



Monthly Progress Report

IDENTIFICATION:

Name of Project	Tahafuz: "Building Resilience through Community Based Disaster Risk Management in the Sindh Province of Pakistan"
Name of the Organization	Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN)
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MONTHLY PROGRESS:

No.	Activity	Unit of Measure	Units				
			Targets		Achievements		
			Current Month	Cumulative	Current Month	Cumulative	
1.	District Level Advocacy & Networking Workshop (involving VDMCs & UDMCs activists) i.e. 01 per district @ 4 months interval	No. of Workshops	04	08	0	0	
2.	Provincial & National Workshops	No. of Workshops	01	02	0	0	
3.	Workshop Reports	a. District level Workshops consolidated Report	No. of Workshops	01	02	0	0
		b. National & Provincial Workshop Report		01	02	0	0
4.	Training of VDMCs	a. PDRA (02 Days)	No. of Participants	380	1,160	416	1,110
		b. DRM & Planning (04 Days)	No. of Participants	380	1,160	416	1,110
		c. Men	No. of Men	190	580	207	568
		d. Women	No. of Women	190	580 ¹	209	542
5.	Formation of UDMCs (Selection of 02 members/Revenue village makes it to 464 members in total, among which half are men & half women)	a. UDMCs	No. of UDMCs	10	20	9	20
		b. Men (Members)	Men (Members)	2 ₋	232	131	232
		c. Women (Members)	Women (Members)	-	232	131	232

¹ These figures were mistakenly reported wrong in the last month MPR. The figures quoted were 1160 that needs to be replaced with 580.

² Since no sequential order is followed in selection of the union councils for the formation of UDMCs, the targets of men and women cannot be predefined as these depend on the number of revenue villages that exists in a UC, which varies in number.

6.	Training of UDMCs (10 Participants per UC)	a. Organizational Management & Development (05 Days)	No. of Participants	50	200	0	0
		b. Men (Participants)	No. of Men	25	100	0	0
		c. Women (Participants)	No. of Women	25	100	0	0
7.	Preparation of Disaster Risk Management Plans (DRMPs)	No. of DRMPs	76	232	72	222	
8.	Mitigation & Management of CClS (Identification)	No. of Schemes	66	232	112	190	
9.	Meetings of VDMCs & UDMCs at UC level i.e. 6 Meetings per UC	No. of Meetings	20	120	0	0	

Results Achieved

Results	No.	Indicator	Achievements (#)		
			Current Month	Cumulative	
Result 1: Local Community Institutions formed and mechanisms developed to withstand future disasters	1.1	No. of VDMCs/UDMCs formed	VDMCs	02	232
			UDMCs	09	20
	1.2	a) No. of Male/Female representation in VDMCs	Men	10	1,270
			Women	10	1,260
		b) No. of Male/Female representation in UDMCs	Men	131	232
			Women	131	232
Result 2: Capacity of local community developed to formulate hazard risk reduction plans, policies or curriculum	2.1	No. of men and women trained in disaster preparedness, management and mitigation	Men	207	568
			Women	209	542
	2.2	No. of Disaster Risk Management Plans (DRMPs) developed	72	222	
Result 3: Small scale preparedness and mitigation measures undertaken	3.1	No. of CClS identified	112	190	
	3.3	No. of CClS completed	-	-	

Narration

Since *Tahafuz* CBDRM project inception, it has now successfully completed two quarters (06 months) i.e. is half of the total duration. During these months much of the emphasis remained on establishing village and union disaster management committees in all 20 union councils of 04 target districts. With the intent to reduce risk and damage in the aftermath of disasters, careful consideration was given to ensure maximum inclusion of all segments of the communities. To achieve this objective, despite having the opportunity of using the existing RSP structure of VO, CO & LSOs³, a completely new structure was devised which pursued the intervention by targeting revenue villages. At the next level, the CBDRM capacity enhancement sessions were designed and conducted by the field staff to train the selected members of these committees.

During these months regular visits were made by the PMU and PSU teams and Compliance Manager for timely identification of problems as well as course correction. As a result of these efforts, the project team in some of the cases met their targets while in some cases delays were observed. The reasons why the activities were delayed had been regularly notified through monthly progress reports.

Workshops

a. District Level Advocacy & Networking workshop

b. Provincial Workshop

For wider dissemination, projection of *Tahafuz* project and sharing field experience/learning with various key stakeholders (Government officials, VDMC/UDMCs, NGO/INGOs, Media etc.) two of the workshops events i.e. 01 provincial and a district level workshop in each of the 04 districts were supposed to be held during the reporting month. Both the activities were deferred since the formation and capacity enhancement process of UDMCs was not completed. Considering a suitable timeframe given the country's changing socio-political environment due to the upcoming general elections, the district level Advocacy & Networking workshops were re-scheduled for the month of April and the Provincial workshop for the month of May.

