on AFSL, WASH & WISE in the event. Besides this Government agriculture, livestock and fisheries departments also set their stalls in the Conference Hall.

The conference event was organised at Al-Ibrahim Garden Matli, Mr. Yasir Bhatti Deputy Commissioner Tando Muhammad Khan district was the chief guest of the Dissemination Conference. Besides this all Assistant commissioners from three tehsils of Tando Muhammad Khan and Mr. Fazal Ali Saddi Programme Manager SUCCESS Programme from RSPN were present as special guests. In addition to that, the representatives of all government line departments, civil society organisations, and media personnel, rural women from all 28 LSOs of District Tando Khan and other NRSP SUCCESS districts, programme beneficiaries and NRSP staff participated in the event.

The guests shared their valuable ideas regarding Community Driven Local Development (CDLD) and appreciated the resilient and hardworking women community leaders of rural areas and CIs for their remarkable achievements and struggle for accessing the basic socio-economic services, which contributed in improving the lives of rural poor communities.

Purpose of the Dissemination Conference

This event was an attempt to link the CIs and their women leaders with the government line departments and other service providers in the programme area. The event can also be regarded as a significant platform for all the SUCCESS programme stakeholders especially for the organised rural women for sharing their experience, learning, knowledge and practices that they gained through SUCCESS Programme interventions. Therefore, for linkages, development has also yielded positive results and LSOs have conducted numerous activities with government line departments and other organisations. It is expected that through this conference these linkages between community institution and government authorities will be further strengthened and lead the CDD process towards sustainable development at grassroots level.

The conference aimed;

- To share the learning experiences and discuss the sustainable approaches to poverty graduation and women empowerment.
- To highlighted the achievements of organised rural women, critical role played by them for socio-economic development and paradigm shift in their lives over the period of past six (06) years of SUCCESS Programme
- Signify the role of community institutions COs/VOs/LSOs in sustainable socio-economic development and improvements of services delivery at community level.
- Linkages development between, Community Intuitions, government line departments and other service providers in the programme area.
- To showcase work of organised trained rural women artisans and encourage their efforts



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Significance of Community Driven Development and Women Empowerment

Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Haider Jamro, Programm Manager SUCCESS welcomed the participants of conference and described the objectives of the conference organised in recognition of the rural women's struggle to towards sustainable Community Driven Development (CDD) under the EU-funded SUCCESS programme.



Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Haider Jamro PM SUCCESS, NRSP welcome the participants

Mr. Fazal Ali Saddi Programme Manager of SUCCEES from RSPN delivered a comprehensive introduction of SUCCEES programme. According to him The SUCCESS is a Multi-sectoral Programme funded by European Union and implemented by RSPs, that aims to reduce the poverty through RSPs tested and proven three-tier social mobilization approach which further support the Community Driven Development (CDD) at grass-root level. For this purpose RSPs formed women led



Mr. Fazal Ali Saddi Programme Manager SUCCEES from RSPN Introducing SUCCEES Programme

community Institutions COs/VOs/LSOs by organising rural women and trained them through various types of trainings so that they can effectively run their institutions. Apart from this a series of awareness session on cross-cutting themes are also conducted with these community organisation through trained Community Resource Persons (CRPs) so that the rural women can enhance their knowledge and practice around these cross cutting themes.

Mr. Saadi said that To reduce the poverty and improve the living conditions of rural households, it is important to organise the households, foster community institution, build the local social capital, ensure the access of poor especially women to financial/economic service and provide technical and financial assistance to these households for income generation. Moreover, for the better access to basic and improved social sector service the linkages development with the partners is also very important. He added that the SUCCESS programme addressed all the above mentioned notions through its different sectors; The households leading by women now have access to financial resources and actively participating in income generation activities through



Community Investment Fund (CIF), Income Generating Grants (IGG) and Micro Enterprise Grants (MEGs). For provision of social safety to poor from health shocks Micro Health Insurance (MHI) facility is also provided. The community level infrastructure is also improved with the provision of small level infrastructure schemes through SUCCESS programme's Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI) component. Additionally social capital is also build through Joint Development Committees (JDCs). He further said that with SUCCESS programme's interventions rural women now became confident, financially independent, vibrant and empowered and now they are actively plying their role in the suitability and functionality of their community institutions especially LSOs. They also developed productive linkages with the District Government and line departments for the improve service delivery in their respective union councils.

