



Quarterly Performance Report

Name of the Project	Tahafuz: <i>“Building Resilience through Community Based Disaster Risk Management in the Sindh Province of Pakistan”</i>
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Comparison of performance based on indicators defined against project results

Results	Sr.	Indicators		Targets		Achievement			
				Quarter	Cum.	Quarter	Cum.		
1: Local community institutions formed and mechanisms developed to withstand disasters in future	1.1	Number of VDMCs & UDMCs formed		VDMCs	152	228	156	156	
				UDMCs		20			
	1.2	No. of people participated in formation of VDMCs at various stages of dialogues		Dialogue -1	Men			24122	24122
					Women			24123	24123
				Dialogue -2	Men			6812	6812
					Women			6729	6729
	1.3	Number of people became members of VDMCs & UDMCs		VDMC	Men	570	1,140	863	863
					Women	570	1,140	895	895
				UDMC	Men		228		
					Women		228		
	1.4	No. of people taking lead role in VDMCs & UDMCs		Presidents	Men			88	88
					Women			68	68
				Managers	Men			115	115
					Women			41	41
				Members	Men			660	660
					Women			786	786
1.5	Number of meetings held between VDMCs & UDMCs at UC level		Meetings	43	200	37	37		
1.6	Number of VDMCs signed TOPs with their respective RSP		TOPs		228				

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2: Capacity of local community developed to develop hazard risk reduction plans, policies or curriculum	2.1	No. of beneficiaries trained in PDRA, DRMP, OMD & A&N under short refresher courses for old VDMCs & UDMCs and long courses for New VDMC & UDMCs with an additional session on P&R	Refresher	Old VDMCs	PDRA & DRMP	Men	293	580	370	370
						Women	292	580	355	355
				Old UDMCs	OMG	Men	25	100	28	28
						Women	25	100	24	24
			A&N		Men	25	50	31	31	
					Women	25	50	17	17	
			Fresher	New VDMCs	PDRA & DRMP	Men	90	1,140	72	72
						Women	90	1,140	103	103
				New UDMCs	OMD	Men		100		
						Women		100		
	A&N			Men		50				
				Women		50				
	2.2	No. of Village level Disaster Risk Management Plans (DRMP) prepared and no. of VDMC members participated in developing plans	Plans			228				
			VDMCs Members	Men		1,140				
Women					1,140					
2.3	No. of CRPs selected from Old & New VDMCs (total 9,200)	CRPs from Old VDMCs	Men	160	232	160	160			
			Women	144	232	144	144			

1. Project Inception

A cooperative agreement was signed between USAID-OFDA and RSPN effective 1st April 2014. RSPN signed sub-agreements with two implementing partners TRDP and NRSP. The next step was to hire qualified and experienced staff against different positions. Priority was given to those who served in the first phase. In case of unavailability of previous team members head hunting was done by the partners through their internal HR mechanism. All efforts were made to hire experienced dedicated staff so that project is implemented in most efficient way. On completion of hiring process, Project Management Unit (PMU) RSPN arranged comprehensive orientation-cum-training workshops for project staff in all four districts. The purpose of these events was the orientation of newly hired team members about the project and at the same time refreshing knowledge of old staff.

2. Formation of Village Disaster Management Committees (VDMC):

The quarterly target of 152 new VDMCs' formation was over achieved and a total of 156 new VDMCs were formed in as many revenue villages. Gender balance was strictly observed during the formation process and these committees have 863 men and 895 women members. Similarly 68 women were selected as Presidents and 41 as Managers of their VDMCs.

3. U/VDMC Meetings

The purpose of these meetings was to ensure regular interaction between UDMCs and VDMCS for better coordination at Union Council level. Here achievement remained slightly behind target as 37 events were held as against planned 43 meetings. Actually 5 meetings were planned in the month of April but due to slightly late initiation of activities set target was not achieved. These remaining events will be completed during next quarter.

4. Capacity Building

4.1 Refresher Trainings for VDMC and UDMC Members:

Already trained VDMC members from previous phase were provided refresher training in Participatory Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) and Disaster Risk Management & Planning (DRMP). The main objective behind this activity is to refresh and update the knowledge of VDMC members about basic disaster risk reduction measures. During the quarter a total of 725 VDMC members (370 men and 355 women members) took part in training sessions across the project area. This exceeded the targeted number of 585 by 140 participants.