Formation of VDMCs

As reported, during the month of Feb out of the expected 232 VDMCs a total of 230 VDMCs were formed. The remaining 02 VDMCs were formed during the reporting month. These 232 VDMCs from all four project districts comprise of 2,530 members. Based on special focus given to women almost half the participation of women members was ensured in these VDMCs. The total number of men and women represented in these VDMCs includes 1,270 Men and 1,260 Women. Additionally, the VDMCs member's record revealed a significant representation of women as President and Manager of the VDMCs. So far total of 78 women have been selected as Presidents and 89 as Managers.

Capacity Building of VDMCs:

The process of capacity building for the VDMCs continued during the reporting month. As per the collective target of this month

³ VO – Village Organization, CO-Community Organization, LSO- Local Support Organization

both the RSPs were expected to train 380 VDMC members on Participatory Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) and similarly on Disaster Risk Management and Planning. During the reporting month 416 members were given training under PDRA and DRM and planning. The RSPN with the support of its partner RSPs (NRSP & TRDP) have been able to cover a total of 222 VDMCs under the mentioned subjects. Though the RSPs managed to train people in excess of the monthly targets, however they lagged behind by 50 in meeting their overall target. The trainings of VDMCs are about to finish as only 10 VDMCs are left which are expected to be completed during the next month.

Formation and Capacity Building of UDMCs

Formation of 20 UDMCs was completed well ahead of planned targets. During the reporting month a total of 9 UDMCs were formed. However UDMC training sessions on Organizational Management and Development and Advocacy and Networking could not be arranged as planned. As the formation process has been completed now, the RSPs will gear up on meeting training targets of UDMCs.

Preparation of Disaster Risk Management Plans (DRMPs)

A minor shortfall was seen in formulation of DRMPs, as against planned 76 DRMPs, only 72 were achieved. This activity is directly linked with trainings of VDMCs. As mentioned above, the trainings of 10 VDMCs got delayed during the month which eventually resulted in delaying development of disaster risk management plans as well. So far a total of 222 DRMPs have been developed whereas the remaining 10 will be prepared next month.

Community Critical Infrastructure (CCIs):

The identification of CCIs is an ongoing process which will last till May 2013. As per the proposed targets the RSPN has been able to identify 112 CCIs (i.e. obtaining a scheme proposition from the VDMC) out of the expected 66. As per the cumulative targets till the reporting month both the RSPs managed to identify 153 CCIs. Out of these CCIs 130 got approved by the CBDRM engineer after having done the financial, social and technical feasibility of these schemes. Later, to get approval of the schemes from the senior management and disbursement of the funds, a total of 97 proposals (technical and financial) were developed by the CBDRM engineer. The terms of partnerships (TOPs) defining procedure and rules for the implementation of the schemes were signed for 95 schemes between the respective RSPs and the VDMCs. As a result of the completion of the aforementioned processes 40 checks of the first installments were also issued, whereas the physical work has also started on 4 sites.

Union Council level Meetings held between VDMCs/UDMCs

During the month 20 meetings were supposed to be held between VDMC and UDMC members. The meetings were not held according to the plan as the UDMCs formation was not completed. It is expected the VDMC and UDMC meetings will begin next month.

Emergency Tool kits

As reported last month the list of the items included in the emergency tool kits were finalized but their procurement and

distribution was not initiated. Prior to with the commencement of tendering, the RSPN CBDRM specialist carried out extensive market research to obtain sample products from the market. Following this, NRSP advertised invitation of bids on 15th of March 2013 and the interested suppliers were asked to submit their bids. Bids were opened on 29th March in presence of representatives of suppliers. Procurement staff at NRSP is processing the bids and will shortly purchase orders to be issued to successful bidders. On the TRDP side this activity could not be started as planned. The procurement process will be initiated and completed during next month.

Monitoring

Regular monitoring visits were made by PMU team to all four project districts. During these visits, quality of the documents developed by the RSPs was assessed. It was observed that as per the instructions given no significant improvements were made in finalizing documents and so the importance of these documents was impressed upon the partners again. The RSPs were told to finalize the version of the Disaster Risk Management Plans earlier developed by the VDMCs members so these could be made available to VDMCs for their use. They were also asked to mention the sources used to obtain village profile data as well as make corrections to those figures that had discrepancies. Additionally, RSPs were asked to incorporate important resource information in Resource Maps and then share it with VDMCs. The project coordinators were asked to provide a realistic timeframe for completing the above mentioned documents.

Moreover visits were made to various targeted areas where meetings were held with VDMC members in order to learn about their project understanding. It was observed that all the VDMCs members were happy about the CBDRM leanings and were actively playing their role as VDMC members. During the interaction with community one of the monitoring officer found out about an incident in which a child's life was saved as a result of the First Aid trainings provided to VDMCs. The monitor personally visited the family and developed a detailed story after interviewing the family members. Also another story was developed and shared by the one of the partner RSP namely NRSP according to which the UDMC members put out a fire that burnt 16 houses. The members later arranged relief goods and provided these to the affected community.