The event also shared the key learnings, knowledge and experiences of SUCCESS programme interventions and talked about the significance of developing linkages between CIs and stakeholders.

Representation of LSO Women Leaders and the Journey towards Development

The women community leaders from the Local Support Organisations (LSOs) shared their learnings and experiences through SUCCESS programme. Their views are separately given as under.

Ms. Razia Laghari General Secretary of LSO Bhaledino Sathio Kunb gave a detailed presentation on the achievements of her LSO. According to Ms. Razia, SUCCESS programme have a very positive and significant role in the lives of rural women who were having limited



Ms. Razia Laghari GS LSO Began Jarwar sharing her view

opportunities and engaged in household tasks only. They have very limited access to income generating activities, financial resources and women empowerment opportunities, but the SUCCEs programme provided new avenues of women empowerment and women development. She further added that through the linkages between Local Support Organization Bhaledino Sathio Kunb and development partners especially Government line department have yielded results including. Enrolment has been increased from 19% to 40%, immunization increased form 38% to 88%, 1,165 CNIC are formed, 22 Marriage Certificates have been formed, 03 Closed Schools opened, 1,200 trees planted and 4000 individuals vaccinated against COVID-19.

Ms. Razia said that women community leaders also played vital role being members of Joint Development Committee and LSOs Networks by presenting the case of rural community



members, and raised voice for the development of rural areas, by doing this they have proved their mark and done tremendous work in the networking, linkage building and coordination.

Sharing her view Ms . Razia says *“The formation of women led community institutions under SUCCESS program, capacity building and training of their women representatives provided confidence, women empowerment avenues and enabled them to work for the socio-economic development of their communities in close coordination with government authorities and other development partners.”*

Ms. Shaida General Secretary LSO Sheikh Bhirkiyo presented the progress of her LSO. She said that rural women leaders community institutions (COs/VOs/LSOs) have been playing a frontline role for the wellbeing of their community and fulfilling the responsibility assigned to them by their fellow women members. They are representing the issues and challenges faced by their people/community everywhere; in workshops, seminars and JDCs meetings with government line departments and advocates



Ms. Shahida GS, LSO Sheikh Bhirkiyo sharing her views

for the women rights, women empowerment and financial independence of women and the role of women in the socio economic development.

Besides this rural women are also developed linkages with development partners particularly with Government Authorities and participated with their zeal and zest in all the development activities. She further advised the women community leaders that for the suitability and functionality of the community institutions it is very important that we should strongly motivate our community members especially those who are leading the community institutions. That they should have to make more efforts for ensuring the viability, ownership and sustainability of their community institutions COs/VOs/LSOs beyond the European Union funded SUCCESS Programme. She believes that the sustainable socio-economic development is only possible through organised rural women by using these community platforms.



Building Capacities of the Community as Strengthening Support

Ms. Maria Partab is General Secretary of Local Support Organisation Digh Mori and member of Joint Development Committee, district Tando Muhammad Khan. She is one of leading woman activists among those women leaders of the community institutions (COs/VOs/LSOs) in rural areas of Sindh who are playing a central role in solving the issues of people and working for the socio-economic development of the their communities. She is also an



Ms. Rani GS LSO Shahpur Rizvi Sharing Her Views

ambassador of women rights and girls education of her area. She shared that women in her community were the worst affected segment before the formation of community institutions under SUCCESS Programme but now women are organised and leading the development process through their COs/VOs/LSOs which have provided new avenues of women empowerment and mainstreamed the role of rural women in the socio-economic development of the country. Ms. Maria said that rural women's commitment, passion and leadership portrayed the responsible, proactive and positive attitude of women towards development of rural areas and if someone realize this fact it would be always good for the shared and collective development and prosperity.