Two types of refresher trainings were arranged for the members of existing UDMCs. The first training was on Organizational Management and Development, where various techniques and methods pertaining to management aspects of a UDMC were provided to UDMC members. Against the quarterly target of 50 participants 52 members participated in these refresher trainings of which 24 were women.

Second refresher training for the UDMC members was about Advocacy and Networking, in which UDMC members were given updated information about methods and mechanism of building linkages with district government, DDMA and other stakeholders. A total of 50 UDMC members were planned to come for this refresher training but 48 turned out for the sessions of which 17 were women.

4.2 Regular Trainings on CBDRM, PDRA and DRMP:

For the members from newly formed VDMCs, comprehensive trainings were planned with main objective to equip the new VDMC members with necessary skills and knowledge to identify and manage the disaster risk reduction and related issues in their respective VDMCs. These trainings covered various aspects of disaster risk assessment, risk reduction and management at village level. During the quarter a total of 175 members attended five days training sessions at different locations. Out of these 175 members 103 were women and 72 men. During the previous phase it was observed that in some cases women were not as active as men because of mixed sessions. To resolve this issue, this time female training officers are also inducted in the field teams to facilitate separate sessions for women members if needed. This has shown positive results and women active participation was seen during sessions.

4.3 Community Resource Persons (CRP):

Community Resource Persons or CRPs are the active community members selected from among the VDMC based on following criteria; they should be active individuals from their respective villages, must have a strong grip on CBDRM, PDRA and DRMP aspects of training and able to disseminate their knowledge at grass root level by arranging awareness raising sessions at settlements level. During the quarter, the planned 304 CRPs (160 men and 144 women) have been selected from different VDMCs. The short term contracts have been signed with 100 CRPs and the process is still going on. Guidelines manual was developed for selection of CRPs giving selection criteria, responsibilities and terms of partnership.

5. Procurement

The major procurement during the quarter was hiring of vehicles for project activities. In this regard, RSPN and both partner RSPs took proper care to follow standard procedures laid down in agreement with USAID-OFDA. Vehicles were hired after calling quotations from various vendors, preparing comparative statement and finalizing this process by selecting most suitable and lowest bidders. SAM verifications have also been obtained for finally selected vendors. In addition geographic code formalities were also taken care of and the justification document is being prepared to be shared with USAID-OFDA within given time.

6. Branding and Marking

Some project promotion, communication and IEC material has been developed in this quarter. All of these documents have been designed and printed complying with the branding and marking guidelines as described

in agreement. During the reporting quarter project posters, VDMC and UDMC registers, note pads, flyers, ball pens and folders have been designed and printed.

5. SUCCESS STORY/LESSONS LEARNT

Utilization of Emergency Toolkit to prevent an impending disaster

Muhammad Amin (President of VDMC Lunda Maccharo) described a story of how the timely utilization of Emergency Toolkit's items prevented the danger of a mass flood. It happened in 2013, when a drain passing near his village overflowed and one of its banks was washed away with water. In a short span of time, water kept on increasing and reached to a level where it threatened to destroy surrounding 5-6 settlements.

Meanwhile, Amin asked for help from other UDMC members and also borrowed emergency toolkit items in order to counter the problem of flood. Thus together they carried sacks, wheel barrows, shovels, torches, ropes and jackets and distributed these items among people of surrounding villages. Amin and Anwar (in charge of emergency toolkit) took the lead and organized a team of UDMC members to help fill up the breach. Some other members carried megaphones (another item of ETK) and warned people of the villages which were situated directly in the way of water flooding out of the breach.



Amin (third from left), describing the story



Emergency toolkit items used

Towards end of the day, the UDMC members eventually succeeded in repairing the breach. Apart from minor property losses, not much damage was done to homes and lives of people of the area. In this way, a great tragedy was averted owing to the timely utilization of emergency toolkit items and well coordinated efforts of UDMC members.

Photo Gallery



Women practicing first aid during refresher training at Umerkot



VDMC Formation Tharparkar



Participants engaged in group work. CBDRM Training, Badin



Certificate award ceremony after the completion of inception workshop in Mithi