Picture Gallery



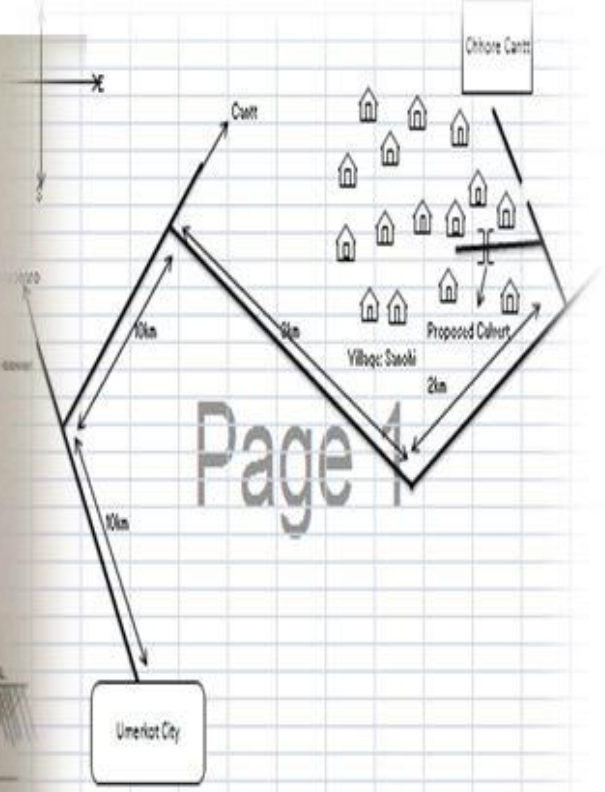
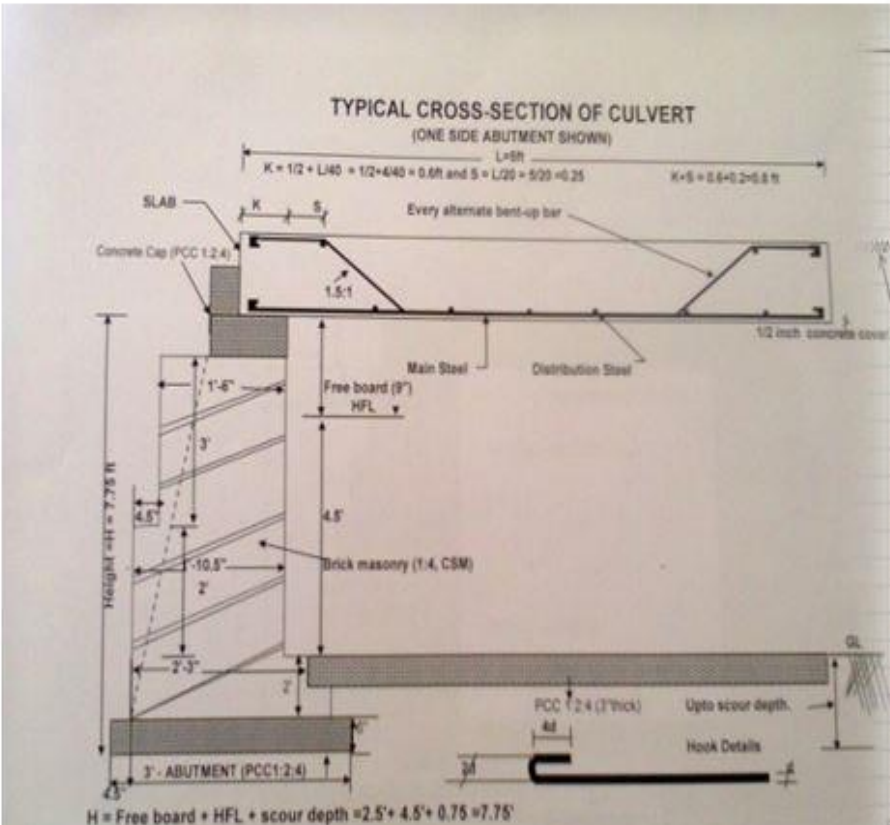
Training of VDMCs in progress



Training handouts and books provided to VDMC members, March 2013



Identification of CCIs, March 2013



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Layout of village Sanohi

Typical Cross-section of Culvert and Village layout designed by CDBRM Engineer



Project Manager visit to district Umerkot



Compliance Manager visit to district Tharparkar



Project Manager and Monitoring officer with VDMC members in Mithi Tharparkar



Monitoring officer in conversation with VDMC in district Badin, March 2013



Meeting with VDMC in district Thatta, March 2013



Material Developed by VDMCs



TENDER NOTICE



National Rural Support Programme

Under USAID funded CBDRM TAHAFUZ Project, National Rural Support Programme (NRSP) invites led bids for supply of miscellaneous items for Union Council Disaster Management Committee (UDMC) Emergency tool Kit from registered suppliers. Details and Terms & Conditions are available in the tender documents that can be downloaded from NRSP web site <http://www.nrsp.org.pk> or requesting by e-mail to procurement@nrsp.org.pk. Last date for submission of Bids is 29th March, 2013. NRSP reserves the right to accept or reject any/all bids without any reason thereof.

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Tender notice for Emergency tool kits advertised in Newspaper, 15th March 2013