The LSO Digh Mori achieved many millstones under the vigorous leadership of Ms. Maria Partab through collective efforts and linkages between Local Support Organization and Government line departments. The enrolment of the union council has been increased from 26% to 41%, immunization increased form 89% to 91%, TT Vaccination of PLWs increased from 74% to 87%, 372 CNIC are formed, 17 Marriage Certificates and 204 Birth certificates have been formed, 2,150 trees planted and 1,347 individuals vaccinated against COVID-19. Ms. Maria's productive and significant role for the development of her community is also appreciated and acknowledged by development partners at every level.



Collaboration with Government of Sindh

Deputy Commissioner Tando Muhammad Khan, Mr Yasir Bhatti describe the SUCCESS programme as a 'silent revolution' he said that the rural women and their community institution (COs/VOs/LSOs) fostered EU funded SUCCESS programme are doing great job in the socio-economic development of the rural areas. He further added the impact of SUCCESS programme is long term and it will help in reshaping the society bring sustainable development in coming years. He mentioned that the SUCCESS programme built the capacities, confidence and increased the awareness of rural women which make the empowered and enabled them to come forward and share their opinions, progress, plans and achievements on different forums it will also resulted in creating a well aware and educated society in future. In the end of his speech, he admired the work of rural women and community institutions in sustainable socio-economic development of the poor rural community. Mr. Bhatti also appreciated the NRSP and RSPN for arranging such a massive and successful conference with large participation of women and also praised the work of NRSP in district Tando Muhammad Khan and ensured her extended cooperation with CIs and NRSP whenever and wherever needed.



Deputy Commissioner Tando Muhammad Khan, Mr Yasir Bhatti Addressing the conference

Women inclusion through organised institutions

Assistant commissioner Tando Muhammad Khan, Mr. Aftab Ahmed Bozdar shared his views and said that for the sustainable socio-economic development of the rural poor people, the role of the rural women is crucial and important. The SUCCESS programme included the most vulnerable segment of the society women in the development process. Now women has become strong voice of their marginalised communities and struggling for not only their own rights but also contributing in the development of the society. He appreciated the remarkable achievement of the rural women and CIs and the role of NRSP in supporting and capacitating them. He assured



Deputy Commissioner Tando Allahyar, Mr. Wali Muhammad Baloch Addressing the conference



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all the possible support to the CIs from the government line departments in tehsil Tando Muhammad Khan.

Stall established by the LSOs with NRSP Increased Networking with Local Market

In order to showcase the handicrafts, and leanings through SUCCESS Technical and Vocational Skills (TVST) component, different stall were set to display handmade items of embroidery, applique work, crochet work, *adda* (frame) work traditional dresses of women, children, Sindhi traditional items e.g. *Rillis*, Sindhi caps etc. The visitors from different walks of the life visited stall and not only purchased the traditional gifts but also appreciated the women artisans for their efforts in promotion of Sindhi tradition and women participation in such kind of events. These stall are also helpful in creating the productive linkages between the women community and local vendors for business prospects.



deputy Commissioner Tando Muhammad Khan, Visiting the Stall Established under SUCCESS TVST Component

Way Forward

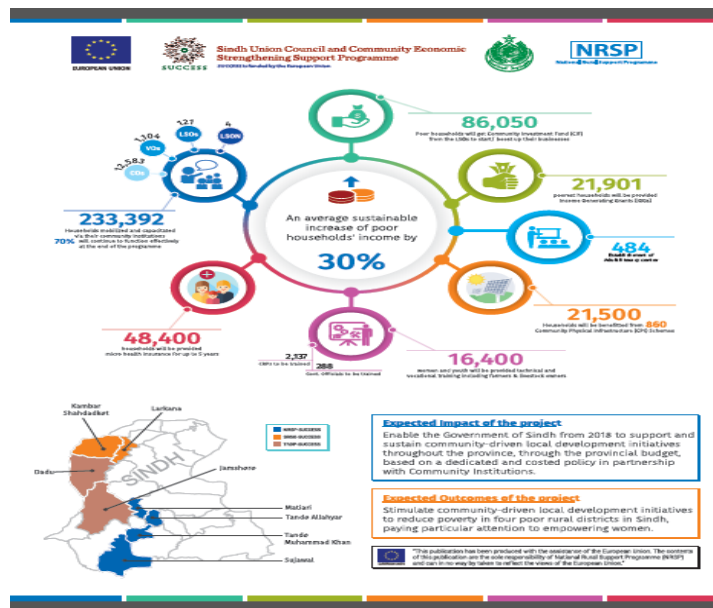
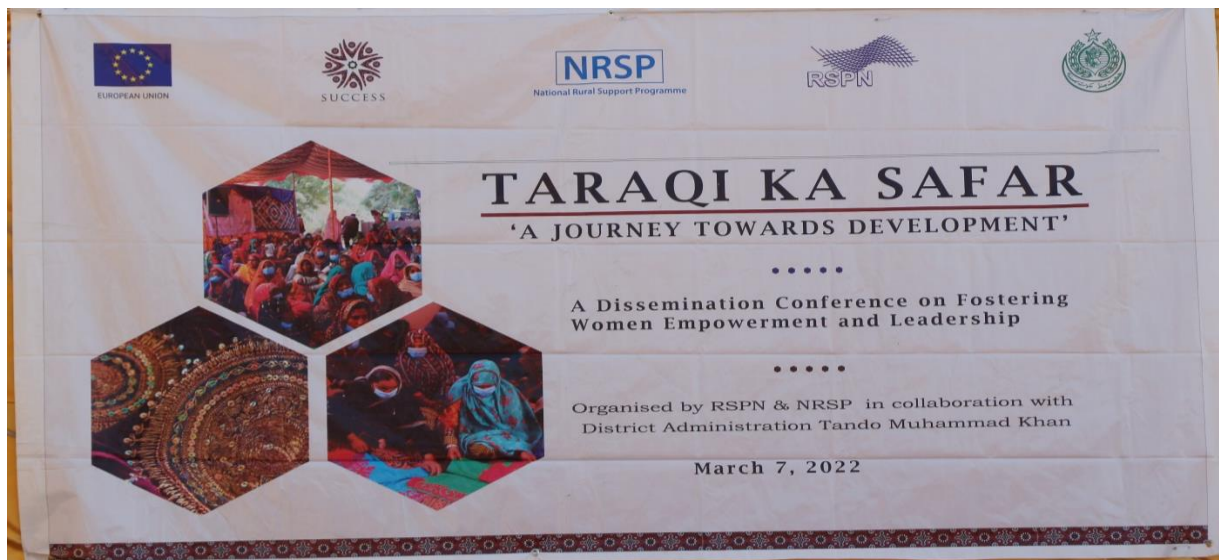
The conference ended with the commitment that the community institutions will be properly functioning beyond the SUCEESS programme and continue maintaining productive linkages with all the stakeholders and development partners working in the programme area. Moreover, the Dissemination Conference also proved successful and beneficent for all stakeholders and partners in two ways. The first that the achievement of rural women and CIs are highlighted at larger scale/forum, which provided confidence and enthusiasm among women community leaders to work more effectively and productively in future. The second, that the linkages, coordination and networking is further strengthened between CIs and development collaborates especially government line departments, it will be supportive in sustainable functioning of the CIs beyond SUCEESS programme. These initiatives have been positively contributing to the CDD and it will be continued in future with same spirit.



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Social Mobilisation




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Income Generating Grants (IGG)

2,191 Poor community members are provided technical assistance and one-time Income Generating Grants (IGG) to support economic activities and gain access to markets.



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Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI) Schemes



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